

sucking her finger, an immense pair of glossy lips, and "Naughty or Nice" Wendy, who looks entirely sympathetic and sweet, and is "very open minded and discrete."

Are you encouraging this lonely, tired working man to spend his attention and his income on a prostitute, or might there be higher uses for the man's energy?

There's no point in opposing the sex trade, which has lasted from cave man days. I guess your bod is yours to trade as you choose. But why does the area's most progressive mass medium mix insightful commentary, cutting edge news and a free exchange of progressive ideas with advertising that demeans both men and women? Are you reaching out to a less intelligent readership in order to finance the publication of your better stuff? Is that necessary? If you need the revenue to survive, perhaps there are better ways to raise it than prostitution.

*Christopher Logan  
Eugene*

**PROTECT & SERVE**

I just witnessed a very twisted and frustrating turn of events in my neighborhood. I had been hearing noise from a domestic dispute for a few minutes before learning that some neighbors had called the police fearing that the man was hurting the woman. As she emerged from the apartment she was hysterical that the man had her cat in the apartment and was fearing for its life.

The EPD showed up after a while in a very slow and relaxed fashion, rolling slowly through the alleyway and walking at below-average speed to the girl to ask what was going on. The man inside had locked the door and turned off the lights, pretending not to be there when the police knocked, to which the police responded by giving up after being assured by several witnesses that the man was certainly still in the apartment.

After the girl drove off in tears, one of the officers approached a truck with loud music playing and proceeded to cuff and stuff the driver after only a few minutes. As this happened, the original man involved in the dispute came out and watched. The police were aware of his presence but did not say a word to him. They simply told a group of shocked onlookers, "It's cool," and left.

I am appalled and disappointed by the way these events were handled by EPD. My eyewitness account seems to show "Protect and Serve" couldn't be further from their minds.

*Heath Kearns  
Eugene*

**OFFENSIVE DRINK**

I am a foreign grad student at the UO. I am from Dublin, Ireland. I really enjoy your

newspaper and usually find it to be a great resource when planning activities for visiting friends and family. I am writing about an ad from the Horsehead referring to a drink called "The Irish Car Bomb." Terrorism is unfortunately a very real and current issue in Ireland. There have been countless victims of the IRA and UVF and to mock the grief caused by these groups with a drink special is pretty offensive.

I am sure that your American readers would be understandably outraged if you published an ad for a drink named after a terrorist event that claimed U.S. lives. Could you please consider your international readers when printing such material?

*Ruth Saunders  
Eugene*

**UNCONVENTIONAL PATHS**

If gay marriage or abortion (pro-choice) becomes an issue in the November election, I suggest that views on those two issues could take unconventional paths with the gay marriage group on the pro-life side. In olden days religious leaders needed to encourage production of more babies so that their own religious organizations might economically prosper. In olden days before Social Security, subsistence farming couples needed to produce children to help on the farm and care for the couple in old age. Now the world has enough babies to support, if not enough to keep up the "afterlife insurance policies" of ancestors. Heterosexual activity, which might produce unwanted babies, should be regarded as immoral. Some uncharitable people might argue that producing multiple unwanted babies is even unfair to gay taxpayers.

Abortion of unwanted babies is not, I contend, a moral choice. If sexual activity is to be regarded as entertainment for those of reproductive capacity, it's better that it be homosexual rather than heterosexual activity.

*Helen Woodford  
Eugene*


**SCARE TACTICS**

This is for all of you "progressive liberals" who think that Nader should back out and support Kerry ("No Nader Now" 6/17). This is not the way it works. Kerry will get my vote when and if he ever adopts truly progressive policies, and not before then.

As far as suggesting he should pledge his time and energy to reforming the Democratic Party, Kucinich and Dean are leading that front.

The claim that Nader is running to satisfy his ego holds no water. Egotism is a trait found in all presidential candidates. You (Kerry supporters) have your work cut out

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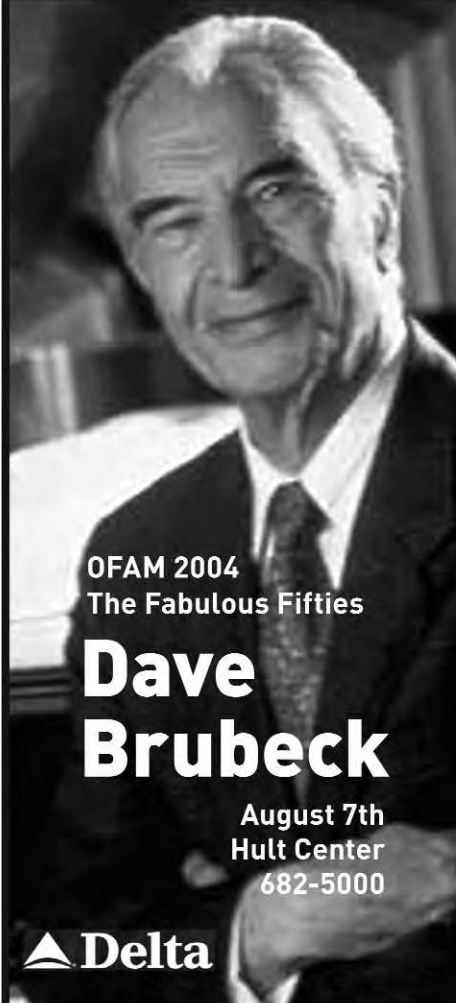


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