

responsible for the destruction of marriages, that *EW* forced people to be unsatisfied with their partners, that *EW* was responsible for so many divorces, sexually transmitted diseases, quite possibly for the moral decay of society! This free publication has been destroying lives for too long.

How dare *EW* accept money so they can give away their newspaper for FREE! What right does *EW* have being a vehicle for free speech, to allow sponsors from the porn and escort industries pay for their publication so you and I can have it for free!

So many families could be saved if they only would stop putting that smut on the last page, so many spouses would never feel the apparently uncontrollable urge to cheat. And without this scapegoat would they have to take responsibility for their own actions? I mean why should people take responsibility for their own actions. If I don't have someone to blame it on then it would have to be my fault.

Louis DeVille
Eugene

WAR CRIMINALS

International law should be amended to make it illegal for troops and war planes to be sent from any country to any other country unless they are under the command of rotating U.N. generals. For the truth is that U.S. forces and especially their civilian leaders are now the #1 international war criminals in the world. The proper body to be coordinating a global war on terror is clearly the United Nations not the United Republicans.

George W. Bush's greatest contribution to the world's decent people was to make these kinds of truths become self-evident to those of us who can decode sneaky propaganda.

Vote for Kerry because he is the only person running for president who can win that doesn't have a giant wart in his head instead of a brain. Is that a good enough reason, Mike McGlone (7/29 letter)?

Bob Saxton
Eugene

IGNORING HEALTH CARE

Health care cost and availability are at a crisis and the current administration is unable and unwilling to do anything about it. John Kerry and the Democratic congressmen and women that I have written to understand the problems of health care and have specific proposals that can help.

First example: my medical insurance has doubled since 2000, twice. That means that my insurance now costs 400 percent more than in 2000. Kerry's proposal to provide cat-

astrophic health care support can help everyone's health care costs.

Second example: the Republicans have demonstrated their lack of understanding health care problems with their Medicare Drug Bill that appears to only support the drug industry and their high prices. Kerry's proposal to use the Veterans Administration model to bargain with drug companies can cut drug cost in half.

Third example: I stopped to help a bicyclist that fell off her bike while making an emergency stop. Although this young lady could not get up, she begged the EMT *not* to take her to a hospital because she did not have insurance. Fear of a hospital bill was greater than the pain of her injury. We cannot afford four more years of ignoring our national health care. I am doing all I can to elect John Kerry and a Democratic Congress.

Brooks Hickerson
Eugene

ROAMIN' CATS

In his letter (8/5) Robert Hermann accuses "thoughtless speeders" for the death of his two cats. I am an animal lover, my preference is dogs, and I know how bad it feels to lose a beloved pet. But blaming others isn't the solution. Perhaps it is time that Mr. Hermann, and other cat fanciers, kept their little feline friends indoors where they can't kill the local birds, poop all over the place and get run over when they play in the street.

My neighbors with dogs diligently walk them, clean up after them, and keep them out of the street. The neighbors with cats seem to think that Little Puss is some sort of wild animal that must have free reign over the whole neighborhood.

I know this may sound awful but one of my rules when driving is to never swerve to avoid hitting a small animal. There is no sense risking human lives on such a maneuver. I know that's a very human-centric view. Be a responsible pet owner — keep them off the streets.

Randy Kolb
Eugene

FOR THE FUTURE

As a woman of childbearing age I am writing regarding the unsafe levels of mercury in our communities, that with time will bring increasingly devastating effects to the mental and physical well-being of our future generations.

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