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MONDAY, SEPT. 11, 2000

Christina Aguilera

Music Genie performs at
PNC Arts Center



MONDAY Partly Cloudy High: 78 Low: 63	TUESDAY Increasing Clouds High: 79 Low: 64	WEDNESDAY Rain / Showers High: 75 Low: 65	THURSDAY Partly Cloudy High: 79 Low: 61	FRIDAY Partly Cloudy High: 80 Low: 60	SATURDAY Partly Cloudy High: 81 Low: 60	SUNDAY Partly Cloudy High: 80 Low: 58
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Tanning Index Today

This is the estimated tanning index for today at solar noon. The sun signifies what the tanning index will be.

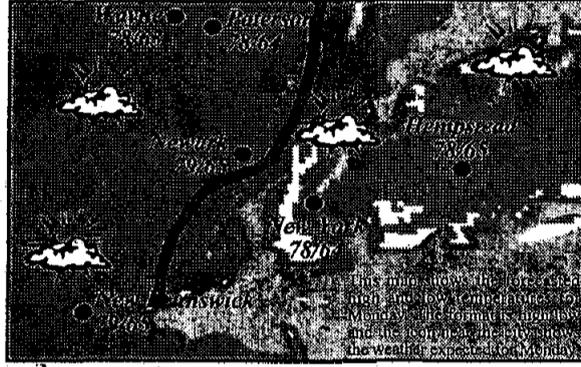


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UV Index Scale

- 1-2: Minimal Exposure
- 3-4: Low Exposure
- 5-6: Moderate Exposure
- 7-9: High Exposure
- 10+: Very High Exposure

Monday's Regional Forecast



Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip*
Sat	88	74	82/64	0.00"
Sun	86	74	82/64	0.30"
Mon	84	61	81/64	0.33"
Tue	68	53	81/63	0.00"
Wed	69	52	81/63	0.00"
Thu	72	53	80/63	0.00"
Fri	78	54	80/63	0.00"

Rainfall for the week 0.63"
 Normal rainfall for the week 0.91"
 Departure from normal for th week .. -0.28"
 Rainfall for the year 32.61"
 Normal rainfall for the year 30.82"
 Departure from normal for th year .. +1.79"
 * Precipitation includes snow converted to rainfall

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Weather History

Sept. 15, 1987 - The first snow of the season was observed at the Winter Park ski resort in Colorado. Eight inches of snow fell at the summit of Mount Evans along with wind gusts of 61 mph. Thunderstorms produced wind gusts of 70 mph and golf ball size hail in Oklahoma City.

National Weather Summary

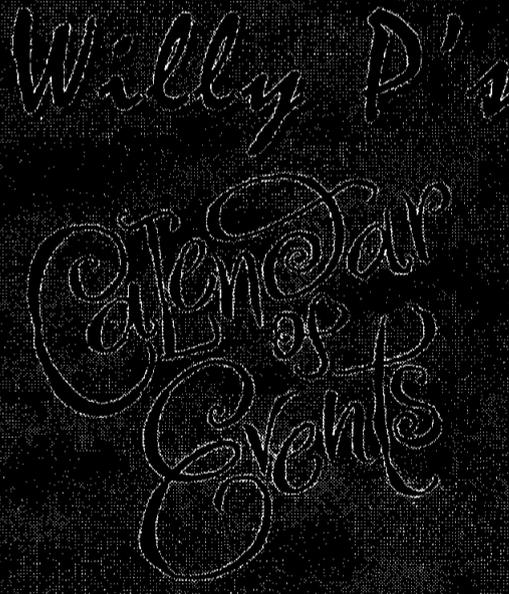
A strong cold front will move into the Ohio River Valley states and the Northeast by the middle of the week, bringing heavy rainfall. More rain is in store across the Gulf Coast states with a tropical disturbance. The West is fairly tranquil until the end of the week, when a new system begins to develop. Temperatures will remain reasonable across the majority of the country.



Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonst
Monday	6:34 a.m.	7:12 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	4:08 a.r.
Tuesday	6:35 a.m.	7:10 p.m.	7:01 p.m.	5:08 a.r.
Wednesday	6:36 a.m.	7:08 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	6:10 a.r.
Thursday	6:37 a.m.	7:07 p.m.	7:58 p.m.	7:12 a.r.
Friday	6:38 a.m.	7:05 p.m.	8:26 p.m.	8:15 a.r.
Saturday	6:39 a.m.	7:03 p.m.	8:56 p.m.	9:19 a.r.
Sunday	6:40 a.m.	7:02 p.m.	9:28 a.m.	10:25 a.r.

Full 9/13 New 9/27



Monday 9-11

2:00 p.m.
Internship Orientation
Morrison Hall, Room 103

5:00 p.m.
Resume Writing
Morrison Hall, Room 117

7:00 p.m.
New Music Festival:
The Furious Band
Shea Auditorium

Tuesday 9-12

12:30 p.m.
Orientation
Morrison Hall, Room 103

12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
Club Fair
Zanifino Plaza

3:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
SGA Legislature Meeting

Wednesday 9-13

12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
Live Animals/Giant Jump
Around Student Center

Thursday 9-14

Welcome Back Picnic
Zanifino Plaza

12:30 p.m.
Midday Artists Series:
Classic Guitar
Shea Auditorium

Friday 9-15

8-11 p.m.
Monthly Musicians Series
Billy Pat's Pub, SC

Saturday 9-16

8 p.m.
Beacon staff meeting.
New members welcome.
SC 213. Call 720-3264 for
more information

Sunday 9-17

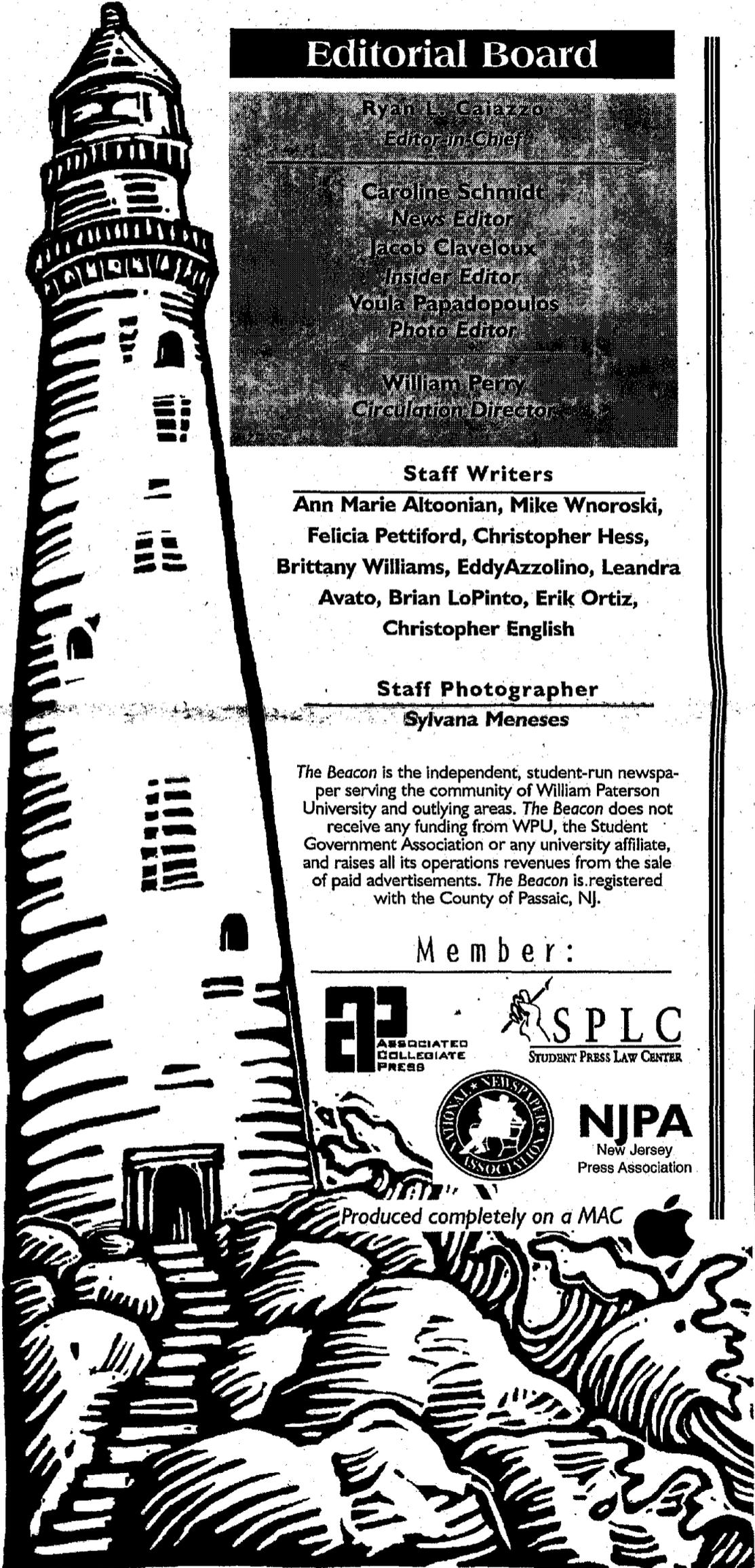
HOMECOMING BEGINS

8 p.m.
Homecoming Binner
Making, SC BallRoom

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- The Beacon's mission is to acknowledge the importance of the collegiate environment as the ideal forum to provide readers with content that encourages the free exchange of intellectually diverse viewpoints.

- The Beacon's mission is to promote active discussion of published content in an educational environment that allows readers to accept, reject, deny or dispute such published content in order to better understand the world and the people in it.

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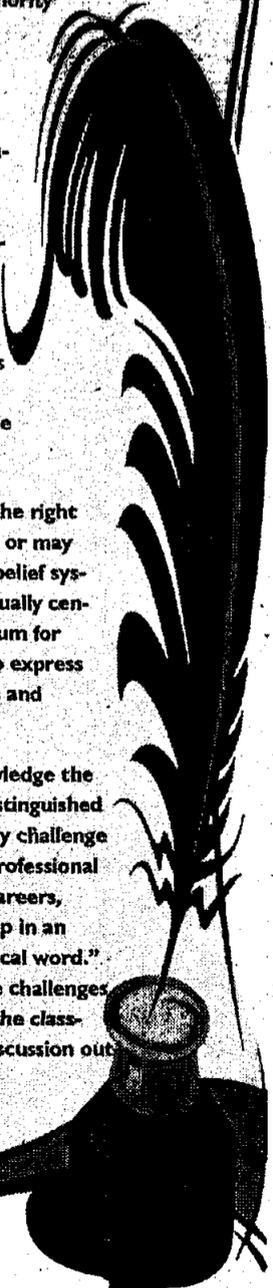
- The Beacon's mission is to provide a microcosm of ideas, talent, interests, life experiences, and knowledge in an open forum within which all members of the community have access to read, respond, and publish.

- The Beacon's mission is to be a vehicle for members of the William Paterson University community and society at large to publish content spanning an infinitely diverse array of ideologies, opinions, and convictions in a manner that seeks to allocate space for both minority and majority schools of thought.

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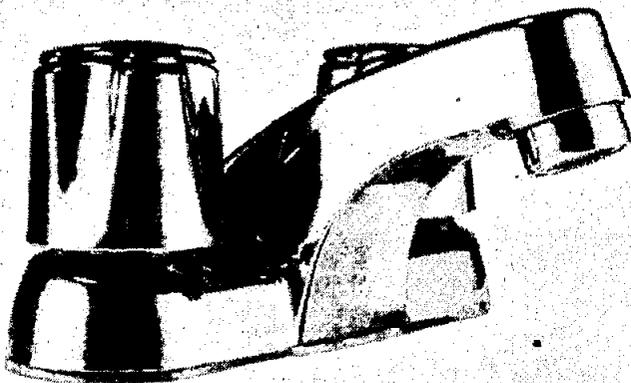
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- The Beacon's mission is to further acknowledge the Mission Statement of the University for "distinguished teachers, scholars, and professionals actively challenge students to high levels of intellectual and professional accomplishment and personal growth for careers, advanced studies, and productive citizenship in an increasingly global economy and technological world." The Beacon's mission is to complement the challenges that may or may not be communicated in the classroom, and to provide an arena for social discussion outside the classroom.





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The Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace Chapel and The Bishop Frank J. Rödimer Catholic Campus Ministry Center is officially open and we encourage you to come and visit.

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- Preakness Nursing Home
- North Jersey Developmental Center

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Masses are held on:

- Sundays at 10:45 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m.
- Mondays and Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

The first club meeting of the year is Sunday, Sept. 17 at 8:30 p.m.

