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WELCOME!

TO BOOT CAMP FOR YOUR BRAIN

NEW STUDENTS

DAVID BLEISTEIN ('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 energies 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 enthrall 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 invitations 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 EVENING ADVOCATES CAN HELP WITH PRO BONO REQ'T

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 counselling 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

AIDS Service Center of Pasadena.

This summer Alyssa Weissbach, a second-year day student, was hired through the school's summer grant program to prepare a manual for use in The Evening Advocates' projects and those of our good friends, the Legal Corps of Los Angeles. 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

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 Geanene Yriarte; Second-year: Marlayna Brown and Rebecca Schneckloth. 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) 736-1116 and our e-mail account is evenads@lmulaw.lmu.edu.

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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 proof in the example 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 court-

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.

room, 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 lose 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

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ACHIEVEMENT

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

Monthly payments could go up as much as \$400 per borrower.

has specifically targeted aid to graduate and professional students. Undergraduate programs were spared the axe.

The budget resolution calls for action to two specific 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 exami-

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.

nation, 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.

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DAVID ACKERLY ('96)

ABA/Law School Division
Ninth Circuit Lieutenant
Governor for Public Interest
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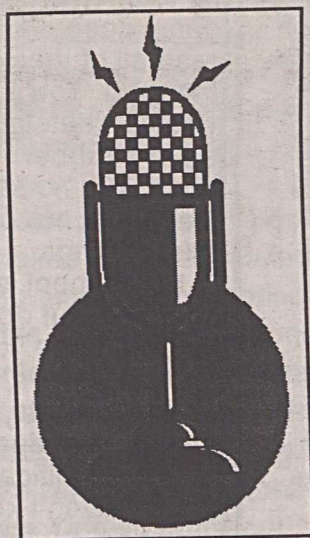
I was appointed
Lieutenant Governor this sum-
mer to represent public inter-
est concerns at the six local
campuses. A separate
Lieutenant Governor repre-
sents the San Diego law
schools. We serve as a con-
duit between students and the
ABA/Law School Division.

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 bed-
room 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, host-
ed 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 con-
cerns to the Law School
Division regional meeting in
mid- October.

I welcome any ques-
tions, concerns, or offers of
assistance. Drop by The
Evening Advocates office, call
me there at (213) 736- 1116,
or send e- mail to
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JOIN THE LLS ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ROUND- TABLE

DAVID ACKERLY ('96)

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

Last year's meetings
focused on California environ-
mental
and land
use law.
Topics
included
environ-
mental
justice; a
legal
challenge
to the

cussion.

TELRL also resumes
publication of its monthly
newsletter, *Law and the
Environment*, this fall. Each
issue contains environmental
news, a book review, the his-
tory of a local superfund site,
and hints on electronic data-
base research. The newslet-
ter is available at meetings
and at the
information
desk in the
library. *Law and the*



SCAQMD's RECLAIM pro-
gram of marketable permits
for industrial air emissions;
the Santa Monica Bay
Restoration Project; the pro-
posed 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.

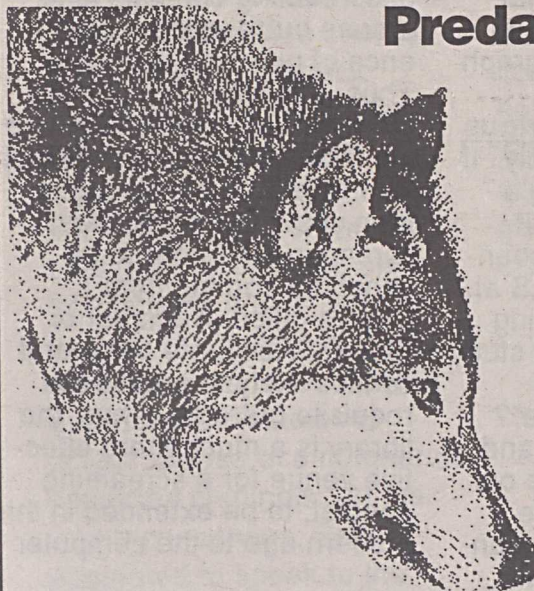
This year's focus is on
national and international
environmental develop-
ments. The International
Law Society (ILS) will
cosponsor our international
discussions. The first topic,
scheduled for the week of
August 28th, is whether
there should be an eviden-
tiary privilege for environ-
mental audits.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

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and if you don't know what
kenaf is, take a look at the
group's kenaf demonstration
garden planted on the south
side of the parking structure.

