Dean Wellington Speaks Out

The Product.
By Alexandria Mabry

Dean Wellington and I met the other day. Prior to this meeting I was very restless in anticipation, awaiting the day I was to meet the former Dean of YALE.

Anyway, in order to convince Maria, the Special Assistant to the Dean, to give me an interview, I had to contrive a direction of inquiry. But, regardless, after speaking with Sir Wellington I found my inquiry shifted ever so slightly to one direction and then another, like a pendulum. Swinging back and forth between what I should and should not say in reference to the man who intends to contribute to the shaping of my future. Truth never was an issue anyway, as we all know or will soon find out.

So, on with the facts.

Simple Sir Wellington is here to enhance the stature of this institution. He has renewed his three year contract, and is here to rock until 1999. Yeah sure, Harry is devoted to NYLS. He refers to NYLS and himself as we. So, he implied that he is a Corporate Entity, or rather a trademark for NYLS. That's O.K., though, because as far as I am concerned he can represent me anytime.

The Center Holds is supplemented by capsuled biographies, providing the reader with helpful background that points out the ideological and educational developments of the justices. For example, Simon introduces the Court's main opponent of the Warren legacy in this manner: "Leading the conservative charge in all of the cases was Chief Justice Rehnquist, who was appointed to the Court by President Richard M. Nixon in 1971 and quickly earned the reputation as the most outspoken conservative on the Court in more than a quarter of a century. As associate justice and later as chief justice, he consistently supported government regulations of individual liberties and rejected civil rights claims of racial minorities."

Simon notes that Rehnquist, who as a Supreme Court clerk to Justice Jackson in 1954 wrote a memo arguing that Plessy be upheld, voted for positions least favorable to racial minorities, women, the elderly and the disabled in 80 out of 83 cases.

Despite a lot of disclaimers about judicial restraint, Nixon, Ford, Reagan and Bush carefully searched for nominees who would join the Court with a political agenda that would fly in the face of stare decisions and roll back a quarter century of American jurisprudence and American history. Rehnquist became the leader of this counterrevolution.

To the degree that this counter revolution succeeded, Rehnquist was joined by his Stanford classmate, O'Connor. Rehnquist is the ideologue who staked out the counterrevolution. O'Connor is the conservative version of Brennan, the bridgebuilder.

Both moved to Phoenix, Arizona and both joined the Goldwater wing of the Republican party there. In 1964, the year of the Goldwater presidential debacle and Ronald Reagan's political rise as a Goldwater spokesman against the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Rehnquist spoke out against a Phoenix public accommodations ordinance that prohibited racial discrimination in private restaurants open to the public.

In 1964, the year when Hillary Rodham Clinton was a volunteer in Goldwater's presidential debacle and Ronald Reagan emerged as a...
Dear Editor,

I am Stephen A. Bonfa. I am one of the founders of the newly organized Italian American Law Student Association. I am writing to you in order to thank all the students who participated, by eating all the food, in the Nov. 21 Italian Food Festival. I feel compelled to write this letter because of the all the overwhelming positive responses that I have received from the NYLS community.

Incredibly, we were able to serve over 400 plates of authentic Italian cuisine in the span of one and a half hours. This event's success is mostly due to some very hungry students and professors, as well as the generous contributions of the two restaurants who catered our event: Ivy's Bistro (on Greenwich St.) who prepared the Rigatoni alla Vodka & Chicken Scarpiello; and Pierino's Restaurant (on Reade St.) who prepared the Penne with Fresh Basil and Tomato Sauce & Eggplant Rollatini.

I would be negligent not to mention Meridith Ziegar, the SBA Treasurer, and her Bud-geting Committee for funding this event as well as the School Cafeteria who helped us out by giving us forks when we ran out of them. Also, I would like to thank the Reporter for printing this letter.

I would once again like to thank all of the NYLS community who came and ate us out of house and home.

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I sincerely hope that the Italian Food Festival served as a nice break for students before finals.

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"That the air may at times seem filled with verbal cacophony is, in this sense, not a sign of weakness but a sign of strength."

-Justice Harlan

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Gun Control: A Student Speaks From Experience
By Alison Gilgore and Frank Ng

Nearly 40,000 Americans die from firearms every year. Four basic myths regarding gun control make people feel owning a gun is positive.

Myth #1: Guns don’t kill, people do. However, guns are lethal weapons. Thousands of people die each year in accidents and spur of the moment arguments because guns were available, if guns were not available, many of these deaths would not occur.

Myth #2: Hand guns in the home protect you. According to recent research, guns in the home are 43% more likely to be used to kill a family member or acquaintance than an intruder.

Myth #3: Gun control does not work. Gun deaths are much lower in countries that restrict handguns.

Myth #4 Gun control infringes on the Second Amendment. In fact, no gun control law has ever been turned down in any court on the basis that it violated the Second Amendment. (from New Yorkers Against Gun Violence).

Larry Piergrossi, a second year student at New York Law School, was shot in the neck after he and his friends left a bar on the Upper East Side three years ago. When they left the bar they had a brief altercation with a group of kids. After the altercation Piergrossi and his friends ran to their car and were chased by the group. While getting in they noticed one of the other group members had a gun pointed toward the car. Piergrossi tried to duck, but the bullet struck him below the chin and lodged in his neck, where it is today.

One of his messages is that people are not safe with guns so readily available. "Anything could happen at any time of the day in any neighborhood. You can't outrun a bullet. People have no control against guns.” He has devoted considerable amounts of time to educating people about gun control in order to help raise awareness of the problem. He does not feel that his situation would have turned out better if he or any of his friends had a gun that night. On the contrary, he feels the situation could have been even worse, a gunfire would have ensued and he could be dead or in jail.