All are welcome to attend. We hope to see you soon.

For questions, comments or concerns please call us at 720-3524.

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Is there truth in Global Warming?

AUSTIN, Texas -- Let's all take a long step back and then look at this again: Is the human race just another species in the long history of Earth that's too dumb to adapt and survive?

We clever upright primates have so far outstripped everyone save the cockroaches, but we seem to be forgetting what knocked off so many of the other major species: climate change. And if we're not smart enough to learn from that, it's our turn to go extinct.

Nothing like a couple of days of 110-degree heat to remind us that global warming has nothing to do with the end of the Cold War.

According to the fossilologists, the Big Ones, like

the Ice Age, may have had a proximate cause -- meteor hit, giant volcano eruption blotted out sun ... something

happened. But in your relatively short tens of thousands of years, all you

get is a more or less cyclical back-and-forth. Now coral reefs in the Pacific that are a thousand years old are dying. This is not cyclical.

But aren't there some scientists who deny that any of this is happening, or at least that it means global warming is taking place? Yes, about seven of them, and in a remarkable act of journalistic irresponsibility, it took the media years to report that most of them are directly or indirectly in the pay of the oil companies. You can put the combined weight of climatologists around the globe against that.

But don't some scientists say this will be a good thing? That Minnesota will grow palm trees, Canada will become tropical, and they won't have to eat oatmeal up there anymore?

A certain amount of don't-worry-be-happy is advisable in life, but we are in such full-throttle denial about global warming that you can barely get anyone to pay attention. It's all very well to swan through life on the cheerful assumption that it's all part of God's Plan, but God gave us brains so we could use them. And global warming is not God's Deal -- it is mankind's.

We are the berserk beavers of the world, changing our own environment, often for the worse even for us. Eventually everyone who listens finally gets it, and the next reaction is often a whiny, "Well, what do

you expect me to do about it?"

The First Rule of Holes is: When you are in one, stop digging.

The still-unratified Kyoto treaty would require the United States to cut its greenhouse gas emissions, primarily carbon dioxide and methane, to 7 percent below 1990 levels. That is not a solution, but it is a step.

Speaking of small steps, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission -- a pathetic thing, but the only EPA we've got here -- has just opened its marble heart and agreed to study the situation. This is another happy side effect of having Gov. George W. Bush

run for president -- it would look so dumb if his three environmental commissioners were still denying the existence of global warming.

Since Texas emits more greenhouse gases than any other state, doing something about it here would be a real contribution. Not that the TNRCC is actually doing anything, but it has ordered up a big study, for which we are all devoutly grateful.

One always appreciates those editorial voices of sweet reason saying, "Now, let's not get hysterical here -- we're not doomed." No, we're not. This is very likely fixable. The only reason to panic is the projection studies on what will happen if we do nothing or let this get worse. Major climate shifts can come quickly, within a few decades. The effects of global warming are becoming so apparent that one can foresee the congressional hearing in a few years -- like the Firestone tire comedy last week -- with elected officials indignantly demanding: "Who knew about this? Why didn't they tell us? Off with their heads!"

There may actually be more good news than bad news on global warming lately, despite the ominous stats. James Hansen, the NASA climatologist who has been helpful on global warming before, has a new study suggesting a cheaper way out. Rather than concentrating on carbon dioxide, which comes from burning fossil fuels, if we concentrate on getting rid of the five other greenhouse gases (especially methane) it could do as much good overall as cutting carbon dioxide from fossil fuels.

should begrudge your wanting more than eight months to weigh the rest of your life. Whether someone who tries to bully a guy into marriage after eight months (or ever) qualifies as "sane" is up for grabs, so who knows how she'll take it. All you can do is be honest -- and did I mention "humane"?

then leave the decision to her. By the way, those occasional spats might be why you have a good relationship. Never underestimate the value both of having differences, and of accommodating them. Speaking of which:

Hi: I've been dating this girl for six months. We get along well most of the time, but seem to end up fighting about one issue a whole lot -- feminism. I have respect for women and she acknowledges this, but all

problem would be: She removes those oppressive pantyhose, wads them up and stuffs them in her own mouth. But that wasn't on your list. If you cave now, you'll probably end up going the pantyhose-stuffing route yourself after a couple more years of her bottomless blah-blah-blah, and I think they call that "assault."

Maybe not the best option. But bagging it, too, seems extreme, at least at this point. Instead of continually flogging this argument on its merits, why don't you argue against her arguing? Stipulate that women have had it rough, absolutely -- as have racial, ethnic and religious minorities, and gay men and lesbians and Jews, and whistleblowers, and the

On the Left



Molly Ivins

Writer for the Daily World
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to participate.

too often the conversation gets steered back to how women are oppressed in one way or another, whether it's cosmetic surgery or how she has to wear pantyhose to work. I'm just sick of it and I let her know this (sometimes too enthusiastically). Just because it's tough for women doesn't mean it's a cakewalk for men! Am I being unfair by not wanting to argue this issue any further? Should I cave and say "You're right honey, I've had it so much easier than you"? Or should I just bag it and date someone else? -- *Annoyed*

What's really tough for men (and women, and house pets, and all flora within earshot) is enduring a worldview that consists entirely of how one has been victimized. My solution of choice to that

problem would be: She removes those oppressive pantyhose, wads them up and stuffs them in her own mouth. But that wasn't on your list. If you cave now, you'll probably end up going the pantyhose-stuffing route yourself after a couple more years of her bottomless blah-blah-blah, and I think they call that "assault."

tally ill, and the physically disabled, and the learning disabled, and farmers, and the poor, and fully abled straight Christian white men who somehow failed to conform. So ask her: Just what does she plan to do? Then you can ditch her.

Hi Carolyn! You'll get a kick out this story. A friend of mine was invited to the wedding of a co-worker. The co-worker asked my friend to pay for half of her own meal because the wedding was over the 50-person limit. Not knowing if this was a local tradition (she's new) or just an oddity, she agreed, and gave the woman a check upfront. At least the wedding would be fun if there were a bar ... but NO, the only alcohol will be at the bride and groom's table! Then, the bride called to (get this!) "remind" my friend that the check did not qualify as the wedding gift! After all the weirdness of this, what do you think she should do? -- *M.F.*

I believe you mean "rudeness" of this. "Chutzpah" of this. "Raised-by-poop-sucking-piginess" of this. And you're right, I am thoroughly entertained. If your friend hasn't accepted the invitation in writing, she can simply pen her regrets. If she has accepted, etiquette still allows her not to attend -- but, unfortunately, the reason for the no-show has to be honest, unavoidable and far less enjoyable than the event itself. Illness is one example, though I imagine all the guests would probably rather be ill than attend this particular wedding, so she'll have to do better. Maybe get hit by a bus. By the way, I do see the humor in discussing manners here, but you can't fight rude with rude and win. Remember, your friend has to work with this beast. If she has a graceful exit, she can use it, but otherwise she goes. And smiles. And sends the framed, canceled check as her gift.

Write to "Tell Me About It," c/o The Washington Post, Style Plus, 1150 15th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071 or e-mail: styleplus@washpost.com

Dear Carolyn:

Dear Carolyn: My girlfriend and I have been dating for eight months. We have a very good relationship except for the occasional spats. Anyway, I am planning on going to B-school next year, in either Chicago or California, and GF wants a ring on her finger before she relocates. I don't want to be obligated to do anything to keep her. Should I just tell her to roll the dice and take her chances with me, or just forget it and keep going? Business school is nonnegotiable. --K

If you clip this out and hand it to her -- maybe run a highlighter across the "forget it" and that elegant bit about not wanting any obligation to keep her -- then your problem will solve itself (and slam the door memorably on its way out). Phrase it humanely, though, and no sane person



Liberty Lane



American Civil Liberties Union

Welfare recipients cannot be drug tested

DETROIT, MI -- A federal district judge today blocked the country's first-ever law requiring welfare recipients to undergo drug testing, saying that the policy, enacted by Michigan last year, sets a "dangerous precedent" under the Constitution.

The ACLU of Michigan and the national ACLU Drug Policy Litigation Project, which filed a 1999 challenge to the law on behalf of nine welfare recipients and a local rights group, called the decision a welcome check against authoritarianism gone awry.

"The court today reaffirmed the important constitutional principle that all people, rich and poor, are entitled to the same privacy rights," said ACLU Executive Director Kary L. Moss. "No one should have to choose between their constitutional rights and providing for their families."

U.S. District Judge Victoria Roberts found that the ACLU was likely to succeed on the merits of its claim because the Constitution allows random, suspicionless testing only under very limited circumstances. The state has said it plans to appeal the order; however, today's ruling will prevent any drug testing from taking place until all appeals by the state are exhausted.

Rejecting the state's argument that the desire to move people from welfare to work justified suspending their rights under the Fourth Amendment, Judge Roberts recognized that the Supreme Court has

allowed testing in very limited circumstances, such as where public employees operate trains, carry firearms, are involved in the interdiction of controlled substances, or in the case of student athletes.

In a 22-page ruling, Judge Roberts said that "upholding this...suspicionless drug testing would set a dangerous precedent" and that "drug testing under these circumstances must satisfy a special need, and that need must concern public safety."

If the state is allowed to drug test welfare recipients by virtue of its advocacy on behalf of minors, Judge Roberts reasoned, "that excuse could be used for testing the parents of all children who received Medicaid, State Emergency Relief, educational grants or loans, public education or any other benefit from that State." Although the state argued that drug testing was necessary because substance abuse and child neglect are highly correlated, the court noted that the point of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program and Family Independence Program is not to prevent child abuse or neglect.

"Michigan stands alone in making its families guinea pigs in a social experiment," said Graham Boyd, Director of the ACLU's Drug Policy Litigation Project. "Now a federal judge has found that this dubious plan is likely to be unconstitutional."

Michigan was the first state in the

country to pass a law requiring drug testing of welfare recipients. The law created a pilot program which required drug testing and treatment for welfare applicants in Alpena and Presque Isle Counties, Berrien County and the Joy/Greenfield district of Wayne County. The legislature also provided that the pilot program would be expanded across the state by April 2003.

The program went into effect on October 1, 1999, but was blocked by a Temporary Restraining Order on November 10, 1999.

Those who tested positive would have been required to participate in substance abuse assessment and comply with a required substance abuse treatment plan. Applicants who refused to submit to drug testing would have had their application for assistance denied.

Additionally, after six months -- or in April 2000 -- 20 percent of adults and minor parent grantees with active cases up for redetermination would have been randomly selected for testing.

The case is Marchwinski et al., v. Family Independence Agency, et al. Attorneys in the case are Moss and Graham Boyd of the ACLU; Prof. Robert A. Sedler of Wayne State University Law School in Detroit and David R. Getto and Cameron R. Getto of Southfield, as cooperating attorneys.

Dear Grandpa,



Dear Grandpa,
What's all the uproar about smoking? You're always writing about not smoking. I've smoked and most of my friends have tried smoking.

Smoking a few cigarettes hasn't hurt me. Get real and stop preaching.
--Just two a day Steve

Dear Steve,

Two a day, four a day, eight a day, then--who's counting--a pack or more a day. You're hooked at \$2 a pack. Smoking is expensive, dirty and very bad health-wise.

There's absolutely nothing good about smoking except for tobacco growers, tobacco companies and those who sell them. They're all making a profit from your bad habit.

When I started college I tried out for the swim team. I considered myself a pretty good swimmer. The coach suggested to those of us who smoked to give up the cigarettes. In two days after I stopped I doubled my endurance.

I didn't make the team and took up smoking. Dumb-dumb. On my web page, www.deargrandpa.com, I have a column on smoking and an effective method of quitting. Pull it up. It works. Don't start smoking. You'll always be glad you did not begin.

Dear Grandpa,

I am going to begin my sophomore year in college soon. Last year when I was new to living at college I was amazed at how much partying and drinking went on with the college students. I knew some of them from high school. They didn't do that when they were living at home, but away from home they went, like, crazy.

--Straight arrow.

Dear Straight Arrow,

Fifty years ago I saw the same thing happen to me. When I went off to college I had no mother or father looking over my shoulder. I considered myself "free" from parental shackles. I stayed up too late, studied to little and partied and drank too much. Lucky for me I realized that if I wanted to graduate I had to study more, party less and drink less. That's what I did. During that time I found the young lady with whom I wanted to spend the rest of my life. We now have been married 48 years and she is still the best thing that ever happened to me.

Young college students who go off the beaten path need to realize they can't go on with life living like that. Hopefully they won't do any permanent harm before they straighten up.

