WELCOME!

TO BOOT CAMP FOR YOUR BRAIN

NEW STUDENTS

DAVID BLEINE (96)

Welcome new students. You're law students now. Your lives will never be the same again.

First year law school is boot camp for the brain. It will develop your mental stamina. It will also dominate your thoughts, drain your energy and take up your time. If you used to have an outdoor oriented occupation, your habits will change. You'll learn to tolerate long hours sitting on your butt, reading, writing and rereading and rewriting. Funny thing is, once you get a legal job, you'll look back on first year and remember it as almost idyllic!

Professors will enthral you and they will piss you off, sometimes both in very short order. In any event, they usually know how to read you. Be prepared to learn how to read them. Remember that they're pussycats compared to judges you'll later face. Get in the habit of professionalism when you deal with them. Chuck the whining and the blame-game.

In law school, the exam is the thing. SPEND YOUR TIME PREPARING FOR THEM. Be ready to spend 60 hours a week if you're full-time. Do practice tests, get together with other students and go over material. And, instead of briefing cases, construct lines of cases that will form your rules. Start preparing for tests early. Don't even think of last minute cramming; it won't work.

Law school won't give you more answers. Instead, as your legal education progresses, it will fill your head with many more questions than you ever imagined. You'll question reality because reality will change right under your feet.

Loyola Law School is a community, in which you will share the joys and sorrows of law study with your classmates. At the beginning of next semester, you'll greet your classmates, and maybe even professors, as friends. You'll meet people from all over the world and become friends with them. You'll bond because you survived brain boot camp together.

People you already know will start to see changes in you. You'll be more likely to take a raincheck on inviations for fun times. You'll be more 'professional' in your demeanor. You'll get more worried about wasting time. But don't become a total nerd. And don't let 'professional' mean haughty and condescending to those less so. And don't allow simple joys to become a waste of time, to be expunged from your finely-tuned schedule.

Get in the habit of not allowing the necessary discipline to lead to obsession followed by burnout.

Above all else, take time off when you're invited to do so.

Good luck.

THE甚至 ADVOCATES CAN HELP WITH PRO BONO

DAVID ACKERLY (96)

The Evening Advocates formed last year to locate or create pro bono opportunities on weekends to provide a variety of opportunities for evening students to fulfill their forty hour requirement. The membership grew to 108 during the first year, including a number of day students who wanted to participate in our projects. We continue to expand into new areas and welcome all students who share our commitment to public interest law.

Our current projects include a monthly clinic counseling homeless veterans on ways to resolve their legal problems; an ongoing program for students to learn to write wills and powers of attorney for people who are HIV+; legal clinics in South Central helping the working poor, and a project to aid elderly victims of contractor fraud. In addition we hold clothing drives for the Bell homeless shelter and a drive to raise money for local families at Christmas. This year we plan new projects dealing with runaways; battered women; and small business loans and regulatory compliance. We also plan a pre-recorded videocassette drive to benefit the library at the Loyola Law School.

Students interested in fulfilling their forty hours by researching an area of the law for our manual are invited to contact us. We are also in contact with the other five ABA accredited law schools in the area and hope to have chapters established at two other campuses this year.

The Evening Advocates hold elections in early October for the year. The current representatives are: Fourth-year: David Ackerly; Third-year: Lucy Tan, Jamie Wrage, and Geanen Yiarte; Second-year: Marlayna Brown and Rebecca Schneclough. We are located in the last student office on the first floor of the Burns building before you reach Olympic Blvd. Our phone number is (213) 735-1116 and our e-mail account is eveningads@lmulaw.lmu.edu.
AN ATTORNEY'S (MY FATHER'S) LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

NADIA DAVIS ('96)

What is a true lifetime achievement? While success has often been associated with social status and money, a true lifetime achievement is far more untouchable. It survives the very person who achieved or created it. Beyond all my father's accomplishments as an attorney, community leader and advisor, the one that is untouchable, that challenges many in their actions today, is the warmth he created in this often cold world. Many people have surrendered and given up; on truth, on compassion, on morality. But there was always a spark in the eyes of my father that having the courage to be a good person, no matter how uncomfortable a situation may be, is not only necessary, but it is possible. Whether it was through his smile and eyes, his insistence for honesty and kindness in a room full of dark intentions, fighting with passion for a cause in a courtroom, selflessly giving love and words of encouragement, playing his sax, cracking a joke, or shooting some hoops, he generated a warmth that people could not ignore, that we all long for. His warmth was more powerful on affecting people's actions and hearts than money and status ever will be. His presence of integrity was a breath of fresh air to those who did not know him well and a foundation of strength and hope to those who did.

