

Letters

**By rules of the blame game, what about cars?**

To the editor:

There is nothing new about motor vehicles being used in crimes. In fact, they are used, in some capacity, in more than 90 percent of all the crimes committed in this country.

Whether it is killing and wounding innocents by mowing down people taking part in a parade, or protesters blocking traffic to gain attention to a cause, or any other scenario, the vehicle is a very efficient killing machine. I would go so far as to say that cars kill thousands of times more people every year in this country than guns.

I say this because the companies that make and sell these vehicles are aware their products are tools often misused to rape, rob, mutilate or kill. Our courts, in their infinite wisdom, have recently convicted Remington Arms of the same charges, costing them millions of dollars in fines.

If we truly do have "equal justice under the law" in this country, then Ford should be fined a few billion, simply because it built the Escape that was used in the recent tragedy in Wisconsin. The company either knew, or should have known, that the "nut jobs" in our legal system would somehow hold them responsible for the actions of the criminally insane members of our society.

Perhaps the time has come to confiscate all motor vehicles, or at least those that hold more than 10 gallons of gasoline or are equipped with a muffler or have a steering wheel or any of the other reasonable things a mental midget might use to do harm.

We probably can't do that, as cars might have rights, protected by the Constitution, which cannot be infringed upon.

I love my guns and cars. It's the majority of our politicians that I despise.

Duaine Zeitz  
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**Grim milestone should inspire us to do all we can**

To the editor:

The U.S. passed an unfortunate milestone on Dec. 14. More than 800,000 Americans are now dead from COVID-19.

We hold the world record for COVID deaths even though we are the richest, most-developed country in the world. Unfortunately, in my opinion, the virus's toll here is our own fault.

We have had safe and effective vaccines for a year now and know the medical guidelines to reduce infections, hospitalizations and deaths. Yes, there has been some confusion, but this is a new disease and we had to adapt as we learned more about it.

Due to political ideology and disinformation, a large percentage of Americans are resisting getting vaccinated or following medical guidelines and cases are again increasing. A new variant looks like it will increase the risk.

This is not just a statistic. Every one of the 800,000 dead is a real person. A son or daughter, mother or father, aunt or uncle, grandfather or grandmother, friend or neighbor – none of whom will be in attendance at upcoming holiday celebrations.

We can improve, and hopefully control, all of this if we can just get beyond personal beliefs and biases and start thinking about the health and welfare of all our fellow Americans.

Dale Scott  
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**We should focus on today, not a distant tomorrow**

To the editor:

The Green New Deal is being pushed to the forefront in the U.S. even though it cannot and will not exist for another 20 years or so. It cannot be classed as anything but a dream.

The first casualty of this plan will be fossil fuels. What will happen to air travel, our defense system and large excavating equipment?

What happens to our food supply when farmers' large equipment cannot operate on batteries? We are now facing high gas prices brought on by unwise decisions by our leaders. This is self-inflicted. There is no shortage of oil or gas.

Our leaders believe if prices rise at the pump, people will welcome a new source of energy. Our representatives are elected to represent the people who elected them, not some dream. We need good leadership in the present.

Paul said in 1 Corinthians 15:32, "Let us eat and drink for tomorrow we die."

There are many who are forced to pay higher prices for gas today who will never see the Green New Deal.

We don't know what tomorrow holds, but we do know the needs of today. You can live for today and at the same time prepare for tomorrow.

Don't bankrupt this generation to pursue a dream.

Abram White  
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**Who will be honored?**

To the editor:

I read a story in the *Leader* that Arnold now has a memorial to persons who died from COVID-19. Are anti-maskers and anti-vaxxers being memorialized along with the innocent victims of the pandemic?

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