In 1991 the Loyola fac-
ulty passed a resolution to
improve the campus' environ-
mental record. This year
TELRL plans an Initiative for a
Greener Loyola. Working
with Professor Benson, we
plan to revisit the original poli-
cy statement, evaluate its
success, and look for ways to
reduce Loyola's consumption
of non- renewable and non-
recyclable resources.

For the 1995- 96
school year the group's coor-
dinators are David Ackerly
and Xavier Swamikannu. We
invite you to join us.

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DEAR SANDRA

DEAR SANDRA,

How do you manage to maintain your exquisite judicial decorum when you've got a bad case of the trots? [diharrea, eds] Seems as though maintaining my lawyerly dignity has gotten a bit difficult lately since I took up cooking [a certain ethnic] cuisine.
NOT HOT TO TROT

DEAR "NOT HOT"

I'm not a doctor, but I suppose the best advice is to no longer cook that [certain ethnic] cuisine that seems to be the source of your trouble.

Or just suffer through it until you become accustomed to that new food. When I left Arizona to come to D.C., [when I took "The Brethren", a prior appellation for this Court, out of our vocabulary] I - - and my insides - - had to get used to a complete lack of seasoning in the local food. I had the opposite problem from yours for a while and, trust me, dear, it can make you very exquisitely short-tempered indeed.

Finally, remember that "lawyerly dignity" is more than controlling your body functions. It's also a matter of being willing to look the other way when opposing counsel can't control theirs. So, don't worry, just go. If it gets too bad, see the M.D.
Cousin SANDRA

Dear Students in General,

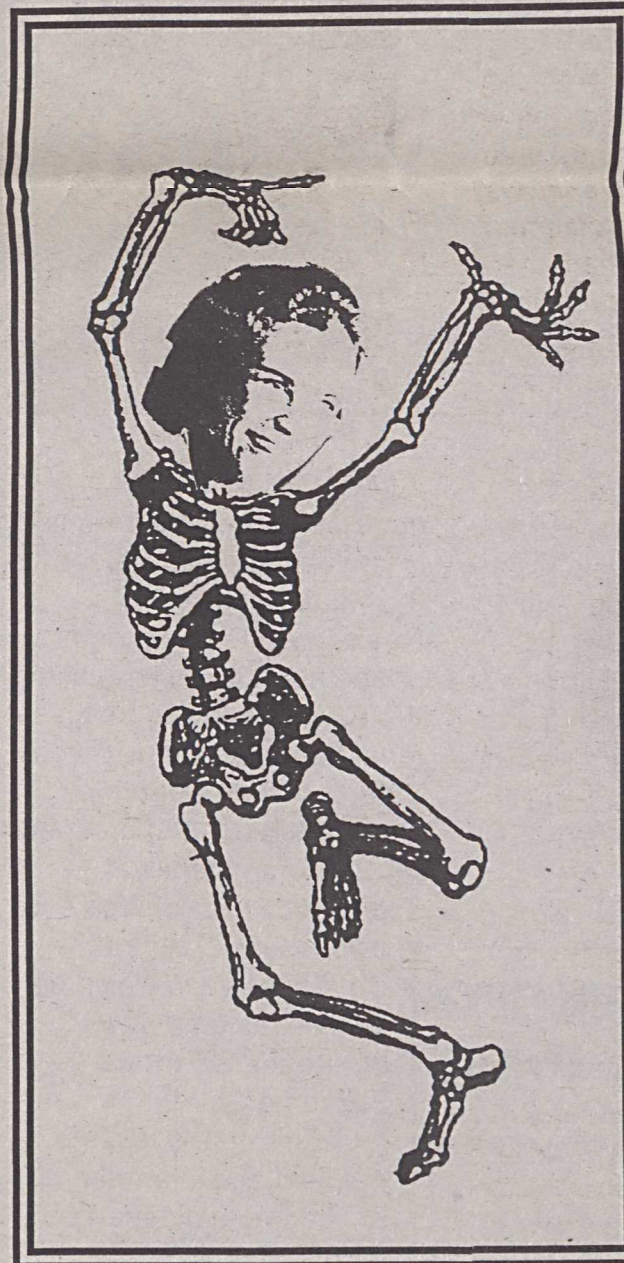
Welcome first-years, welcome back everyone else. It's that time again. To begin the new school year. To renew old acquaintances, even fire up old arguments. But first I feel compelled to offer some unsolicited, but badly-needed advice from your dearly beloved Cousin Sandra.