Since this incident, he has become involved with a group called New Yorkers Against Gun Violence, a group designed to bring gun violence awareness to the forefront. One of the group’s annual projects, which Piergrossi helped organize, is a display of a pair of shoes for every gun death in each state. They call this a “silent march” and it is done in memory of each person who has died as a result of firearms.

September 30, 1996 in Washington, D.C., the group had its second march. Protesters along with 39,000 pairs of shoes gathered around the Capitol Reflecting Pool. The shoes were arranged by state with a sign above each grouping giving the 1993, most recent, statistic for each state. The shoes were arranged by state with a sign above each grouping giving the 1993, most recent, statistic for each state. Families, friends, and relatives wrote inscriptions or sent photos that were inserted into the shoes to give the march an even more personal effect. This march illustrates that the individuals guns affect are real people. “It is dramatic and shows the degree of the problem. These people can no longer speak. What would they say if they could?"

Piergrossi speaks on their behalf because “he was in their situation - only he lived.” If anyone is interested in starting a Gun Control Society at New York Law School or would like more information about New Yorkers Against Gun Violence, please drop a message in Larry Piergrossi’s mailbox.

People Kill People

Although people kill people with guns, people have been killing people with knives, clubs, ice-picks, and the like long before guns were invented. Although, gun deaths are lower in those countries without guns, that statistic does not indicate that crime is lower. It is likely that criminals run rampant and roam free in those countries, that doesn’t do much for the quality of life in the absence of guns. Assuming arguendo that deaths are lower, some people need killing.

While it is unfortunate that there are many victims of gun violence, anti-gun control advocates believe that if strong gun-control laws are initiated the only people with guns will be the criminals. With strict gun-control laws in place, the law abiding citizens adhering to these laws will be at the

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### MOVIE REVIEWS

**By Charles Hymowitz**

**The Ghost and the Darkness**

The scene: a smokeless Hollywood conference room cluttered with healthy foods and reams upon tons of marketing research. Page after page of research testing possible titles for a terrific film about two lions hell bent on wreaking havoc upon a man they rightly perceive is looking to kill them because they are interfering with his job—building a bridge over an African River during the peak of Europe's first wave of European colonization. The research is unrea.

The first genius speaks: "Jaws of the Jungle!" A snicker goes up around the table. "Don't laugh. It's catchy, the kids will think it's about a cute gorilla, and we've got the same elements as Jaws did: an exotic location; a straight-faced protagonist in Val Kilmer playing against type; and a soundtrack echoing the same notes used in Jaws to signal an attack."

The second whiz kid speaks: "Landsharks!" Hoots of laughter from around the table. "We've got great animatronics, so that the lions actually look as real as when they mauled a character or three; we'll get the yuppies because they'll think it's Dan Aykroyd when it's really Michael Douglas in a break from his usual uptight jerk role; an exciting script written by William Goldman, one of the best screenwriters working today, with only the barest of character background and exposition necessary to tell a complete story."

Third brain, with a note of finality: "We'll call it The Lion King II - Simba gets ugly." The laughter is loud and long. "Why not? This is a fable with mythic overtones; a couple of cartoonish characters who don't advance the story significantly but have a story to tell; and, best of all, a happy ending for the romantic and mythically impaired."

The fourth guy is VP of Marketing. His license plate reads "OPEN WEEK" as a sign of honor towards his ability to get films to open with all the important blockbuster openings weekend grosses. He's been listening and taking it all in. Quietly, he says, "The Lion and the Ghost." There is silence as negative ions pass through the air. The first whiz is heard muttering from one end of the table.

"It stinks. Worst title I ever heard for one terrific, beautiful, well-written, well acted film. I'll never open it." The room is even more still.

"I said The Ghost and the Wind. And you're fired. Pack up your jeep."

**The First Wives' Club**

Opening credits can tell a viewer a great deal about the movie to come. Think of the interesting lines in *North by Northwest*, or the hilarious credits which open *City Slickers*. Each telegraphs a tone and a view. The over saturated colors in the cartoon credits a few minutes into *The First Wives' Club* contradicts the opening suicide scene; and sets the right tone for the broad comedy which follows.

*First Wives* is a revenge fantasy. It is the story of three women, all somewhere in their mid-forties, who have been ignominiously dumped by their husbands in favor of younger, trophy wives; and how the women get even. This is one of those films which, if you really think about it, doesn't really hold up; yet it raises enough serious issues about men, women and relationships to get everyone talking afterwards.

The movie is powered by terrific performance by Bette Midler and Goldie Hawn. There is a vibrant chemistry between Midler, who plays the frumpy, lonely yet spunky housewife and Dan Hedaya as Morty, the man she is still just a little bit in love with. Hedaya, a man with a permanent hunchback, hang dog, sleazeball look, is an actor you've seen hundreds of times yet never noticed. Watch him make his tentative moves back to the home where he belongs.

Diane Keaton is not as successful. While Hawn's Elise grows from monster bitch to human, Keaton's nervous, repressed Annie never puts it all together. It's a juicy part. She has the most reason to be bitter and vengeful. After all, how many women find their husband in a relationship with the therapist they share? What's missing is the bigness and boldness which both of Keaton's co-stars bring to their roles.

*First Wives* is full of unbilled cameos and sparkling minor roles. Watch Rob Reiner as a concerned plastic surgeon working on his best creation, and then watch the payoff on his one big scene. It is not just the huge, collagen filled lips that are funny but how Keaton and Hawn play the scene. It's funny how they disappear by the end of the film. (Where did they go?) Phillip Bosco and Maggie Smith bring just the right touch of slimmness to otherwise minor parts.

Underneath all of the humor and fun is a serious issue—men who, for whatever reason, are willing to walk away from good women, with whom they have built families and lives, for younger women. How many of us guys watching *First Wives' Club* understand the impulse? How many of the women watching the film with us guys walk out wondering about their man? And what happens as a result?

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**Professor Simon Speaks Out**

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political star as a Goldwater spokesman against the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Rehnquist spoke out against a Phoenix public accommodations ordinance that prohibited racial discrimination in private restaurants open to the public.

