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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HOOP-JUMPING

It was a real hoot reading the quotes from the Axis of Fantasy regarding the Eugene business climate. I laughed so hard I sprayed my Pabst all over the page. Soliciting Kelly-Bettman-Taylor's views on this matter is like asking Anita Bryant what the happ's are in the San Francisco bathhouse scene.

The outfit I'm involved with spent a couple hundred grand last year doing a little infill remodeling to put two businesses downtown so we could get our diverse work crew back in action. I would characterize our dealings with the city as schizophrenic. Some of the officials bent over backwards to help us while others threw up one roadblock after another. Man, by the time I completed the process I felt like an otter carcass being bashed around by the waves in Devil's Churn.

In fairness, a lot of the hoops are a result of federal and state regulations. And once you manage to get the doors open, the departments providing essential services, such as police and fire, are very reasonable to deal with. The danger lies in fringe areas of bureaucracy. The new city manager might want to look at deletions there at budget-cutting time.

*Tom Tracey
Eugene*

YOU TRY IT

To Dub Taylor (Letters, 5/1): Instead of bashing, why don't you write a film review, submit it to the letters section, and show the world what you are capable of creating — week after week? Lois Wadsworth's film reviews reflect very accurately the general feel of the films, be it good or bad. I would have never watched movies such as *Vertical Ray of the Sun* and *Black Hawk Down* were it not for her compelling reviews, and I have thankfully avoided wasting my money on the vapid tripe Hollywood tries to force feed its apathetic viewing audience.

Lois is a highly respected voice in Eugene (I still read her reviews and I'm 2,000 miles away), and she has been saving film audiences from wasting their money for years.

I, for one, wish Lois many, many more years of happy reviewing at *EW*.

*Luke Galvin
Milwaukee, WI.*

GIMME MEAT

I just read a letter in the recent issue (5/8) attacking the comic strip "Red Meat." I want everyone at *EW* to know that I absolutely love it! It is my favorite feature, the first thing I flip to when the new issue comes out. The humor is dark, cynical and sarcastic. Anyone who doesn't appreciate it probably shouldn't read it. I don't find anything funny about "Peanuts" or "Zits" or "Family Circus" or any of the other asinine, watered-down strips that flood the comics pages of the *R-G*. So, I don't read them.

Ignore any criticism concerning "Red Meat." My friends and I think it's brilliant. Clippings adorn my fridge. Thank you for continuing to print "Red Meat" and the other fine comics in your publication.

*Sabrina McNamara
Eugene*

BUCKING UP

In contrast to the typical "gripe du jour," I want to share some "old-fashioned power tools" we can dust off and use for today's issues.

Folks who lived through the Great

Depression following the stock market crash of 1929 had it *much* harder than we do. They seem to have been strengthened by it. They developed unknown gifts, talents and inner stamina. Working from noble hearts, they dove from job to job and household to household to survive. They are justifiably pretty damned proud of themselves for accomplishing it.

Granted, Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath* is not cheerful, but the characters are ingenious and innovative. *How to Win Friends and Influence People* by Dale Carnegie was first printed in 1936. Through its charmingly dated prose, the essence of the survivors of those times is captured, despite the seemingly manipulation-encouraging title.

On a personal note, I'm married and only slightly employed at 41 years old. I'm finding many places to which I've applied shutting down, and one night I panicked and called my father. He was nine years old when the market crashed. Though things were tight in those days, it could have been worse. His parents owned a small bakery; everybody needed to eat, so they did pretty well. My mother and her parents needed to move in with relatives while my grandfather, a pharmacist, worked miles away in another town and could only visit on weekends. Instead of Thanksgiving turkey they had opossum.

They lived through it. We can learn from them. All we need to do is ask them either in person or in print.

*G.B. Koerner
Eugene*

EYE EXAM

Did anyone else fail the recent version of *EW*'s eye exam? I can now no longer read the teeny-tiny print of the "Movie Clips" without bright light and a magnifying glass. The new format on the movie page instituting the miniscule print presumably will create one or two new inches that can be run as an ad. I guess someone thinks that's progress

*Julie Rogers
Eugene*

BIG BAD COMMITTEE

Recently the Fish and Game Commission decided to convene a 14-member advisory committee to develop a wolf management plan for Oregon. It's hoped that such a plan will work to help restore the wolf to Oregon and to maintain viable populations of this native species.

However, given the makeup of the proposed committee, such a positive outcome is unlikely. Out of the 14 "slots" on the committee, only two to four can be reasonably be assured of being advocates for the wolf. Most of the committee will consist of groups or individuals who have in the past displayed antagonistic or even outright hostility to wolf restoration. These include the proposed inclusion of a livestock producer, a hunter, trapper, eastern Oregon county commissioner, range/forest land conservationists, resident of rural Oregon, public land manager and two at-large public representatives.

Polls have shown the more than 70 percent of Oregonians support wolf restoration. Too bad it appears the Oregon Fish and Game Commission seems unlikely to put together an advisory committee that truly represents the views of most Oregonians. Failure to do so will only ensure years of contentious debate and perhaps litigation.

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