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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

to look at things with a jaundiced eye, but is under no obligation to be hateful, illogical, uninformed or just plain stupid. Get Adams a prescription for a strong laxative and see if you can't lift the bar a bit.

Marshall Kandell  
Eugene

### TYCOON POLICIES

George W. Bush, our President, like his father, is desperately rushing to solve America's shortage of oil by encouraging oil drilling in not one but two of America's ecologically sensitive areas, the home of the polar bear, though the polar bear can be lost to us forever, and America's coastline, which threatens America's fisheries and the health of our oceans.

George W. Bush managed to push through oil drilling in Alaska's pristine wilderness, which threatens to destroy Alaska's ecology, while denying the threat and overcoming resistance by stating Alaskan oil would not only free us of worry about oil shortages but oil prices would be good for our pocketbooks.

When I was in Valdez, Alaska, nine ships were taking on oil. Eight ships were leaving for Japan, where corporate prices and profits were higher, and only one ship was leaving for the American mainland. Drilling for oil doesn't mean more oil for America but more profits for corporations. America needs to remember — both Bushes are very rich oil tycoons.

Jerry Copeland  
Florence

### CAN'T CONDEMN

Michael/Kenny is a colleague of mine at KSOW-LP-FM in Cottage Grove. I like Michael. He has never treated me with anything but kindness and respect.

While I can't condone deception, I cannot, as a nonjudgmental person, condemn him for his fabrication of the story of being rock guitarist John Cipollina's son (EW 7/3). We all know the verse about those being without sin casting the first stone, yadda yadda yadda.

Who among us has not wanted to re-create or reinvent our own lives? Over 75 percent of American families are grossly dysfunctional. Agreed, Michael's deception has hurt some people. We can only run from the harsh realities of the past for so long before it catches up with us, and it sounds like Michael is ready for some much-needed healing.

I am also a colleague of Paul Biondi's. He is obviously an ethical businessman and does a lot of good for many people in the community, and I only have positive things to say about him as well.

A note to Michael/Kenny: I wish you the best on your journey in life. And I will miss your music wafting to my door from across the street.

And, to anyone reading this: If you quote or comment on this letter, please do not take any of my words out of context. As a former "mainstream" media worker, I know how words can be twisted and misused and have been misquoted before.

Deb McManman/aka Deborah Mack  
Cottage Grove

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