Send me a question I use in my Dear Grandpa column and I will send you my new book: *Tweens, Teens & Beyond*, 70 pages, (Pulitzer prize entry.) grandpatw@wireweb.net

Dear Alli,

I am a freshman here at William Paterson. I am having a little trouble meeting new people since I am not as outgoing as others. What do you suggest I do to make new friends on campus?

--Shy Guy in North Tower

Dear Shy Guy,

First of all, I would love to welcome you to William Paterson U.! This is a common concern among freshmen. It tends to be a little scary coming to a new school and having to start all over again. Making new friends is something that many people have anxiety about...it's perfectly normal. However, since this issue is such a common one, you can bet that all of the other freshmen around you are in the same boat as you, experiencing the same exact feelings! Making friends can be as easy as just talking to your own roommate and learning new things about one another. You can introduce yourself to your next door neighbor and ask them who they're going to dinner with. Tell him/her to bring his/her roommate along. Before

you know it, friends will probably be bringing other friends along, and with a little time and effort you will have one wonderful, diverse group of friends! Also, WPU offers sooooo many options when it comes to clubs, sports, and activities. Your best bet is to attend the club fair which is scheduled for Sept. 12th at noon on the student center courtyard. That will give you a chance to walk around and see what your University

offers in your areas of interest. People do not only join clubs because they're interested in the club's cause, they also join to meet new people! Most importantly, don't be afraid to put yourself out there and just say "Hello." I think you will be pleasantly surprised at your fellow classmates' reactions. College is what you make of it--just have fun!

P.S. If you enjoy writing or taking pictures, why not join *The Beacon*? Ryan would love to have you on his staff!:)

Dear Alli,

I'm going into my Junior year and I am a Business major. This past summer I realized that I didn't like my major and I want to change it to Anthropology, but my parents flipped out when I told them my intentions. This semester I'm enrolled in business courses...HELP!

--Major-ly stressed

ASK ALLI

William Paterson's Advisor

Dear Major-ly confused,

I would agree with you that this is a stressful situation.

Your parents are probably just worried for you. I'm sure they only want the best for you. They may be concerned that you have wasted your time and your money in your business major. First, I would talk to some of the anthropology professors to see what exactly you are getting yourself into. After that, if you are still confident in your choice, you might want to try to explain to your parents that during the college years,

many students change their majors multiple times. I personally know people who have changed their majors two or three times before graduation. If talking to your parents alone does not work, perhaps setting up a meeting for you and your parents with the career development center would be a good idea. The counselors should be able to help your parents -- as well as you -- cope with this change. College is really the place where you find out about yourself and what you would like to do with your life. It comes sooner for some than for others, but what is most important is that you let that exploration happen. The last thing you want to experience is being 40-years old, sitting behind a desk at your "job" and coming to the realization that you are hating every single minute of it. You have every right to get involved and work in an area in which you are truly interested in. What makes a good employee is a person who is truly devoted and loves his/her job. That is also a big part of having a happy life!

Send questions to Alli:
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Fire safety education needs improvement at Willy P

It's not something that many college students think about, but fire safety is a life and death lesson for everyone who lives in a residence hall. But most students are apathetic when it comes to fire safety.

Following the tragic Seton Hall fire last spring, William Paterson University has invested more than a million dollars on sprinkler installations in the Towers residence complex. Now every dormitory on campus is fully sprinklered, and students feel safer. But that feeling is dangerous. Much more important than life-saving sprinklers is education and training that has only just begun this fall semester for resident students. But the outreach of education needs improvement.

A fire safety program and demonstration was held on freshmen move-in day, where some students and their parents learned the basics of surviving a fire. While attendance was slightly better than poor (a little more than 100 freshmen came), those who attended were, said speaker John Evans, "those who are going to know what to do when a fire happens...those who will survive."

NBC News correspondent Frank Field told the Shea Center audience that "fire safety is not a priority in America." In Tokyo, he said, they are much better prepared - everyone receives minimal training on fire prevention and survival. And their death rate from fires is next to zero. Americans have a notoriously indifferent attitude when it comes to the dangers of fire.

"All we know what to do in America is to stop, drop and roll," said Field. "We are poorly prepared and educated. Nobody takes fire safety seriously." I agree. I was surprised how much I didn't know before I

attended the lecture. Evans discussed survival techniques that I would have never considered. (Future *Beacon* issues will contain safety tips.)

While William Paterson did take a proactive step by fronting the cash for sprinklers (other universities in the state are still waiting for grants or low interest loans from the state), there is still a need for more improvement. Every resident student should have been required to attend a professionally-erated workshop such as that which freshmen were invited to. Fire safety is for everyone - not just freshmen - there should be no invitation to a workshop in surviving the likely event of a dorm fire. Fire knows no age, no GPA, no major. It can strike any dorm at any time. Sprinklers alone are not the answer. As Evans said, "Ninety-percent of those who die in fires die of smoke inhalation, not flames." Sprinklers are great, but knowing how to get out of a burning or smoke-filled building is more important.

The most important point mirrors Evans' comment about poor attendance at his presentation: "The people who are not here - the people who are not getting the training - will unintentionally impede or block your exit." Well said. EVERYONE needs the basics.

William Paterson needs to train every resident student in fire safety; each student needs to know how to prevent fires and how to survive them. Without training, they know neither - and everyone in each dorm is endangered by such ignorance. If the University really cares, it will make fire safety a top priority by not just inviting students and their parents to a program that will save their lives.

Meningitis outbreak was recent reality for VA grad

Editor,

I am writing regarding the two meningitis articles by Christopher Hess in the September 5 edition of *The Beacon*. Both articles were very well-written and informative and they deal with a topic that is very important.

I recently graduated from the University of Richmond in Richmond, Virginia, a school with less than 3,000 students residing on campus. This past school year, three students were diagnosed with meningococcal disease, one in December 1999, and two in February 2000. Prior to this "outbreak" (which, within the UR population, is defined as three unrelated cases within three months), I knew nothing about meningitis, let alone the seriousness of the disease.

When a freshman male student

was diagnosed shortly before winter break in December, everyone on campus was informed and people who had contact with the student were instructed to go to the Student Health Center to assess whether they needed antibiotics or not. The entire campus community was made aware of meningitis and the risks involved. Still, there was the presence of the "it can't happen to me" attitude. Everyone went home for winter break and no one thought any more about it.

In February, when a second freshman male student was taken to the hospital and diagnosed, people got a little more worried. However, the Student Health Center and Office for Student Affairs did an exceptional job of keeping the campus community informed. Within the week, a third student was diagnosed and placed in critical condition at the

hospital.

By this time, the media had gotten hold of the story and blown it completely out of proportion, creating near hysteria in the city of Richmond. I actually found out about the third case when I turned on the local news and saw a reporter on our campus saying, "DO NOT COME HERE!"

Ironically enough, the people who remained most calm during this "outbreak" were those who lived on campus. We were kept informed of the nature of the disease, how it is transmitted, and how to treat it. The school paid for all students, faculty, and staff who resided on campus to be vaccinated free of charge. The residents of the city, however, called for a quarantine. Pizza places refused to deliver to campus and local organizations declined any sort of contact with students who regularly volunteered in the community.

This kind of ignorance only unnecessarily magnifies a manageable problem. I realize how severe the consequences of meningitis are, but certainly the most effective way to deal with such a problem is to be informed. I think it's wonderful that *The Beacon* has taken the initiative to enlighten the community about the disease, and only through such rational presentation of information can this disease be detected quickly, or better yet, prevented.

I think it is worth stressing that

while college students are most at-risk to contract the disease, for it to be transmitted, there must be "the exchange of respiratory tract secretions," as Hess mentioned. It is not easy to contract meningitis. Meningitis bacteria cannot live outside the body for more than a few minutes. That is why an outbreak is defined by so few cases - the bacteria don't manifest themselves in the water supply or remain on environmental surfaces like desks or tables. In fact, only a small percentage of people who are exposed to the bacteria actually get sick. College students are more susceptible to contracting the disease because they are prone to share drinking glasses, utensils, or cigarettes. If you monitor your behavior and do not share such items with other people, you will be no more at risk than anyone else.

Above all, if you are concerned about the issue, take steps to educate yourself. If you have questions, visit your health center or websites such as that of the American College Health Association (www.acha.org). Meningitis is very scary, but if you know what you're dealing with, it can be conquered before it's too late.

Carina Gunder

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The Jeffrey Hart Column

LIEBERMAN — AND GOLDWATER

The designation of Sen. Joseph Lieberman as Al Gore's vice-presidential choice breathed life into Gore's campaign, in the sense that everyone began talking about it. Prior to the selection of Lieberman, a strange silence surrounded the Gore campaign, as some polls had him as much as 19 points behind. And now, all of a sudden, the Lieberman designation is ... interesting.

The most prominent thing we are hearing is that this is a breakthrough, that Lieberman is the first Jew to be named to a national ticket, and that this is a good thing, indicative of our newfound openness and tolerance.

I have read acres of commentary to this effect, and not once have I seen the name of Barry Morris Goldwater mentioned.

In 1964, Goldwater was nominated by the Republicans not for vice president but for president.

Does anyone doubt that Goldwater was Jewish?

Oh, it will be replied, Goldwater was an Episcopalian.

But adherence to Judaism is not the definition of being Jewish.

Does anyone doubt that Karl Marx was Jewish? Or Leon Trotsky? Both loathed religion. Was Spinoza Jewish?



You bet. A heretic, certainly, but Jewish.

And how about Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli. No one with a name like Disraeli ("of the Israelites") could be mistaken for an Irishman. Indeed, Disraeli's Jewishness was an important part of his charm for many Victorians.

So why is Goldwater being cheated out of his undoubted status as a "breakthrough"? I'm not sure I have the answer. It must have to do with the fact that the category of "Jewish" applies to both a religion and to a "people."

When the Romans destroyed the local Jewish state in 70 A.D., much of the Jewish population entered the "Diaspora" and spread northward into central Europe and Russia, but also, to a lesser degree, throughout Europe and probably even as far as China. Yet, though dispersed, they remained in widely

varying degrees a "people," in the same sense that a Frenchman, however assimilated, remains to some degree French by inheritance.

This inheritance remains — perhaps ultimately vanishes — independent of religion. You can, as I have observed, be an irreligious, or even an anti-religious, Jew.

Does Goldwater's Episcopalianism obliterate his Jewishness? It seems to have been largely inherited. He was not pious.

Indeed, from a Christian point of view, the so-called Old Testament remains absolutely essential. From the point of view of Judaism, Christianity is a Jewish heresy. The God of Genesis must remain completely other, there before the beginning, and certainly not walking the streets of Nazareth. Greek monotheism would not have liked that idea either. But in many respects Judaism and Christianity are intimately related.

But was Goldwater Jewish? Of course he was. So why is his name invisible as we contemplate Lieberman? Is the name Lieberman more Jewish than the name Goldwater?

When I get to the bottom of this I'll write another column on the subject.

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New Ethics for a New World Order

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It started a few years ago as a mere whisper among scientists.

Behind closed doors researchers began experimenting with the delicate balance of chemicals and reactions that make life on Earth possible.

Complex computer programs ran countless scenarios of "what ifs" in order to determine the effects of tampering with natural systems.

Eventually, word got out. Terms such as population explosion, deforestation, ozone depletion and global warming began to creep into common usage. Now the rush is on to educate the public about what constitutes sustainability, along with the hows and whys of achieving it. Is it an environmental concern, a societal issue, or a matter of global economy? Can we rely on technology to come up with workable solutions? While each one of these issues is itself a complex factor, civilization will necessarily be compelled towards a sustainable state through ethical outrage.

This ethical outrage is already being exhibited around the world as individuals and groups contend that the "business as usual" means of production, as developed during the last century, cannot continue indefinitely. Since humanity lives on a finite planet, continuing the current orgy of rampant consumption will force subsequent generations to scramble for dwindling resources.

Thus, some of the ethical questions to examine are:

- (1) Where is the morality in consuming the lands of indigenous minorities in order to supply lumber, petroleum, minerals and water for insatiable industries?
- (2) Is it fair that economic systems favor the wealthy owners of big corporations at the expense of the manual laborers, office workers and middle management who are viewed as material for the mighty economic

mechanism? (3) Do huge corporations have the right to subvert the rich diversity of an entire planet through pollution, deforestation and cultural genocide for a few hundred years' worth of greed-induced exploitation?

(4) Can humanity continue to rely on technology to resolve problems that were caused by technological advances in the first place?

