

flashy or receive any contributions from corporate giants (which means he has no strings attached to the oil, pharmaceutical or defense industries), but he does represent our hopes and dreams, and he has viable plans to achieve them.

On an Internet poll ([www.dehp.net/candidate/index.php](http://www.dehp.net/candidate/index.php)) of 197,000-plus people that asks solely about the issues and their importance, Dennis Kucinich consistently ranks number ONE with more than 85 percent of respondents. Try it, and you may be surprised to learn that you, too are most in alignment with candidate Kucinich.

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**A DELICATE BALANCE**

The Earth is the only planet in the universe that has running water, air to breathe and multiple life forms and is just the right distance from an energy source the sun. It is a delicate balance. It is the only place that we know like this. For the last 200 years, humans have attempted to control nature. This has resulted in high standard of living for many of us. It also has resulted in polluted water, air and agricultural systems. Many species have gone extinct. We are out of balance with nature and on a destructive path. We humans have a choice to become extinct or not.

The latest BLM plan to cut the rest of the "old growth" and to cut further down to streams has been criticized by scientific peer review, the EPA and the Federal Fish & Game. These lands belong to the people, not the corporations. Their health helps to insure our health.

I plead with everyone: Please call your federal representatives and senators. Tell them they need to insist that the BLM must produce a "new" plan to help renew the health of our region, our planet and our species.

Mary Jo Davis  
Cottage Grove

**MITT FOR BRAINS**

It appears that the Republican presidential nomination race has focused around Mike Huckabee, Mitt Romney and Fred Thompson. Mike is in Iowa telling the voters that they don't know Mitt. Mike is a religious minister. He is convinced that Romney has Mitt for brains and is a Mittfaced imitation of a conservative. Romney is trying to persuade voters that if they let him sling some Mitt, the religious right will be shouting: Holy Mitt! Brother Fred is walking around the precincts looking like two pounds of Mitt in a one pound box. He is telling the right wing faithful that a vote for Romney will put the GOP up Mitt creek without a paddle. The latest polls shows Huckabee surging in favor with the Republicans while losing the presidency to any breathing, hot Mitt Democrat.

Gerry Merritt  
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