Everything my father taught me, all the hope and compassion he put in me, was challenged more than ever before on November 12, 1994. That was the day my father's warm heart failed him. Every day since then has been a battle between memories of his warmth and the world's chilling ways. My mother would always tell him that his touch was to her like water is to a flower, that without it, she would shrivel up and wither away. I felt my heart would do the same without his sincere care and hope in my life and feared for the pain my mother would go through. Now I have to push my spirits beyond all my strength to make it through each day, often numbing myself enough to go through the routine as part of an effort to help my mother feel everything will be alright, yet always knowing if I think about him and his ways I will loose it. I don't know where I would be without the encouragement and support of a few remarkable friends and the solace of my mother. Today, my father's warmth challenges me more than ever before as I find the world to be chilling more every day. In fact, today is the time that all the warmth left in each of us needs to be sustained, prided.

In the legal world he is best known as the attorney whose successful lawsuit against the Santa Ana Unified School District in 1968 abolished a practice of placing disproportionate numbers of Latino students in a program for the mentally retarded.

CONGRESS MAY PHASE OUT IN-SCHOOL LOAN INTEREST EXEMPTION

The joint budget resolution reached in June by House and Senate conferees calls for an elimination of $10 billion in student aid programs by fiscal year (FY) 2000. To accomplish this, the Congress has specifically targeted aid to graduate and professional students. Undergraduate programs were spared the axe. The budget resolution calls for action in low priority areas of the Federal Student Loan program. First it would eliminate the in-school interest exemption for Stafford (government subsidized) and Direct Student loans.

Currently, the interest on these loans does not accrue while a student is attending school, but starts compounding when payback begins. The proposed plan would start the interest accrual at the disbursement of the loan, allowing it to accumulate during a student's post graduate schooling. The American Council on Education estimates that could increase educational debt for a graduate or professional student who borrows the maximum federal loan amount by as much as $44,000 over the life of the loans. Monthly payments could go up as much as $400 per borrower.

The second area of attack for Congress is the six-month grace period for payback of student loans. Current law allows six months for a student graduate to find a job and get settled before requiring the start of loan repayment. The budget resolution calls for these payments to begin immediately after graduation. For law students, that means making payments before taking the Bar examination. For law students, that means making payments before taking the Bar examination, much less starting work.

The budget resolution calls for [loan] payments to begin immediately after graduation. For law students, that means making payments before taking the Bar examination, much less starting work. Congress is expected to take final action on these proposals in September, with the rest of the authorization and appropriation bills. The Law Student Division of the American Bar Association (ABA) passed a resolution at its Assembly meeting in August urging the ABA at large to "aggressively" support continued government funding of the in-school interest exemption. However, it will be September before Congress will decide to saddle graduate and professional students with an even more onerous debt than they already incur.
LLS Public Interest Liaison Seeks Your Assistance

David Ackerly ('96)

ABA/Law School Division
Ninth Circuit Lieutenant Governor for Public Interest Law

I was appointed Lieutenant Governor this summer to represent public interest concerns at the six local campuses. A separate Lieutenant Governor represents the San Diego law schools. We serve as a conduit between students and the law schools. We serve as a conduit between students and the ABA/Law School Division.

Representatives from Loyola, Whittier, Southwestern, UCLA, Pepperdine, San Diego, and Cal-Western met in June to plan for the coming year. Other Loyola participants were Aimee Bellissimo, President of Day SBA; Jerry Cohen, SBA Representative for Evening SBA; and Laura Crawley, Social Chair for Day SBA and Lieutenant Governor for Resolutions. The second day of the conference was spent painting a three bedroom home for abused girls in Orange County.

My goal for the year is to increase communication between public interest groups at the six local schools. I hope to convene a meeting in late September or early October at Loyola, hosted by The Evening Advocates and the Public Interest Law Foundation. We will discuss ways to coordinate our grant-giving and fund-raising efforts, as well as discuss each school's ongoing public interest projects. I hope to take our questions and concerns to the Law School Division regional meeting in mid-October.

