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The Beacon Weather Report

Wayne's 7-Day Local Forecast



MONDAY

Partly Cloudy
High: 36 Low: 18



TUESDAY

Showers Possible
High: 51 Low: 31



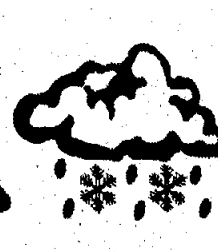
WEDNESDAY

Rain / Showers
High: 49 Low: 36



THURSDAY

Partly Cloudy
High: 44 Low: 28



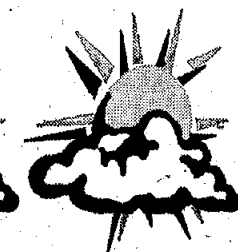
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Rain / Snow Mix
High: 47 Low: 29



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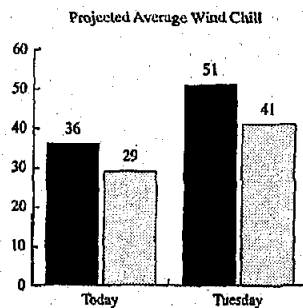
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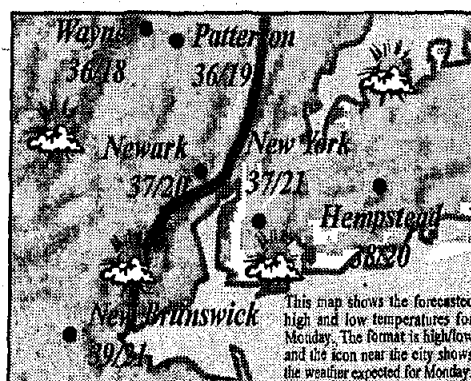
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Wind Chill Index



The chart above shows the forecasted average wind chill temperature for today and Tuesday. The black bar indicates the forecasted temperature. The gray bar indicates the average wind chill temperature projected.

Monday's Regional Forecast



This map shows the forecasted high and low temperatures for Monday. The format is high/low and the icon near the city shows the weather expected for Monday.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip*
Sat	35	24	38/23	0.00"
Sun	39	22	38/24	0.00"
Mon	37	32	38/24	0.69"
Tue	44	34	38/24	Trace
Wed	46	35	39/24	0.00"
Thu	40	30	39/24	0.00"
Fri	52	36	39/24	0.00"

Rainfall for the week 0.69"
Normal rainfall for the week 0.74"
Departure from normal for the week .. -0.05"
Rainfall for the year 3.18"
Normal rainfall for the year 4.35"
Departure from normal for the year .. -1.17"
* Precipitation includes snow converted to rainfall

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Weather History

Feb. 14, 1990 - Much of the western and central United States were covered in snow on this Valentine's Day. Up to 12 inches blanketed northern Illinois and strong northeasterly winds accompanied the heavy snow. At O'Hare Airport in Chicago, 9.7 inches of snow fell.

National Weather Summary



A strong cold front will dive in from Canada to begin the week. This front will bring snow to the Great Lakes states and cold temperatures will plummet into the northern Plains. An area of low pressure will develop across the southern Plains by midweek. This low will bring showers and thunderstorms across southern Texas with a mixture of rain and snow in northern Texas and Oklahoma.

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Monday	6:54 a.m.	5:28 p.m.	10:50 p.m.	9:44 a.m.
Tuesday	6:53 a.m.	5:29 p.m.	11:55 p.m.	10:14 a.m.
Wednesday	6:52 a.m.	5:31 p.m.		10:45 a.m.
Thursday	6:51 a.m.	5:32 p.m.	12:59 a.m.	11:18 a.m.
Friday	6:49 a.m.	5:33 p.m.	2:01 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
Saturday	6:48 a.m.	5:34 p.m.	2:59 a.m.	12:37 p.m.
Sunday	6:47 a.m.	5:35 p.m.	3:53 a.m.	1:23 p.m.

1st Qtr 2/14
New 2/23
Full 3/9

Willy D's Calendar of Events

Monday 2-12

Lincoln's birthday

University Open,
classes in session

Tuesday 2-13

Ujamma Market

10AM-3PM BR

Delta Sigma Theta

720-2518

African Heritage Month

Java & Jazz

CH SC Cafe

Campus Activities/SAPB/Jazz

Studies 720-2271

SGA Leg. Mtg.

3:30PM SC Rms. 324-5 720-2157

CEDL Open House & Info. Session

6-9PM College Hall 311

720-3804

MEISA

Weekly Mts. HH Rm. 129 CH

Joanne 720-2524

Wednesday 2-14

Happy Valentines Day

Thursday 2-15

Unity Dinner

HASA & CARIBSA - \$

6-11PM SC BR

Creating A Resume that Works!

11AM Morrison Rm. 103

720-2440

Midday Artist Series:

TRUMPET & PIANO DUO

CH-2PM Shea \$ 720-2371

Spotlight Series 6pm SC Cafe

Campus Activities 720-2271

Grants Landscape Workshop

CH-1:45pm

OSP, Raubinger Rm.107

720-2852

Teaching About Whiteness

3:30-4:45PM Paterson Rm.. Library

Friday 2-16

Boy's Life

Hunziker Black Box Theatre

8PM \$ 720-2371

Flutist: Keith Flukes & Band

Campus Activities

9PM Billy Pat's

720-2271

Movie: "MO BETTER BLUES"

Campus Activities

12PM & 8PM SC Cafe

Saturday 2-17

The Orchestra at WPU Mum Puppet Theatre

7PM Shea \$ 720-2371

Boy's Life

Hunziker Black Box Theatre

\$ 720-2371

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Sunday 2-18

Jazz Rm. Series: "Frontiers"

4PM Shea \$ 720-2371

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Hunziker Black Box Theatre \$ 720-2371

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Winterfest Billiards Tournament

On Friday January 26, 2001 the Billiards club at William Paterson University sponsored its first annual SGA funded "Midnight Madness Winterfest Billiards Tournament," which lasted from about 10 p.m.-2 a.m. The event drew contestants from all over campus and even attracted some non-students. The evening started off with a men's and women's eight-ball singles tournament. Of the four women entered in the contest, Janice Davidson, President of the Billiards club, took first place in a tough match against runner-up and club Vice President Ariannys Feliz. The men's eight-ball tournament took a little longer to get going due to the 26 contestants entered.

photos and article by
Matthew Mitchell

Eightball Midnight Madness

The men's singles winner, a non-WPU student, Chris Mahadeo from Norwood walked off with the first place trophy while narrowly defeating a talented WPU student, George Bergeron. It was a great match with George playing a real strong defense. After a few failed attempts

on the eight ball Chris finally won. You didn't have to be a winner to go home happy though. Steve Lillis, the advisor for the Billiards Club, and Don Phelps ran a well structured 'fun for all' tournament where all contestants received a free t-shirt just for coming out. It was a great night for eight ball at William Paterson University. Of course there were the expected trophies for first and second place finishers along with a \$50 gift certificate to The Gameroom for first place finishers and a \$25 gift certificate for the runner-ups.

There was a short break between the singles and the co-ed Scotch doubles tourna-

ment. For those of you not familiar, including myself, in a Scotch doubles tournament you are only allowed to shoot after your partner makes a shot. So if your partner doesn't make a ball the opposing team gets to shoot, if they miss its your turn again and you must sink a ball or your partner can't go. So all the contestants lined up and were

randomly assigned a partner to make things a little more interesting. This doubles part of the tournament lasted for about an hour and a half while the

12-or-so teams battled it out for the ultimate Scotch doubles champion. The runners up in the doubles tournament were John Howard (WPU) and Dennis Gallashaw (WPU) who both received trophies and \$25 gift certificates. They lost in tough game to winners Paulo (WPU) and Dexter (NJIT) who

took home the grand prize \$50 gift certificates and the trophies. The Billiards club would like to thank all who attended and

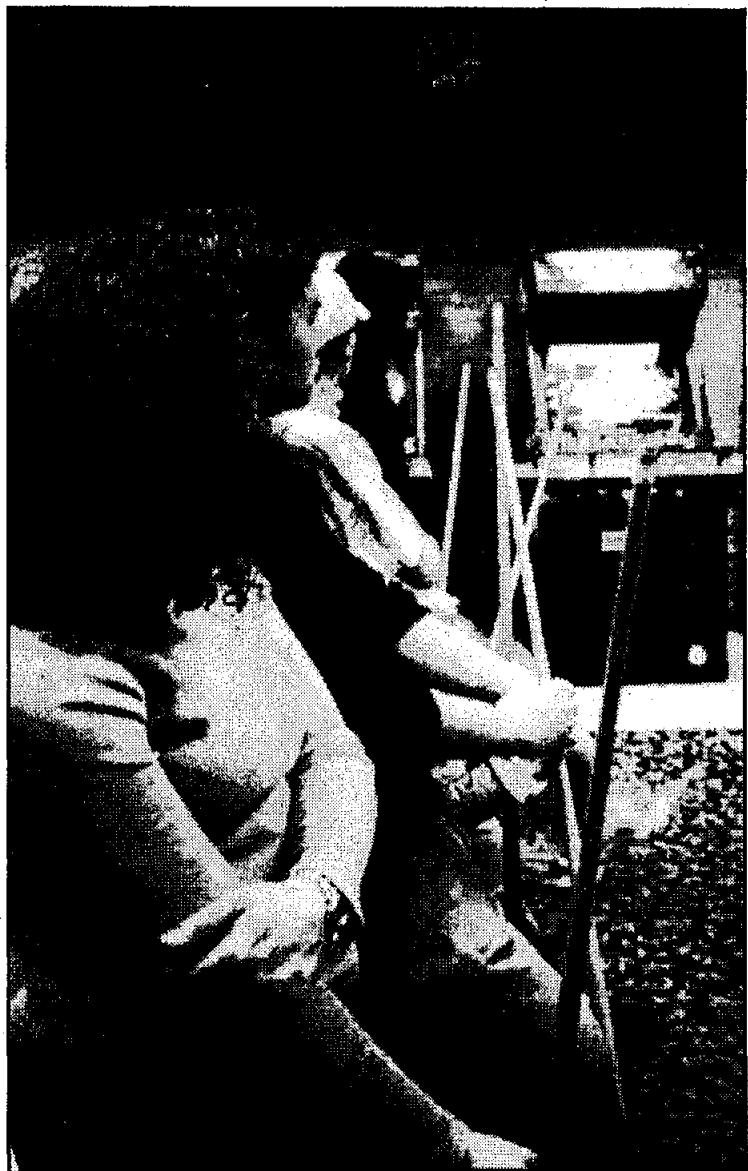
helped make the tournament such a success. We can't wait to see you at the next tournament. In the mean time keep racking your balls and stroking your cues. Happy shooting.



Singles finalists left to right: George, Chris, Janice Ariannys



Doubles finalists with Steve Lillis: John, Dennis, Paulo, Dexter



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education and a studiously moderat voting record. But he lost his cool when he heard what Alan Greenspan was telling him in private a few weeks ago. The Fed chairman was on his customary rounds, giving key till leaders a preview of what he would say in public the next day. Greenspan's message: mounting budget surplus meant that income-tax cuts are "required." Conrad pleaded for soft language, more cautionary notes. "You're going to create a feeding frenzy," warned Conrad, the only Democrat serving on both the Finance and the Budget Committees. When Greenspan left, Conrad called Robert Rubin, Bill Clinton's revered former Treasury secretary. "I've got to talk to Greenspan now, before he testifies," Conrad said. Rubin did, to no avail. When the chairman went before the cameras, he added new caveats—but the crucial R word—"required"—remained.

President George W. Bush unveiled his \$1.6 trillion tax-cut plan last week, throwing a log on the fire he built during the campaign and which Greenspan ignited. For the first time since 1981, when Ronald Reagan was a new guy in town, Washington is consumed by tax-cut fever—and the class warfare that accompanies it. No matter how narrow his victory (or shaky the GOP's hold on the Congress), Bush is behaving like a man with a sweepin mandate. He is staking his presidency on a plan to cut marginal rates, even for the rich. Doing so is not only fair but necessary, he contends, as a way to stave off a recession. Democrats have, for now at least, fallen in line, conceding that lower tax rates are warranted—but not for the luxury class, and not at the risk of shredding the social safety net in the next decade. Bush's bill contains no corporate goodies, and the president vows to keep it that way. But the smell of cash is in the air, and lobbyists like Steve Dore, live to "load up" passing bills. "Heard our new theme song?" asks Conrad. "It's 'Who Let the Dogs Out?'"

Bush's plan, assembled in 1999 by supporter Larry Lindsey, is Reaganesque in eery, if not quite in scope. Its original purpose was to demonstrate Bush's supply-side bonafides, and fend off what his handlers assumed would be a tough primary challenge from publishing magnate Steve Forbes. Bush stuck with the proposal, though he didn't always emphasize it, and now believes that it represents "political capital" he must spend. Fortune favors the brave—or in this case, the lucky. Productivity gains have continued at a dizzying rate, resulting in ever-upward revisions of the expected surplus: now an astounding \$5.6 trillion over the next decade. There's clearly enough money for some kind of tax cut. And in recent months Bush and his inner circle have been striding another argument: that the tax cut, though it won't be fully effective for six years, can help Alan Greenspan's interest-rate reduction forestall or shorten a recession. "It's like the belt-and-suspenders theory," Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill told Newsweek. "If you or I have both, why not?"

As tax plans go, Bush's is simple enough. It calls for reducing the five-bracket personal income-tax structure to four: 10 percent, 15 percent, 25 percent and 33 percent. (The top rate now is 39.6 percent.) Bush is also proposing to double the child-care tax credit to \$1,000 per child, reduce the impact of the "marriage penalty" and eliminate the estate (a.k.a. death) tax. Drawing bottom lines is a partisan exercise. Bush says that the plan would save the average family of four some \$1,600 in annual payments—enough, say, to pay for a semester's tuition at a community college. The proposal also is targeted to ease taxes on the just above the poverty line. But by Democratic reckoning, 43 percent of benefits (including the

estate-tax repeal) flows to the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans.

If the numbers are spinnable, so are the voters. In the new Newsweek Poll, voters said they approved of the Bush plan "to reduce federal income-tax rates across the board" by a 67-28 percent margin. Even Democrats supported it by 49-45 percent. But asked whether it was more important to cut taxes or pay down the

debt, voters chose debt reduction by a 65-28 percent margin. Only 16 percent thought the proposal would do "a lot" to improve their own financial situation. By contrast, 58 percent thought that "wealthy families" would benefit "a lot." "If we roll over on this one I'm quitting the party," said the Democratic consultant James Carville, whose own wife, Mary Matalin, is on Vice President Dick Cheney's staff. "What's the point if you're for just going to help the rich?"