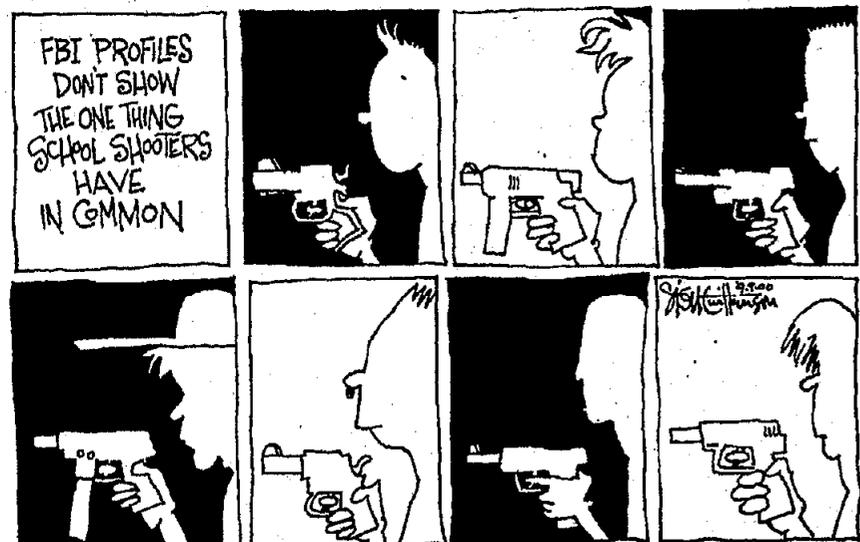
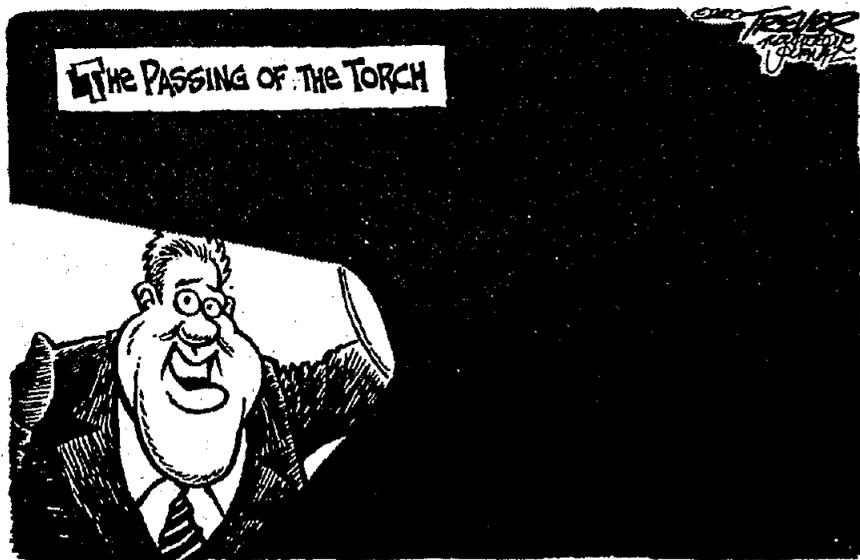
Environmentalists talk about species and habitat preservation, sociologists deal with human rights, while economists focus on market assets and liabilities. Although often viewed as mutually antagonistic, these three aspects of civilization need to be balanced in order to maintain a dynamic state of sustainability.

Thus, the innovation and implementation of sustainable design—environmentally, socially and economically—begins with its study in the classroom. Sustainable design runs the gamut of all disciplines of college and university studies, not just for environmental and natural science majors. Students now majoring in areas such as law, business, agriculture, political science, architecture, medicine, religion and ethics will soon find their curricula interlaced with sustainability concepts.

The goal is to transform today's gluttonous society into one that makes sure there is food stored in the larder for future need. Taking responsibility for environmental, social and economic sustainability, on both an individual level and on a global scale, will be among the most pressing ethical concerns of the 21st century. For more information on sustainability and New Jersey college campus initiatives see:

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Voters give Gore more points, says poll

Michael Isikoff

Newsweek
NEWS SERVICE

Vice President Al Gore leads Texas Gov. George W. Bush by a margin of 47 percent to 39 percent among registered voters,

according to a new NEWSWEEK poll. In a poll of likely voters, the margin remains the same, with Gore besting Bush 49 percent to 41 percent.

THAT EIGHT-POINT advantage is statistically unchanged from last week's NEWSWEEK poll, in which the Vice President held a 10-point lead (the polls have a margin of error of plus or minus four points).

The critical post-Labor Day national polls now paint a picture of a race that ranges from a dead heat to a significant Gore lead. Gore has a slight edge in the Gallup/CNN/USA Today poll, the Fox/Opinion Dynamics poll and a significant lead in the Zogby poll. No major polls show Bush ahead, but the ABC/Washington Post poll shows the race dead even and the CNN/Time poll shows a Gore lead of only one point. NEWSWEEK's pollsters believe

the differences in the polling can be explained by how questions are asked and in what order they are asked.

The race continues to be highly fluid: the NEWSWEEK poll shows that a significant 30 percent of registered voters say they haven't made up their mind about how to vote. The poll also shows Pat Buchanan and Ralph Nader far behind, at three percent and one percent respectively.

There are a number of factors that account for Gore's lead. He appears to be winning the strong support of those 50 and older (51 percent vs. 37 percent for Bush). Gore also lead among college-educated voters, 51 percent to 38 percent, according to the NEWSWEEK poll.

Bush gained some ground with his plan for prescription-drug coverage. But he still trails Gore by 28 percent to 51 percent as the candidate who would better handle the issue of "helping seniors pay for prescription drugs." Last week, Bush trailed by a wider margin of 26 percent to 58 percent.

Neither candidate appears to have been hurt or helped significantly by last week's campaign controversy over the debate schedule. Registered voters are only slightly more

likely to hold Bush more accountable (33 percent) that they are Gore (27 percent) for the squabbling over the debates.

Bush did some slight damage to his campaign with his off-color remark about New York Times reporter Adam Clymer. Some 27 percent of all voters and 12 percent of Bush supporters say the gaffe lowered their opinion of him. And voters are now more likely to criticize the tone of the campaign than they were in late August. Sixty percent now say that at least one of the two campaigns is "too negative or nasty" compared with 53 percent right after the elections.

The NEWSWEEK poll of 756 registered voters was conducted on Sept. 7 and 8 by Princeton Survey Research Associates. Of those voters, 595 identified themselves as likely voters.

An 'Underdog' Bites Back

Howard Fineman

Newsweek
NEWS SERVICE

After a month of

missed opportunities and mixed messages, Bush sharpens his attack against Gore

The candidates were in Detroit—ground zero in a swing state. Both were upbeat, but only one had reason to be. The question is: which one?

AT FIRST GLANCE, that would seem to be Al Gore. Having risen to parity or more in the polls, he made an impromptu trip to a pitcher's mound at Comerica Park and confidently threw some batting practice for the Tigers. Later, at a big fundraiser across the street, he was as loose as he was at the ballpark. "You ain't seen nothin' yet!" he told a cheering crowd. The next morning, it was George Bush's turn to shine. He strode to a stage at a VFW hall in the suburbs alongside his most popular salesman, Gen. Colin Powell. The applause was generous. Bush had long since lost the feel-good Philly glow, and with polls showing him at best tied with Gore, he declared himself the "underdog." But Bush smiled calmly as he chatted in the empty hall afterward. "I'm gonna win this thing," he told NEWSWEEK. "You can book it."

Someone is whistling past the Election Day graveyard. Bush has had a terrible month, his campaign a mishmash of missed chances and mixed messages. In Washington, power-lunching Republicans fret about the Austin Powers' perceived ineptitude. "They're blowing it," said one. But in Bush's world, where the glasses are always half full, the wonder isn't that Gore is ahead—but that he's not farther ahead. Some observers agree. "The economy is great and Bush has been a lousy candidate so far," said polltaker John Zogby. "Yet Gore isn't running away with the race at this point."

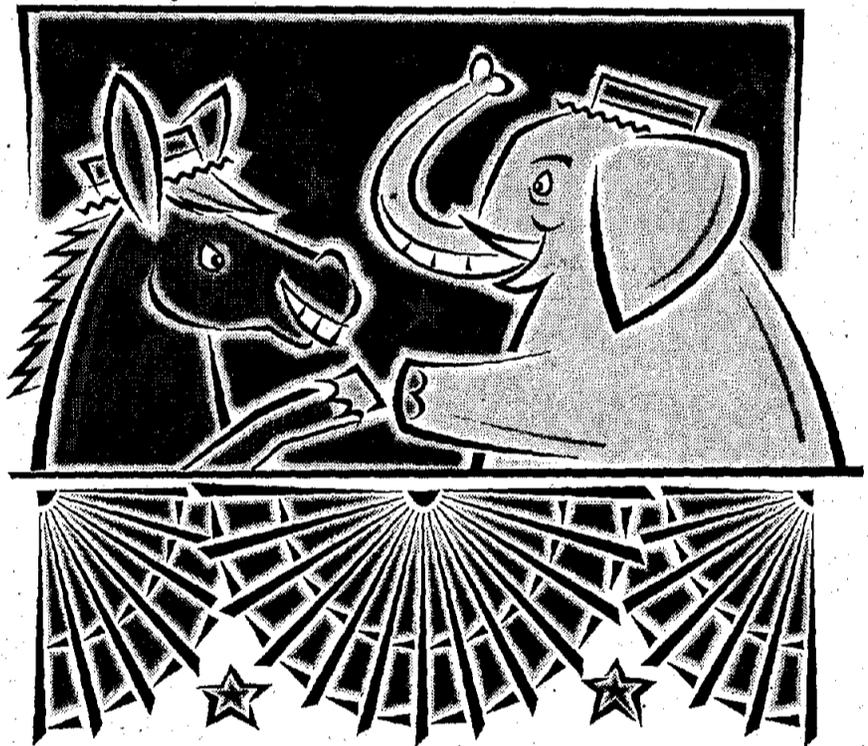
Not quite. In the new NEWSWEEK Poll, Gore lost two points of his Labor Day lead, though he's still ahead 47 to 39 percent in a four-way race among registered voters. The margin is the same (49-41 percent) among likely voters. Other polls, which interview more people and use different methods for sifting likely votes, show a closer race. The Reuters-Zogby poll had Gore ahead by 6, CNN-Gallup had him up by 3, the ABC-Washington Post poll had it even. But other numbers in the NEWSWEEK Poll should worry Bush. A month ago he led

on most personal qualities and many issues, even several traditionally Democratic ones. Now Gore matches him on leadership and is ahead on every issue save one—national defense. Gore is ahead by more than 20 points on the crucial question of who can best handle health care and prescription drugs.

What's gone wrong for Bush? Plenty. He didn't anticipate the furious pace of the campaign in late summer. He has yet to give a systematic response to Gore's Pumped Populism. He's wasted time talking tactics—which ads he'll run, which debates he'll take part in. (After weeks of refusing to negotiate with a bipartisan debate commission, he caved in last week and said he'd do so.) His running mate, Dick Cheney, has been on the defensive over lucrative stock options and his lax voting habits in Texas. Fate—in the form of open mikes—hasn't helped. Bush was heard privately calling a New York Times reporter a "major-league a——." It was a glimpse of Bush's less appealing frat-boy side.

What does Bush do now? To better dramatize the benefits of his tax cuts and other proposals, he'll do fewer speeches and more "one-on-ones" with voters. His operatives have taken control of the Republican National Committee, which can be expected to attack Gore more lustily. Bush, who thinks of himself as a marathoner, will campaign harder. His upbeat style notwithstanding, he's always relished the thought of attacking Gore—and now, in the role of underdog, he'll do so. After a week of staying upfront in his new, larger plane, Bush late last week was patrolling aft, looking for breeze to shoot. "Just remember," he told an aide, "this is when you find out who your friends are." It's also when you find out who the candidate really is.

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Once again, your common-sense approach to a problem helps you sort it out before it gets out of control. Expect to learn some startling facts as events develop.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Positive influences dominate your sign, but you'll have to work hard to get those great rewards that are out there. Personal relationships thrive on tender, loving care.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A friend seems to be drifting away. You might feel betrayed, but you need to know the facts before you pass judgment. Perhaps you made too many demands that couldn't be met.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) New people start to come into the Lion's life at this time. Some of them could influence important career changes. Keep an open mind, and weigh all possibilities.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's a good time for agreements, contracts and other positive commitments, including one with Cupid. Expect good news about a health matter.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A recent change of plans upsets your pen-

chant for keeping things in order, but once you adjust to the new situation, you'll be able to make new plans.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Aspects favor personal commitments. Family plans could include moving to a new home or even to a new city. Be open to any and all considerations.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Both attached and single Archers can expect to see a positive reversal in relationships that had seemed to be on a collision course to nowhere.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family and friends take priority over everything else. Exercise a little more flexibility in your well-planned life so you can spend more time with your kith and kin.