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 and do, great. But most of you can't, aren'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



vendors, especially the edible underwear lady. Buy from the lunch wagon that stops in front of the Catholic Charities building.

4. Go to the Bar Reviews. Take off a class and writhe and thrash when the bands come to campus, especially if they bring lots of drums and people who can play them. Hoist a few with the Turf Club. Have a food fight in the

library, a screaming contest in the faculty lounge or play football on Olympic boulevard at 5:00 PM. (NO NO! that entire sentence was a JOKE! I'd never advocate such things!) Ahem. If your section's having a party, go. It's only an hour, a few at most, and at my age you realize how precious fun really is. Hey, even Mr. Bill and Nino party naked once in a while!

5. If you're a continuing student, get a job. Any 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 H. Parker get some poor tort-feased slob \$2.5 million. So maybe your grades aren't so hot. 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 realize that blitzkrieg

analysis is not all that there is to the effective practice of law. Just don't sit around here all day and get to be a pain in the ass.

6. Don't study 24 hours a day. Don't try to brief every damn case. (Do read all of them, though.) You'll end up nearsighted in a rubber room with no sex life. Trust me on this, darlings.

7. Law school is intense. But don't ignore/abuse your: spouse, lovers, children, aunts, uncles, grandparents or significant others. Don't kick your dog, punt the cat or electrically shock the parakeet. You want them around when you graduate, don't you? If the pressure is that bad, go immediately to paragraph 8.

8. This is serious advice. Really. If you're having a problem and it

won't go away, see the counseling service here at LLS at extension 1122. I'm talking about things like chronic study stress, drug and alcohol abuse ("sober as a judge"? HAH!), eating disorders and depression. We all have our problems. Strong people have them too, and they confront them. If you're afraid that others may think less of you, don't tell anyone except

the therapist. But don't just cry. Get help.

9. 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 fine credentials. If they aren't so great participation in activities can make the difference between a job at graduation and no job.

10. If you can, invite mom, dad, whoever, over for dinner (as your guest) a couple of times a month.

Judge Antonin Scalia, (dissenting in part)

I join in paragraphs 1 through 3 and 5 through 10. But I must dissent from paragraph 4.

It is certainly true that going to "Bar Reviews," tripping 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, that is not enough and never has been. The pressure accumulates and it becomes very hard to let it all out without becoming a serial murderer.

To prevent such horrors, America has developed a robust tradition of scholastic 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 libraries, other long-accepted loci for academic food fights include cafeterias, lecture halls, seminars and admissions offices. Football, regardless of where and how 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 you might think. And, screaming is rather to be expected coming from a Dean's office, Registrar or Student Accounts office and so 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

O.J.: THE CONTINUING SAGA

MARK FISHER ('97)

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 Dole's 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 inaccuracies 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."



MOVIE MILLENIUM MANIA BEGINS!

"STRANGE DAYS" CHRONICLES ONE MAN'S ADVENTURES IN AN L.A. ON THE EVE OF SELF-DESTRUCTION ON THE NEW-MILLENIUM'S EVE, DEC. 31, 1999. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Dear Sandra from page 4

center.