The Democrats aren't rolling over, but the real news is that—at least so far—they aren't rushing en masse to the barricades. Yes, the congressional leadership is trotting out the old-time populism. Their favorite props are drawn from a Sen. Tom Daschle sound bite: a shiny new Lexus and homely muffler—said to approximate the differing value of tax cuts for a "millionaire" and a "typical working person." Union members are furious—at Greenspan, whom they blame for slowing the economy with tight money; at Bush, for his tax plan; at Florida Republicans, whom they are convinced stole the entire election. "This isn't an immaculate recession," said Rick Sloan, the Machinists' communications director. "Greenspan caused it, and Bush's tax plan won't do much to help our rank and file survive it."

But the Democrats—an across-the-board minority in political Washington for the first time since 1952—are divided. The party's large and growing "centrist" element is willing to support perhaps \$1 trillion worth of cuts, and favors business-tax breaks that the Bush White House opposes. Even Rep. Charles Rangel, a New York liberal and ranking Democratic tax expert in the House, said he favors "some type of across-the-board tax relief" as long as "working Americans get their fair share." Politically, Sen. Evan Bayh told Newsweek, Bush's strategy "is pretty smart. If we stop the tax cuts, he blames recession on us. It's his political insurance policy."

The Democrats can agree on a few things. One is to force Bush to do the arithmetic on his new desire to speed up the impact of his plan by making it retroactive to Jan. 1, and by accelerating the timetable for lowering rates. Depending on what Congress decides to do, that could add hundreds of billions of dollars—or more—to the plan. Conrad estimates that a speed-up could cost an additional \$1 trillion. Moderates, led by Rep. Ellen

Tauscher in the House, want the bill to include a "trigger" that would suspend the tax cuts if the expected surpluses don't materialize. "We may as well try to make the bill fiscally responsible," said Tauscher. Bush and his allies oppose any trigger mechanism, arguing that it would have a chilling effect on the business activity tax cuts are designed to encourage.

The emerging GOP strategy—hatched by

Republican moderates and a vastly more expensive one from full-bore supply-siders). Predicting a final vote is folly with the Senate divided 50-50 and the GOP's nine-vote House margin. "We only know one thing," said Tauscher. "There's going to be a bill."

Meanwhile, the K Street assault troops have invaded the halls of Congress, looking for ways to attach their grappling hooks to tax legislation. At a meeting with corporate leaders in the White House, the president tried to live up to the Texas Rangers' motto: "One riot, one Ranger." "I'm going to resist mightily adding to the bill," he declared. Tough-talking O'Neill and Lindsey were saying the same thing in similar meetings with business chieftains.

As they prepared to launch their new plan last week, Bush and Cheney invited Greenspan in for lunch. The White House, which has clamped down severely on photographers' access to the president, managed to deliver a color still picture of the smiling threesome to the networks in time for the evening news. The message: we're all partners here. Later, attending a party at Ted Kennedy's home, Greenspan groused that no one had bothered to listen to the cautionary words in his original speech. "They only heard the tax-cut part," he complained to Kennedy and others. But in the capital people hear what they want to hear. For now, they seem transfixed by the words "tax cut." Bush has to hope that the spell lasts—and that his plan really works.

With Bill Turque and Martha Brant

Bush's tax-cut plan has the capital in a frenzy

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Bush chooses a corporate cabinet

AUSTIN, Texas — Jim Hightower, an invaluable public citizen, once suggested that politicians be forced to wear the corporate logos of their biggest donors in the fashion of NASCAR race drivers so we'd know who they'd sold out to.

Hightower once again has his eye on the shell with the pea under it when it comes to President Bush's Cabinet.

The pundit corps has been swooning over the diversity of Bush's picks — four women, a Cuban-American, two African-Americans, a Japanese-American, a Lebanese-American, a Chinese-American and a Democrat.

President Inclusive chooses a Cabinet that looks like America. Just one catch: Every member is a corporate creature. In fact, the corporations have just taken over the government. Why hire lobbyists

when your CEOs and board members are running the show? Who's left to lobby?

Until recently, Real President Dick Cheney was CEO of Halliburton Inc., the giant oilfield services firm that has been making money and trading with Iraq, despite the sanctions, through its subsidiaries Dresser-Rand and Ingersoll-Dresser Pump.

Courtesy of the Hightower newsletter, here are some of those now running the country:

— Elaine Chao (Labor): an investment banker and corporate director, former vice president of Bank of America and board member for Northwest Airlines, Dole Food, Clorox and Columbia/HCA Health Care.

— Norman Mineta (Transportation): corporate VP for Lockheed Martin; also former chairman of the House Transportation Committee, where his major contributors were the American Trucking Association, Boeing, General Electric, Greyhound, Lockheed, Northwest Airlines, UPS, Union Pacific and United Airlines.

— Paul O'Neill (Treasury): CEO of Alcoa, the aluminum giant, and previously CEO of International Paper Co., and on the boards of Eastman Kodak and Lucent Technologies.

— Gale Norton (Interior): formerly with the Mountain States Legal Foundation, an anti-environmental group funded by oil companies. Prominent member of "property rights" groups funded by Boise Cascade, DuPont and Louisiana Pacific; national chairwoman of the Coalition for Republican Environmental Advocates, funded by the American Forest Paper Association, Amoco, ARCO, the Chemical Manufacturers Association and Ford.

— John Ashcroft (attorney general): sponsor of last year's Senate bill to extend the patent on the super-profitable allergy pill Claritin, owned by the giant pharmaceutical firm Schering-Plough, which gave him \$50,000 for his last Senate campaign. He also got \$1.7 million from oil, chemical and paper companies that

were grateful for Ashcroft's opposition to funding environmental enforcement, voting for rollback of clean water protections and letting mining companies dump cyanide and other wastes on public land.

As Hightower has observed, if you wonder why these issues didn't come up in his confirmation hearings, consider the state of the Democratic Party and the effects of campaign contributions.

— Rod Paige (Education): formerly Houston school superintendent, where he promoted corporatization. Food service went to Aramark Inc., payroll to Peoplesoft and accounting to SAP. Last year, he cut an

exclusive marketing deal with Coca-Cola to put machines in the school hallways. He also brought in Primed Corp.'s Channel One, the (so-called) "educational channel" that spends two out of every 10 minutes of broadcast time selling M&M/Mars, Pepsico, Reebok and Nintendo.

— Colin Powell (State): on the board of America Online and was recipient of \$100,000 a speech to a list of corporations too long to believe.

— Anthony Principi (Veterans Affairs): not to be confused with the real-estate company, also former president of QTC Medical Services Inc.; later with Lockheed Martin and most recently president of the airless technology firm Federal Network.

— Donald Rumsfeld (Defense): formerly CEO of General Instrument Corp. and drug giant G.D. Searle & Co., also on the boards of Asea Brown Boveri, a huge Swedish engineering firm, and the Rand Corp. Also on the advisory board of Salomon Smith Barney, the Wall Street investment firm.

— Ann Veneman (Agriculture): lawyer with a firm specializing in representing agribusiness giants and biotech corporations. On board of Calgene Inc., a subsidiary of Monsanto, the first firm to market genetically altered food. Also a participant in the International Policy Council of Agriculture, Food and Trade, a group funded by Monsanto, Cargill, Archer-Daniels-Midland, Kraft and Nestle.

— Tommy Thompson (Health and Human Services): former governor of Wisconsin whose major contributors were HMOs, hospital chains, nursing homes, clinics, doctors and insurance companies. Phillip Morris gave him \$72,000 in campaign contributions.

— Spencer Abraham (Energy): one-term senator from Michigan who once sponsored a bill to abolish the Energy Department. Especially active in fight over requiring greater fuel efficiency from SUVs, giving him special brownie points with the energy and auto industries.

— Mel Martinez (HUD): no corporate connections; formerly the top manager of Orange County, Fla. That's Orlando/Disney World, and if you have visited, you know that ending urban sprawl is not his specialty.

On the Left



Molly Ivins

Writer for the North Texas Star-Journal, Texas

The Stupidity Report
pg. 8

But I'll get to that in a second. First, I need to clear my throat of a rant: According to the pinpoint calculations of my cubemate, 97.62 percent of my questions involve falling in love with one's best friend/best friend's ex/ex's best friend/best ex. (Yes, we do talk about you. Names deleted.) Which makes us wonder if the larger problem might be that the last time a lot of you guys circulated some fresh water through your social fishbowls, you were mere spawn. Just a little something to bat around with the ol' school.

Now, back to who's burning whom. You aren't burning your friend if you keep seeing his ex. You asked, which was the stand-up thing to do, and he gave his reluctant blessing, which was the stand-up thing for him to do. Standing O.

Except for her. She totally betrayed his confidence when she reported to you how he really felt. If he had wanted you to know he was shredded inside and urgently wanted her back, he would have told you that—or the guy equivalent, that he wasn't happy about it, but he'd be OK. Oh. Wait a minute.

Point is, he handed his pride over to her. I don't think he'd appreciate that she then tried it on and modeled it for her new boyfriend. Proceed, by all means, but proceed with her with caution.

Carolyn:

I'm concerned about my roommate's drinking. She drinks less than once a week, but when she goes out to drink, she DRINKS. I'm talking filling-down drunk. She's said to me the next morning that she couldn't remember getting home. Alcoholism runs in her family, but because she drinks biweekly at most, she doesn't think she has a problem.

—D.C.

Right, because her trusty honing device not only steers her to her bed when she's kind wasted, but it also floats above her like a little guardian angel and makes sure she doesn't get mugged, raped or totaled!

Your roommate has a thinking problem.

If her biweekly sabbatical from brain function doesn't impress her, show her the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Web site, www.niaaa.nih.gov.

Note "the inability to limit one's drinking on any given occasion" under the heading, "What Do We Mean by Alcoholism?" Note the inherent risk.

She might get less defensive though, if you pose a rhetorical question: Does she protect her stuff by leaving the front door wide open? That's what she's doing with herself—by far her most precious possession.

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Carolyn:

I recently started seeing a girl who dated a friend of mine for several years. They have been broken up for more than a year, but have continued seeing each other as friends. I told my friend I was interested in his ex. He said he wasn't happy about it, but that as long as we were upfront with him, he would be OK.

He has never mentioned another word of the matter to me, but he told her he was really upset and asked her to go out with him again. She tells

me she is not interested in him.

I would like to pursue her, but I don't want to burn my friend. On the other hand, I'm a little annoyed he was not more forthcoming with me.

—Brutus?

On the other other hand, your friend should be a little annoyed that his ex just burned him.

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THE PLACE I SAW WAS FAR BENEATH
THE SURFACE OF THE SEA
MY SIGHT WAS POOR
BUT I WAS SURE
THE SIRENS SANG THEIR SONGS FOR ME
THEY DANCE ABOVE ME AS I SINK
I SEE THEM THROUGH A CRYSTAL HAZE
AND HEAR THEM BOUNCING ROUND THE ROOM
THE NEVER ENDING CORAL MAZE
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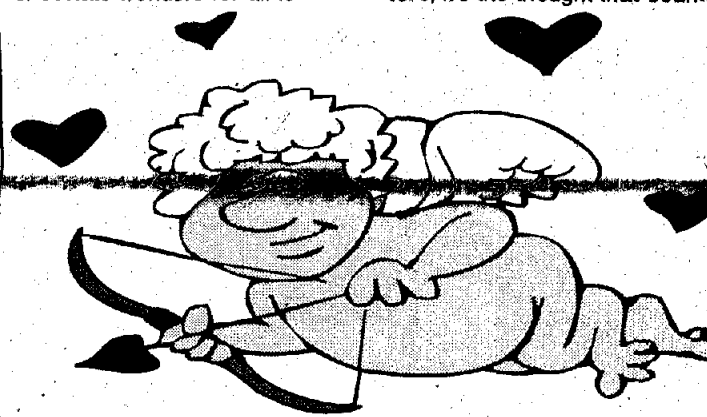
With Valentine's Day just two days away, it seems that there are two groups of people. The first, those that are eagerly anticipating sharing this special day with a significant other. The second, those that are dreading it like an 8:00am class on a Friday morning. Particularly to the latter of the two groups I say:

Sue Vargas
The Beacon

Fear not, this doesn't have to be the case. Where does it say that Valentine's is solely reserved for couples? When did Valentine's begin to have such a dysphoric connotation to so many people? Remember in elementary school when EVERYONE partook in Valentine's Day festivities? There were silly cards and chocolate wonders for all to

enjoy. With that in mind, why not reinstate your cupidly customs? Let your friends and family know how important they are with a small token of appreciation. A simple card, candy, or trinket will certainly speak volumes. If you can't afford a purchase this February 14th, why not make something? Here are a few suggestions for those of us that are

"temporarily out of cash".
• Bake - cookies, cupcakes, brownies.
• Invite a friend over for lunch.
• Create love coupons - (e.g. Good for typing one report).
• Have a sleep over.
• Make your own cards.
• Write a poem.
Afterall, it's not the size or the amount spent on a gift that matters, it's the thought that counts.



The Stupidity Report

Sometimes, stuff in life can confuse even me. I know, I know—it's surprising. But really, there is just some stuff in life that I just don't understand, no matter how much I think of it. Granted, I can create pretty reasonable explanations for almost anything—B.S. is a way of life for me, and it's one of the primary reasons I'm a writer. But some days, I just can't comprehend what people are thinking. I don't know if their brains melted and dribbled out the sides of their ears, or if they just decided that particular day wasn't a good day to think. Since coming to William Paterson, I've been confused by people's actions more than ever, and I've been forced to wonder if humankind really deserves to be considered the most intelligent species on the planet.

My first gripe this week is a minor one. Every time I trek over to the Student Center to eat lunch, I always manage to have to go the checkout line of this one lady who always demands cash from me. I usually pull out my

ID card and show it to her to swipe. "Cash?" she says, looking at the ID card. "No," I reply. "Meal plan, please." Then, she asks again: "Cash?" One day, she rang me up before I could even answer her. "That'll be \$4.55," she told me. "But," I protested, "I want meal plan. I didn't even get to tell you, you just rang me up." She looked at me kind of cross-eyed, like I was speaking Esperanto and said

"Sign Me Up for the Trojan Army"

"No, you said cash." I tried to replay the conversation in my head, but all I could think about was the theme from "Scooby-Doo" for some reason. "No, I didn't say anything!" I told her. Well, needless to say, this went on for a while until I just paid cash and ran away.

