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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Eight years ago on a frosty, clear January morning I took a joyride out to Florence and then began down the coast toward Coos Bay, Bandon and Port Orford. By the time I got to Bandon, the midday temperature was well into the 60s under bright sunshine and the daffodils were in bloom. The gorgeous warm weather persisted as I made my way almost all the way to Gold Beach.

During the periods when cold valley fogs plague Eugene, there may be San Diego-esque weather only a hour's drive west and an hour or two's drive south of us. I would encourage more Oregonians to visit the south coast during a winter dry spell — and see all the lush palms and other tropical plants that can be grown there.

*Eric Gross
Eugene*

EDITOR'S NOTE: We agree and just spent a weekend in Bandon. Check out the Wild Rose restaurant in Bandon, and drive to Collette's in North Bend for lefty coffee & books.

IDENTITY CRISIS

Well, once again my regard and respect for *EW* has been diminished. As much as I want to support and pick up my local weekly to find out what's happening and to feel a further connection to the town I choose to call home, your standards for what's newsworthy, responsible reporting and advertising astounds me.

While you often provide good movie reviews directing us towards some pretty mind-expansive and worthwhile viewing and keep us informed of great music and

theater in our area, you just can't seem to stay away from offensive advertising — the inclusion of pornographic personals (last week's 8 throbbing inches in "man seeks woman" for example) — and now the (10/2) issue highlighting coeds performing pole dances, in "Taking It off for Tuition." Are you not aware that young impressionable girls in our community will read the article and think that they too may discover an "acceptable" way to pay for "getting ahead"?

One dancer explains that women's bodies have always been their greatest asset and that they are just there to give these men some "attention." I thought women were beginning to get beyond thinking our bodies to be our greatest asset! The notion that this is how is how we give men some "attention" is belittling to both sexes.

So what's it going to be, *EW*? Responsible progressive rag or simply another free rag promoting everything and anything that asks for a "little attention"?

*Diana Leach
Eugene*

GRUMPY REVIEW

In Suzi Steffen's (10/9) review of Cottage Theater's *Streetcar Named Desire* and LCC's *Winter's Tale*, we got Steffen's assessment of the directors' and actors' skills in bringing classic works to life, as well as a collection of grumpy comments on the inconveniences of driving to and patiently attending to live theater. While I appreciated Steffen's thought-provoking



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