The tradition embraces a great variety of practices. For example, the exploding podium or collapsing lectern, while little used today, are well-established as being an excellent method to relieve scholastic monotony. Similar, but more popular practices include anonymous

An equally virile tradition of professorial prankery has developed in tandem with the license vested in students.

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 codes, nude sit-ins were popular. Supplemental to this tradition are such modern innovations as belly dancers or strippers arising as if by 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 reggae-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 prankery 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 median strips during rush hour. In extreme cases, exams have been rescheduled and administered in the places mentioned *ante* as well as a pig sty and on the set of "Geraldo."

Pranks are, by definition, outside the established order of things and thus warrant punishment of an appre-

apology. 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 be rescheduled to 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 the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, an offender's examinations could be rescheduled to take place all on the same day and be administered in the stables.

a whole universe of well established practices. It would have been more appropriate to simply suggest the pranks and then include a recital of the possible punishments and a caveat of possible retaliation by professors.

Finally, I must point out that you have never had an opportunity to observe whether or not I party naked. I dissent.

Ciao ciao ciao

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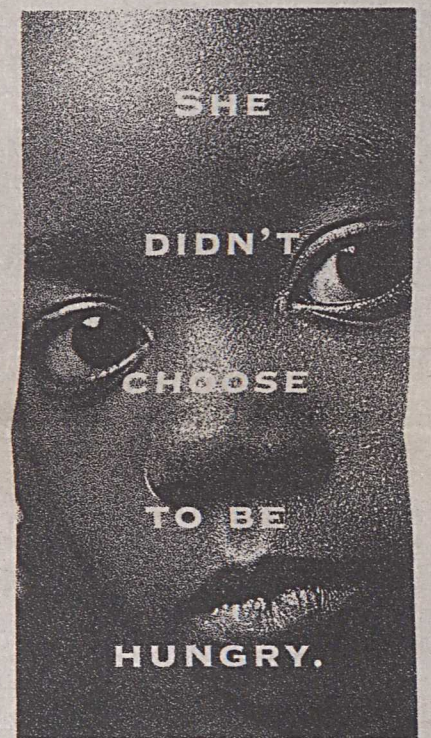
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in, respected and self-generated the most. It is this reality that has helped me through recent days. Now I see that the hope my father's warmth instilled in me, the challenge he gave me through his integrity, are needed more than ever before, and 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 mother was sequestered and sent away because she 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 raised 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 understands 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 worry, be 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 of had 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-



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ered a miracle and he is remembered as little Wally. 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. In my mother's heart he is and always will be her shatz. In my eyes, he is daddy. But to each and every person who knew, loved and are discovering him, he is something invaluable, something untouchable; undeniable proof that if each one of us holds ourselves responsible to a standard of integrity that the world can be a drastically warmer, kinder place. Now that is a lifetime achievement.

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. While their relative rankings are adjusted in comparison with day students, night students have higher, more impressive numbers to post on their resumes; an 85 average is still impressive, regardless of class rank.

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.

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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ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

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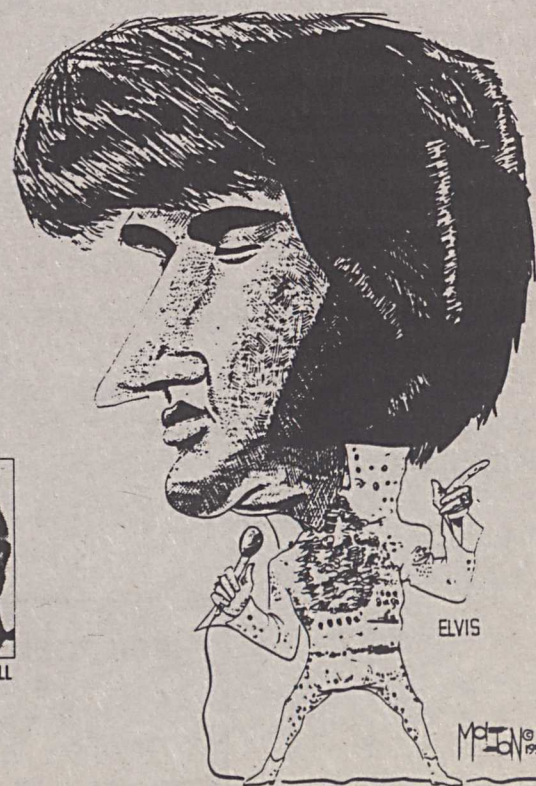