Rehnquist earned a reputation as a partisan political soldier in the Nixon administration while implementing Nixon's "Southern Strategy." Rehnquist's anti-civil rights activities caused a political storm during his 1971 Supreme Court confirmation hearings and earned the opposition of 26 no votes in the Senate. His anti-civil rights activities later brought thirty-three senators to oppose his elevation to chief justice. In contrast, on the same day Rehnquist struggled to become chief justice, June 17, 1986, another staunch conservative, Antonia Scalia, was confirmed 98-0.

While the Supreme Court's majority is more conservative than the Warren or Burger Court majorities, Rehnquist has not, in Simon's opinion, succeeded in effecting a conservative judicial revolution. Sandra Day O'Connor worked as a precinct captain in Phoenix during the '64 Goldwater campaign, served as an Arizona assistant attorney general, and was named to complete the unfulfilled term of a state senator a year later. In 1972, O'Connor became the first woman majority leader of a state legislature in the nation. O'Connor was respected and well liked for her legislative skills.

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O'Connor's reputation as a consensus builder in the Arizona legislature impressed the United States Senate. They confirmed her as the first woman ever to sit on the Supreme Court by a vote of 99-0. Unlike Rehnquist, who has held fast to his perch on the far right, O'Connor has proved to be as much of a consensus builder on the Court as she was in the Arizona legislature.

Although married, Justice Anthony Kennedy has always exhibited a straightforward, monkish demeanor, similar to his bachelor colleague David Souter. Kennedy taught law at McGeorge School of Law in his hometown of Sacramento, California before taking over the legal lobby business of his father.

After drafting a memorandum for Governor Ronald Reagan on a state referendum proposition limiting spending through taxation, Kennedy was appointed chief counsel for the Ninth Circuit. Kennedy interpreted federal statutes, civil rights laws, and liberties claims narrowly, while holding tough on criminal defendants. Kennedy's nomination to the Supreme Court was confirmed by the Senate on February 3, 1988. The vote was 97-0.

Since barely being confirmed to the Court in 1991, 52-48, Clarence Thomas has kept a purposely low profile, content mostly to mirror the opinions of his conservative mentor Scalia. Thomas has retreated womibly to the security of the Court's chambers, resembling Elvis Presley in his final days, the comforting sounds of air conditioning keeping out the painful memories of his past.

Justice Scalia, the son of a professor of romance languages, seems content to operate like a German classics scholar of the 19th century, hunting for his legal principles in the texts of antiquity, undisturbed by modern developments such as sociology, psychology, anthropology, statistics, medical advances, telephones and automobiles.

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DeCember 1996
The Ugly Truth About Homosexuality

By Matt Brew

"Hammer of the Gods, will drive our ships to new lands.
To fight the hordes, and sing and cry.
Valhalla I am coming"
-- Robert Plant

If I was compelled to label myself, I must admit that I would be classified a conservative. However, I consider myself a true conservative, not one of those phony Rush Limbaugh types who parade around engaging in Pagan dances of hypocrisy. For your information 'conservative' is not synonymous with 'asshole', no matter how much the media and the conservative demagogues prancing around today may try and convince you otherwise.

Those conservatives are not conservatives at all. They are hypocrites. They are filthy, vile, loathsome species who have become intellectually stunned enough to actually believe their own propaganda. Give me a moment of your time and I shall make you infinitely smarter.

The best way to expose this hypocrisy is to face the arch enemy of the Jesse Helms breed of conservative head on. Let's talk about homosexuality.

Let's talk about the ugly truth lurking behind all the propaganda.

America despises homosexuals. Let's be real here. Animals have better protections under this regime; Christ, illegal aliens are afforded more protection. Why? Because for the most part, this country hates homosexuality. That is the only reason why discrimination against them is tolerated.

Courts should be honest with them. Step up and say, "your legal argument makes sense, and deep down I know legally your right, but hey, your queer, so be happy all we're doing is denying you your rights and not setting you on fire. Instead they get crap like, “sexual orientation is not a fundamental right and so is not afforded the same protection” or something like that. Vomit. Hey schmuck, sexual preference or orientation may not be fundamental, but what happened to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness"?

MULTIPLE CHOICE EXAM

Call me naïve, but isn't deciding who your going to marry and spend the rest of your life with a fundamental if not quintessential part of happiness? Doesn't it follow then that by denying someone that choice denies them that happiness that is promised in the Constitution? The Supreme Court strikes again. I'll tell you what, you bring out your balancing scales and I'll drink Lake Michigan and piss all over them. You'd get better justice, believe me.

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A true conservative wants as little government and as little government involvement as possible. Period. End of statement. But they need to have a say in your life. They can't help it. It's all those years they've denied themselves the pleasure of masturbation. They have all that frustration stored up, so they feel compelled to ejaculate their morality on us. No thanks, all right.

Part of the problem stems from religion. I hate religion. The Feudal Lords of old lost spiritual control of the peasants and vanished. The New Lords seek now to regain that control through the guise of religious morality. What ever happened to separation of church and state? I'll tell you. The Supreme Court is too busy making up passages in the Constitution that aren't there and they are forgetting to protect the explicit language found in that historic document. For example, a woman has a

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Experiences: Apartheid in Northern Ireland

By Hansen Alexander

American lawyer Larry Downes and Irish journalist Oisín McBride provided a chilling account of institutionalized discrimination and outright assassination against Catholics in Northern Ireland during an October 30th discussion in the Faculty Dining Room. The discussion, sponsored by the Irish Law Students' Association, was held to learn more about the stalled peace talks regarding Northern Ireland.

Downes, past president of the Brehon Law Society, a New York Irish law organization, sketched out an 800-year history of the British occupation of Ireland and the peace talks which began in 1994.