Anyway, that's not my main point of the week. My main point this week is about con-

doms. After going down to the D Floor and looking at the bulletin board outside of the Towers Office, I saw this: "National Condom Week—Happy Valitines Day." For now, I'm going to ignore that some simple-minded soul misspelled Valentine's Day, and I just want to focus on this condom thing. Now, I can understand having National Condom Week fall around the time of Valentine's

Day. That makes perfect sense—most people will be having sex on Valentine's Day, and they should of course use a condom. But what I don't get is that there seems to be a National Condom Week every month. Before the Christmas Break (Maybe I should spell that Kristmass, for the people that don't know how to spell Valentine's Day), I saw one Bulletin Board that said:

"Happy Holidays—BE CAREFUL WHO YOU SLEEP WITH!!!" This troubled me. The first part of the message was all happy—after I read it, I really wanted to have a happy holiday. But the second part was just plain threatening. I was worried—not because I was going to sleep with anyone—but because I thought at any moment someone could jump out a bush and have sex with me, and then I'd be screwed—in the literal and figurative sense. It was like putting up a sign saying: "Merry Christmas—WATCH OUT FOR AX-WIELDING MANIACS WHO WILL DRINK YOUR BLOOD!!!" On other bulletin boards, I found similar Happy Holiday/"Watch out for Sex" messages, and I seem to remember one reminding me National Condom Week was in December. In January, there were bulletin boards up about setting goals for the new semester, one of them being "Safe Sex." It's gotten to a point when I think people are just going to become scared of sex and will instead spend their time celebrating National Condom Week every week for no reason.

Larry Clow
Literary Editor

Okay, I can't do it. I have a comment on the fact that someone spelled "Valentine's Day" wrong. It's an easy word to spell, because it's spelled just the way it sounds. Do you know what that means? That's right—they not only forgot how to write down, but they forgot how to say it. I also noticed that the Towers Over-Night Guest Form, "result" is spelled with a O. Yep, if you don't fill out the form correctly, it will "resolt" your request being denied. I'm getting worse out there, and no one seems to care.

That's all for me this week. However, I leave you with something to think about while you're celebrating National Condom Week, either this month or another month. Since the Trojans lost the Trojan War, shouldn't we have condoms called "Greeks" instead? As usual, send all fan mail, love letters, and offers of money to:

StupidityReport@hotmail.com

Guilty of being white

I am so sick of apologizing for the situation that I was born into. I'm not dirt poor or a minority or disabled. I wish I didn't have to feel guilty about this. I strongly believe in equal rights and have never looked at, or treated, anyone differently who was born into a difficult situation. While I'll admit I do benefit from the privileges that come with being a healthy, working class, white girl, I try to take advantage of them, and work towards equality so that in the future, the privileges will be shared by people of all races and classes. I've donated to the Anti Racist Action, have done volunteer work for the AIDS Fund, and plan to join the Peace Corps after college. In being born into a lucky situation, I feel responsibility to work towards the advancement of people not so lucky. I do not on the other hand feel responsible for what my predecessors have done to contribute to the prejudice and inequality that exists today. A child cannot not be held responsible for the actions of a parent. Or great- great- great grandparent at that.



Lauren Talarico
The Beacon

In recent years, there has been a debate on whether the United States Congress should release a formal apology for slavery. Former President Clinton, on a trip to Uganda, apologized to the citizens for the actions of the European-Americans who had benefited because of the slave trade. He had no right (or responsibility) to apologize to the citizens of Africa for the actions of the early Americans. While I'm sure he is embarrassed of his ancestor's actions, I can't help thinking that this apology is merely a ploy to increase trade between America and Africa. Africa has about 700 million potential consumers of American products. It is so much easier to apologize for offenses that we had nothing to do with

than actual faults of our own. In fact, these expressions of regret are not apologies in any real sense at all. They are self-righteous declarations of moral purity.

In recent years Germany's government has apologized for the Holocaust, Ireland's government has apologized for the Irish potato famine and Japan has apologized for enslaving Korean women during wartime. Why, then, is it so horrendous for Clinton to express "regret" over slavery? Why so much controversy? People object for a host of reasons: because slaves and slave-holders are all deceased; because an apology suggests moral complicity in the crime, as if the sins of our ancestors were our sins as well; because tens of millions of Americans, including African-Americans, emigrated to this country after slavery's demise. I know that the repercussions of slavery are still evident in society which is why I think Americans should concentrate on contemporary issues about race including affirmative action, and the fact that black men consistently earn less than others in the

work force.

I am not suggesting we forget the fact that it happened, or stop teaching about it. It is an important part of American history. I acknowledge the fact that it happened and the fact that it was terribly wrong. I just believe that rather than dwelling on it and composing meaningless formal apologies, we should concentrate on correcting the social problems left in its wake. I wish the value of a human being was never questioned. But, I do my part in working towards equality, and I do not feel like I owe anyone an apology. Most of us feel no link to atrocities committed by our predecessors. And there is absolutely no reason that we should.

A Nice Guy

Alli, I understand that you were just addressing those guys that look good and that you would like to know. But what about the nice guys? I am not just talking to Alli alone. Girls, what about us nice guys? What about us the real lover men that'll take good care of you? The ones that'll show you the world and even the universe, if you're ready for a second round. Sure, we don't look all that good and some of us are a little bit shy but, come on, we've got hearts too! Yeah, we freeze up sometimes when talking to you females but you can't just put all the work on us; you gotta help us along the way

and we'll help you along the way, too. We are not perfect and even though some of you girls seem perfect, you are not perfect either. What makes us seem so different is that we don't realize that we aren't all the best humans around.

I mean, we nice guys are not the ones to buy you new trash cans or something stupid like that. We can get inside your heads if you'll let us but you girls hold back a bunch of stuff that keeps us out. Yeah, us guys have our little things that we keep, too but most of the time we brag and let it all out. Whether nice or not, we'll let you know what's up. You can trust us nice guys. The only way we can break your heart is if you let us.

I myself think that a girl that doesn't depend on the guy to always be there doing stuff for her is a good catch. I mean, sure I'll call you, at least twice per day just to talk and make plans. You don't have to wait for me to call, either. I've got a cell phone and email and home phone number is printed on a business card that I'll let you have. I know that this is starting to sound like I'm writing this for my own benefit, but what I'm saying is that if you ask for the

number, you'll get it. (I just happen to have business cards because I just happen to have a small business.)

So now, what kind of girls are nice guys looking for? Well—a girl that sort of thinks like we do, who likes to do what we like to do and doesn't mind letting us know what's on her

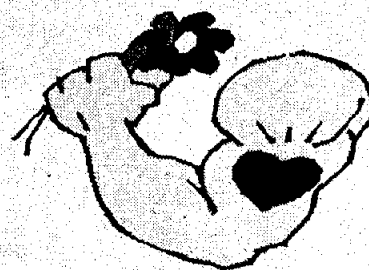
mind. A girl that can tell a few jokes and make us laugh a little. We'll even take a girl that doesn't mind paying for pizza or a sandwich for us, once in a while. Hell,

yeah; I'm up for buying dinner and a movie but when we are just chilling, getting some lunch or something, you can treat me sometimes—you make money, too. The way you girls make relationships sound, it's

like we gotta do everything for ya'll. Come on, times have changed. We don't want to be the ones always doing the asking—you can ask, too. I know that there are girls who will just go up to a guy and start something, but those are the girls who don't want nice guys. To all the girls that do, I say, take a chance, as I am trying to do. Looks are the first thing that that most people notice, but looks are only important to a certain extent. A great personality can be "overlooked" by someone who is only paying attention to how a person looks.

I hope that you can understand what I am trying to say; why not think about it and write something so that The Beacon can publish it. I want to know what you think, even if you think that I am wrong in what I am saying or if something is not clear. Thank you for reading this far and "Happy Valentine's Day" to the whole world.

Editor's Note— Duane I loved your article. You just gave a single girl an awesome Valentine's day present. I hope you write for diversity more often. Happy Valentine's Day from the Beacon.—AC



Duane George
The Beacon

Bush Starts Off by Defying the Constitution

The very first act of the new Bush administration was to have a Protestant Evangelist minister officially dedicate the inauguration to Jesus Christ, who he declared to be "our savior." Invoking "the Father, the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ" and "the Holy Spirit," Billy Graham's son, the man selected by President George W. Bush to bless his presidency, excluded the tens of millions of Americans who are Muslims, Jews, Buddhists, Shintoists, Unitarians, agnostics and atheists from his blessing by his particularistic and parochial language.

The plain message conveyed by the new administration is that George W. Bush's America is a Christian nation, and that non-Christians are welcome into the tent so long as they agree to accept their status as a tolerated minority rather than as fully equal citizens. In effect, Bush is saying: "This is our home, and in our home we pray to Jesus as our savior. If you want to be a guest in our home, you must accept the way we pray." But the United States is neither a Christian nation nor the exclusive home of any particular religious group. Non-Christians are not guests. We are as much hosts as any Mayflower-descendant

Protestant. It is our home as well as theirs. And in a home with so many owners, there can be no official sectarian prayer.

That is what the 1st Amendment is all about, and the first act by the new administration was in defiance of our Constitution.

This was surely not the first time in our long history that Jesus has been invoked at an official governmental assembly. But we are a different and more religiously diverse nation than we were in years past. There are now many more Muslims, Jews, Buddhists and others who do not accept Jesus as their savior. It is permissible in the U.S. to reject any particular theology. Indeed, that is part of our glorious diversity. What is not acceptable is for a presidential inauguration to exclude millions of citizens from its opening ceremony by dedicating it to a particular religious "savior."

Our first president, George Washington, wrote to the tiny Jewish community in Rhode Island that in this new nation, we will no longer speak of mere "toleration," because toleration implies that minorities enjoy their

inherent rights "by the indulgence" of the majority. President Bush should read that letter and show it to the Rev. Franklin Graham, who told the media on the day before the inauguration that his prayer "will be for unity"; instead, it was for the Trinity. Uniting for Jesus may be Graham's definition of unity, but it is as un-American as if a rabbi giving the official prayer had prayed for the arrival of the "true Messiah," thus insulting the millions of Christians who believe Jesus is the true Messiah. Inaugurations are not the appropriate setting for theological proclamations of who is, and who is not, the true Messiah.

ALAN M. DERSHOWITZ

Perhaps at Bob Jones University it is appropriate for an honorary degree recipient to declare Jesus to be the only king of the United States, but the steps of the Capitol should not be confused with the lectern of a denominational church.

The inauguration ended with another Protestant minister inviting all who agree that Jesus is "the Christ" to say, "Amen" (ironically, a word that originated in Jewish prayer or, alternatively, originally a Jewish acronym for "God, the King, forever.") Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.),

along with many others who do not believe that Jesus is the Messiah, was put in the position of either denying his own faith or remaining silent while others around him all said, "Amen." This is precisely the position in which young public school students are placed when "voluntary" prayer is conducted at school events. If they join in prayer that is inconsistent with their religious beliefs, they have been coerced into violating their conscience. If they leave or refuse to

join, they stand out as different among their peers. No student should be put in that position by their public schools at an assembly, just as no public official should be placed in that situation by their government at an inauguration.

If George W. Bush wants all Americans to accept him as their president, he made an inauspicious beginning by sandwiching his unity speech between two divisive, sectarian and inappropriate prayers.

AMERICA

America
America I've given you all and now
I'm nothing.
America two dollars and twenty-
seven cents January 17, 1956.
I can't stand my own mind.
America when will we end the
human war?
Go fuck yourself with your atom
bomb
I don't feel good don't bother me.
I won't write my poem till I'm in my
right mind.
America when will you be angelic?
When will you take off your
clothes?
When will you look at yourself
through the grave?
When will you be worthy of your
million Trotskyites?
America why are your libraries full
of tears?
America when will you send your
eggs to India?
I'm sick of your
insane demands.
When can I go into
the supermarket
and buy what I
need with my good looks?
America after all it is you and I who
are perfect not the next world.
Your machinery is too much for me.
You made me want to be a saint.
There must be some other way to
settle this argument.
Burroughs is in Tangiers I don't
think he'll come back it's sinister.
Are you being sinister or is this
some form of practical joke?
I'm trying to come to the point.
I refuse to give up my obsession.
America stop pushing I know what
I'm doing.
America the plum blossoms are
falling.
I haven't read the newspapers for
months, everyday somebody goes
on trial for murder.
America I feel sentimental about
the Wobblies.
America I used to be a communist
when I was a kid and I'm not sorry.
I smoke marijuana every chance I
get.
I sit in my house for days on end
and stare at the roses in the closet.
When I go to Chinatown I get drunk
and never get laid.
My mind is made up there's going
to be trouble.
You should have seen me reading
Marx.
My psychoanalyst thinks I'm per-
fectly right.
I won't say the Lord's Prayer.
I have mystical visions and cosmic
vibrations.
America I still haven't told you what
you did to Uncle Max after he
came over from Russia.
I'm addressing you.
Are you going to let our emotional
life be run by Time Magazine?
I'm obsessed by Time Magazine.
I read it every week.
Its cover stares at me every time I
slink past the corner candystore.
I read it in the basement of the
Berkeley Public Library.
It's always telling me about respon-
sibility. Businessmen are serious.
Movie
producers are serious. Everybody's
serious but me.
It occurs to me that I am America.

I am talking to myself again.
Asia is rising against me.
I haven't got a chinaman's chance.
I'd better consider my national
resources.
My national resources consist of
two joints of marijuana millions of
genitals
an unpublishable private literature
that goes 1400 miles and hour and
twentyfivethousand mental institu-
tions.
I say nothing about my prisons nor
the millions of underprivileged who
live in
my flowerpots under the light of five
hundred suns.
I have abolished the whorehouses
of France, Tangiers is the next to
go.
My ambition is to be President
despite the fact that I'm a Catholic.
America how can I write a holy
litany in your silly mood?

Allen Ginsberg

I will continue like
Henry Ford my stro-
phes are as individual
as his
automobiles more so

they're all different sexes
America I will sell you strophes
\$2500 aplace \$500 down on your
old strophe
America free Tom Mooney
America save the Spanish
Loyalists
America Sacco Vanzetti must not
die
America I am the Scottsboro boys.
America when I was seven
momma took me to Communist
Cell meetings they sold us garban-
zos a handful per ticket a ticket
costs a nickel and the speeches
were free everybody was angelic
and sentimental about the workers
it was all so sincere you have no
idea what a good thing the party
was in 1935 Scott Nearing was a
grand old man a real mensch
Mother Bloor made me cry I once
saw Israel Amter plain. Everybody
must have been a spy.
America you don't really want to
go to war.
America it's them bad Russians.
Them Russians them Russians
and them Chinamen. And them
Russians.
The Russia wants to eat us alive.
The Russia's power mad. She
wants to take our cars from out our
garages.
Her wants to grab Chicago. Her
needs a Red Reader's Digest. her
wants our auto plants in Siberia.
Him big bureaucracy running our
fillingstations.
That no good. Ugh. Him makes
Indians learn read. Him need big
black niggers.
Hah. Her make us all work sixteen
hours a day. Help.
America this is quite serious.
America this is the impression I get
from looking in the television set.
America is this correct?
I'd better get right down to the job.
It's true I don't want to join the
Army or turn lathes in precision
parts
factories. I'm nearsighted and psy-
chopathic anyway.
America I'm putting my queer
shoulder to the wheel.

