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Artwork for the *EW* article is the jacket cover art for the book Dr. Pearl sells to supplement his miraculous healing energy. Additionally, it seems the article's author did not credit verbatim passages from Dr Pearl's website, bringing into question the objectivity and veracity of the author's research.

Ironically, I was duped. I was sold on the power of advertising in the Health and Fitness issue, only to find that it was just that: revenue-generating advertising, and free advertising cloaked in the alter-identity of feature articles.

*Christina Howard
Eugene*

HUGE SUCKING SOUND?

Recently the media-political website www.buzzflash.com reported that George Bush's re-election campaign for 2004 is exporting 106,000 telephone campaign fundraising positions to two pre-selected sites in India. There are currently 9.1 million unemployed workers in the U.S. George Bush is

raising \$0.5 million a day for his re-election campaign, yet their claim is that they are unable to give these positions to U.S. citizens.

Why do we not see these facts in the newsprint media, and where is the outrage?

*Pauline Hutson
Eugene*

HOORAY FOR ROADWORK

As a parent who has been bicycling my daughter to school for the past year across 30th Avenue at Kincaid, I am glad for the recent road construction that has finally made the traffic slow down enough for us to get across safely. Drivers, while you are forced to drive slowly on this section of 30th, maybe you will notice the speed limit signs and remember to observe them in the future after the construction is finished. The section of 30th Avenue between Hilyard and Harris School is a residential neighborhood, not a freeway!

*Sharon Blick
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VIOLENCE UNSURPRISING

In Monday's (8/8) *R-G* article about a murder/suicide, Police Sgt. Scott Mckee explained that those involved had no criminal record, and that "it's just one of those terrible situations." While certainly terrible, was this situation an anomaly? The alleged perpetrator was a man; and male violence is not only common — it's assumed.

UP IN SMOKE

As a forester who has resided in Oregon for some 14 years, I think I'm entitled to comment on James Johnston's (8/28) article "Fire Season."

The first mistake that caught my eye was the term "asbestos" district. That type of analogy is usually used in high desert areas like the eastern Sierras, where forests with open canopies and little vegetation make for pretty straightforward firefighting. This is certainly not the case in old growth Douglas fir forests such as where the Clark Fire was located.

It was also interesting that in (superficially) discussing forest and fire ecology issues, the author quoted environmentalist Tim Ingalsbee, rather than interviewing a Forest Service employee who would have told him the same thing. That fire has historically played an important role in Oregon's forests is nothing new. And sadly, demonizing the Forest Service isn't new, either ("yawn!").

What is new is that for at least the last dozen years, lawsuits and court cases put a halt to active forest management practices, with fuel buildup and the risk of catastrophic wildfire the unhealthy consequence. Let me see if I've got this straight. Through their lawsuits, environmentalists have tied the hands of the USFS, but now they want to blame them for the impacts and monetary costs of fighting fire, too? Sigh. Really, to accuse firefighters of "assaulting the ecosystem" misses the point entirely.

The frosting on the cake of this fairy tale was its criticism of the Forest Service's growing expenditures of fighting fire, while at the same time seeming to blame the feds for downsizing and laying off its employees. I can speak to this on a rather personal level having lost my USFS job in 1994 — as a direct result, I might add, of decreasing revenues from the forest's declining timber harvests. Yet, the author goes on to say that the agency should "stop clearcutting" when in actuality, there were a mere 80 acres of forested land clearcut by the USFS in all of 2002. In fact, harvest levels on the 56 percent of Oregon's forests managed by both the Forest Service and BLM added up to only 5 percent of the state's timber harvest volume in all of 2002.

Two thumbs down on James Johnson's laughably misleading article, but I'll close here with one last thought to ponder. I didn't vote for Bush in the last election, and haven't agreed with 99 percent of the actions the man has taken while in office. The Healthy Forest Initiative? It may have a few kinks left to be ironed out, but it's got my vote.

*Cynthia Orlando
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