McBride, whose father and brother were killed by British troops during indiscriminate search and destroy missions, provided a highly emotional and personal account of the Catholic subjugation at the hands of the ruling class Northern Ireland Protestants and the British. McBride called the 800 year English occupation of Ireland the longest war in history.

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Downes and McBride provided an account of discrimination against Catholics in employment, housing, and education that they compared to blacks in the United States, and which could have been equally compared to blacks in South Africa under apartheid.

Catholics compose 45% of the population, yet Northern Ireland’s government and police force are totally controlled by the Protestants. Although the government in Northern Ireland became independent of the Republic of Ireland in 1918, Catholics could not vote until 25 years ago, according to McBride. McBride said that Catholics who served on mundane civic councils, such as sewage treatment commissions, are frequently assassinated.

The dominant Protestant political party is the Ulster Unionist Party. One-fourth of the seats on its executive committee are reserved, according to Downes, for the Orange Order, a protestant supremacist organization which he compared to the Ku Klux Klan.

The Orange Order leads taunting demonstrations into Catholic neighborhoods. Downes said, that often lead to violent clashes. The inferior status of Catholics is further exacerbated by 30,000 British troops in Northern Ireland. British troops routinely conduct house to house searches without cause in Catholic neighborhoods, reminiscent of the searches they conducted against American homes in Boston during the Revolutionary War, behavior that inspired the Bill of Rights.

In addition to illegal searches and seizures, British troops have interned and jailed Catholics without trial for years. Paul Hill, the son-in-law of the late New York Senator Robert F. Kennedy, is one of the most celebrated such internees. Catholics are routinely held for seven days in jail without any bail or notification, according to McBride.

British troops have frequently leveled whole city blocks in cities like Belfast on the pretext of looking for suspected terrorists, McBride said. British military officials have openly acknowledged for years that they view Northern Ireland as a target practice, a place where British troops can obtain valuable experience and promotions. British success in the Falklands war was partly attributed to the experience its troops had gained in Northern Ireland.

McBride has covered numerous British missions in Northern Ireland where troops fired on Catholic civilians and British commanders told them “British military officials have openly acknowledged for years that they view Northern Ireland as a target practice, a place where British troops can gain valuable experience and promotions.”

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Downes expressed disappointment that the peace process begun in 1994 has stalled for 17 months but expressed optimism that it has turned a corner and will not return to a pre-1994 status. Downes praised President Clinton for making Irish peace a major foreign policy priority and praised Jerry Adams and John Hume, leaders of Catholic factions who in the past were at loggerheads.

The 1994 breakthrough agreement between Adams, leader of Sinn Fein, and Hume, leader of the moderate Catholic group , NDLP, was the critical change in the peace process, Downes said, because the Irish government in Dublin and British government in London had said the inability of Northern Irish Catholics to reach a consensus precluded any negotiations.

Troops fired on Catholic citizens and British commanders told them “They deserve to die.”

Adams and Hume, according to Downes, went to Irish Prime Minister Albert Reynolds in 1994. Reynolds, the first Irish Prime Minister in modern times to make a serious interest in solving the Northern Irish problem, then called British Prime Minister John Major. Irish Prime Ministers since 1918 had always been reluctant to pressure London over Northern Ireland because of economic dependence on Great Britain. Historians hold England responsible for essentially starving more than two million Irish to death in the wake of the famine of 1846-1848 because the English owned the potatoes that the Irish subsisted on.

McBride said bitterly that he is not allowed to speak Irish, the national language, in Northern Ireland, which he called “absurd.” The substitution of English for Irish was a major part of the English subjugation of Ireland. At one time Catholics could not own property or vote in Ireland. Catholics could not attend Trinity College, the Irish Harvard, until well into the 20th century.

Until three years ago the news from Northern Ireland was censured in the Republic of Ireland for fear of offending the British. The television radio was often turned off when Catholic leaders like Adams spoke. Subtitles gave an official British version of what a Catholic leader said. This practice ended, according to McBride, when Larry King interviewed Adams on CNN, which is received by most European government officials, and King observed that Adams was speaking for the first time without subtitles. McBride said the embarrassment was so severe to the British that they ended censorship in Ireland.

The Clinton Administration has put heavy pressure on the Major government to work for peace in Ireland. President Clinton has signaled his intense interest in Ireland as soon as he became president in 1993 by naming Jean Kennedy Smith, sister of President Kennedy, a beloved figure in Ireland, to the United States Ambassador. Unlike most ambassadors, Smith has ready access to Clinton. Clinton not only pressed Major to negotiate an end to the apartheid but elevated the status of Sinn Fein by granting Adams a visa and meeting with him at the White House. Vice President Gore further stated at a recent appearance when he suggested that as long as he is in a position to influence events, peace in Northern Ireland will remain a priority.

Downes’ optimism over an eventual end
mercy of would be rapists and robbers; felons will have more confidence to commit crimes against the citizenry with the knowledge that strict gun-control laws take the means of defense out of the hands of the law abiding, therefore making them easy prey for any miscreant hunting humans.

Gun-control advocates view their ultimate goal as a world without guns, therefore, even criminals would not have guns available to them. In some Utopia that may be happening, but today where guns are available even in prisons, it is wishful and misleading to believe that a world totally void of guns is possible.

Assuming arguendo that gun-control advocates get a world free of firearms, criminals would be more confident and more apt to prey on society with the knowledge that no one has a gun to trump their sharpened screwdrivers, razors or utility knives. What chance would a cornered frail girl have against a hardened ex-con looking to add another notch to his belt?

**Some people need killing**

Gun-control advocates would have her cry for help and leave her fate to bystanders and police. A lot of good that would do a woman alone with a burglar breaking through the window of her home after he cut the phone line. A lot of good that did Kitty Genovese in Queens. Vigilantism should not be promoted but self defense and the right of one not to have ones body violated is a reason that anti-gun legislation should fail. The availability of guns serve as a deterrent to crime because criminals take into consideration the possibility that their potential victims are armed and likely to do them severe injury.