The Impact of Domestic Violence

Visiting a battered Women's shelter is quite an experience — especially when the women involved look at each other like the enemy, even the house staff are against each other. The women often test each other out to see who can inflict the most power over the house. Gossip is common, but on an opposite side there is always a shoulder to cry on. This will be the first in a series of articles on this particular Shelter in North Jersey. Due to anonymity we cannot revile the location of the facility that is privately run.

Jackie...

•came to the shelter because she lost her home, not being able to afford the rent and then it was condemned. Jackie knew Sandra, the owner of the women's shelter, from before when she was in an abusive relationship.



Susan Ashworth
The Beacon

•got herself back on her feet and is now trying to be staff in training. She also has had domestic abuse in her past. "It is a cycle or a pattern you try to over come your whole life," she said.

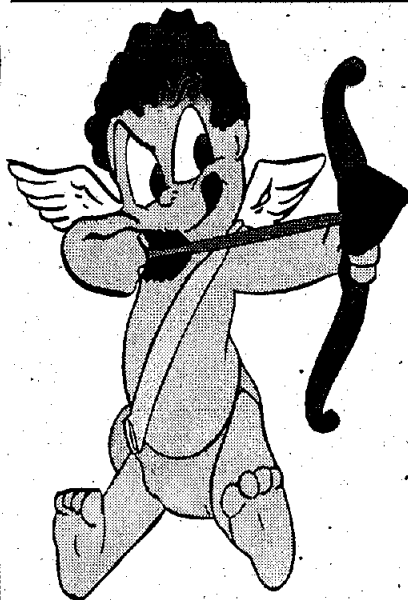
•spoke of facilities offered to the women who stay here. Some are in fear for their lives and their children because of domestic issues. They also can have drug issues or a combina-

tion of both. If their children were taken away by the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS), the shelter helps get them back with these mothers.

•was a very young mother struggling with domestic abuse at seventeen years old. She has been battling up hill since then to stay on her feet. Jackie really was not at home much as a child. She did not get along well with her adoptive mother. This, she says, still has an effect on her adulthood. She understands both sides of most of the issue going on at the shelter. Jackie still goes through issues with people at the shelter and trying to cope with her own problems. She also remarked she had almost left, but her housing fell through.

•stated they have drug and counseling programs right at the facility. They also help the women get their drivers licenses along with donations of vehicles and insurance. Along with finding them housing and job opportunities. It all depends on their situations and how much they want out.

The History of Valentine's Day



Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young, single men — his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret.

When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons where they were often beaten and tortured.

According to one legend,

Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, he believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl — who may have been his jailor's daughter — who visited him during his confinement.

Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories certainly emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and, most importantly, romantic figure. It's no surprise that by the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular saints in England and France.

Source— The History Channel.com

Every February, across the country, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint and why do we celebrate this holiday?

The history of Valentine's Day — and its patron saint — is shrouded in mystery. But we do know that February has long been a month of romance. St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition.

So, who was Saint Valentine and how did he become associated with this ancient rite? Today, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred.

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor

Happy Valentine's Day

WPU Residence Life polices are prison-like

Editor:

This past weekend, I had the joy, or maybe I should say I had the disappointment of visiting a real University. It's not important which one. The point is that students there are treated like, people, like the students that belong there. They are not treated like prisoners, as we are here.

What am I talking about? When I showed up at my friend's dorm, I called him down on the intercom, and he came downstairs, and opened the locked door for me. After coming in, I went right up to his room. End of story.

Here at William Paterson, I must first have "acceptable ID." A passport is forbidden, where as a college ID, which I can pick up at any shop in NYC, is totally allowed. Then, the Desk Assistants make sure they can't hear any beer bottles or cans clinking in your backpack, or under your jacket. Proceeding, you then visit your friend until no later than 2 a.m. because the college has a problem with overnight guests, even if roommates are ok with it. This REAL college understood that we are grown people, and can make grown decisions and if our roommate has a problem with a guest [or anything], then the roommates will discuss it.

So now it's time to get some dinner. We walk out, (I don't have to retrieve ID from anywhere), and go right to the dining hall. Oh shit...it's after 8 P.M. Never mind. This is a real college and it has a clue that students are awake and hungry after 8 p.m. So this school has limited food available until 2 a.m. It makes sense.

So after dinner, we return. So to get into the building, my friend simply takes his key, and opens the door to the dorm. ANY DOOR. They aren't restricted to only

one door, which may be inconvenient, or on the total opposite end of the building. So we go in, and I go to his room, and that's it. At 2 a.m. we go to sleep. My ID wasn't confiscated, and no overnight pass was needed. This school seems to understand students. It understands that we want freedom. We are grown ups, and can make grown up decisions. A complete change like that would be too drastic for William Paterson.

But maybe they would allow us to have visitors after 2 a.m. Maybe we won't have to find an open office at certain 2-hour spans on weekends (the only time we can have guests in most buildings) just to have an overnight guest. Maybe they won't have an RA knocking down your door just because the noise goes up 2 decibels.

If someone is kept awake by noise from another room, you get up and knock on their door and say something. Most people will cooperate, seeing as how we are adults. If that fails THEN call the RA. What is my point of all this? That William Paterson, or the Wayne Township Prison, whichever, should lighten up, and realize that we are all adults. We are capable of making adult decisions, so give us the opportunity to make those decisions, in preparation for life outside of this jail. On that note, jail has better T.V. service...not static tinted reception that gives out.

This is my official complaint to residence life. If anyone has a similar feeling, tell Residence Life, because that's the only way something will change. If the students speak out, then this college (which we pay for) will have to change.

Dan Kreifus

Burar's Office problem getting too much press

Editor:

One of the guiding principles of our Constitution the freedom of speech that is granted the public in the United States. This principle in the Bill of Rights sets apart from most of the world include those nations that we consider meers of the "free world". This letter is to restrain that freedom at William Frson University but to discuss whatme consider poor journalism.

In any large eaucracy there may be situations wh problems arise. This is not to excuseem but to understand that acceptinpayments for 9300 students both in-son, over the telephone, via credit cardnancial aid and various other methodrrors can be made. No office just as person is perfect all of the time. WII find unacceptable is that the level what some think to call "journalism" hunk to a new low.

Through all thews coverage that was given to Wrgate and President Nixon's failuras President no where did the Washton Post tell President Nixon to "go gt on with Pat" and that would solve e nation's problems. When the Viam War has President Johnson decid not to seek a second term I don't rember the New York Times telling a that "Lady Bird was waiting with or legs for him", and that

this would give him the strength to go on and seek the second term.

If this problem with the Bursar's Office is so serious that the Beacon feels that it should devote two editorials to it, then treat it with the seriousness it deserves. By including all of these sexual innuendoes and comments you just belittle the problem and yourselves as well.

Where is the research into the subject? For two weeks you have not even taken the time to discover that you have misspelled the name of the subject of the Editorial. It seems that facts are too much trouble to research. I find it difficult to believe that there is nothing else happening on this campus that deserves the amount of attention that this has received.

This is not about your right to say what you did. This letter is about why and how you would say such garbage about another human being. I thought that we were supposed to work in a community based on mutual respect. It seems that maybe I am wrong.

Nina Trelisky
Associate Registrar

What do YOU think about the Burar's Office editorials?
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The burning at the stake was supposed to forewarn the Bush administration about future nominations, most especially to the U.S. Supreme Court. But suppose the burning flopped? Then the result would be the opposite. The weakness of the left would have been demonstrated. Bush would feel, to some degree, freer with his future nominations.

Throughout his first two days of testimony, Ashcroft credibly stated that he will enforce laws that are on the books, including laws with

which he disagrees. My impression, based on three days of testimony and often hostile questioning, is that Ashcroft is a straight-arrow law-and-order man who really believes in enforcing the laws.

The third day of his testimony was supposed to be "race" day, featuring Judge Ronnie White, whose elevation to the federal bench had been opposed by Ashcroft. White's testimony was dignified in its tone and in its narrative. What emerged was that Ashcroft strongly disagreed with White's dissent in the now-famous James Johnson case involving a multiple murderer.

What was perfectly clear was that race had nothing to do with Ashcroft's evaluation of White. It might reasonably be argued that Ashcroft was a bit too severe in opposing him for the federal bench, a lifetime appointment.

Or you can applaud Ashcroft for holding the line on violent crime.

What was impressive to me, and doubtless to others viewing the hearings, was Ashcroft's equanimity under some provocation.

On the second of the hearings, Sen.

Edward Kennedy actually called Ashcroft a "traitor" and demanded that he apologize to the American people. The basis for that language was the discovery by Kennedy's staff researchers that Ashcroft had

defended the Second Amendment right to bear arms and had observed that the original supporters of that amendment had seen it as discouraging any "tyrannical" government. Kennedy affected to believe that Ashcroft considers the current government a tyranny, and so he called Ashcroft a traitor. Kennedy was rebuked by Sen. Kyl, who expressed

concern about "mischaracterizations."

Kennedy's ferocity on this and other questions suggests that he sensed the hearings were failing to damage Ashcroft, and he was flailing about in order to rattle and induce him into saying something that could be held against him.

Kennedy continues to get away with this kind of thing. He has been regarded by some as a "great" senator. But the Senator from Chappaquiddick is a disgraceful and repellent human being.

But it looks like the great assault on Ashcroft is going to come to naught. Entire regiments of leftist interest groups have descended on Washington to oppose him. It has been a veritable monster rally. One longs for the late Charles Addams, for only he could do justice to it. There was Ralph Neas, Jesse Jackson scowling and breathing hard, Kate Michelman, Kwesi Mfume, Jackson Jr., and the organized-thus and the organized-that. They have sent out their mass mailings and raised big bucks.

But where Ashcroft is concerned, they mobilized, they agitated, they slandered -- and it looks like they couldn't deliver.

The Ashcroft Circus

Bursar's Office needs new attitude

Editor:

I have been following the controversial series of editorials dealing with the Bursar's Office, and I wanted to voice my comments.

I first must say your articles kick major ass. Not only are they funny, but they also bring up a serious point and are in my opinion very convincing. They might be a little harsh at times, but that's what makes them funny and enjoyable. I fully back up and support your positions.

I have been screwed by the Bursar's Office one too many times as well. I also agree with your latest article that defended your statement about Alyssa needing some "coitus," which in my opinion was handled well (and in a pretty damn funny way, too).

However, the last paragraph of your latest article was the most intriguing and impressive of all your writing. Your challenge to Alyssa not only solved the "coitus" controversy, but it brought back the more important and pertinent situation of the Bursar's Office.

I, too, feel that the Bursar's Office (and the Registrar's Office, now that I think of it) needs a definite change in its attitude towards WPU students. After all, we are paying customers of this institution, and we do deserve some respect. Personally, when dealing with people in the Bursar's Office or the Registrar's Office, I am made to feel like I am a nobody who is just bothering them. However, if I, as a student at this university am just a nuisance to these offices, then that makes all students here just a nuisance. If we, the student body, are not what the Bursar's Office and Registrar's Office are for, then what are they there for? (Probably the orange peeling.)

I also noted that the responses to your first editorial from the President and Dr. Levitan focused on your "sexist" comment, but offered no solution nor comment about the problem at hand, namely, the Bursar Office's "less than adequate" service. This seems to be a cover-up to the situation. Enter politics.

I am glad that someone is finally bringing up these problems. I also hope that the 12-part Management for Monkeys series will continue on, and that these events have not hindered the printing of this series.

Godspeed,

Peter *

Editor's Note: I have withheld the last name of the writer by special request. Students who wish to opine themselves anonymously are free to do so. Email all letters to the editor at beacon@e247.com—RC

No campus courtesy

Editor:

I thought we were attending William Paterson University to expand our horizons, further our intellect. I thought we were all here to grow as independent young adults, concurrently learning valuable life skills. Well, I guess I thought wrong.

Maybe the SAT should be expanded to include an exam in human decency. Perhaps that should be the entrance requirement. I have only been attending this institution for two weeks, and I am outraged and offended by the flagrant disrespect for the cafeteria staff.

I was having lunch in Wayne Hall the other day, sitting next to a table of my peers. I noticed when they were leaving that only half of the group took their trays to the dish return. I couldn't believe my eyes! I didn't have words for what was unfolding. And especially WHERE it was taking place. A UNIVERSITY.

Webster's defines university not only as a place for higher learning, but as a place to educate. The word educate does not simply pertain to systematic instruction, it also means to have basic standards of propriety. Clearly something my "educated" (and I use this term loosely) university peers failed to acquire.

I hope after this article reaches print such appalling acts of inconsiderateness will only be a bad memory to both students and staff alike. I hope that as a student I am never again compelled to write an article about such a revolting and intolerable lack of courtesy. If this article hits home — GOOD. If it doesn't — BETTER. Remember no-one is above the next guy. So please bear in mind the old adage: Your mother doesn't work here, so clean up after yourself.

Sue Vargas

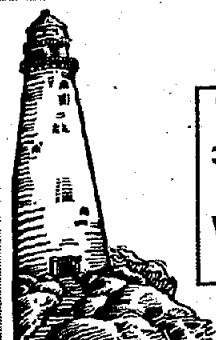
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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A new opportunity opens just as you close the door on an earlier project. However, you should be prepared to make adjustments in your expectations.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Expect a surprise ally in your corner when you confront a still-uncertain situation in your workplace. In your personal life, a family member has good news.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A co-worker could resent what he or she might perceive as arrogance on your part. Smooth things over with a full explanation to avoid a serious misunderstanding.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) There is no time for cat-naps this week. A workplace

problem needs your attention before it gets out of hand. Ditto a financial matter that must be resolved as soon as possible.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Pressuring someone to act quickly on a problem could backfire. It makes good sense to be both patient and supportive if you want full cooperation.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A touch of uncertainty lurks in your aspect this week. Weigh all decisions -- personal and professional -- even more carefully than you usually do.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You need to use your innate good sense to help you sort through career offers that might not be what they appear. A trusted associate can help.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Things move along more smoothly at work, but a personal relationship pre-

sents some challenges that need close attention.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Positive observations resolve the last lingering doubts about a recent move. Now you need to work on that still-pesky problem with a loved one.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might be a generous soul, but avoid being taken advantage of by those who have their own agendas. If you have any doubts, get out before regret sets in.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your strength might be tested by conflicting priorities in your personal life. Weigh the facts and then make the only choice you can: the right one.