I welcome any questions, concerns, or offers of assistance. Drop by The Evening Advocates office, call me there at (213) 736-1116, or send e-mail to evenads@lmulaw.lmu.edu.

Join the LLS Environmental Law Roundtable

David Ackerly ('96)

The Environmental Law Roundtable (TELR) meets once every other week from 5:00-6:00 to discuss hot topics in environmental law. We distribute background materials before each meeting and invite practitioners to join us when possible.

Last year's meetings focused on California environmental and land use law. Topics included environmental justice; a legal challenge to the SCAQMD's RECLAIM program of marketable permits for industrial air emissions; the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project; the proposed L.A. city general plan; the new "continuing trespass" legal theory; Dolan v. City of Tigard, a 1994 Supreme Court decision; and prospects for Superfund renewal.

Professor Selmi joined us to discuss the DeVita v. County of Napa which he argued, as an amicus, before the California Supreme Court.

This year's focus is on national and international environmental developments. The International Law Society (ILS) will cosponsor our international discussions. The first topic, scheduled for the week of August 28th, is whether there should be an evidentiary privilege for environmental audits. While some environmental background is helpful, anyone who reads through the materials can participate in the discussion.

TELR also resumes publication of its monthly newsletter, Law and the Environment, this fall. Each issue contains environmental news, a book review, the history of a local superfund site, and hints on electronic database research. The newsletter is available at meetings and at the information desk in the library.

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Dear Students in General,

Welcome first-years, welcome back everyone else. It's that time again. To begin the new school year. To renew old acquaintances, even fire up old arguments. But first I feel compelled to offer some unsolicited, but badly needed advice from your dearly beloved Cousin Sandra.

1. Start outlining now! Professors may call you paranoid, obsessive, anal-retentive, a pain in whichever bodily parts they'd rather not have pain in. Let them. Since when do you really care what a professor thinks, except on exam day anyway? (Unless the professor is also your significant other.) As first-years will discover, some of the professors pick up this stuff like a dog picks up fleas. I've had professors so brilliant they glowed in the dark. If you can, and are, do great. But most of you can't and don't (even I couldn't) and you need to start learning the stuff now. Trust your dear Cousin Sandra on this. Outline now, darlings.

2. If you're confused, ask professors for help! Some are more accessible than others, but all are accessible. Better to feel dumb now in their presence for a seemingly obvious question than to feel really dumb in January when the grades come in.

3. Buy from the street library, a screaming contest in the faculty lounge or play football on Olympic Boulevard at 5:00 P.M. (NO NO! That entire sentence was a JOKE! I'd never advocate such things!) Ahem. If your section's having a party game, it's only an hour, a few at most, and at my age you realize how fun this is. (Fun really is.) Hey, even Mr. Bill and Nina party naked once in a while! If you're a continuing student, get a job. If you can't get one of those guilt-edged corporate or judicial clerkships, work in the library, volunteer for the homeless project, tutor at the 10th street school, be a research assistant for a professor, or even help Larry. Parker get some poor tortured slob $2.5 million. So maybe your grades aren't so bad. Remember that you're here, and not at USC, Southwestern or Pepperdine; that's a far bigger selling point than you might think. You'll find that you measure up just fine in the rest of the world. It helps to remember that cramming analysis is not all there is to the effective practice of law. Just don't sit around here all day and get to be a good product. (Do read all of them, though.)

4. Don't study 24 hours a day. Don't try to brief every document in one sitting. Get a job. Go for moot court, the professor is also your significant other.) As first-years will discover, some of the professors pick up this stuff like a dog picks up fleas. I've had professors so brilliant they glowed in the dark. If you can, and are, do great. But most of you can't and don't (even I couldn't) and you need to start learning the stuff now. Trust your dear Cousin Sandra on this. Outline now, darlings.

5. Try to make the time to participate in activities, especially if you're a continuing student. Go for moot court, trial ad and the various clinics and independent study programs. If your grades are great, it will add luster to your law credentials. If they aren't, so great participation in activities can make the difference between a job at graduation and not. (Better safe than sorry.)

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8. This is serious advice. Really. If you're having a problem, don't you? If the pressure is that bad, go immediately to paragraph 6.

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Judge Antonin Scalia, (dis-sent in part)

Join in paragraphs 1 through 5 and 7 through 10. But I must dissent from paragraph 4.