Gun control advocates would have you believe that a gun would probably be taken away from you by a criminal and used against you in the crime. That is always a possibility. But if a criminal is already committing a crime against a person, at least the victim had the option of a defense. Larry states that if he had a gun during the altercation he might be dead or in jail. In speculation, Larry also might not have suffered any injury if he were able to shoot back. If guns were legal, and Larry was carrying, he would not have to worry about ending up in prison. Also based on the circumstances, self defense was an acceptable alternative to running.

Given a choice, it is likely most people would prefer to have the option of shooting back in addition to running away and being shot in the back. Because as Larry pointed out, you can’t outrun a bullet.

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right to an abortion which is "read from" combining convenient passages in the document, yet I can’t carry any of my assault rifles legally and the language saying I can is explicitly there. Go figure.

These religious creatures do the same type of perverted interpretation when they condemn homosexuality. They claim that their justification for abusing homosexuals lies within the bible. They must have skipped passages like "let he who has never sinned cast the first stone", "before you point out the speck in my eye, pluck the boulder from your own", and my favorite one (and probably the passage most ignored by these do gooders, "Judge not, lest ye be judged")

But, you’re assuming that (a) there is a god, (b) I give a shit what god says, (c) that somewhere along the lines your religious views have overcome the separation of church and state idea.

They haven’t asshole. Keep your religion in your bedroom. I find it obscene and I sincerely believe it subscribes to prurient interests. Besides, if homosexuality is a sin, and all the gays are going to hell, don’t you think that is their concern? If God chooses to exclude homosexuals from heaven, that’s his business. I however, don’t live in heaven. I live here and here is a place purported to be an environment where people are free to pursue life, liberty, and happiness. Besides, if God hated them so much, why the hell did he make them?

**They are filthy, vile, loathsome species who have become intellectually stunted enough to actually believe their own propaganda.**

We find another bastion of this hypocritical philosophy breeding within our government. For instance, lets do a brief review of the AIDS outbreak. For years it was a "gay disease" and no one gave a shit. Then one day it crept up and bit America right on the ass. Cool. Did many people give a hoot when all those gays were dying in the early 80’s? Did the Government? Christ, no way Reagan gave a fuck. He denied the problem until the shit hit the fan. One day we woke up and little babies and women------and holy shit, straight men were getting it. Then things got serious. One funny thing did come out of it though. Think about this. One of the wanna be conservative outliers against abortion is that "one of those babies could have found the cure for cancer; now we’ll never know". Well, think about this Mr. Reagan, (if you can still think), wouldn’t it be a pisser if one of those homosexuals that died in the early 80’s because of your refusal to take action to prevent the spread of the disease was going to be the dude that cured Alzheimer’s? I’d piss myself. Just like you’d do!

Now, I’m not knocking Reagan. I liked him. In hindsight, some of his economic policies were failures; however, he did come along at a time when this country needed him and he did do a lot of good for this country. But that was an atrocious way to treat the very people who elected you to lead them. He had an obligation all the citizens of this country, not just the chosen few. Part of governments job is to protect the minority opinion. He didn’t do a good job that time.

**They have all that frustration stored up, so they feel compelled to ejaculate their morality on us.**

I’m not here to wave the homosexual banner. And I’m not saying that you should change your mind about what you think about homosexuality. I honestly don’t give a shit what you think. And I mean that with all my heart. If you think homosexuality is perverted and gross and blah, blah, that’s fine. Good for you. You get a big smiley. All I’m saying is that it shouldn’t matter what you, me, Jesse Helms, or Jimmy Page thinks about the morality of homosexuality.

These people are human beings, more importantly TAX PAYING human beings who should not be denied any of the rights that are enjoyed by everyone else because of societies prejudices. That is not democracy, that’s tyranny of the majority and it seems De’Tocqueville (God) turned out to be a better judge of character.

So next time you see those “conservatives” roaming about like hunchbacked angels of Satan, understand that this is not what true conservatism is about. True conservatives would understand that Government has no business meddling in the personal affairs of people. Besides, if this country is going to discriminate, it should discriminate against the liberals. They at least deserve it. Keep your hands of my money dammit!
Breakfast With the Center for New York City Law

By David Drossman

Waking up at 7:30 a.m. on a Friday morning is not normally my idea of having a good time, but one chilly morning opened my eyes to one of the interesting things that happen as I normally sleep. I still didn't enjoy the alarm ringing before 8:00 a.m. (not that I enjoy it ringing after 8:00 a.m.), but the quietness and serenity of lower Manhattan can be very soothing. I managed to get up (with the help of a winch and Ford Bronco) and arrived at my destination right on time: 8:15 a.m. The Center for New York City Law, headed by Professor Ross Sandler, was holding one of its six Friday Morning Law Breakfasts.

I stepped off the "C" building elevator and my peace and serenity were interrupted with the rumble of 120 enthusiastic men and women, roughly a quarter of which were NYLS students, festively chatting about New York City issues and showing down on the fine assortment of food. The food included pre-cut bagels, orange slices and croissants; there was no expense spared, as with most events involving mostly NYLS visitors. The folding chairs even had cushions! I headed for the coffee station, and a young lady named Dess explained the selection to me. Although the coffee and tea was self-service, she seemed to be doing a good job of supervising so I asked if I could take her picture for the newspaper. She was very shy, but eventually she gave in. [Picture, bottom right].

Many NYLS students are involved in the Center for NYC Law, and they were working hard to organize and gather everyone for the featured speaker, Richard Cotton, Janene Custumino [picture, center top], Lara Meinke [top left], Meg Reuter and Adam Lancer [top right] were among the helpful staff who made sure everything ran smoothly. (Similar to Patrick Swayze's job as the "Cooler" in "Roadhouse"). There were three television cameras for 'Crosswalks,' a public access feature run by the City which broadcasts events involving governmental issues.