YOU WERE BORN THIS WEEK: You have a deep sense of honesty and spirituality. People instinctively put their trust in you to lead them to the light.

Last week's crossword puzzle answer

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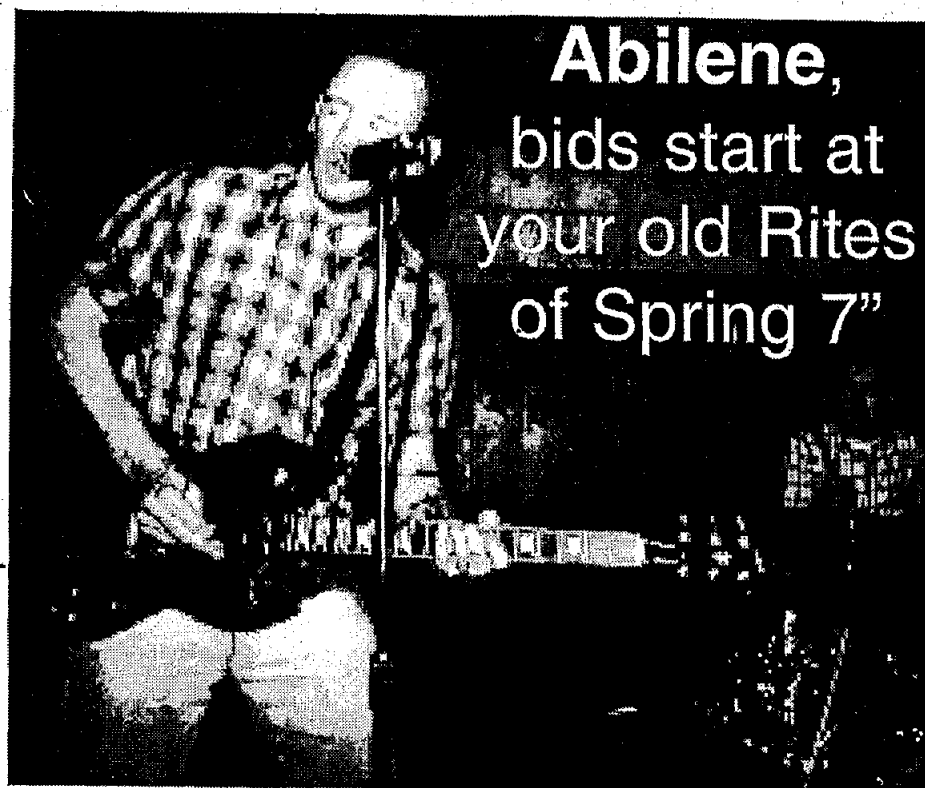
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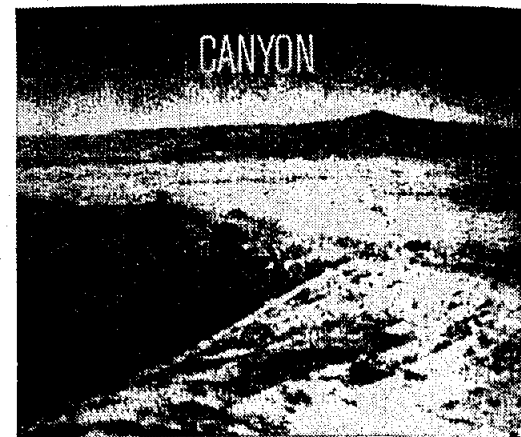
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TWO NEW SLOWDIME RECORDS RELEASES



song. Another sound that the band explores on other tracks on the disc, such as "Blackleg" and "Siversides," is the use of creeping slowly louder and faster, ala **Godspeed, You Black Emperor**.

Abilene's debut disc is a great indication of the hope for a future post-HC scene in America. And since this release is only six songs, one has to believe that there is plenty more of this good stuff to come in the future.

Along with the release of Abilene's s/t disc, Slowdime Records has also just released the s/t disc by **Canyon**, an album which seems almost paradoxically more ambitious, yet not as satisfying as the Abilene disc. A bit too country for most indie rock fans, and a bit too slow for most country fans, Canyon present a good effort on their debut disc, but do not close the deal. There is something still to be desired from Canyon, and it seems that the band has the capability to reach the next level on their next release, perhaps.

Guitar-fronted Indie Rock with sung/spoken vocals, and slow-moving rhythms,

Abilene keep the rock in a scene which is quickly losing it's greatest members to more electronic tinkering. Keeping it simple on their self-titled, debut CD, Alex Dunham (**Regulatorwatts/Hoover**), Craig Ackerman (**Lustre King**) and Scott Adamson (**Chisel Drill Hammer**, one of the most underrated instrumental indie bands of the mid-late 90's), resort to melodic rock interpretations, focusing less on gimmick and more on perfection. The resulting album is one that can both keep a listener/crowd interested while still allowing relaxation time.

Jacob
Claveloux
Insider Editor

The recording of this album is different than your average post-punk outfit, in that Abilene produce a fluid, emotional, wall of sound, in which vocals are not the key and in fact, only recorded loud enough to know they are there. It is clear that Abilene would rather impart a feeling to their listener through use of their talented instrumental feel, than through the guidance of lyrics. One thing Abilene, did not forget is how to rock out, and that is a great thing. After leading one through a swaying, mostly instrumental, soft rock piece, the band closes out "October", the third track on the album, by picking up the pace, turning up the distortion, and kicking it DC post-HC style to end the



R.E.M. Member Releases Side Project Split

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Editor

Mammoth Records seems to have picked an appropriate name for their label. With their latest record, Mammoth releases a split featuring The Minus Five and The Young Fresh Fellows. Usually when you think of a split,

EPs and albums. In 2001, they collaborated with various musicians to release their split with TYFF, half-entitled, *Let the War Against Music Begin*. Peter and Scott composed the entire album and played almost the whole album entirely themselves. The album sounds like a new R.E.M. album that utilizes keyboards and synths in every song. Compared to most bands today with keyboards (Jets to Brazil, Get Up Kide, etc...) both Buck and McCaughey can play quite well. Switching between guitars, pianos, and various other instruments Buck and McCaughey call upon other musicians for backing vocals, drums, and other instrumentation. All in all, this is a step toward the future of pop music.

Both albums seem to compliment the other whether you listen to The Minus Five first or vice versa. However, The Minus Five should not be overlooked being they are the better of the two. Mammoth have cleverly put together this split with a score card where you rank both bands in a boxing type setting. Clearly, The

Minus Five win this battle by knockout. This split is one for fans of R.E.M. as well as The Beatles. Don't feel left out if you don't per-

and has a few songs. However, TME and TYFF both release full length albums on Mammoth records (not intended). Both add another release to their already full of releases and both do not seem to

The Young Fresh Fellows have been in music since 1980 when frontman, Scott McCaughey and former member Chuck D. wrote some early songs later adapted by the band. After adding 2 more members twelve LPs later, the newest split half entitled *Because We Hate You*, TYFF write songs in a sort of 70s Brit Pop with a twist. Their sense of humor is quite apparent throughout the whole album and blatantly in the song "My Drum Set." At times they stray off from their Brit Pop influence and go in the Surf Rock and the Punk Rock. All in all, the album is your typical pop album with back up vocals in just the right places and as a "few Goh's and Ahh's." While they were producing their album, frontman Scott McCaughey was busy working on his side project, The Minus Five.

After touring with R.E.M., Scott McCaughey started working together with Peter Buck in 1994. Being the founding members of The Minus Five, they

are both very good bands. Most of the pop music today and yesterday was influenced by The Beatles. Be daring and pick up this record, and you might even buy a Beatles album later.

Writers Note: The quotes used in the second paragraph were from a NoFX song.

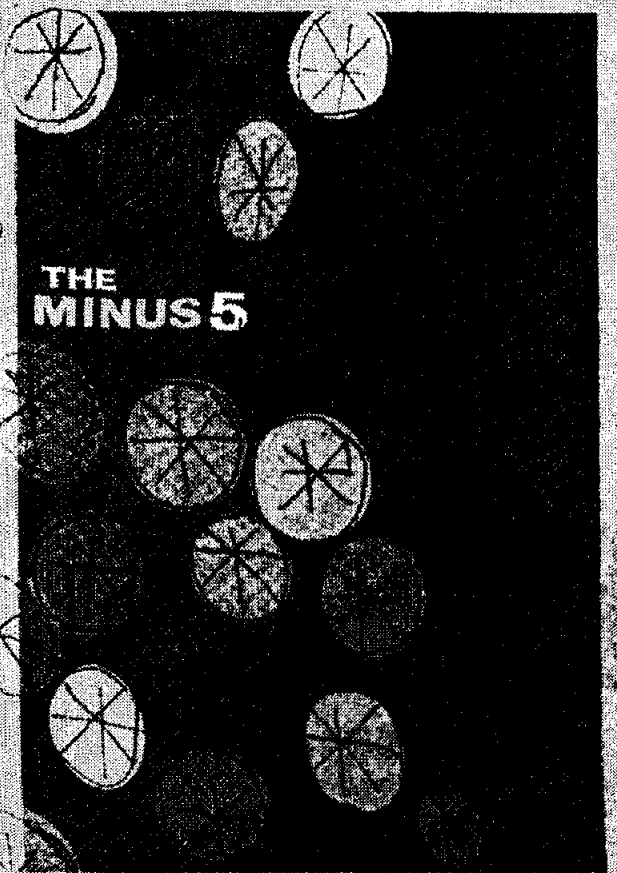


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Vegan Celebrities Speak Out!

Why is **Moby** asking fans to send him photos of their feet and whole-some **Alicia Silverstone** posing in biker



gear? For these two longtime vegans, there could only be one answer: their commitment to animal rights.

To help expose just how much animal cruelty is inherent in leather, the stars have joined PETA's promo of natural fibers and synthetic skins. The Grammy-nominated Moby appears inside the current issue of PETA's Animal Times magazine, holding his favorite footwear aloft and encouraging readers to send in photos of their feet—in animal-free shoes. Entries that knock Moby's socks off will be featured in a future issue of the magazine, and whoever submits the weirdest, silliest, or just plain best photo will receive a pair of Pangea's skin-free NoBull Savage hiking boots. Visit CollegeActivist.com for more information about the contest.

Alicia Silverstone is in on the act, too, posing as a biker chick in a new PETA ad. Her studded black cap and zippered vest are made of synthetic leather, or "pleather," and boast PETA's hot new accessory for the cruelty-free set: a patch that reads,

"Fa'or the Animals' Sake." Alicia is a vegileader of the pack in young Hollywood, where stars like **Drew Barore**, **Joaquin Phoenix**, and **Fionapple** shun not only fur, but all animal products, emertainment, and skins.



Visitors to CollegeActivist.com will see Moby and Alicia and can order a "Fake, for the Animals' Sake" patch, as well as PETA's free nonleather shopping guide.

Support Underground Film: That Darn Punk

To reduce confusion over this project, Kung Fu has found that it is easier to describe this in terms of what it is not. It is not a digital video project; it is not for the Internet; it is not a music video collection of music videos. It IS a feature length movie shot on film. It is not a documentary; it is not a long form rock-u-mentary. You will not see it at posh film festivals; you will not see it at "underground" festivals; and it does not contain nauseating rock star cameos. It is for sale, you buy it (for under \$20), I put it in your VCR, you watch it, you buy the soundtrack, and you live it!

It seems simple but you'd be surprised at the confusion created when punk label Kung Fu Records decided to produce and distribute its own feature film directly to fans of the genre without going through ANY of the traditional Hollywood b.s.

The genesis of That Darn Punk grew out of Kung Fu Records' experience releasing the soundtrack to the Ben Affleck film, *Glory Daze*. They were very excited about the project (it was only the second release as a label!) which featured bands like **NOFX** and **Sublime** but were less than thrilled where to the way Hollywood works, the film never really made it to the theaters and didn't even appear in video stores until over a year after the soundtrack came out. Kung Fu's customer base was not pleased with this either.

Even without the film however, Kung Fu sold over 8,000 copies before the public ever saw a minute of the movie, thanks to the quality songs assembled by Kung Fu's Joe Escalante who was hired as the film's music supervisor. It soon became obvious that if Kung Fu could get their hands on a movie that was even more geared toward the punk scene, and if it were actually released simultaneously with the soundtrack, Kung Fu could give their customers what they really want, a great punk soundtrack to a film they could see immediately, with their friends, on their VCR.

Kung Fu did this by eliminating the Hollywood machine from the equation. The next time Kung Fu was approached to do a soundtrack, Kung Fu told the writer/director to slash the budget of the film \$20,000, gear it a little more toward punkers, and then Kung Fu would finance production, thus guaranteeing a release on home video through Kung Fu Records' well established worldwide distribution network simultaneously with the soundtrack album's street date!

The film stars, among others, members of **The Vandals**, with Joe Escalante playing a musician who pays the ultimate price for his back stage indiscretions. Kidnapped, drugged, and left in desert to die for his sins, he manages to dodge enough gangsters, dead cops, UFOs, and pregnant alienkies to make it back to his best girl. But was it too little too late?

In and around the action on the screen, Kung Fu loaded the film with some of the best and most valuable punk rock ever recorded. Classic songs like "Alien" (**Pennywise**), "GGF" (**Rancid**), and "I'm Your Friend" (**Lagwagon**) join amazing new songs recorded especially for the film and available nowhere else, like "Siegfried and Roy" (**Nerf Herder**), "Only You" (**No Motiv**), and "Right on Q" (**The Vandals**). Also included is even more unreleased and exclusive new material from Kung Fu bands like **The Ataris**, **Assorted Jelly Beans**, and sneak peaks at upcoming Kung Fu stars like **Mt-6**, **Antifreeze** and the newest member of the Kung Fu family, **OZMA**.

That Darn Punk, directed by first timer Jeff Richardson, also stars Repo Man's Zander Sess, Mr. Show's Scott Aukerman, Tenacious D's Kyle Gass, aentv.com's Mia Crowe & Akemi Royer, and Platinum Pop Singer "Katalina" as part of a large cast with over 40 speaking roles.

With comparisons being made to films like Repo Man and Roger Corman's *Suburbia*, but Kung Fu is quick to point out that those films cost way over a million dollars, even in their day. Says Escalante, "we're talking about \$21,000 here, so let's keep that in perspective when judging our first effort. It's like what Robert Rodriguez did with *El Mariachi*, except the kids will see this way before any Hollywood agents ever hear about it."