It is certainly true that going to "Bar Reviews," tip- pling with the Turf Club, dancing during class and having parties with one's colleagues contribute to one's sanity during law school and, by extension, enhance one's academic performance. But for many, and not just those on the fringes of "social activity," a far bigger selling point is the opportunity to make a living. America has developed a robust tradition of social tomfoolery that predates the founding of the Republic. The food fight in particular has long held an honored place as a venerated institution in academia along with cafeteria die-in and the placement of livestock (especially cattle) in the Dean's office. In addition to librarians, other long- accepted loci for academic food fights include cafeterias, lecture halls, seminars and admissions offices. Football, regardless of where and when played is also a traditional way for students to "let off steam."

Screaming contests in the faculty lounge are more problematic. The prime aim of screaming contests is to arouse outrage in an audience of unwilling listeners. Thus, a faculty lounge is an inappropriate venue because the faculty spend considerably less time in faculty lounges than they might think. And, screaming is rather to be expected coming from a Dean's office, Registrar or Student Affairs office and less likely to arouse the requisite outrage. Thus, the library is a much more effective venue for a screaming contest, to be extended in this modern age to the computer.
Nearly one year after his dramatic acquittal on double murder charges, O.J. Simpson remains very much in the news.

Item: Representatives of Presidential candidate Robert Dole and Simpson are negotiating the site of the second of three proposed debates on the criminal justice system. Dole has been heavily criticized for agreeing to debate Simpson, while ignoring pleas to debate President Clinton. However, the first debate (which most analysts considered dead even) was more widely viewed than the Super Bowl, and Doles lead over Clinton in the polls soon climbed into double digits. Said an unnamed Dole associate: "This is a far more courageous act for Dole, compared to Pete Wilson debating Jesse Jackson last year. And if we can't arrange this second debate, we'll try to ensure that O.J. gets as many TV appearances as possible. Our pollsters tell us that each O.J. appearance is worth 10,000 votes for Dole."

Item: O.J. made a surprise appearance at this year's national convention for the American Academy for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Speaking the inaccu- racies of forensic molecular biology techniques, O.J. joked: "The LA Police Department forensics lab is so bad, I gave them a sperm sample and they identified me as Marcia Clark!" O.J. was accompanied at the convention by defense attorney Barry Scheck. Scheck became a legal superstar when his courtroom knowledge of sophisticated scientific technology was widely credited with creating the "reasonable doubt" necessary for O.J.'s acquittal. Prior to the Simpson trial, Scheck used forensic studies to obtain release of a number of convicted criminals. At the AAAS convention, Scheck attempted to speak to the audience of scientists on why forensic molecular biology techniques could be used to exonerate, but not convict, criminal defendants. However, his speech could rarely be heard above the general laughter. Said one smiling scientist: "This guy kills me!"

Item: O.J. has twice been seen in public with Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan. According to Simpson's publicist, they spoke only of their mutual affection for football. At a recent press conference, Simpson attorney Barry Scheck (rumored to be Clinton's counsel at the upcoming Whitewater III hearings) was asked about the Simpson-Farrakhan connection. "Not to worry," Scheck explained, "I've been discussing Farrakhan with a Denver-based scientist who specializes in voice analysis. You remember that comment attributed to Farrakhan, that Judaism is a 'gutter religion'? It turns out he never said it! The journalist who reported this comment has a long history of errors, and he has made many "false positive" claims about so-called anti-Semites. My scientific expert has reviewed the tapes and transcripts of Farrakhan's speech and has determined that instead of saying 'gutter' Farrakhan was actually using the Yiddish term 'gut', meaning 'good'. So, Farrakhan was actually saying nice things about Jews!" Scheck who doubles as a Professor of Law at Yeshiva University, was then asked if Farrakhan would be receiving an invitation to speak at Yeshiva. "I don't see why not", he said with a hint of a smile, "After all, Farrakhan is no more guilty of anti-Semitism than O.J. is of murder."
Dear Sandra from page 4

ACHIEVEMENT from page 2

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The tradition embraces a great variety of practices. For example, the exploding podium or collapsing lecture table that has been much publicized today, are well-establishe as being an excellent method to relieve scholastic monotony. Significantly, more popular practices include anonymous scatological banners on the administration building and garish graffiti inside lecture halls. For the artistic, there is always the possibility of replacing a statue in the "quad" or a painting in the grand hall with one that embodies a grotesque caricature of a professor, political figure or benefactor. During the ascendancy of dress code, nude sit-ins became widely popular. Supplemental to this tradition are such modern innovations as belly dancers or strippers arising as if magic from computer terminals, lecterns and the ever-popular giant cake. Also included is the surreptitious replacement of academic films with particularly lascivious pornography. There has even been a splendidly obnoxious serenade during lecture by a hired kazoo band. All of the above are well within the ambit of acceptability.