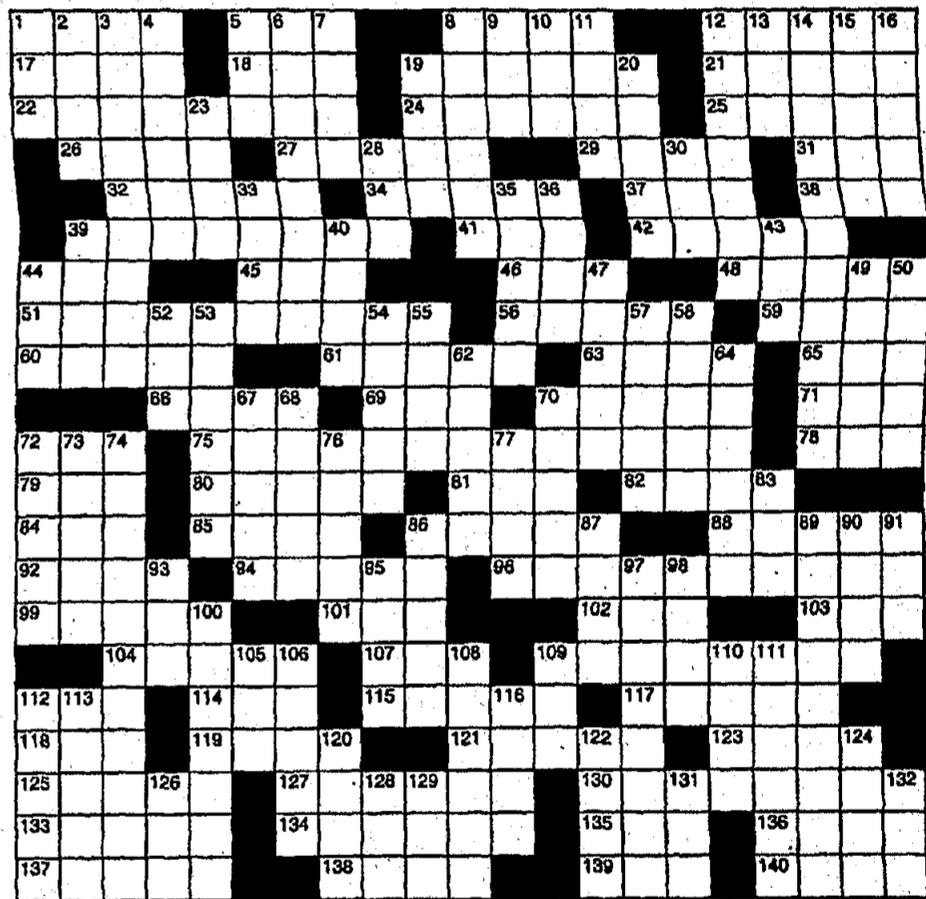
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) That pesky person who caused you some problems recently will soon move out of your life. An Aries is ready to help you get a fresh start romantically.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Yours is the sign of change and creation. And this is a good time to expect to experience changes that can open up new personal and professional opportunities.

YOU WERE BORN THIS WEEK: You love to have fun and enjoy competition. You also have a gift for "reading" people and assessing situations.

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'Genie' Grants A Wish:

Christina Overcomes
Laryngitis to perform
Jersey show.



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HOLMDEL, N.J.-- PRAYERS WERE ANSWERED FOR TICKET HOLDERS TO THE CHRISTINA AGUILERA CONCERT AT THE PNC BANK ARTS CENTER LAST WEDNESDAY. AGUILERA BATTLED A BOUT WITH LARYNGITIS JUST THREE DAYS PRIOR TO HER SCHEDULED STOP IN THE GARDEN STATE. THE TEMPORARY LOSS OF VOICE SUBSEQUENTLY FORCED THE POP SENSATION TO CANCEL HER SHOW IN SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, WITH RUMORS THAT THE AX WOULD ALSO COME DOWN IN NEW JERSEY.

Brian LoPinto
The Beacon

Nevertheless, those who turned out Wednesday evening witnessed four beautiful girls with chart-topping voices. The opening act, Destiny's Child, who can be headliners in their own right, jump-started the set with "No, No, No."

Ironically, 'no' is a word heard all too often in the Destiny's Child camp this past year. The first set of no's was handed down by the band's management. In February, original members LeToya Luckett and LaTavia Robertson were ousted and replaced with Farrah Franklin and Michelle Williams.

Destiny's Child had a 'no' thrown in their direction when Franklin severed ties with the group. The events of the past year would have left most feeling a bit jaded, especially at their young, tender age. But the two remaining original members — Beyonce Knowles and Kelly Rowland — are taking it in stride; after all they are from Texas.

Despite the tumultuous drama that the group has endured, success has become 'child's play. The week of September 4-8 saw "Jumpin, Jumpin" hit number one on "American Top 40." The following night after their jaunt in Jersey, Destiny's Child walked away with an MTV Video Music Award for "Best R&B Video" for the adroit "Say My Name."

"Because of all of you beautiful people, Destiny's Child sold over seven million records," said Knowles following

the performance of "Killing Time." With figures like that it's obviously that fans are quite content with the status of Destiny's Child.

It is safe to assume that while the revamped version of Destiny's Child performed Christina Aguilera rested her sensitive vocal cords. The crowd grew anxious; whispers were floating in regards to the status of her voice.

Her set began with a smoke filled stage and her voice was put to the test when she performed her number one single "Genie in a Bottle." The million-dollar voice held up quite well for her first song right up to her third number ("So Emotional").

"It feels good to be here in New Jersey," said the raspy voiced Aguilera. She dedicated "I Turn To You" to the Jersey faithful, a song that truly features what her voice can accomplish.

For 15-year-old Joe Cerno of Brielle, New Jersey this dedication had a personal twist.

The blonde beauty mentioned Cerno's name in the dedication not because young Joe was her number one fan or because he had a terminal disease.

The Red Bank Catholic High School student forked over \$2,800 through an on-line auction with the proceeds going to charity. His winning bid included a quick meet and greet session, a goodie bag and the aforementioned dedica-

tion

"I was disappointed with the whole thing," said a dejected Cerno. "It was not worth it. I was supposed to have front row tickets, there was a mix up."

While one of Aguilera's fans left with anti-climactic sentiments, the remainder of the crowd was quite content; then again they didn't shell out \$2,800.

One of the highlights of the evening was when Aguilera performed "At Last," a song that was originally voiced by one of her mentors, Etta James. The remainder of her set included: "All Right Now," "Love For All Seasons," "Come On Over", which she performed the following evening with Limp Bizkit frontman Fred Durst at the MTV Video Music Awards. For an encore the "Mickey Mouse Club" alum performed "What a Girl Wants."

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The Ballad of Ramblin' Jack tells folk story Tao of Steve's philosophy

Chris English
The Beacon It's hard to imagine a major Hollywood studio backing a lengthy documentary film about a septagenarian semi-obscure folk musician, and indeed, none of them have. The Ballad of Ramblin' Jack was willed to the screen by Aiyana Elliot, the daughter of Ramblin' Jack Elliot, the son of a Jewish doctor who left his Brooklyn home as a teenager to pursue his love of cowboy life and folk music and in the process became an excellent example of the American capacity for reinvention.

Aiyana Elliot uses interviews with her own mother (one of Jack's four wives), some of the other women from Jack's life and some of folk music's luminaries, including Arlo Guthrie, Dave Van Ronk and Kris Kristofferson to help tell the story of her father's sprawling life.

Born Elliot Adnapos, Jack fell in love with music as a child while listening to the Grand Ole Opry on the radio and yearned for a life playing music and riding horses. After running away from home and joining a rodeo, Jack returned home to earn his high school diploma after his parents advertised a reward for his return. Immediately after graduating though, Jack was back on the road before eventually returning to New York to become a live-in protégé to American folk music legend Woody Guthrie, after Guthrie had been diagnosed with the Huntington's disease that would debilitate him and slowly take his life. Jack used his apprenticeship with Guthrie to learn a huge catalog of traditional songs and Guthrie originals and to become the type of itinerant troubadour that Guthrie personified.

After playing his way across North America, Jack sailed to England (the departure is shown in a bit of the apparently vast archive of home movies Aiyana Elliot had access to) where americana obsessed folk musicians revered the real life wandering minstrel in his cowboy hat and boots enough to help start Jack's recording career. Jack would eventually travel and play his way across Europe while losing his first wife. She left him in Israel, choosing to join a kibbutz rather than try to manage a singer with little sense of presentation or career. Inky black-and-white film shows Jack, after four years abroad, being heralded upon his return as the lost link to Woody Guthrie by an exploding folk music scene in early 60's Greenwich Village that included a nascent Bob Dylan, who quickly became a Ramblin' Jack acolyte.

Jack, however, never fully capitalized on his popularity because of an inclination towards wandering and a reputation for being too unreliable for larger promoters to book and managers to take on. One frustrated ex-manager tells how Jack called to say he canceled a show because a snake had bitten and numbed his arm. Jack's elusive nature, combined with Aiyana's largely fatherless life lead the daughter, now 31, to join her father on tour in an attempt to understand and define her father, both for the camera she carried and for the yawning gap Jack left in her childhood. It says something about Jack's enigmatic and evasive responses in the filmed interviews with Aiyana that the most revealing lights shed on Jack's character come from Arlo Guthrie (son of Woody), who Jack narrowly missed with an ax he through at an unnamed third party. An ex-girlfriend of Jack's recalls the singer using his guitar to attack a man who had bought her a drink. Jack resists explaining himself to Aiyana, but does create the film's most emotional moment when he takes time during a stage performance to sadly tell the audience that his daughter is in the crowd and that he hasn't been a much of a father to her. Aiyana, through her narration, relates that she may have finally come to accept her father, warts and all, including the birthday message he leaves on her answering machine six days late. The scene of Jack's disembodied voice echoing through an empty room while leaving that message is an example of all the birthdays Aiyana has spent without her father.

Reconciliation between the father and daughter is perhaps helped most by Arlo Guthrie, who explains to the camera and Aiyana that perhaps she wasn't meant to fully understand Jack. The audience may not come away with a complete grasp of Jack either, but they should enjoy watching his daughter get closer to him.

Donal Logue's assured performance as a pudgy underachiever with a bent for philosophy—Eastern, Western and his own—propels Jennifer Goodman's *The Tao of Steve*, a likable, lightweight romantic comedy that only marginally overstays its welcome with a running time of ninety minutes.

Dex (Logue) is a thirty-something Lothario with a taste for marijuana in the morning and a part-time job teaching. Committed to non-committal towards women with his string of one night stands and his ongoing affair with his friend Ed's wife, Beth, Dex expresses his attitude regarding the opposite sex as "Be desireless, be excellent and be gone." That detachment is tested when he sees Syd, an ex-schoolmate at their ten year college reunion. Dex desires her enough to begin pursuing Syd while continuing to espouse his doctrine of non-desire to his fellow slacker housemates and serve as Beth's Other Man, a position which requires him to jump out Beth's window when Ed comes home early.

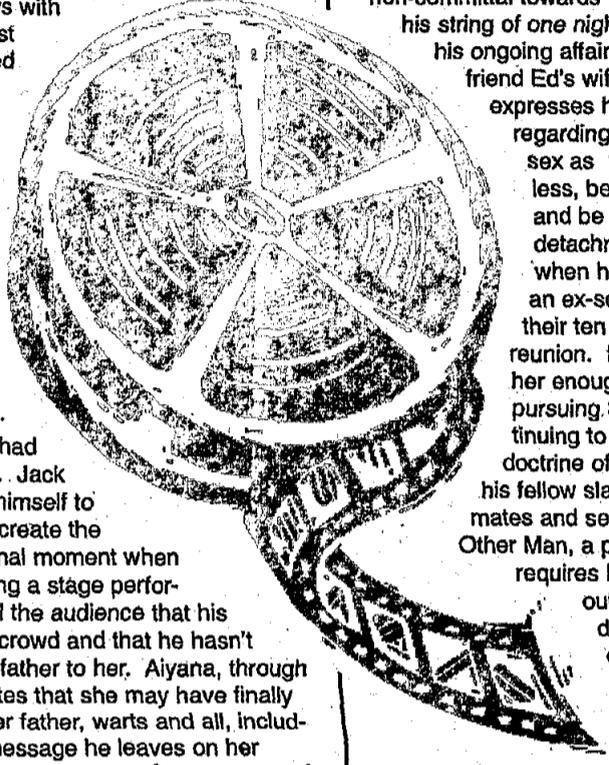
Unfortunately for Dex, Syd has not only divined that Beth is cheating with Dex, she also remembers having slept with Dex in college, which he has completely forgotten. That lapse leads Dex to plead guilty to sleeping around while under the influence of various substances throughout his college years, but leaves Beth in no mood to date him now.