TDP, made "just for the punk kids" (although it contains a few f-words), hits the streets on March 6, 2001 (on VHS in both NTSC and PAL formats) and is part of a series of films scheduled for release by Kung Fu under the same business model. In fact, you have to sit through the trailer for their next film "Sen's Nuts" (starring the Vandals' Warren Fitzgerald and directed by Joe Escalante) before you even get their first one.

If you can't find it at your video or record store, have it shipped immediately to your door www.kungfurecords.com. And don't forget www.thatdarnpunk.com!

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BY KEVIN SMITH

UP AND COMING BAND: LUCID-A



Lucid-A, first formed in 1997, is made up of four talented musicians who really know how to put on a great show. With these four, Brian Kalucki on rhythm guitar and background vocals, Matt Wells on drums, Steve Petry on bass guitar and background vocals, and Spaceman on lead guitar and vocals, and all their years of practice behind them, it is no wonder they are becoming such a success. Their lyrics are poetic and complex, and the music is a tight blend of catchy rock, emotional, and harmonic songs. In any lucid-A song you can hear a soft, slow verse that leads directly into a fast paced rock instrumental, all without ever sounding irregular or choppy.

Under management by Joey Zero out of New York City, it isn't surprising to see lucid-A playing a packed house on a Saturday night in the legendary CBGB's club in NYC. At this performance this past December before friends, family, fans, and new faces,

Casey Dyer
Insider
Contributor

their three recorded CD's. With such a tight sound, one might wonder how it all comes together for the guys. Each band member

focuses on their part as well as the collaboration between all of them on the music and the technical ideas. Steve, the bass player, offered his analogy on how they all work together, saying of the band, "we're like an old school steam engine; Matt is the coal, I'm the fire, Brian is the fireman who controls the fire by adding more or less fuel, and Space is the engineer who steers us in the right direction."

With shows at least once a

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Caribsa Remembers Bob Marley

15-20 years and has been playing and opening big shows as they did for Gregory Issiac not too long ago. The band which is made of about 7 members. Pictured are the band members Selah, Ricky, Landa, Jamila, David, and Bird. With such a history of their great performances over the years they kept all in attendance at The Caribsa Bob Marley Day Luncheon jamming for a full three hours.

The Caribbean Student Association's officers, including President Sybil Wilmot, hope that everyone can be in attendance for all of their upcoming events. They are planning a Unity Dinner on February 15th, a trip to a popular Caribbean restaurant on March 3rd, and their multicultural event on the 6th of March. To find out more about how you can get down and jamming with Caribsa, check out one of their meetings, which are held on wednesdays at 6:00 on the 2nd floor of the Student Center.

Kevin Smith
Insider Writer

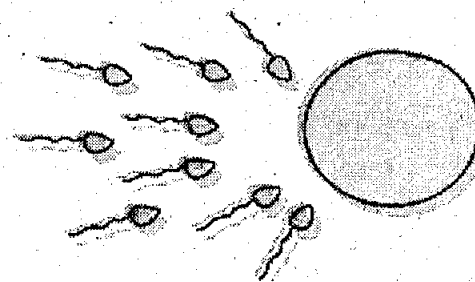
The
Caribsa
Bob

Marley Day Luncheon, which was held on Thursday, February 8th, went on excellent, as expected. The annual event was held in honor of the life and music of Reggae legend Robert N. Marley. I would like to say respect and happy birthday to the man Bob Marley who's birthday was on January 6th and was well celebrated by all of his fans.

The Exodus Supreme Band played live, covering the songs of Bob Marley and a few other well known artists. They have been together for about



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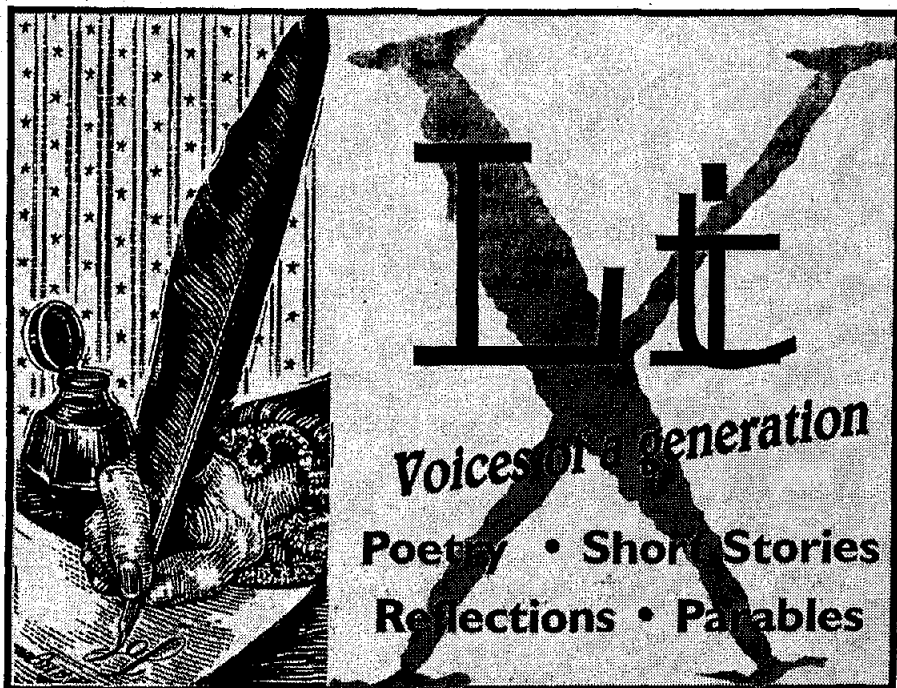
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 WITHOUT TRYING
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 YOU LEFT ME CRYING
 EYEING YOUR TOMBSTONE
 AS I TRY TO RHYME THIS POEM
 YOU WERE SO SPECIAL AND SO RIGHT FOR ME
 BUT SO QUICKLY, THAT A BLINKING EYE COULDN'T SEE
 YOUR LIFE WAS TAKEN
 THIS LEFT ME SHAKEN
 I HAD TO ASK THE HEAVENS IF YOU WERE MIS-TAKEN
 BUT THEY WEREN'T FAKING
 I FELT I COULDN'T GO ON
 LIVING WITHOUT YOU FELT WRONG
 IN MY ARMS IS WHERE YOU BELONG
 BUT HAVING YOU IN MY HEART KEEPS ME STRONG
 (IN MEMORY OF ALL OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE PASSED ON
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— KEVIN SMITH

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--Larry Clow

Reverse Poem
 Reverse poem
 make no
 sense
 they are
 just an
 aggravation
 that make you
 turn
 the whole
 paper
 upside down
 You hate me
 now, don't
 you?

LOST IN A MANHATTAN OF THE SOUL

...and the waitress slowly
 swinging to herself...
 Vodka soothes this
 mildly demented
 Zen lunatic
 as I the proverbial
 foolish one drinking...
 Hey bartender vodka martini
 straight up twist
 I fall even further from grace
 back into this sea of mench
 I love all of you so shut-up
 I can't stand you
 My drink spills
 all over these meandering wois
 and the words become as drur as I
 Dim cigarette embers
 glow in the dark
~~all the while a bald~~
 and tattooed jazzman
 plays unaware of it
 he himself has now succumb
 to his own Zen lunacy

- vince gurnari EBP

and now, a word from the editor...

You may have noticed that there's a lot of blank space on the page. Poems have been increased to astronomical fonts in order to fill this space, and an overabundance of boxes have been used in order to create the appearance of a full page. You must be wondering by now why this is. Some might say: "Those lazy bastards in the LIT section are just sitting on their butts!" Well, it's not true. It's you--yes, YOU--out there that are being lazy. I know that there's plenty of you aspiring writers out there, with poems and stories stashed away in notebooks and journals. You stay awake at night, writing, re-writing, and then crossing out a whole page, just to get one or two words right. And then, when you finally finish, what do you do with that piece of work you just created? You leave it in

the journal, or you p: it out and stick it in a draw I know-- I've done it too. But these two pages every 2k is your chance to get blished-- you oportur to say what you wao say and show people thau are a damn good writer. Slon't waste time...submit y: stuff today so I can have setthing to layout next week.

Larry Clow
 Lit Editor

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UNTITLED

FIRE UP INSIDE ON A STORMY DAY,
THE TELEVISION IS ON AND THERE'S NO PLAY,
NO WAY FOR ME TO EXPLODE AND BURST
I'M ALL CHOKED UP AND LYING ON THE FLOOR

NOW I'M IN A ROOM FULL OF PAPERS
THE TV'S NOT ON, BUT THERE'S "YELLOW"
PLAYING ON THE STEREO
COLDPLAY'S GREAT SONG-IT'S SO MELLOW.

MY BONES ARE ACHY
MY FLESH IS TOO HEAVY
MY INSIDE IS EMPTY.
CAN SOMEBODY HEAR ME?

I HEAR THINGS BUT
I UNDERSTAND NOTHING.
I'M LOOKING AND LOOKING,
BUT CAN'T SEE ANYTHING

"IT'S TRUE, LOOK HOW THEY SHINE FOR YOU"

THAT'S WHAT THE LYRICS SAY.
BUT THE SKY ABOVE ME IS DARK
NO STAR SPARKLES ABOVE ME
IT'S A STORMY DAY, AND NOTHING IS GOING MY WAY.

I FEEL DIZZY MY BLOOD IS DRAINING
THE ROOM IS AROUND ME SPINNING
AND PEOPLE ARE LAUGHING

"I SWAM ACROSS FOR YOU,
O WHAT A THING TO DO"

THE SAME SONG IS STILL PLAYING
AND I'M STILL BREATHING

MY MIND HURTS, AND IT'S BLEEDING
BUT NO ONE IS NOTICING IT'S HEMORRHAGE

MAN, WHERE AM I GOING FROM HERE?
I DON'T KNOW BUT STILL...
I WALK ON

I CARRY MY HEAVY LOAD
OF FRESH WOUNDS ON MY BACK...

HEY, THERE'S A REASON FOR EVERYTHING
AND THAT'S HOW I'LL LEAVE IT.

— ANONYMOUS

Tiny poem Place

A small corner
dedicated to the fine
art of Haiku, real and
imaginary

IN DYING WINTER
I'M AS SICK AS A DOG
BETTER TAKE ME TO
THE VET

*the french revolution
and an old trombone
mingle in mikes mind*

AN OLD POEM
LOST IN THE DRAWER
WAS NEVER READ

- VINCE GURNARI EBP

OLD BOOKS FILLED
THE OLD ROOMS
LIKE GHOSTS, SILENTLY

*You sit at your desk
~~Calm and serene~~
I think and stare*

- JACK BUCHANAN

I WROTE THIS POEM
BUT I WOULD PREFER
TO KEEP IT...

- anonymous

LOVE LETTERS SPILL
FROM HIS PEN
LIKE SOURED MILK

- RACHEL SIMONE

*Smoke runs away
from the cigarette
because it knows*

- JOE MOCKER

THIS POEM IS
SCARED OF HEIGHTS
PLACE IT AT THE BOT
TOM

Rebecca Simone

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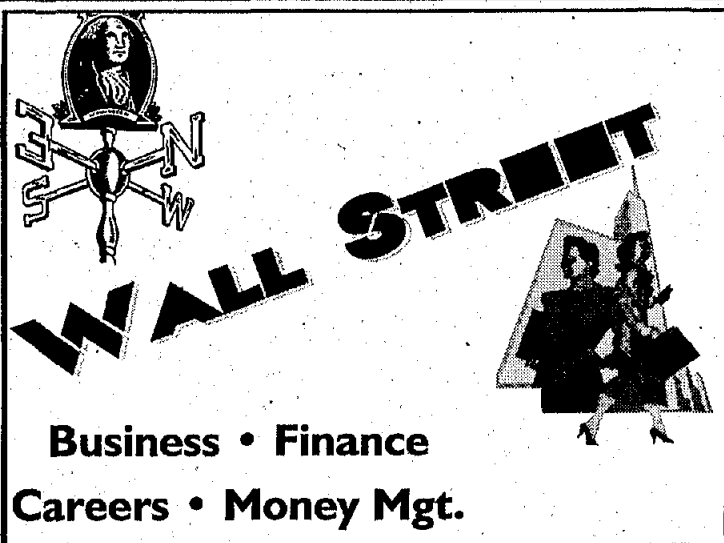
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BE PUT IN A COFFIN OF
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COFFIN, BUT A COFFIN
OF DOOM"



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objective should be to set aside some money for emergencies. This should be an amount equal to about three months worth of living expenses. If you parents are paying your college bills, you may still want to set aside some funds in case they are faced with an unexpected financial setback.

- Set savings goals. Setting some short- and long-term financial goals is what will motivate you to save. For example, short-term goals might be saving to purchase concert tickets or to buy your boyfriend or girlfriend an expensive birthday gift. A long-term goal might be putting money aside to purchase a car or to pay for graduate school. To achieve your goals, be sure to prioritize



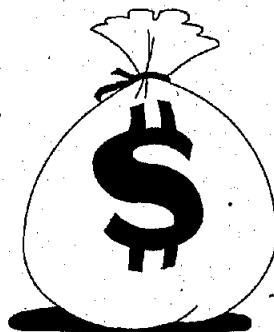
- Track your spending. Most of us squander away money on incidental expenses that we oftentimes can't remember. Try tracking every dollar you spend over the next month. This should include fixed expenses like rent as well as incidentals and variables like clothing, snacks, and movies. You may discover that you are spending far more than you imagined.

- Establish a budget. Determining how you spend money is one of the first critical steps in preparing and establishing a budget. The other critical step is to identify all sources of income, such as wages and/or allowances and other funds provided by your family. Compare how much income you receive each month with what you currently spend. If you're spending just about all you have—or more than your income—it's time to rein in your spending. Review your expenditures to determine where you can cut back so you can

Financing your Future

The New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCPA) recommends that you bring in the New Year not only with good cheer, but also with some new financial resolutions. Whether you are a freshman or a senior with \$20 or \$2,000 in your bank account, here are some tips to put you at the head of the class when it comes to managing your money.

- Eliminate credit card debt. If you have a credit card that you used to pay for holiday gifts or other expenses, resolve to pay off what you owe. Carrying credit card balances can result in costly interest charges as well as late fees if you fail to meet due dates.
- Establish an emergency fund. Your first savings



them and stick to your resolution to save more money. In the long run, it will also help to keep you out of debt.

- Get the most from your bank. If you have a checking and savings account, be sure you know what your bank charges for these accounts, as well as any other fees that it may charge you, such as ATM fees. You may discover that you are paying for services that you don't need or that by increasing the balance in your checking account you can reduce or eliminate checking account fees. Similarly, if you are frequently working on a computer, you may want to investigate how online banking can save you some money. If you are eligible, look into joining a credit union.

save more to meet your goals and avoid falling into debt.