At 8:30 a.m. Ross Sandler, the Center's Director, took the podium to greet the audience. He enthusiastically spoke of upcoming Law Breakfasts, and was visibly proud of the Center's accomplishments. Sandler introduced the topic to be discussed (health care) and set the stage for Cotton, whose impressive resume includes degrees from Harvard and Yale, a clerkship for Justice Brennan, a stint as partner at a major law firm and numerous other credentials. Cotton is currently General Counsel for NBC and Chair of the Primary Care Development Corporation.

When Cotton took the podium he thanked Sandler for putting a positive spin on what most people criticize; not being able to hold a job. With the ice broken, Cotton got right to the heart of the lecture. "You look at health care in New York City, at overuse of emergency rooms and specialists. There is not great quality health care and it's not as great as it should be." He pointed to the continued unnecessary use of specialists as a cause of the low quality and high cost of health care. The goal is to build health care facilities in under served areas of the City, but the problem is the access to capital. Doctors don't want to work in certain areas, so people elsewhere pay more for their health care. City government can only provide $5-8 million for larger facilities and $1-5 million for smaller ones, which well short of what is needed. The way to more efficient health care is the primary care infrastructure. The audience had cold, intense looks on their faces [picture, lower left], but no one looked bored or tired throughout the entire speech.

Cotton continued by pointing to the many private nonprofit organizations who raise funds for the repair of crumbling facilities and construction of new ones. The City must come up with the money up front by putting their credit behind bonds, which slows down money for research and development and construction grants. However, "They [private organizations] don't have to deal with the regulatory red tape that government officials have to." Unfortunately, problems arise because politicians have a problem with giving up authority, Cotton said, "It's the single hardest thing for a public official to do." Cotton was deliberate but interesting in his delivery, as he put the pieces of the health care puzzle together in the minds of the audience. It was definitely worth a Friday morning, and I advise students interested in New York City law and local issues to attend future breakfasts.

The Center for New York City Law has future lectures scheduled on December 13 [Gretchen Dykstra-President, Times Square Business Improvement District], February 28 [Robert P. Kennedy, Jr. Professor, Pace Law School], March 21 [Hon. Rudy Washington-Deputy Mayor for Community Development & Business Services] and April 18 [Hon. Alan G. Hevesi-New York City Comptroller]. All breakfasts take place on Fridays, starting at 8:15 a.m. and ending at 9:30 a.m. They are held in the Faculty Dining Room, and reservations are optional but appreciated at (212)431-2115.

Professor Sandler introduced me to Cotton shortly before he spoke, and he greeted me with a hearty handshake. At 8:25 a.m. on a Friday, the best I could come up with was a humorous warning about misquoting him and getting bad press, but Cotton was not amused. Humor was obviously not his specialty, but humor doesn't get you the job of General Counsel for NBC.

The food selection included assorted sliced fruits and danishes. Said one admirer, "I love to eat and I don't care who knows it!"

"The Law Breakfasts are excellent opportunities to meet new people."
pany would be making to ensure its security and solvency. In the past Lloyd’s of London had preserved an unblemished claims payment record. But starting in the late 1970’s, the giant reinsurer fell into difficulties. These problems were due to the risky nature of the insurance business. The difficulties were compounded by natural and industrial disasters which included the Exxon Valdez oil spillage, the Piper Alpha explosion, the San Francisco Earthquake, and hurricane damage sustained between 1987 to 1992. In addition, claims resulting from asbestos toxins were flooding the company. Further, during this time frame, the company had not diversified its losses. Individual investors no longer had to meet standards as stringent as those in the past. As a result, liabilities were being passed around in a spiraling motion with the end result of having nowhere to settle.

Enter Nicholas E.T. Prettejohn, who came on board as Lloyd’s Head of Strategy in 1995, and was kind enough to appear and explain the changes undertaken by Lloyd’s of London to reconstruct the company’s capital structure. Other speakers included Edward J. Muhl of New York State Insurance, Sean F. Mooney of the Insurance Information Institute, and Christian M. Milton of the American International Group, Inc. First and foremost, the company wanted to settle outstanding claims, resolve litigation, and repay investors.

In addition to finding the capital required to make good on its policies, the company needed to stay afloat and wanted to spring back to its position as a mammoth in the re-insurance industry. To do so, Lloyd’s of London sold its assets to secure cash. Agents, auditors, and brokers contributed millions of pounds in funds, and resolutions were passed requiring contributions from premiums usually paid back to the original investors. Lloyd’s also began accepting corporate investors and again implemented higher standards in accepting such investors. Most significantly, Lloyd’s is building a corporate structure that will diversify its losses and channel them into different directions, spreading them out and limiting liability.

The Russian Securities Markets Symposium also addressed the complicated task of imposing order in a financial chaos. The Russian Government is attempting to put forth legislation needed to regulate a financial structure akin to that in the U.S. Galina Shilina of Price, Waterhouse in Moscow and Thomas D. Sanford of The Bank of New York explained the recent development of the securities markets in Russia and the outside demand for sales of such securities. Russia is struggling to create boundaries and a framework for its economy that depend on legal aspects of constructing such formations. The proper harnessing and design of the monetary resources and productive power available in Russia could lead to many corporate advantages for Russian companies. Commercial objectives of heightened commitment and profile and financial objectives of access to deep capital markets and better share valuations are only part of the method employed in making the Russian securities markets viable and functionally enduring.

Other advantages to establishing stability in the erection of securities regulation are broader shareholder bases and the facilitation of strategic investment practices. In addition, there would be administrative simplification of shareholder records and repackaging of company stock.