Chris English
The Beacon future with a purpose form *The Tao of Steve's* thin plot. Logue has to carry the rest of the film, as he gets little help from surprising plot twists or interesting supporting characters. Director Goodman clearly recognizes the power of a good star performance, and so we get to see Dex sharing his midnight snack of ice cream, chocolate syrup and Redi-Whip (mixed in his open mouth) with his dog, Astro, another scene where Dex plays poker for crayons with his pre-school students and slips into a quick Nathan Lane impersonation, and Dex carefully explaining Steve McQueen's status as a icon of cool to a less enlightened housemate.

Logue does a good job of putting the movie on his shoulders and bringing it forward, but the lack of characters deep enough to round out *The Tao of Steve's* plot or give Logue much to play off keeps the movie from capitalizing on its chance to rise above the level of a diverting entertainment. Syd (Greer Goodman) is the reason Dex tries to change his life, but we never find out why she is attracted to Dex outside of the love they share for the *Josey* and the *Pussycats* vintage cartoon show. Syd is a set designer for opera productions whose obvious love for her work is left unexplained. Also under-developed are Dex's four housemates, young men with pop culture fixations and insecurities who could have walked in from any number of television sit-coms. These men exist only as empty heads for Dex to explain philosophy and women to whom he's not reading *The Gnostic Gospels* or firing up his bong.

Logue's Dex, however, provides more than enough laid back charm and blind self-assurance to keep an audience interested until *The Tao of Steve* reaches its inevitable happy ending.

Dex's pursuit of Syd and a



State Of The Arts: Organized Chaos

Michael Cocuzza
The Beacon I am sure that many people could come up with many different ideas of what art is. The definition of art is subjective, just like artwork itself. One person may believe that art is portrayed as a beautiful painting or a well crafted sculpture. Another may see art being best described as the melodies created by an orchestra or perhaps in a theatrical play. The visual and performing arts can be seen as a means of creative expression and intellectual stimulation. I believe that art encompasses much more than just the craft of making paintings, sculpture, music and plays.

Art is anything that makes order out of chaos. This statement had a very profound impact on me when I heard it. If such a thing is true, then art is limitless. It means that every person on Earth is capa-

ble of creating art even if they do not claim to be an artist. Art is the decisions that we make and the actions that we do in the search for security, happiness and control in our daily lives.

Why does a painter paint? It starts with an idea. This idea is obtained by an experience, feeling or event that the artist is having. Therefore, in the process of painting, the artist relieves his or her mind of this idea.

This is why art has such a high therapeutic value. Art transforms something that is elusive or vague and turns it into something tangible with substance. If "the mind is a drunken monkey," then art is the tool necessary to sober the monkey up!

Using this new attitude towards art, I begin to see art everywhere and in everything. Chaotic things happen in our lives at random, such as flat tires, diseases, or conflicts with other peo-

ple. These things can lead to anxiety, depression and anger. The grace that one uses to solve these problems and deal with these emotions is the key to inspiring successful art.

Different people deal with problems in different ways. Drawing, painting, sculpting, writing, dancing, or making music can all be used as outlets to this negative energy and can return our lives to stability. Art is any action that we use to "get a grip" in life.

This process constantly repeats itself in the quest to make our lives better. The artist strives for perfection in his or her talent, skill and execution. However, the artist must also remain aware that perfection is an impossible goal. The more a painter paints, the better the artist will become at painting. Successful artists should always ask how they could make

their own work better after it is completed. If an artist thinks he's perfect, then there is no room for growth. It is like fixing a flat tire.

The more times a tire goes flat, the better equipped and better experienced one will become in dealing with them. To say that tires are "perfect" and that they will never go flat is foolish. Mistakes are always made and chaos always happens.

Lastly, I will say the process of creating art is always personal. This is why some artists may shy away from having their work on display. When the artist gives us the opportunity to enjoy a work of art that we can all relate to, it shows us that we are all capable of the same thoughts, feelings and emotions.

Art is what connects us to society and reminds us that we are all human.

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Dan LaGrone

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JUST A GUESS

There is probably no suching as smart or dumb and life is probably
eal simple.

I guess the dumb peopleake it complicated.

Really I guess the smart people are the ones that realize it is
what you make of it; Simple or Collicated, Fun or not Fun.

But remember I am jt guessing.

Dan LaGrone

Love the Neverinding Lie

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Eddy Azzolino

Untitled

Masters of philosophy

Inducing mass hypocrisy

Puppeteers

Exposing fears

Crucifying sanity.

Decadent society

Breeders of debauchery

Upon their thrones

Sadistic tones

Kings of immortality.

Self-defiling misery

Blissful state of anarchy

Unsound mind

Voices cry

Resonating mockery.

Irrevocable monstrosity

Solace now in apathy

Shattered dreams

And so it seems

This is my reality.

Jillian Scalice

On Display

Not again

It's the third one this month

I've been to so many I don't get upset any-
more

I'm used to it

They've become more of a social event than
anything else

Class and family reunions

It's probably the only time you'd run into
these people

Laughing, crying, talking over old times

Paying last respects is a small part of it

Most of it is going to see just who does or
doesn't show up

Who's doing what, where, when, and why

Reporting back to the ones who couldn't make
it about the guests who did show up

It's a shame it has come to be this way

Unfortunately, it's that motivation that keeps
me in good attendance

Eddy Azzolino

Titled

It was flat land, deserted as a surrealist's vista without strange, squiggly candlesticks slithering in the foreground. My wrinkled sneakers pounded across the thirsty earth, adding caterpillar cracks to its dehydrated snakeskin mud. Their lopsided laces became undone, and I bent over to unconsciously perform the looping act I had perfected as child.

After pulling the last two spheres north and south forming an equator - a dense head to flop from like bunny ears - I looked up, which happened to be west where the sun, expanding its width, squashed into the rising earth.

Squinting, I saw a black spec head out the sun's heavy doors travelling the same way I had chosen, but in the opposite direction. I shifted my body a little to the north to avoid its path. The altruistic dot apparently had the same selfless labor in mind; it simultaneously positioned itself to be

the other point taking to the same segment. We jumped tracks, and, even at this premature stage, I felt a funny kinship as we both ended up in the way for the second time.

There was a third time, a fourth, a two-hundredth, an eight hundred thirty-fourth, a two thousand three hundred eighty-fourth, but it would be pointless to recount its fluidity.

After infinity and a number of mood fluctuations, the point and the pointless became a person. This continued: She'd step to one side and I.

I'd step to one side and she. Would nothing, everything, consciousness, fate, or calculation - not exactly in evolutionary or artistic order - have us step to different sides, a collision of microcosmical proportions would've

I Speak For Everyone

WE ARE ALL ALOT MORE SERIOUS THAN WE LET SOME PEOPLE REALIZE.

AND WE HOPE WE ARE ALOT MORE FUN THAN SOME PEOPLE PROBABLY THINK WE ARE.

Dan LaGrone

FOREVER

I blink my eyes as a way to

Hold on and never have to say good-bye

To the moment I am living.

Don't wanna forget the way I feel,

Wish this moment would stay forever real.

The smell in the air,

So fresh stays in my thoughts.

When I come upon it again I'll remember

How it felt to be there.

This is the place and time

I want to hold prisoner in my soul

So I can hold it in my hands,

Never let it go,

Keep it safe from all the harm in this world,

Protect it from the moments I am thoughtless,

Capture eternity in this surreal bliss.

JOELLE CAPUTA

been avoided. We would've shrugged shoulders and giggled because consciousness and calculation make and grow fate to be the probable cause of an improbable effect.

We would've been clear of each other's path and free to stroll the desert capital without fear of infringement. We would've, like others in each other's way, been able to pass.

Jonathan Coppola

Hold on to Love

Hold on to Love

Don't ever let it go

The feeling you've got now

May be the best you'll ever know.

Hold on to love

Cherish it with all your might

Nothing will be greater missed

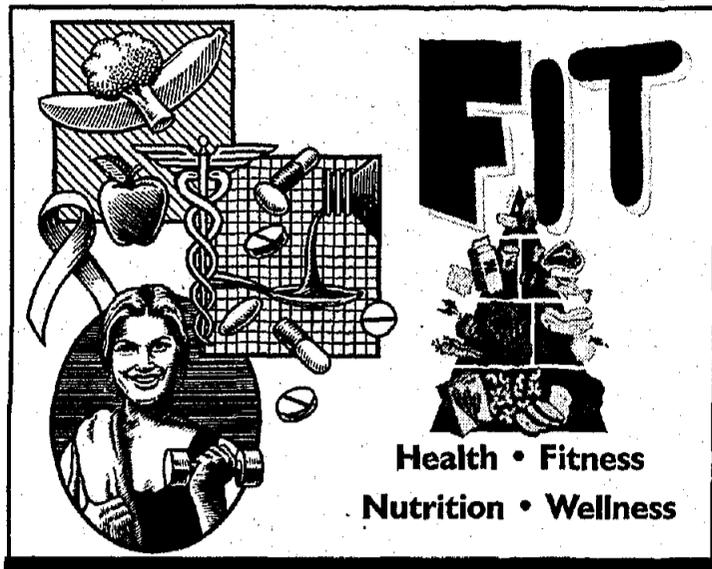
Than all that happened in this night.

Hold on to love

Grab it's hands and take hold

If time should stop and leave this eternity

You can be content because your heart is sold.



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Is your cell really safe?

A new study says risk from cell phones remains unclear



SHARI WELSH CAN'T IMAGINE LIFE WITHOUT HER CELL. SHE BRINGS IT EVERYWHERE—BIKING THROUGH THE HILLS, DRIVING IN THE CITY. "I FEEL SO MUCH SAFER," SHE SAYS. BUT AT THE SAME TIME WELSH, 37, CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT WHETHER SHE'S REALLY PROTECTING HERSELF AT ALL. "A LOT OF TIMES WHEN I'M USING MY CELL PHONE I SHE SAYS, "I WONDER IF I'M GOING TO GET BRAIN CANCER."

**Claudia Kalb and
Karen Spragen**

**Newsweek
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AND SO DO a lot of other people. A whopping 100 million Americans

now use mobile phones, and tens of thousands of new customers wire up every day. Health concerns first made major headlines in 1993, when a man alleged that his wife had died of brain cancer from cell-phone use, sued the manufacturer and appeared on "Larry King Live." (The case was dismissed.) This week Medscape's online journal, MedGenMed, raises new questions with a controversial article surveying the current wireless medical research. Its conclusion: industry claims that cell phones are absolutely safe are "no longer supportable." George Carlo,

the paper's lead author, says he was shocked by the data. "We're beginning to see a momentum of scientific and medical studies," he says, "that are now pointing in the direction of potential problems."

Safety concerns are clearly worth investigating. It has long been known that intense exposure to electromagnetic radiation can harm human tissue. The question is, can the tiny amounts emitted by cell-phone antennas do serious damage? Carlo, the former head of the industry-funded Wireless Technology Research program (set up in 1993 to study cell-phone safety), surveyed more than 50 studies, many of them still unpublished. Most showed no link. The "red flags" he cites come from recent work—much of it preliminary and in no way conclusive.

In one experiment researchers at Integrated Laboratory Systems in Research

Triangle Park, N.C., found that high levels of cell-phone radiation (two and a half to five times greater than legal cell-phone limits) can cause chromosomal abnormalities in human blood cells. In a Swedish study of brain tumor patients published last year, scientists found that mobile phones pose increased risk for brain tumors, but every small subgroup of patients, there were more likely to be found on the side of the head where a phone was used. And a team of researchers led by Dr. Joshua Muscat of the American Health Foundation in Valhalla, N.Y., studied 470 brain-tumor patients; found no risk for the vast majority, but a subgroup of 35 there was some correlation between cell-phone use and a type of brain cancer.

Carlo's work on the science, much of which he has presented publicly, has drawn fire from industry officials, who say he is exaggerating the findings. Based on the science so far, says Jo-Anne Basile of the Cell Telephone Industry Association, there are no adverse health

effects from the use of wireless phones." And some of the very researchers Carlo cites object to the way he has presented or interpreted their data and say it requires far more analysis. Carlo, who has a law degree and a Ph.D. in pathology, has spent years doing industry-funded research (he also worked for breast-implant manufacturers) and has been a controversial figure in the health field. He says he's just doing his job. Initially, he thought the data would turn up empty; now, he says, there are questions.