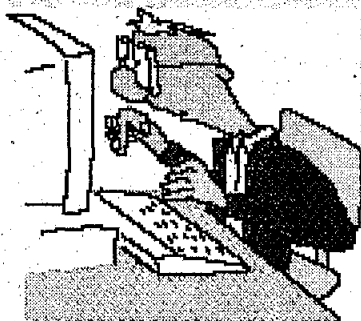
- Live cheaply. Try to think of ways to reduce your expenses. For example, go to early-bird dinners and movies to cut back on entertainment expenses, purchase used CDs instead of new ones, limit clothing purchases to sale items, and instead of making long-distance phone calls, communicate with your friends and family by email. Finally, keep in mind that developing good financial habits takes time and discipline. But they are habits that can offer you big paybacks over the long term. If you would like to receive more information on various financial matters, subscribe to E-CPA, the NJSCPA's free, monthly email newsletter. To subscribe, visit www.njscpa.org/consumer.

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Take Caution When Shopping At Home

Educated and knowledgeable consumers are the first line of defense for consumer protection. Thus, knowing your rights when you shop from the comfort of your home is important. Shopping from home is convenient and offers a wide range of choices to time-strapped consumers. But consumer protection officials warn that at-home shopping also carries some risk. Below are a few tips for making shopping from home safer.

- Protect your privacy. Provide personal information only if you know who is collecting it and why and how it will be used.



- Don't act on impulse or under high-pressure sales tactics.

- Get a complete description of all items and terms of the transaction, including shipping and handling fees. Also check out the return policy.

- Pay with a credit card if possible. A credit card

offers the most consumer protections. To see how much you know about online shopping, answer the six questions below.

The correct answers are at the end of this article. Each statement is either true or false.

1. When you shop online, you're anonymous.
2. A credit card is the safest way to pay for your at-home purchases.
3. Sellers are always required to ship merchandise no more than 30 days after the order date.
4. When providing a password to order online, it's wise to use the same one you use to access your e-mail.
5. When you order on a secure browser, the information can't be intercepted and read by others.
6. You have three days to cancel any order.

Answers:

1. False. Many Web sellers want to know about you and your buying habits so they can share or sell the information. Your best protection is to shop only from vendors that post their privacy policies online and offer you options about the use of your personal information.

2. True. Paying by credit card offers you protections you don't get when you pay with cash, checks, money orders, or debit cards. Credit cards give you the best recourse if you never receive the order or the products or services

were misrepresented, and your liability is limited to \$50 if your card or credit card number is used without your permission.

3. False. The law requires sellers to ship items by the time they promise, or, if no delivery time is stated, within 30 days after the order date. If the seller can't ship the goods within the stated time frame or 30-day deadline, the seller must notify you, give you a chance to cancel your order, and send a full refund if you've chosen to cancel.

4. False. Your safest bet is to choose an entirely different

password. And it's a good practice to choose a different password every time you register with a new site.

5. True. A secure browser, symbolized by a locked key or padlock symbol on the browser window, means that your information is encrypted for safe online transmission.

6. False. By law, you have the right to cancel any door-to-door purchase of \$25 or more within three days. But you don't have an automatic three-day cancellation right for mail, telephone or online orders.

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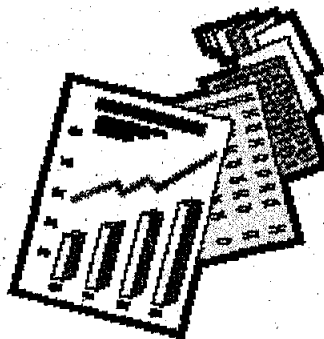
It's estimate that 51 million Americans own stocks. The average investor's stock is worth about \$11,000. At the same time that the number of individual investors is growing, the proportion of shares owned by individuals has dropped. That's because institutional investors, including mutual funds and pension funds, has become major players in the market. People with money in funds have indirect stock investments, but no real role in deciding what's bought and sold.

Institutional Investors

An institutional investor is an organization that invests its own assets (those that it holds in trust for others). Typical institutional investors are investment companies (including mutual funds), pension systems, insurance companies, universities and banks.

What is Program Trading?

Some of these investors speed up the process of buying and selling stock by using program trading techniques that involve placing large orders by computer. The programs are sometimes triggered automatically, when prices hit predetermined levels. Such sudden buying or selling can cause abrupt price changes or even dramatic shifts in the entire market. The stock market crash of 1987 occurred at least in part, because of program trading triggered by falling prices. To combat potentially catastrophic program trades in an increasingly electronic market, trading now shuts down in a major sell-off to let things cool down.



Investment Clubs

Investors who want to have more direct say over the ways in which their money is invested but don't have enough money of their own to buy a range of different stocks can—and do—join one of the more than 7,500 investment clubs around the U.S.

Sometimes considered old-fashioned, even stodgy, these clubs can pay off their members do their homework. It's a clear example that 16 heads are better than one when it

comes to absorbing all of the information that's available about a company's stock. On the other hand, club buying involves making consensus investment decisions, which is potentially the most difficult problem a group confronts.

Most clubs work more or less the same way, following guidelines from the National Association of Investment Clubs (NAIC). Members present their information at regular meetings and vote on proposed trades. The investments themselves and the commissions are funded by monthly contributions from members. Since most clubs require modest amounts—often \$10 to \$100 a month—it's hard to get rich, but often members use what they've learned from the group to bolster their individual holdings—a nice bonus.

Buying Styles

Some individual investors look for quick profits in "hot" stocks. Called, "day traders" or "market timers," they buy stocks whose price they expect to rise dramatically in a short

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Intel Corporation	INTC	35.5625	33.4375
McDonalds Corporation	MCD	30.10	29.28
PepsiCo Inc.	PEP	47.20	46.02
Dell Computer Corporation	DELL	25.4375	23.0625
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period of time. When the price goes up, they sell and buy something else.

Other investors take a longer-term view, preferring to buy and hold a stock—in some cases for years—until it gains substantially in price. Institutional investors, including those using sophisticated analytical computer programs, also have buying styles which help to determine how profitable their stocks have been over time and during particular phases of the economic cycle.



Buying Stocks

Buying stock isn't hard, but the process has its own rules, its own distinctive language and its own special cast of characters. To buy or sell a stock, you have to go through a brokerage house, an investment firm that is a member of a stock exchange. Your deal is handled by a stockbroker who has passed an exam on securities law and has registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), which regulates the investment industry.

What's in a name?

Though a broker is generally recognized as someone who buys and sells stocks, the financial markets use other, not so widely recognized, job descriptions to identify the various ways securities change hands and the people who get the job done.

- Brokers act as agents to execute buy and sell orders from the investing public.
- Dealers are people or firms that buy and sell securities as principals rather than agents, making their money on the difference between the cost of buying and the price for selling.
- Investment banks, or underwriters, buy new issues directly from corporations and sell them to individual and institutional investors.
- Traders, also called registered or competitive traders, buy and sell for their own accounts. People who buy and sell for broker/dealers or for financial institutions are also called traders.

Round Lots

Usually stocks bought or sold in multiples of 100 shares, called, "round lots". Small investors can buy just a single share, or any number they can afford. This referred to as an "odd lot". Brokers often charge more to buy or sell odd-lot orders.

Customer-Placing Orders

When you tell your broker to buy or sell, you're giving an order. A market order tells your broker to act now to get

the best buy or sell price available at the moment, or you can give your broker more specific guidelines.



If you think that the price of a stock you want to buy is going down, you can place a limit order. That way, your broker will buy only when the price falls to the amount that you've named. Similarly, if you own a stock that's rising in value, you can place a limit order to sell. That means your broker will sell only if and when it climbs to the preestablished price.

Finally, if you own a stock that is declining in price, you might want to place a stop loss order. That tells your broker to sell if the price falls to a certain

level, in order to prevent further losses.

Timing Your Orders

Orders can specify time limits as well as price limits. When you give a stop order or a limit order, your broker will ask if you want it to be a "Good 'Til Cancelled" (GTC) or a day order. A GTC stands until it is either filled or you cancel it. A day order is cancelled automatically if it isn't filled on that day.

Brokerage Firm - Initiates Transaction

Different Brokers, Different Services.

Some brokers spend a lot of time researching investments, helping clients to develop goals and giving advice. They are often called full-service brokers and charge investors a relatively high commission, or fee, for their services. Other brokers, called discount brokers, merely act as the agent for the investor, executing buy and sell orders, but offering no investment advice. Their commissions are usually much lower than a full service broker's.

Finally, for investors who trade often or in large blocks of stock, there are deep discount brokers whose commissions are lowest of all.



Stock Exchange - Completes transaction

The Broker's role

Several different types of stockbrokers get involved in buying or selling stock. You're in touch with the ones who take your orders, either over the phone or in person. Depending on the firm they work for, they're known as account executives, financial consultants, investment executives, portfolio salesmen, or something similar. They pass the orders to a floor broker, who does the actual buying or selling. When your order reaches the floor of the exchange, the floor broker takes it to a specialist in that particular stock, who maintains a post on the exchange floor. At the post the floor broker who wants to buy a specific stock may meet another floor broker who wants to sell, or vice versa. If not, your order is left with the specialist, who keeps a list of unfilled orders. As the price of the stock changes, and buy and sell orders flow, the specialist serves as a broker to the brokers, charging them a commission for each completed deal.

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Sierra Club Scorns New Jersey Water Regulations

Joelle Caputa
Eco Lounge Editor

The New Jersey Chapter of the Sierra Club, with 20,000 members, is the 10th largest of the 65 chapters. Having chapters in the United States, Canada and Mexico, the Sierra Club is a member-supported environmental organization. The club's goal is to influence public policy in Washington and the state capitals through public education and grassroots public action.

Sierra Club members and staff take part in lobbying, outings, campaign support, social interaction and lawsuits on behalf of the environment. They lobby in support of environmentally-appropriate legislation at all levels: Federal, State and local. They hold outings such as canoeing, skiing and bicycling, to appreciate the earth's resources. Members

defend their interests by supporting political candidates running for office, and by participating in lawsuits when necessary.

There are ten local Sierra groups which hold monthly meetings throughout New Jersey. Everyone is invited to join the club. [p://www.environmental.org](http://www.environmental.org)

A general meeting at the Oakland Public Library, in Oakland, will take place on Thursday, February 15th at 7:30 PM. The meeting is open to the public free of charge. At this meeting NJ Sierra Club Director, Jeff Tittel will be discussing the efficacy of the NJDEP's proposed new Watershed Management and Water Quality Planning Regulations, in hopes of cleaning up waterways throughout the State and controlling sprawl.

Of every state in the country, New Jersey has the highest percentage of polluted rivers. Only 15 percent of NJ waterways meet the Environmental Protection Agency's Fishable and

Swimmable Water Standards. To combat this, the NJ Department of Environmental Protection has proposed a new set of regulations. The rules not only set standards to clean up rivers and lakes, but will shape how land in the State is developed. The problem is that these regulations will most likely weaken our water quality. The reason behind this the new rules will allow industries and sewage plants to dump more pollutants into the waterways. The 400,000 acres that are currently sewered open space would be exempt from review and be automatically available for development. Without reviewing existing permits, water supplies will be reduced even more, since development depletes the aquifer. Also, sewage discharge will pollute waterways by an additional 300 million gallons per day.

To find out more about this issue and to participate in the Question and Answer session with Tittel, phone him at (609) 924-3141.

GUIDE TO GROWING THE PERFECT ROSE

Joelle Caputa
Eco Lounge Editor

Women love getting flowers not just on Valentine's Day, but on any day of the year. One flower in particular has become a symbol of affection, whether it is red, pink, white or yellow. It is the rose. Unfortunately, flowers don't last as long as a gold bracelet or a diamond ring will; however, that doesn't mean that they aren't as beautiful or as appreciated. It will just take a little work by a dedicated woman to make her flowers last. In general, roses are hardy plants. If their health is

maintained, they will live for a long time. Following are some tips for growing one of Nature's most beautiful flowers.

If you are going to plant your roses, be sure to do so in a sunny, well-drained area. Also avoid planting them near large trees. This is because roses have shallow, fibrous root systems and trees have shallow, spreading roots. Good soil will also lead to longer-living roses. Roses thrive when they receive a reasonable amount of drainage. To help improve the structure of clay soil, add gypsum it. Any well-rotted organic matter added to soil will help to retain moisture, improve the soil structure and nutrition and help maintain the soil at a temperature suitable for growth. If the soil the

roses are planted in is too acidic, adding lime will help.

As for feeding roses, use a slow-release fertilizer or a well-rotted manure. These work best, as long as the feeding material is kept away from the base of the plant. Another helpful tip to ensure long-lasting roses concerns watering. In order for a rose to flower well it

needs water, but be careful not to water the foliage.

If roses are planted in the spring or summer they will, of course, disappear with the warm weather, when winter arrives. A well-pruned plant, however, will last for more

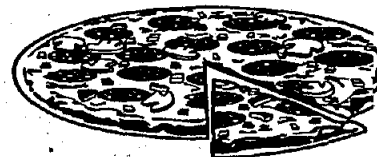
than 100 years. Good pruning involves not cutting the rose below the bud. Another secret to long-lasting roses is to give them sufficient ventilation. This will tend to prevent fungal infections. Sprays can be used to control pests and fungal problems. The winter is when the best selection of plants is available to buy, including bare-rooted roses. Choosing the type of rose to purchase can be quite a task. There are many different styles of roses, including bush roses, climbers, ramblers, miniatures, standard and weeping roses. The most popular type of rose is the Hybrid Tea rose. Their stems are long and their blooms are on a single stem. These roses flower from late spring to autumn.



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Creatures' Cries For Help Answered Around World

Joelle Caputa
Eco Lounge Editor

This past week, countries from around the world brought forth efforts to save the lives of endangered and injured animals. In South Africa, 12 nations agreed to protect endangered seabirds. Ecuadorians rejoiced, as they were finally able to free 22 pelicans that were severely injured during an oil spill in mid-January. Germany and Croatia united to form a sanctuary for Dolphins in the Adriatic Sea.

If all goes well with an agreement made in Cape Town, longline fishing will no longer be a threat to albatrosses and petrels. An estimated 1,000 birds, around the Southern Hemisphere, a day are entangled in fishing equipment. Australia chaired the meeting in Cape Town, which set forth an agreement under the Bonn Convention on the conservation of migratory species of wild animals. This in turn, will lead to the formation of an advisory committee that will develop conservation guidelines. The committee will give annual reports on the status, progress and techniques that will be used to control longline fishing. New tools for the fishing will be developed, as the current tools are the main threat to these seabirds. Australian Environment Minister Senator Robert Hill, stated that, "The birds are attracted to the baits on the longline hooks, dive to grab the baits as they sink, and then are dragged under and drown."

