

Although I respect her views, Memorial Day should also include mention of the untold, unaccounted-for and unmentioned innocent Afghan civilians who paid with their lives and destroyed families, which Katie Potter didn't have to endure. Because of this, I feel her words to be as shallow and self-serving in an article that also feels contrived.

It is easy to only consider your own in a world that wants to find only division, not connection. It is also easy to unquestionably be patriotic to "the cause" as, ironically, Fredrik Logevall alludes to in the very same *EW* issue, which states that misguided ideology, apathy, an unquestioning press (hello, *EW*?), permissiveness in government and exaggerated promises (well, duh!) all contribute to what continues to be one of our unending "bloody catastrophes."

Is it any wonder that Potter should love *Army Wives*, not only because she is one but more so because she, along with the millions who also support such propaganda, help in the government's continuing PR efforts to romanticize war with the help of Hollywood and the media.

From John Muir to Marine Gen. Smedley Butler to the Dalai Lama, there are many from whom to quote for a different way of "seeing" the world and our place in it. Mario Vargas Llosa, in his book *Wellspings*, paraphrases Isaiah Berlin based upon Einstein: "If we are going to pay homage to certain individuals, it should be to those who have achieved something important in the field of knowledge and culture rather than in the areas of conquest and power."

Sean S. Doyle
Corvallis

SLEAZY WEEKLY

I finally got it: The clinging wet T-shirt on the buxom young woman on last week's [5/29] cover was supposed to tie in with the T-shirt offer in the upper right-hand corner. What was most evident, however, was *EW*'s cluelessness at best, and misogyny at worst.

THIS MODERN WORLD



How ironic, in the wake of the recent UO sex scandal — attributed in part to turning someone into a sex object — that our supposedly more enlightened news source persists in the same practice. Yes, you get points for fewer sleazy American Apparel ads, but you've got a ways to go. Now is the time for *EW* to stop making sex objects out of women.

Marie Keith
Eugene

MAKES NO SENSE

Under "Activist Alert" in last week's paper [6/5], Raphael Aldave, whilst attacking the city over improvements on Willamette Street and not making any sense, suggests that adding bike lanes will raise insurance premiums and cause motorists to cross bike lanes, causing havoc! Well, as if cars don't cross in front of bikes at present!

To me, as a car driver, a semi driver and a bike rider, I can tell you that turning Willamette into a two-lane street with a turn lane in the center and adding a bike lane on each side will make traffic flow more easily and make riding a bike much safer.

Mr. Aldave, try riding through south Eugene on a bike. It can be quite a ride! And shame on you, *EW*, for printing such drivel.

Peter Tildesley
Eugene

USELESS ORDINANCE

Fourteen years ago I became involved in the issue of siting cell phone towers in Lane County. Mostly I worked with neighborhoods in Lane and Lincoln counties but was even contacted by concerned citizens on the East Coast and India. The siting of towers falls under land use. The 1996 Telecommunications Act

does not allow jurisdictions to consider environmental impacts. Although the First Amendment allows us to talk about health concerns and the mounting evidence supporting our concerns, we can talk until we are blue in the face.

Lane County eventually passed a telecommunications ordinance, supposedly keeping these facilities 1,200 feet away from homes and schools. Both Eugene and Lane County ordinances are flawed. Jurisdictions still have some say in the placement of these emitters of radio frequency radiation. However, neither ordinance requires the necessary technical information needed to determine if all claims made by applicants are true or accurate.

Some people question the economics of providers building unnecessary infrastructure. This is a speculative industry and when a corporation walks away from these structures it can leave jurisdictions to clean up the mess. Also, anyone with a phone (landline or cell) pays excise taxes to fund this build-out. It is a no-lose situation, except for neighborhoods.

If you don't want a cell tower in an inappropriate place, you must change the land use laws. It won't happen one site at a time. Lane County is looking to change its ordinance, and it won't be for the better.

Mona Linstromberg
Tidewater

CLOSE TO HOME

Jeffery Bode [Letters, 6/5] asks about Mayor Kitty Piercy: "How close is the nearest homeless camp to her estate?" The fact is that Mayor Piercy and her family have lived in the Whiteaker neighborhood for decades, so the answer to your question is: "Pretty damn close."

Jud Landis
Eugene

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