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MERRIFIELD HALL
- Turbo Trade School Acid Flashback

The Critical Uncritical Path

A stretching
bloodless
garish
peeling
the chrome- lit
glass- sheeted
scaffold climbs
a nakedness revealing

wooden bones showing through transparent skin
like some architectural wound unhealed

unsecret structure
opened bare and proud and raw
makes Klimt seem literal
and Matisse seem drab

reminds me of fond old chemical days
when no structure maintained form or function for long
the horror of color
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
simultaneously above and below the ruthless median
smiling inappropriate and unconcerned
ecstatic as Mona Lisa
straddling a laundromat washer on spin cycle...

Please don't call on me now Professor Celebrity!
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...

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

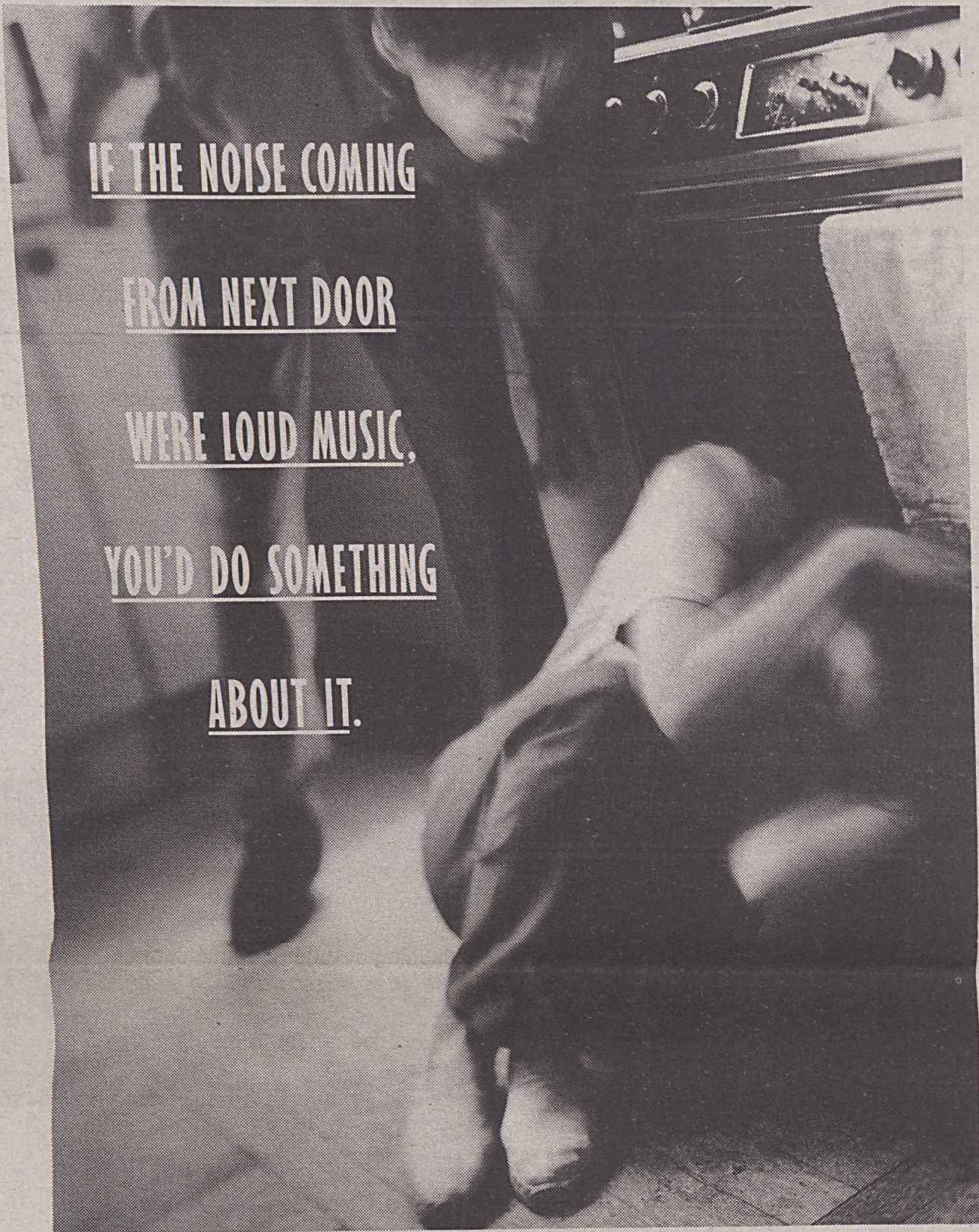
A couple of teenagers in hip- hop merch munch Cheetos and
gulp soda
on their way from the stop- n- rob to the high school
and she is pregnant
and he is tough
and you know to adjust away from offensive labels
and the wind sweeps the skyline clean
with its typical environmental tease
kissing the senses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