Over in San Cristobal and Santa Cruz, on the Galapagos Islands, in Ecuador, pelicans were finally released from a recovery center that was specially created for them, after they were injured in January. The pelicans were the survivors of an oil spill from the tanker Jessica, which killed over 100 animals, including sea lions and turtles. The United States aided in the



Dolphins Safe in Florida's Sea World/ Photo from Joelle Caputa

cleanup of the reef onto which the tanker crashed. However, there is a bright side to all this. There could have been many more problems, if not for Mother Nature herself, coming to the rescue. As Jay Holcomb, the International Fund for Animal Welfare team leader, put it, "We can now breathe a sigh of relief that thanks to wind and tide keeping the 75 mile oil slick mostly away from the islands, we did not face the wildlife disaster that could have resulted from this wreck." To stop even more damage from happening, Jessica will not be moved from the reef. Rather, the tanker will become a habitat for marine life.

One form of marine life is struggling for survival in Munich, Germany. The last of 220 dolphins, which have been under legal protection since 1995, are still under threat. Fishermen's nets and water sport activities kill them. In hopes of ending the endangerment, Germany and Croatia formed their first joint dolphin conservation project. Plans are to establish sanctuaries, collect data from human/ cetacean interaction, collect data on strandings, rescue measures of dolphins stranded alive and raising awareness. The Save the Last Adriatic Dolphins project will protect cetacean in the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and the Contiguous Atlantic Area.



Greenpeace Protesters Unfairly Punished for their Beliefs

Joelle Caputa
Eco Lounge Editor

Protesting and environmentalists go hand in hand. When members of organizations, such as Green Peace, have something to say, they make sure they are heard. Sometimes, the only way to get the attention of the world is to take a stand, or in some cases, just sit, for what you believe in. The consequences for those actions, however, often lead to jail, even when no threat is involved.

This was the case in British Columbia for 72 year old, Betty Krawczyk. She was sentenced to a year in the Burnaby Correctional Centre for Women, in Canada, after protesting the destruction of 1000 year

old trees in an ancient temperate forest. Despite a court injunction to prevent logging protests, Krawczyk sat peacefully in the middle of the road in the Elaho Valley, which the Interfor trucks used to get to the trees.

Of the situation, Greenpeace forest

"Peaceful protesting on a logging road is considered more heinous than actual criminal activity such as the Hell's Angels dealing drugs, because drug dealers don't challenge corporate values."

- Betty Krawczyk

campaigner, Catherine Stewart, said, "Today's unconditional discharge finally vindicates Betty's belief that she has the right to defend the environment for her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Neither Betty nor the majority of the world community consider her actions criminal."

Still, she was prepared to pay the price for standing up for her beliefs."

Krawczyk stated, "Peaceful protesting on a logging road is considered more heinous than actual criminal activity such as the Hell's Angels dealing drugs because drug dealers don't challenge corporate values. When I stood on that logging road, it affirmed human values over the profit motive and that's considered far more dangerous by corporations and governments." She was released four months later, this past January 4, after over 10,000 letters were written by activists defending her.

In cases where there is a threat, the offenders often get off easy. At the same protest on September 15, 1999, logging vigilantes were given a much less severe punishment. Over 70 people took part in what the court case prosecution called, "...a violent and premeditated assault against peaceful protest-

ers." Of them, five men were each given one-year suspended sentences. These include anger management training, writing letters of apology and providing \$1,250 to their victims.

To that, Stewart said, "That's rather like saying rapists should receive a suspended sentence because their victim was wearing a short skirt. Blaming the victim is reprehensible."

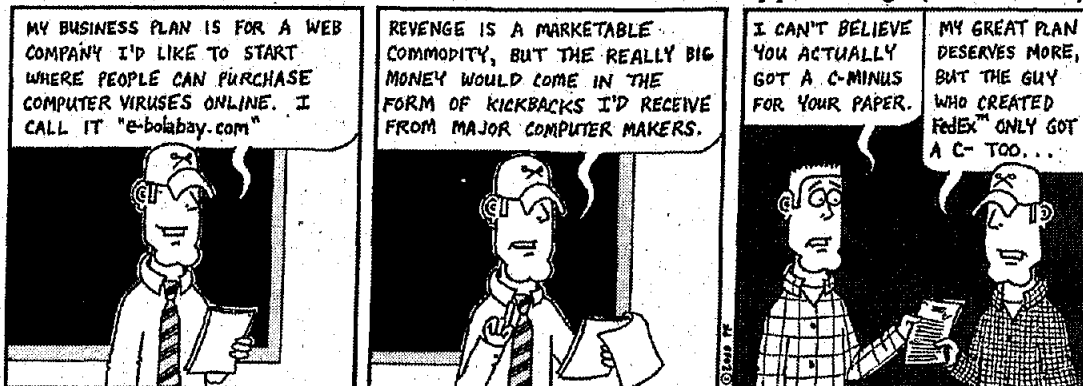


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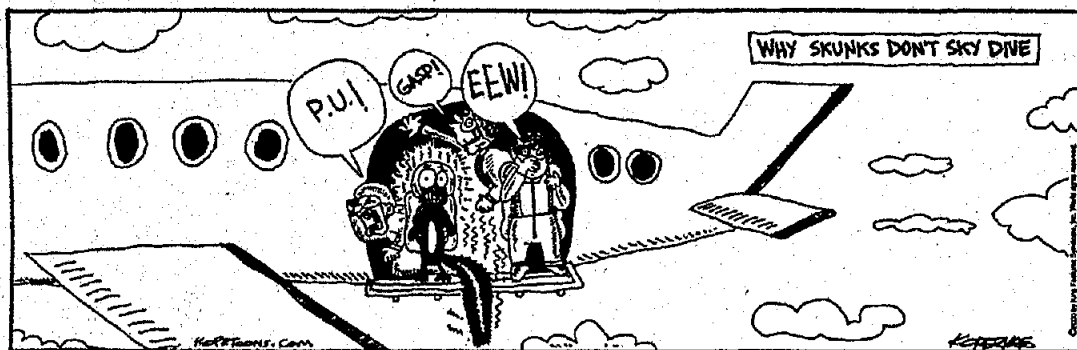
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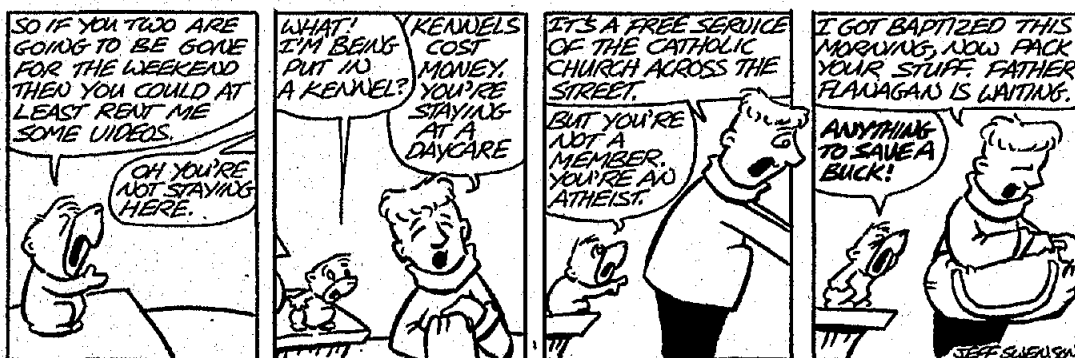
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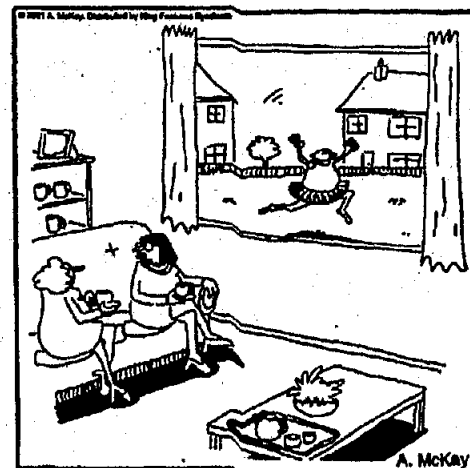
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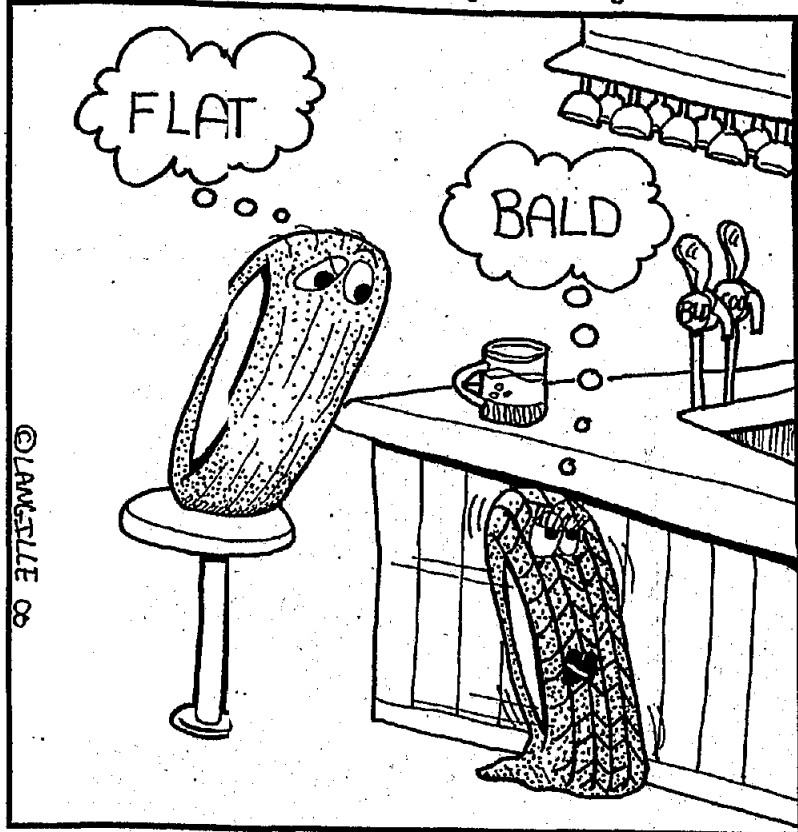


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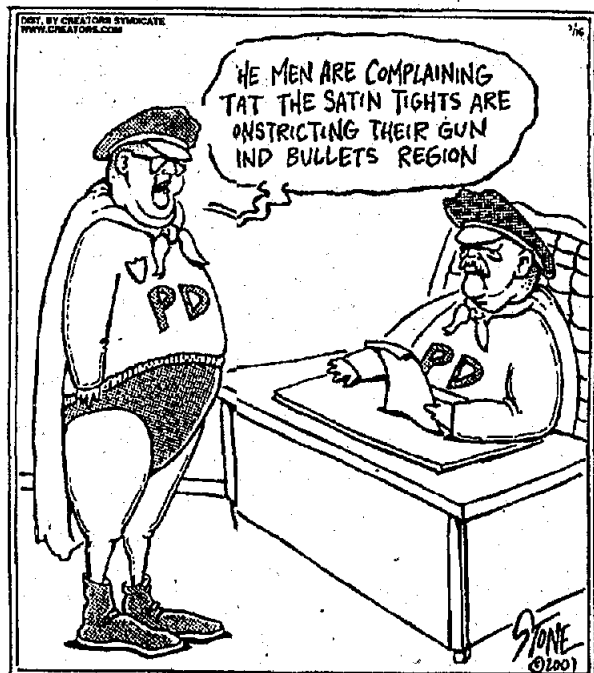


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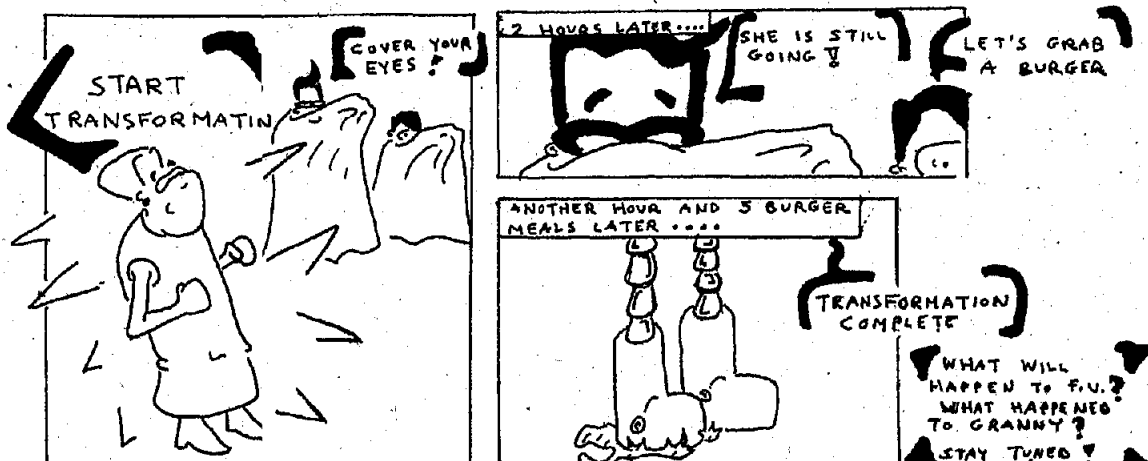


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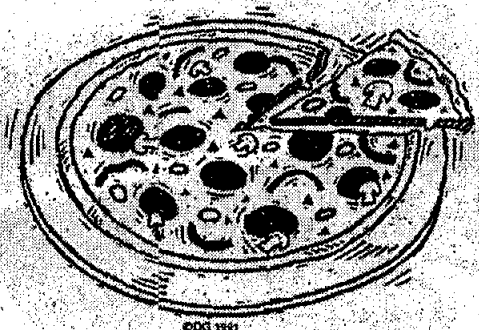
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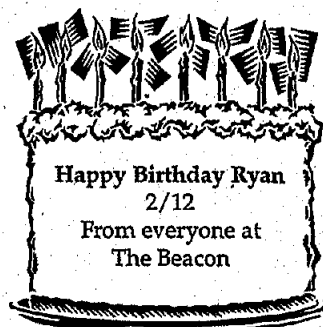
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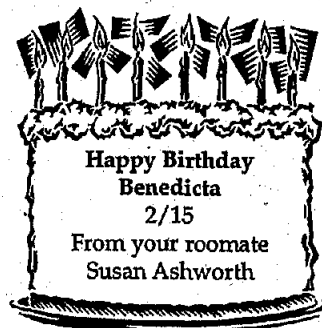


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