Some of these questions will be more fully addressed over the next few years. This week the Food and Drug Administration and the CTIA meet in Washington to collaborate on safety research. The National Cancer Institute is now analyzing data from a major survey on the causes of brain cancer, which includes an analysis of cell phones. And the World Health Organization, noting that there will be as many as 1.6 billion cell-phone users worldwide by 2005, is planning a study in at least 10 countries to examine links to head and neck cancer.

GYROTONICS AND YOUR HEALTH

I SUFFER FROM DANCER ENVY. NO MATTER HOW SERENE MY YOGA POSES ARE, OR HOW SCULPTED MY MUSCLES, DANCERS SHAME ME. IT SEEMS LIKE THERE'S ONE IN EVERY EXERCISE CLASS. PLANTED SMACK IN FRONT, SHE MOVES HER LIMBS WITH THE GRACE OF A BROAD-WINGED BIRD GLIDING TO ITS DESTINATION. EVEN OFFSTAGE, THIS WOMAN'S BODY IS HER INSTRUMENT. MINE IS MY JALOPY.

BUT HELP IS ON THE WAY: an innovative kind of mechanized training known as gyrotonics. Performed on a contraption called a pulley tower, it is a series of exercises that combine elements not only from dance but also gymnastics, yoga, swimming and tai chi. Practitioners hope that gyrotonics takes a place next to yoga and Pilates as an exercise method of choice. I knew immediately what I wanted: that tower was my ticket to looking like a dancer.

But first I had some fear to overcome. The metal pulley tower stands about seven feet tall and rests on carved wooden feet. Leather straps for hands and feet dan-

gle from various parts of the machine, amid weights, pulleys and wires. The device seems better suited to torturing heretics than fitness training. Even so, the tower is user-friendly; its parts move smoothly and quietly. Its operating principle is simple: by making your arms, legs and other body parts move in controlled, smooth arcs, it expands your range of motion and increases strength and flexibility without injury. And if you are lucky, gyrotonics founder Julius Horvath says, "You will go beyond narcissistic repetition and find the unexplored parts of the body."

For us beginners, the circular nature of gyrotonics is mighty confusing. A

Pilates machine which gyrotonics is often compared based on a linear principle. The Pilates reformer (when will they invent a machine called The Welcomer?) demands the push and then pull,

move up or move back, lift or lower. If only gyrotonics were that easy. I sit, facing away from the tower, and place each hand on top of handles.

My task is to reach out first with my hand still on the handle, which rotates my palm-push outward and then pull toward myself, and then do the other. I have watched my teacher, a spoken German man named Jurgen Bamb, do this with no trouble. Bamberger hovers behind me and gently

intones instructions. "Reach," he says, "twist more-no, the other way-turn, good." Then he pokes me in my lower back, gently pulls my hips back down to the seat and extends my upper back by nudging it into a flatter position. "Bring your chin down," he says. "Now try the other arm." Finally I complete a rudimentary exercise and am exhausted. I want to go home.

After a few more attempts, I realize that reaching with my left hand sets my shoulders in motion, up toward my ears, and Bamberger doesn't like that. Reaching (dancers must know this, I suspect) means that the rest of you stays still, allowing the arm to extend. After the fifth repetition, I imagine I'm getting it. My neck already feels more swanlike. Then Bamberger regards me sternly, his eyes startlingly large behind

Wendy Marsten

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Heart to Heart

News from the American Heart Association

It Takes More Than Talk To Save Lives—It Takes Research

(NAPS)—Take Heart! With heart disease being the number one cause of death in this country—and stroke the number three cause—a new initiative has been set up to prevent and better treat these devastating diseases.

The initiative, created by the American Heart Association and called *Take Heart 2000*, is designed to educate candidates and elected officials about critical heart and stroke issues, including the need for increased federal research funding.

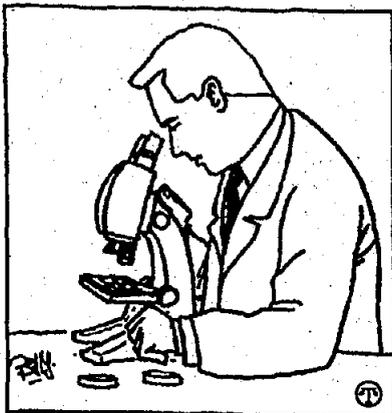
"We cannot win the fight against heart disease and stroke without the help of candidates and elected officials," says American Heart Association Chairman of the Board William J. Bryant. "It takes more than talk to save lives. It takes heart, commitment and action."

According to the Association, the fight against heart disease and stroke cannot be won without additional funding for heart and stroke research.

Past investment has led to a number of medical advances and has improved the quality of life for many Americans. Despite these advances, one in five Americans has heart disease, stroke or other form of cardiovascular disease.

Cardiovascular diseases will cost this country an estimated \$327 billion in 2000—more than any other disease—and will kill more Americans than the next seven leading causes of death combined.

According to a recent poll, increasing heart and stroke research funding is supported by the majority of Americans. The poll found that 73 percent of Amer-



Seventy-three percent of the public think it is very important for Congress to increase heart research funding.

icans said it was very important for Congress to increase funding for heart research, and 66 percent thought it was very important for Congress to increase funding for stroke research.

The American Heart Association's more than four million volunteers are joining together to encourage candidates and elected officials to pledge their support for increasing federal funding for heart and stroke research.

"It is important that Americans join our effort to help educate candidates and elected officials about the importance of increasing heart and stroke research funding. People should ask their candidates where they stand on this important issue," says Bryant.

For more information, about *Take Heart 2000* and to find out how you can become involved, visit www.americanheart.org/takeheart2000 or call (202) 785-7900.

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his thick, wire-rimmed glasses, and informs me that I have to attempt to breathe and do the exercises. Once again, I'm lost.

But, he assures me when we are done, I'm no worse than most. To start gyrotomics, you don't need any experience in dance—just the \$50 to \$75 that an hour of private instruction will cost you. As in Pilates, a typical beginner session consists of the student, the teacher and the machine. "You don't need any background in movement at all," says Bamberger. "We all have the ability to move." The machines, he says, simply amplify and channel our natural human ability.

And since the weights can be adjusted on the tower, injuries can be treated. Indeed, practitioners claim that the system even promotes healing. A Manhattan-based general contractor, Jon Rickard, 48, credits gyrotomics for having healed his back injury. "I wrenched my back out skiing," he explained, "My cousin is a dancer, and referred me to the gyrotomics studio." Rickard began slowly, using no weights and doing just the movements. "I've had no problems for the last year, and I'm skiing," he says. Rickard plays tennis and bikes, and visits the Yogamoves studio in midtown Manhattan twice a week. "This is my gym," he says.

Horvath, the 58-year-old father of gyrotomics, seems unsurprised by the success of the technique he invented in the late

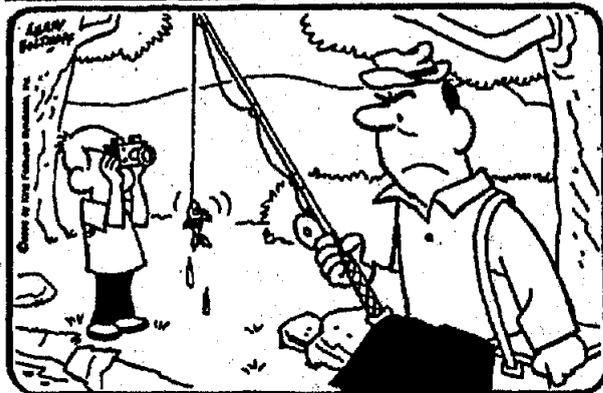
1970s while living in a shack in the Virgin Islands. Resolutely New Age in style, he claims to be a "universal being," who exists in several dimensions and whose work is pushing the human race farther down its evolutionary path with his machines and techniques. Recently Horvath has been jetting around the globe training teachers and dealing with the company that is mass-producing his Gyrotomic Expansion System machines. He hopes someday there will be a tower in most gyms.

There are skeptics. "I've talked to scores of Pilates instructors," says Peg Jordan, editor of *American Fitness* magazine, "and they're sort of lukewarm on it. I don't see it as much of a trend." Loren Fishman, a physician who specializes in rehabilitation and physical therapy and the author of "Back Pain," worries that gyrotomics could be harmful to people with certain problems. "Those kinds of motions are exactly what isn't good for someone with scoliosis, for example," Fishman says. "I just wonder how much the gyrotomics teacher knows about people's injuries."

Still, there are already about 100 gyrotomics studios worldwide, with fans like the actress Susan May Pratt, who calls the regimen vital to her training for a role as a ballerina in the movie "Center Stage." She probably lost her dancer envy, too.

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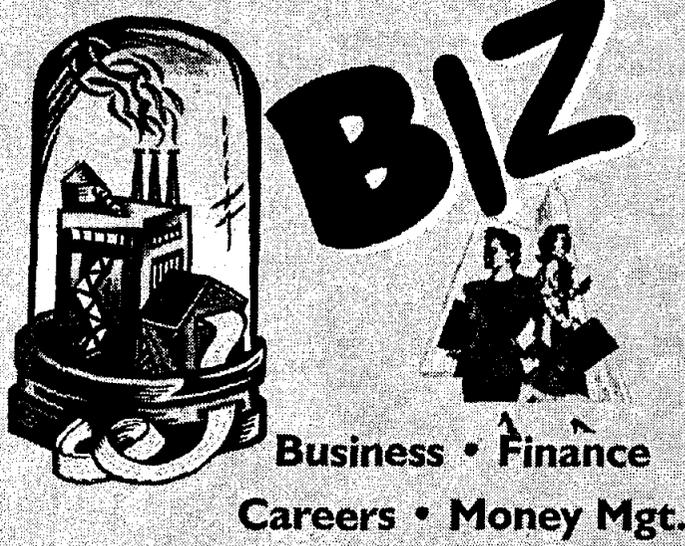
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Line is shorter. 2. Arm is not showing. 3. Button is added. 4. Leaves are missing. 5. Rock is missing. 6. Strap is removed.



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Purple, blue, and silver are just a few of the color choices for the cellular phones that are being offered to attract young consumers. What is not always attractive is the cost. Monthly bills can vary substantially depending on the type of plan you have, amount of time you spend on the cell phone, and areas that you call. If you are considering a cell phone or already have one, the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCPA) offers the following advice to help keep your cell phone bill in check.

Evaluate Your Needs

It's critical to determine how often and for how many minutes per month you will use your phone. To arrive with an accurate estimate, consider how you plan to use the phone. Here are some options.

- **For emergency use only** – If you plan only to keep a cell phone in your car in the event your car breaks down or you have some other emergency, you can opt for the least expensive plan. Under such a plan, you typically pay a flat rate for access and additional fees for each minute you use the phone. Flat rates could be as low

as \$10.00 per mi
But be cMany people start out thinking they'll usll phone "just for emergencies" and using it more than originally expecting up hefty bills. In addition, you are a per minute rate when you use th- a rate that is higher than if you purcholan that included minutes. With a option, keep in mind that if you use yoe for more than 15 minutes per montan actually wind up spending more th you purchased th next level calling which typically inc 30 free minutes p month.
• **For Occasional** – If you plan to us cell phone once d twice a week for a

ited period of time, you sho purchase a plan that provid certain number of free minu per month. This can range 30 minutes to 200 minutes. Plans with fewer minutes h lower monthly fees, but donarily give you the lowest cost per minute. Thuould carefully estimate how much you plan to phone each month – and then stick to the plan.
• **For everyday use** – Using phone to stay in touch with friends and famil regular basis can be costly. Nonetheless, if this isenience you don't want to be without, then mairiority to shop around for the best rates andvantage of special offers. Today, you can get pling 200 minutes for as little as \$30 a month. Still don't keep track of minutes when you're on the you can easily go over the limit and pay exorbt minute charges.

Get smart about Costs anres
• **Contracts and Penalties** – y, you will be asked

Taking Charge of Your CELL PHONE

to sign a one-year contract. Escaping the contract can result in an early termination fee of \$150 or more.