On the other side, there are investor advantages as well. Investors may choose from over 1,600 Depositary Receipts from over 60 countries that are issued by a Depositary pursuant to such an agreement. Depositaries represent home-market securities that can be freely traded in Europe and the U.S. The Russian Depository Receipts are quoted in U.S. dollars and dividends and interests are also paid in U.S. Dollars. They clear and settle according to U.S. dollars and dividends and interests are also paid in U.S. Dollars. They are convenient in that it may be tax efficient and enhance liquidity.

Students are welcome to attend such events. Look for flyers or to The Counselor for upcoming events. A more comprehensive view of these events will be published in NYLS’ Journal of International and Comparative Law.
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We're New York Law, not NYU, though people may think it's true.

We love it here, it makes us sad, our reputation is so bad.

But who the hell cares about a reputation others made.

We had the Yankee Ticker tape Parade.

NYU, you think you're nifty, because your LSAT's are all top 150.

Your scores are higher, that may be so.

You can't get laid, that's all I know.

Our professors are better, they know where they stand.

Your Pros are rejects from Ivy League Land.

It's O.K. You'll get a job.

Your Dad's a lawyer, or in the mob.

Ambulance chasing is your calling.

Pro bono is not a dirty word.

You should try it; selfish nerd.

Have fun working 18 hours a day.

while we vacation on the beach of Del-Ray.

We party a lot, you're all geeks.

We have school only 4 days a week.

We're in 'Beca, you're in Greenwich.

Our classes are fun, yours' are a bitch.

We have personality, fun is all we need.

Your social lives are lacking and all you do is read.

So, the distinction is made, New York Law rules.

It's now official, you all are fools.

In the end, we think it's funny.

U.S News says we'll make more money.

Welcome back to my monthly music review. This month, I have decided to give myself an early Christmas present and devote the entire column to Madonna. First, I will review the Evita soundtrack, which is a double CD set, and then I will do the Madonna update. So if you are not a Madonna fan, stop reading now and finish your outlines. But if you are either a fan of Madonna or a friend of mine, keep reading.

Evita soundtrack is, of course, phenomenal. There are two cd's and they pretty much chronicle the movie from beginning to end. Unfortunately, Evita does not only feature songs sang by Madonna. Some other artists in the movie sing songs, namely Antonio Banderas, who should definitely stick to acting. On the first cd, Madonna only has two solos and a few duets. On the second cd, Madonna has six solos and a few duets. I am partial to the second cd, and I know this will sound biased, but I do think that the Madonna songs are the best ones. Her voice sounds fantastic. If these were the first songs that you have ever heard from Madonna, you would never think this is the same woman who sings "Material Girl." Madonna has clearly matured in it. Next month, I will be reviewing the new cd by another musical genius, Prince. His triple cd Emancipation just came out in stores. So until next month, good luck on finals, happy holidays and have a great break.
STUDENT VIEWS

A Partial Wish List for Christmas-New Years at N.Y.L.S.

By James H. Fitzgerald
First Year Evening Student

An A.T.M. Machine
The nearest bank machines are several blocks away and are along relatively deserted paths at night. A.T.M. machines can now be purchased outright by non-banking institutions. A student group could purchase or lease a machine for a few hundred dollars per month which could pay for itself with a fee for each withdrawal. It might even be profitable. This could also be provided by Sodexo through the cafeteria.

Enough coat hooks in the lecture rooms
Most lecture rooms have far fewer coat hooks along the wall then there are seats. In room A900, for example, there are only about 30 hooks for 120 seats. Yet there is more than enough wall space on both sides of the lecture hall to install a quantity equal to the seating capacity of the room. Most, if not all of the lecture rooms have an insufficient number of coat hooks. While it might be a minor quality of life issue, some rooms have very little space between seats. It should not cost the law school very much to deliver on this need.

Respectful Professors
During this first semester, I have witnessed one professor speak to several students with near contempt and disrespect. Earlier this semester, I was told by a LL evening student that her professor called her an “idiot” for asking a question. This is unacceptable behavior. Have these professors actually forgotten who actually pays their salaries? Perhaps these individuals need to put themselves to the following test: Would you like it if your wife, mother or daughter was spoken to in this manner? Would you tolerate being spoken to in this manner? I hope the professor I am referring to, as well as any other academic bullies that are out there give this issue some thought. I also know that most professors do not fall into this category.

Respectful Students
Like in any microcosm, we have many different types of people here at the law school. However, it seems that some students might be a little insensitive to others because of issues that have nothing to do with being in law school. Not everyone is going to graduate at the top of their class. But those who think they may should set an example by showing grace and respect to all of their other fellow students regardless of where they will rank. Those students that may not be grasping the law as well as others should not be braggadocious or resent those who students who are. It works both ways. We all have much more in common than we do not. Resist the admitted natural tendency to be in a “clique.” Resist gossip. Don’t shun or judge other students that you think do not know as much as you do, or appear to know more than you do. You just never know who is going to be “who” someday. Don’t burn a bridge before you even get to the chance to know it is truly made of. Let’s try to be at least a little nice to each other. Our studies are obviously stressful enough.

BEEFS:

Computer Rooms at N.Y.L.S.

Anonymous Disgruntled Student

We are living in a period of time where there are many technological advances. With faxes, computers and on-line services the world is becoming a global village. Things are becoming obsolete daily and you do not know what to replace first. People think that in order to bring technological advances to a person you update the on-line services and bring in new programs as they become available. The trade off for this, is not updating the computers themselves, printers and keyboards.

Many academic institutions do this, including our very own New York Law School. Many students here, can not afford computers which are a necessity in school. They don’t use the new updated programs, but use basic word processing programs to get their papers done for class. However, since the school is spending money for “new and improved” programs, and not updating the basics, students are suffering. Many printers in school do not work, if they do there is no paper to print things out on. The keyboards are very sticky, which makes it hard to type out papers if you wanted to. Also, many of the new programs are geared to work on newer computers. Since most of the computers here at N.Y.L.S. are outdated, even though we have these new programs, they won’t work on the present systems.

