

LETTERS

Thoughts from our readers...

I would like to express my appreciation for what I consider to be the brilliant format of *Oregon's Future*. In a time when information is typically conveyed in the form of sound bites, how refreshing it is to see a publication focused on a single subject of great interest, filled with highly informative articles representing multiple perspectives. I was captivated by Jeff Hammarlund's summary of the history of electric energy in Oregon (Spring 2002) and the many articles that helped to unveil the mysteries of the energy market and the various challenges facing both conventional and alternative energy sources. I look forward to further enlightenment in subsequent issues.

Oregon's Future is required reading for any who wish to be fully informed on the important issues faced by all Oregonians.

Bert Smith
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Thanks so much for the extra copies of the Public Health Forum. It's great to see good things progressive (dare I use the word?) going on in these all-too-bleak times. I look forward to future issues—especially on Tribes. I'd like to see a follow-up on our OHSU and its metamorphosis.

I would like to see a report somewhere on what is going on at OHSU as evidenced by:

- 1.) The name change
- 2.) Acquisition of OGC
- 3.) Expansion of its business/venture capital mind set/focus and the new business MD leader
- 4.) John's Landing expansion
- 5.) Getting on the Bioterrorism band wagon with its application for an expanded Hillsboro lab
- 6.) Announcement that OHSU will house the Kroeker-Katz Disaster Center
- 6.) Departure of the Med. School Dean.

Keep the faith.
Marshall C. Goldberg, MD, MPH

Thank you *Oregon's Future* for devoting your Fall 2002 issue to Public Health & Healthcare. The diversity of topics and perspectives was refreshing and informative. Article after article pointed out the absolute need for the healthcare industry and public health profession to work TOGETHER! Alone, public health cannot create a healthy Oregon. Alone, the healthcare industry cannot create a healthy Oregon. Together, we must commit to better understanding and respecting each other's strengths and roles. Together, we must work to build a healthy Oregon.

Thank you *Oregon's Future*—inclusive, participatory, and democratic.

Keep up the good work.
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