Law professors are not immune to the pressures of law school, though research revealed none who became serial murderers as a result. An equally virile tradition of professorial pranky has developed in tandem with the license vested in students. Indeed, the record reveals that professors participate with gusto, especially when victimized by students' conduct. For example, lectures, obligatory meetings and review sessions have been rescheduled in a sewer, a stable, a busy parking garage, a nudist colony and in freeway underpasses and medians during rush hour. In extreme cases, exams have been rescheduled and administered in the places mentioned and as well as a pig sty and on the set of "Geraldo." Professor's pranks are, by definition, outside the established order of things and thus warrant punishment of an appropriate level of severity. But these have been used as negotiation points in exchange for far more entertaining (and philosophically symmetrical) punishments such as making the offender wear a dunce cap for the rest of the year or being the dean's personal slave. Making the offender "run the faculty gauntlet" is an anciently honored sanction rarely practiced today. (But, when applied, never forgotten.) In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, an offender's examinations could and sometimes did take place all on the same day and be administered in the stables. This has been extended in modern times to the administration of offender's examinations in the parking garage or, in one case, a communal public toilet for the opposite sex. Other possibilities include exam administration in a machine shop, a punk rock nightclub on Saturday night at 11:00 pm, and, my favorite, a stockyard. Therefore I must disagree with paragraph 4.

Calling a recommendation to commit academic pranks a "joke" does not comport with in, respected and self-generated the most. It is this reality that has helped to feed through recent days. Now I see that the hope my father's warmth instilled in me, the challenge he gave me through his integrity, are needed more than ever before, and that makes me strive to do the same.

I often remind myself of what my father went through as a child to feel strength to make it through a hard day. He had been asked to write an autobiography and actually had begun one before November 12. The first page speaks of when he was about six and his father was sequestered and sent away because he had tuberculosis. He was given to strangers, one of whom literally picked him up and threw him in a pile of trash and manure. But he wrote that as he was flying through the air he situated his legs such that he managed to land on his two feet. For the rest of his life he managed to land on his feet, and every time he did it was with integrity; to bring warmth to his wife, his children, his community, his friends, students and strangers. It was selfless. My father was reared by his grandparents, Candida and Leandro Serrano, his mother passed away when he was seven, his grandfather, who was more like a father, when he was twenty three, and his father when he was thirty. I know he understood how I feel. He worked in the fields during summer vacations throughout grade school, as a janitor at his own high school while attending college, and played his sax to support himself through UCLA Law School. He still managed to say that phrase "don't be so happy" whenever it seemed appropriate despite all the struggles. By the time I was the last of his seven children, he was a successful attorney and community activist. I often felt sad that he had to work so much and did not understand it as a child sometimes. Today, I just wish he could offer me more years to relax, to be free of financial burdens, to feel all the hard work was worth it, and to feel prideful about his accomplishments. All I can do is believe that now he is free from life's struggles and the limits it imposes on our time and space with one another, that now he can be with all the people he loves, which I know made him the happiest, and most of all, that he is somewhere as beautiful as he deserves to be.

While there are numerous awards, scholarships and even lecture halls being named in memory of my father, including the "Wallace R. Davis Lifetime Achievement Award" created by the Hispanic Bar Association, those who are giving the honors speak predominantly of his integrity and warmth, not of his rise in status and income from being a field laborer, musician and janitor to being a corporate attorney. In his old barrio his story is rare and consid-
JOB STATISTICS

DAVID BLEISTEIN ('96)

Post-graduation employment statistics are always a hot topic here at LLS, especially for those of use with large debts to pay off. As of April 19, 1995, 83.9% of the class of 1994 had found employment, according to a report on employment statistics from Career Services. One 1995 [apparently unemployed] student who requested anonymity, stated that if he had known how many would be out of work, he would have taken his studies a lot more seriously, gotten higher grades and possibly found it easier to get a job.