- **"Free" Minutes** – When choosing any calling plan with "free" minutes, analyze your bills to see if you are actually using them. If not, you should downgrade your plan so you are not paying for unused time. However, some providers may consider a downgrade a breach of contract, which may cost you money. Read the contract before signing and get the plan that works best for you.
- **"Peak" versus "Off-peak" Use** – Some plans may provide a significant number of their free minutes during off-peak times (e.g., evenings and week-ends.) Determine if these are the hours that actually best suit your needs. On the other hand, some providers complement their flat rate plans with unlimited "off-peak" minutes for a modest incremental cost. This is a feature occasional and everyday cell phone users may want to purchase.
- **Incoming calls** – Be aware! Unlike your phone at home, when you receive an incoming call on your cell phone, you are charged. Time spent on incoming calls counts toward your minutes. You pay for calls you make and calls you take.
- **Local Calling Area** – Before you commit to a provider, think about the calling area you would like included in your plan. This should be based on the areas you typically expect to be calling to and from. Make sure you go with a provider whose free-minutes calling area matches your needs. Out-of-area calls can be double the cost of local area calls.
- **Added Calling Features** – Call waiting, three-way calling, caller ID and call forwarding are among the options that may or may not be included an no extra charge. Determine if you need these options, and if so, shop for a provider that includes them in a package with a competitive rate.
- **Taxes** – Don't forget that phone calls are generally subject to local, federal and state taxes. These can add 5 percent or more to your bill.

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- Dress apriately
- Warm-up companies you're not really interested in
- Pick and se booths carefully
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EAT

Food • Drink • Dining



The Beacon
**Mixed drink of
 THE WEEK** **Blow Job**

1/2 oz. Vodka
 1/2 oz. Coffee Flavored Brandy
 1/2 oz. Kahlua
 Whipped Cream

Combine in an ice-filled shaker, shake well.
 Strain into shot glass. Top with whipped cream.
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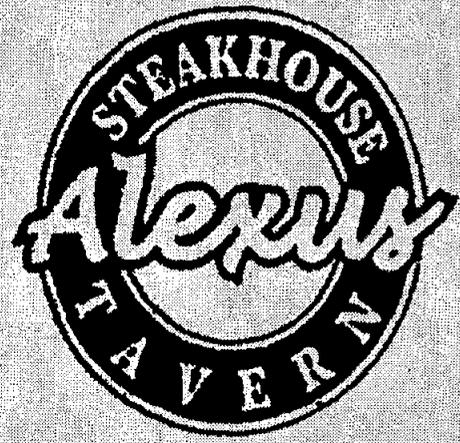
Excludes all alcoholic beverages. Not valid with any other offer. One coupon per table. Facsimiles of this coupon not accepted. Valid at Fairfield location only through 11/30/2000.
 Route 46 East at Passaic Ave., Fairfield (Next to Target)

SAVE SAVE

Submit your favorite drink to The Beacon. Email drink (and food) recipes to: beacon@student.wpunj.edu

TUESDAYS are school nights at

Alexus Steak House & Tavern

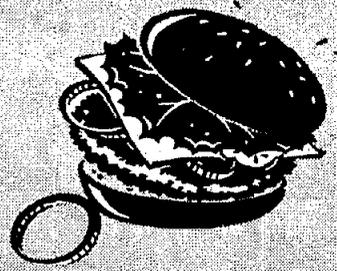


Available ALL NIGHT at our bar:

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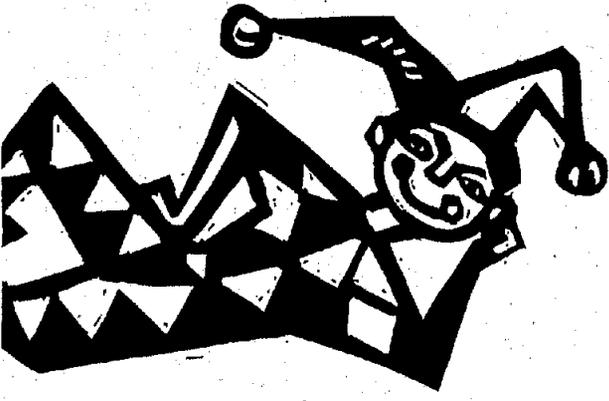
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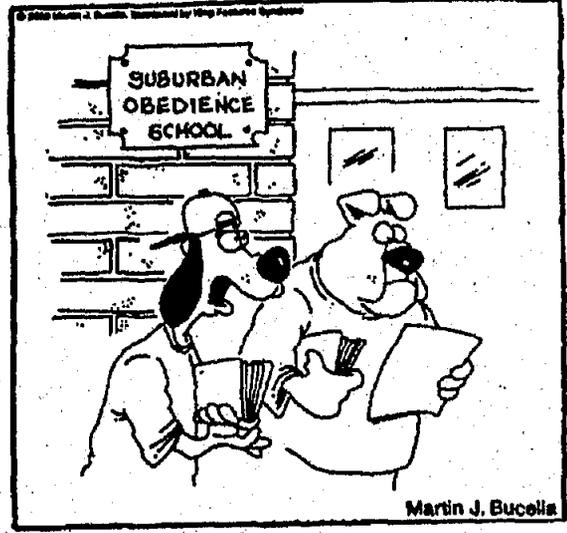


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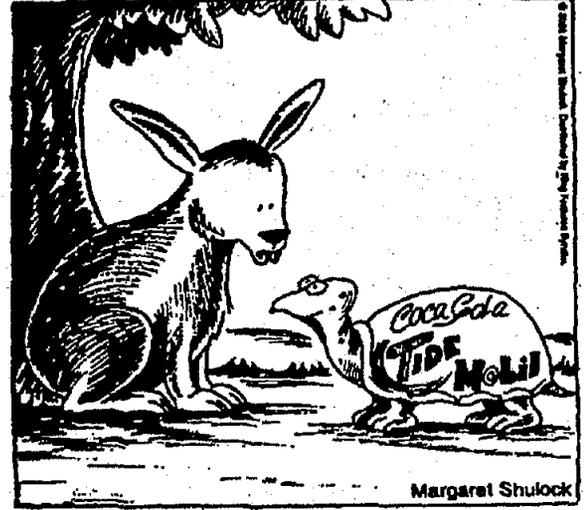


Out on a Limb



"What's the point in giving us homework? They know we'll only eat it."

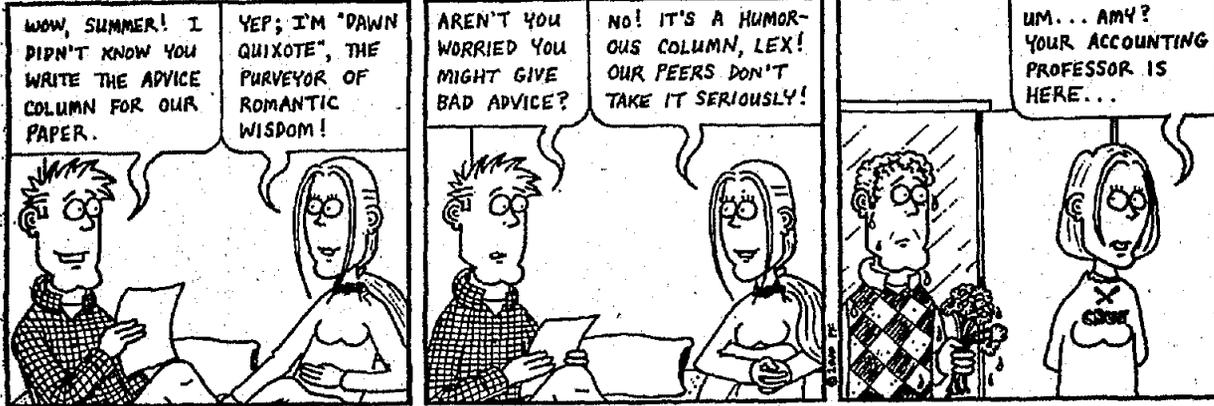
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"Honey, the Hendersons are here ... and they brought the kids!"

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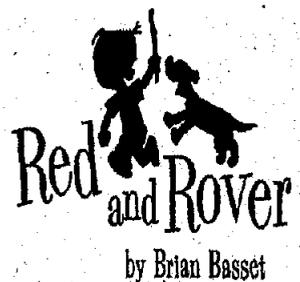
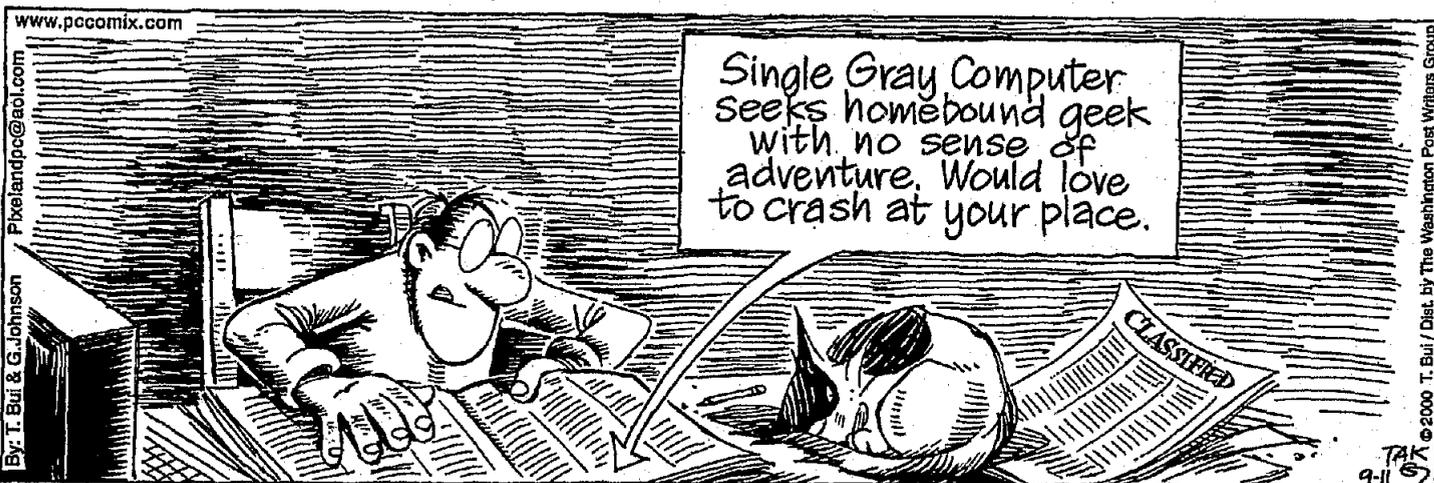
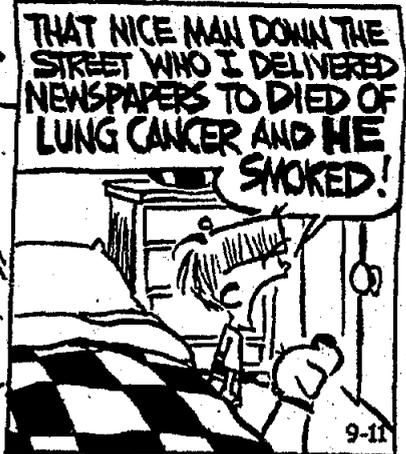
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CURIOSITY SLIGHTLY MAIMS THE CAT.



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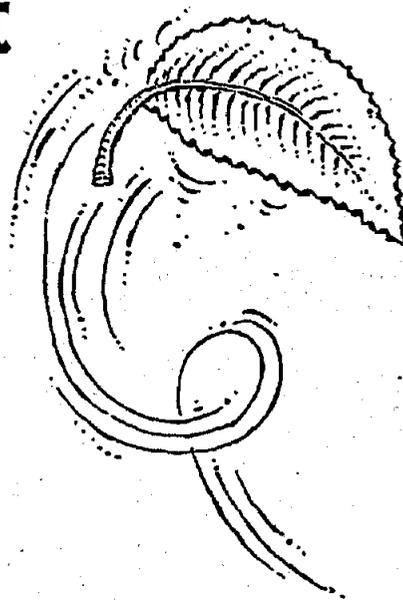
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FALL 2000



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- Freshman Class President
- Freshman Class Vice President
- Freshman Class Treasurer
- Freshman Class Secretary
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Stop by Student Center 332 for more information



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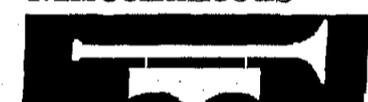
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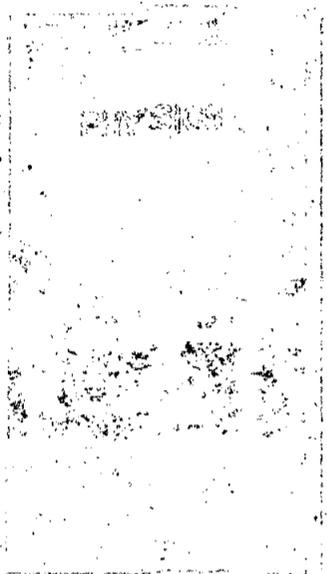
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