

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

would like to see increased services to south Lane County will take the time to contact the folks who have the authority to provide the services we need. Please call, or email, the LTD board today! Call 682-6100 or email ltd@ltd.org

Nathaniel (N-T) Nordin-Tuininga
Cottage Grove

Iraq Veterans Against the War are working to end the madness of this administration. I am heading to Washington, D.C., to support my daughter and other Iraq veterans as they speak their truth, bare their souls and give their testimony at Winter Soldier.

Sara Rich, M.S.W.
Eugene

END THE MADNESS

Five years later with over a million dead Iraqis, a destroyed Iraq, trillions of dollars spent and worst of all close to 4,000 dead U.S. soldiers. Yet, we Americans still sit by and watch helpless and hopeless to do anything to change the downward spiral of the country we love. We have waved our peace flags and attended a few marches. Some of us have even gone to D.C. and gotten arrested.

We've heard the same speeches from the same people for years now. Isn't it time for ALL of us (U.S.) to step up and do more? Camp at the federal building until we have all been arrested? Boycott the fossil fuel mongers? Why isn't the American flag at half mast every time another soldier dies? We could be real radical and keep the death toll of this illegal and immoral occupation in Iraq on the front page of every paper until the killing stops? Will that be too real for the nice safe lives that we all pretend to live?

Make Eugene a sanctuary city so the brave Iraq veterans who do not want to go back for their multiple tours can have a safe place where they will not be handcuffed by Eugene Police Department and thrown in jail. People like the

EDITOR'S NOTE: Sara Rich is the mother of Suzanne Swift, an Iraq veteran who was prosecuted by the Army for refusing a second deployment to Iraq where she was raped and harassed by her fellow soldiers.

GREENWASHING

Americans beware! You are being fed a line of green shit. The true environmental movement is not a catch phrase or a product to be sold.

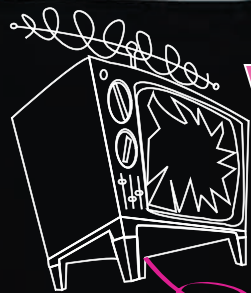
Products are advertised and marked as environmentally friendly when they are still the same old resource-based consumerism. It is a strong misconception that you are somehow helping the world by buying these "green" products. Conservation is the foremost key in softening the blow on mother earth. As a guideline: Use what you have, buy only what you need and when you do, purchase local.

Tom Tompson
Eugene

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