However, other figures suggest that GPA alone is not solely dispositive. This may be happy news to people with less-than-stellar grades. The unemployment among day students was 48 out of 257 who had passed the bar while that among night students was 3 out of 60. The respective unemployment rates for day students is 18.67% while that for night students is 5%. Thus, the unemployment rate for day students was more than triple that of night students.

Why is that? First, I believe night students generally have a higher average GPA than day students do, primarily because they have 12 exam periods to perfect their all-important exam-taking techniques instead of only 6 for day students. Night students take summer classes and winter and fall classes for a total of 4 years instead of summer and fall only for three years. Thus, 12 exam periods for night students. Night students take summer classes and winter and fall classes for a total of 4 years instead of summer and fall only for three years. Thus, 12 exam periods for night students.

Also, night students often get more pre-graduation legal experience than day students do. Thus, [I think] night students of a particular GPA have a crucial advantage in the job market over day students of similar GPAs.

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Finally, night students are generally older. While employers are officially forbidden to discriminate by age, the usual focus is on older, not younger people. Unfortunately, youth ties in with other characteristics that are perfectly legitimate grounds for discrimination. It's very easy to say that a younger person, more likely to be a day graduate, has less "life-experience" or a "weaker work-ethic" (even if it isn't true) than for a comparable older person more likely to be a night graduate.

Remember that GPA alone is not always the major factor in a person's post-graduate employability. Experience matters a lot, especially at the lower GPA levels. Students' observations suggest that private firm experience is a lot more respected in the private firm market than public interest volunteer work, though the latter is better than nothing at all. Smaller firms generally want someone who has learned basic skills not taught in law school, such as drafting pleadings. So, if your realistic assessment of your prospects doesn't include working for a giant firm, develop those basic skills. Get a position at a relatively low wage so you can experience. Volunteer if you must, but try to get paid something if you can. According to the students I interviewed, that makes a big difference after graduation.

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and Matisse seem drab

reminds me of fond old chemical days
when no structure maintained form or function for long
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a cascade of purple
these fluid frames of unsolid beams
stretching and pliant
as gravity-defiant flesh

This roof - my roof
and all these meandering obliterations
unexplained and badly painted faces
now colliding into this - only this?
this civilized and sober intellectualism?
this collective observance of structure
in structure's naked absence?
this pencil-wielding gladiator's trade school?

and this great open, deconstructed and distracting ceiling
taking me out to some other time
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smiling inappropriate and unconcerned
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I'm almost there... almost there man...
I'm almost there...
beyond the anchoring weight of monastic sacrifice
for the mere promise of a someday...
a someday that is now your gee-I remember-whenday...
a someday when it's my turn to look back
on what I overlooked thenday...

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The bourbon still as honey in a Playboy shotglass
scored long ago at The Mansion
when Hef was a client (of sorts)
and the money was good
and sex only killed rabbits

Long ago, when the good life included more caring
than political correctness...

Slanting rays sliced by permeable blinds
pulls the head from the soiled pillow
where the names and faces and stories
of too many lovers collide semiconscious
like dust bunnies in the wind of closet door swung open

The chill of dawn and dew comes on urbanly
upon a pace imposed
a list already made
a foodless breakfast
a beckoning of routine commitments
with the gnashing teeth of the mundane

A couple of teenagers in hip-hop merch munch Cheetos and
gulp soda
on their way from the stop-n-rob to the high school
and she is pregnant
and he is tough
and you know to adjust away from offensive labels
and the wind sweeps the skyline clean
with its typical environmental teas-
kissing the senses and breaking the heart

Everyone gets what they want
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and this morning's reminders

Hope comes on like addiction
a few glimpses at the pristine towers downtown
glistening cool and slick on azure climbs
promising all that sheltered validation and acceptance
and soon you're thinking
somehow the empty wallet and stomach will fill themselves
somehow you will outdistance the sad pathologies
of a dismembered age
somehow the fumes in the tank will get you where you want to go

An you are not far
not far at all
from right
It's not a private family matter. Every nine seconds another woman is beaten by her husband or boyfriend. And unless we all work together, it's never going to stop. For information about how you can help stop domestic violence, call 1-800-777-1960.

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