Everyone gets what they want
you want to think
and the birthing sun obliges
the brisk and clear soothes the swelling
of last night's bruises
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

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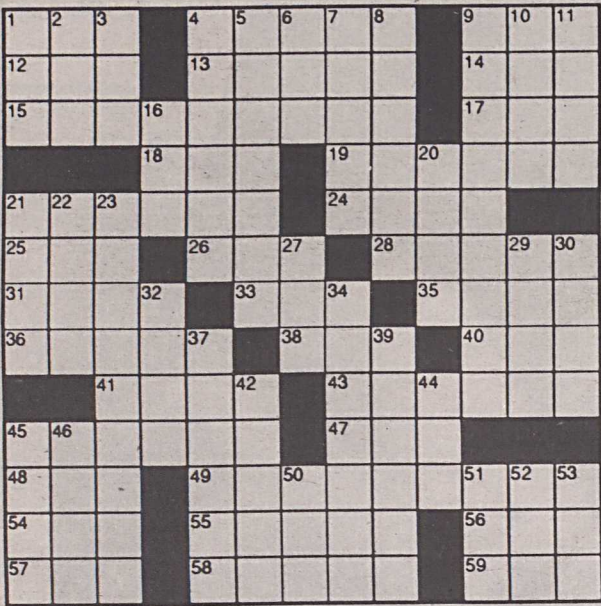
In the time it takes you to read this material at least 15 women will be beaten by their husbands or boyfriends

CROSSWORDS

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Bikini top
- 4 Michael Caine role
- 9 Rabbit's hiding place?
- 12 Put on TV
- 13 Wee Scot
- 14 Praiseful verse
- 15 Title holder
- 17 West of Hollywood
- 18 Festive
- 19 Serious
- 21 Having missed the boat
- 24 Pirouette pivots
- 25 Old card game
- 26 Parched
- 28 Bottom line
- 31 Speechless
- 33 "Mayday!"
- 35 AMEX counterpart
- 36 City on the Allegheny
- 38 "— for the million ..."
- 40 Whopper
- 41 Map of land
- 43 Jog sans togs
- 45 Talmudic demoness
- 47 Links gadget
- 48 Oklahoma city
- 49 Culkin film
- 54 "Nonsense!"
- 55 Mechanical rooster?
- 56 Churchilllean

