

the role of the critic isn't to agree with every individual interpretation of a film but merely to open a discussion.

However, the overheated concluding language ("Wadsworth's reviews are a great cultural disservice to our community and are as obscene as those pornographic ads that run towards the back of the *Weekly*") is downright ridiculous. Wadsworth is an excellent film critic who routinely illuminates films this community might otherwise ignore. And I'm quite certain, as a film critic, she would encourage everyone to form their own opinions after seeing even those films she doesn't particularly recommend.

I happened to like *The Life Aquatic* a great deal as well; but unlike Siegel, Wadsworth's review actually contributed to my own ongoing discussion of the film instead of somehow ruining it. And that, being the point of film criticism, is done with excellence by Lois Wadsworth. Keep it up.

Peter Alilunas
Eugene

DATEGIRL, GRRR

The Dategirl column recently started in *EW* is the most mean-spirited, tactless advice I have ever read. For one thing, she insults every single person who the person writing in mentions. The only one she leaves unscathed is the person writing the question. She also spends about half of most of her columns talking about herself. At least the column doesn't take up much space.

Please get it out of your paper. I hope you get enough letters that find her as offensive

and amateurish as I do. Or maybe someone with enough time on their hands could start a petition to get Dategirl removed. How do we get rid of her? I know we could just not read it but it really would be nice to have a good writer on dating do a weekly column. That's what makes it all the more sad to have her tarnishing the *Weekly*.

Max Weiss
Eugene

RIPPLE EFFECT

I wonder what would happen if a group of people would unite and stand up for themselves against an employer, and get fully paid medical insurance and a living wage. The group is ATU local 757, the union representing the workers of Lane Transit District. The employer is LTD. Do you think this might help other workers in the area? I do.

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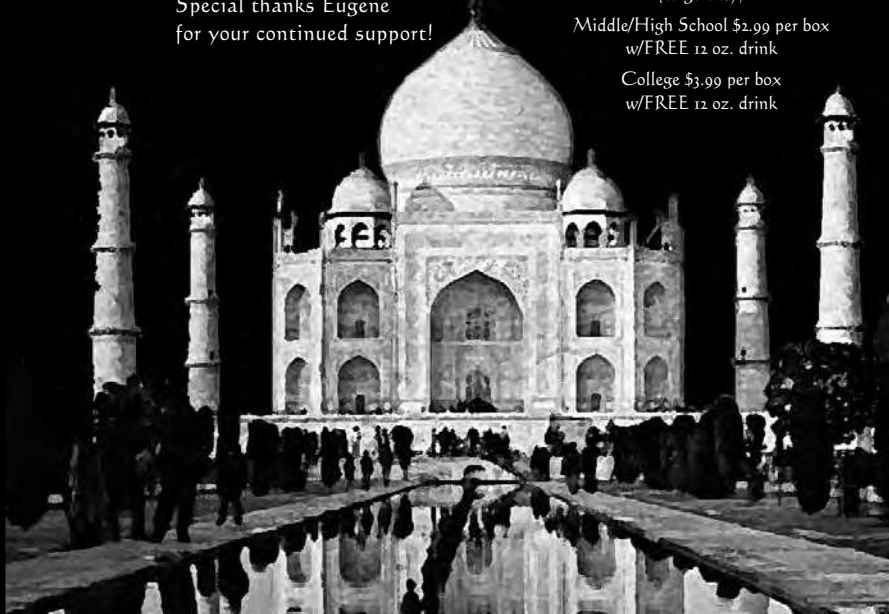
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