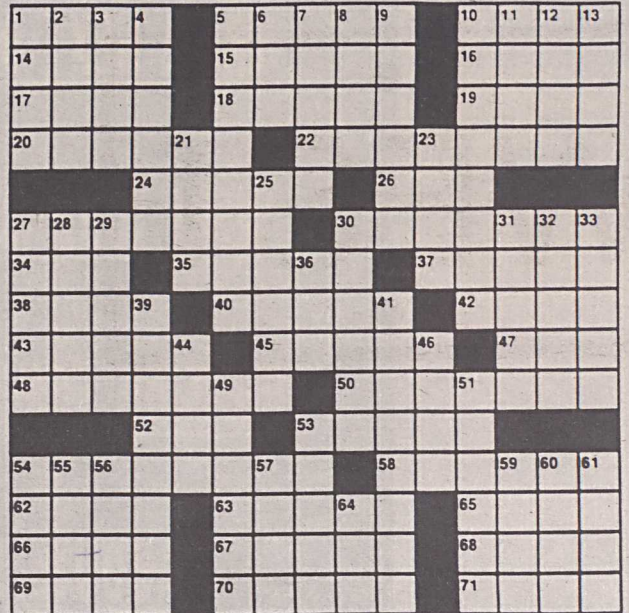


- creditors
- 57 "Cakes and —"
- 58 Paper dealer
- 59 Opponent
- DOWN**
- 1 Scrooge's cry
- 2 Carnival setting
- 3 Prepare for battle
- 4 Not 21 Across
- 5 Heaven knows they try
- 6 Half a sawbuck
- 7 "— my case"
- 8 Implant deeply
- 9 Diner potato
- order
- 10 Leading man
- 11 High schooler
- 16 Freudian concept
- 20 Author Uris
- 21 Gucci of fashion
- 22 Mephistophelean merchandise
- 23 Diamond corner
- 27 — Kippur
- 29 Largest of the seven
- 30 Vichyssoise ingredient
- 32 Indonesian island
- 34 Swoosie Kurtz series
- 37 "Guys and Dolls" role
- 39 Erotic
- 42 Oar fulcrum
- 44 Kinsperson: abbr.
- 45 Zhivago's love
- 46 Marine star?
- 50 Crop
- 51 Vacationing
- 52 Ultra-modern
- 53 Farm female

THE Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Chunk
- 5 Showed an old TV program
- 10 Peak
- 14 — Grande, Ariz.
- 15 Get away from
- 16 Holiday word
- 17 USA word: abbr.
- 18 Loafs around
- 19 Misfortunes
- 20 Defeated
- 22 Price quote
- 24 Church official
- 26 Epoch
- 27 Attractive person
- 30 Magazine heads
- 34 Rodent
- 35 Indentured servants
- 37 Flower leaf
- 38 Baseball calls
- 40 Underground growths
- 42 Opera star
- 43 Slithery creature
- 45 Harvests
- 47 Seine
- 48 Tiger feature
- 50 Makes tighter
- 52 Kinsman: abbr.
- 53 — firma
- 54 Soak through
- 58 Home for Fido
- 62 Fancy case
- 63 Sum
- 65 Skirt inset
- 66 Small colonists
- 67 Wear gradually
- 68 Isolated
- 69 Whip
- 70 Dispatches
- 71 Pieces (out)

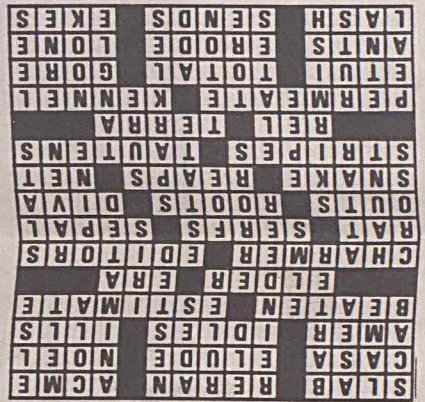


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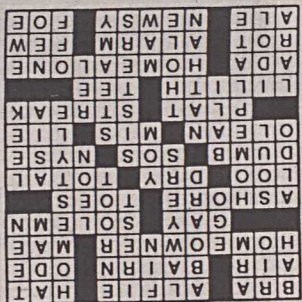
DOWN

- 1 Strikebreaker
- 2 Lustrous material
- 3 Voyaging
- 4 Swap
- 5 Santa's helper?
- 6 Old times
- 7 Measuring stick
- 8 Fruit drinks
- 9 Placed one within another
- 10 Moving
- 11 Soft drink
- 12 Turn to slush
- 13 Otherwise
- 21 Large trees
- 23 Spring bloom
- 25 Boo-boos
- 27 Traverse
- 28 Hang around
- 29 Flower essence
- 30 Large land holding
- 31 State a view
- 32 Black bird
- 33 Narrow pieces of board
- 36 Enemy
- 39 Small battle
- 41 Shines
- 44 Fencer's sword
- 46 Certain
- 49 Raises one's spirits
- 51 Knot up
- 53 Wyo. range
- 54 Ring
- 55 Volcano site

ANSWERS



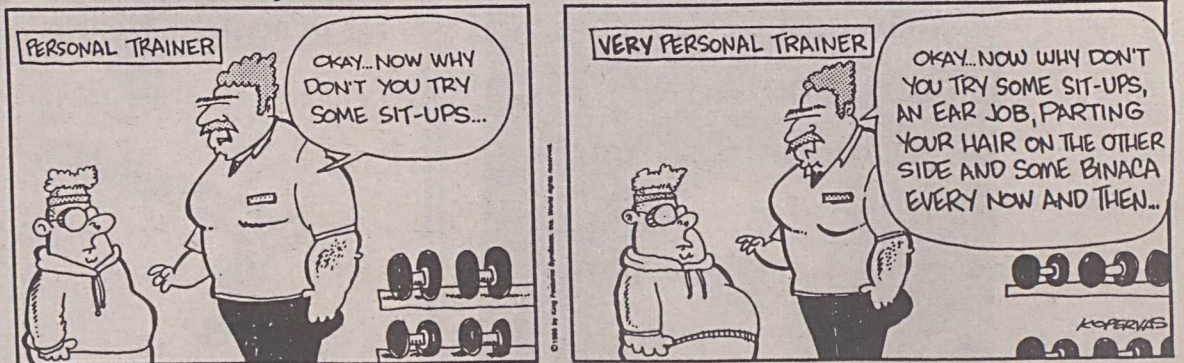
- 56 Deep tire marks
- 57 Ripped
- 59 Cozy place
- 60 Sea bird
- 61 Dregs
- 64 Append



Answers to King Crossword



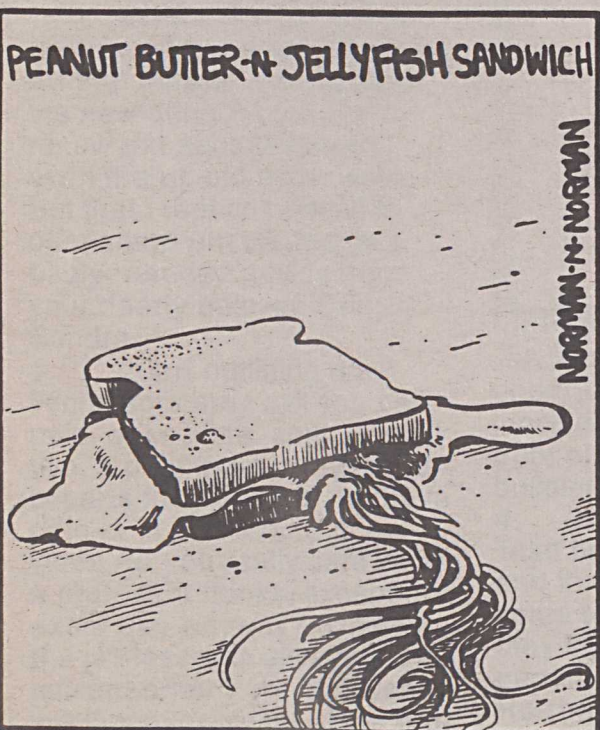
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