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Many students cannot afford computers, and rely on the computers at school to get their work done. Since many of the basic computer functions that they need to do their work for school are either broken, or just simply not there, and it makes it harder for them to complete their workload. Law School is hard enough as it is, why should students have additional worries. They end up going to Kinko’s or a store of the like, to get their work done which is expensive, and we as law students are in debt already because of tuition, we do not need any more financial hardships.

Just a note to the administration. Next time you want to update the computer lab, first check if the basics are O.K. What’s the point on having the edge on technology, if you don’t have the basics to run the technologies with. Students do not care about the updated modes of communication, if they have a paper to do and can not do it because the key board sticks, or there is no paper in the printer. They have to find alternative ways which are time and financially consuming. This create more stress on the student. Law School is hard enough, why make it more stressful?

Happy Holidays and New Year.

What’s Wrong With This Picture?

By Vladimir Vizner
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Parking Scam
It’s about time people start complaining. The parking regulations around the city are shameful. Think about it folks. Why are we paying for space at parking meters? The streets are paid for with our tax dollars.

That money comes from taxes every motorist pays for gasoline, parts and even the cars themselves. In a free society, such as our very own, the idea of paying for additional taxes in the form of parking fees is ridiculous. This is an unfair tax on the middle class. In our city the poor do not drive, they use mass transit. The rich also do not drive, they have people to chauffeur them around. The only people left are the middle class who get stuck paying taxes on what they already paid for.

To top this all off, the city has decided to go after motorists in an all out ticket blitz. This secondary feature of taxation is being used to skilfully avoid the appearance of the government trying to raise taxes yet again. This outrage has begun to fuel much resentment among the citizenry. In fact, there is a man in Brooklyn, at this very moment, forming a political party with this theme in mind. Politicians beware.
Terrorism At Its Worst

By Albert J. Marvelli

Terrorism is the unlawful use of force or threat of violence against persons or property to further political or social objectives. It is usually intended to intimidate or coerce a government, individuals or groups, or to modify their behavior, or politics.

Vice-President’s Task Force on Terrorism, 1985

The New York Law School recently experienced a terrorist event. While N.Y.L.S. was fortunate to avoid tragedy, the omnipresent threat of terrorism remains. Each of us can mitigate the danger posed by this threat by integrating security principles into daily life. Terror is the Latin word for frighten. Every society in the history of the world has experienced terror. The Founding Fathers used terrorist tactics against the British during the American revolution. Terrorist actions may be politically motivated or may simply be misguided attempts by frustrated individuals to communicate. Regardless, the students, faculty and staff must be prepared to deal with this threat in a manner that is not overly disruptive to everyday life.

Terrorism is the poor man’s weapon. It is cheap, easy and simple. The terrorist seeks to create fear and uncertainty. They will use threats and intimidation to achieve these broad goals. Some terrorists also seek to achieve certain defined goals such as closing a saw mill or fishery.

Terrorist organizations will often target sections of society who have special influence as targets. These organizations realize that the best way to influence a given society is to effect its decision makers. Lawyers and law students are people who can and do make such decisions.

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Furthermore certain groups will attract terrorists who have grudges. They may feel that the target group has harmed them or the group with which the terrorists belong. Again, lawyers are potential targets. Even Shakespeare wanted to kill all the lawyers. Security forces stand ready to counter the terrorist threat through the employment of physical, operational, and personal security tactics and techniques.

Physical security is the most tangible form of security preparedness. It is the province of the N.Y.L.S. security department. The school’s comprehensive physical security plan is designed to secure the facility as well maintain a safe and secure learning environment. Every person authorized access to the school should carry an I.D. card and be ready to display it upon demand. Security personnel guard access points and roam the facility to maintain security and safety. Furthermore every classroom has a phone to contact security directly; dial 2123.

Operational security is the protection of information. There are many uses for information and attorneys who have access to sensitive client information should be mindful of the potential uses of the information they possess. Safeguard all computer system passwords and do not leave computer unprotected. Law firms should dispose all refuse through shredding or burning; disclosing client information may be a source of liability to the firm.

Personal security is the area where each one of us has the most control. There are four principles: stay alert, stay unpredictable, stay low key, and stay informed. These four principles translate into simple everyday actions that will help to deter crime as well as terrorism. Use different routes for travel at different times. Avoid patterns and routines. Don’t park in the same spot. Avoid crowds.

Lawyers should try not to identify themselves on the street by speaking in jargon. Read newspapers to stay informed of political, economic and social trends.

Terrorists seek to change society with the threat of violence. To combat this threat society must turn to security forces. By integrating physical, operational and personal security into everyday life, lawyers can be confident that they have done everything they can to avoid terrorism.

How to identify and react to a suspicious package

Identify
- Do you expect to receive a package?
- Is the return address missing? Misspelled?
- Is the return addressee someone you don’t know?
- Is the return addressee strange? Odd handwriting?
- Is there excessive postage? Is it from a foreign country?
- Is the package an odd size?
- Does the package smell? Of almonds or marzipan?
- Is the package leaking a fluid?
- Is the package stained?
- Does the package stiffen when touched or feel like metal?
- Are there wires or strings that go inside?

React
- Do not shake
- If not holding, do not touch
- If holding, place on horizontal firm surface
- If possible place behind a barrier or object that can absorb an impact
- Notify Police and Security

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to apartheid in Ireland and a peace settlement is based on the tacit recognition, missing in the past, that the situation in Northern Ireland is now an international problem, not an internal problem. This allows the British, the Irish government in Dublin, and the Protestants in Northern Ireland more negotiating room because they can steer the peace plan away from purely emotional factors like nationalism and religion and shape a settlement on a wider basis of economics, world opinion, common Irish culture, etc. This makes a solution to a difficult problem more palatable to the various factions and constituencies. The frustration expressed by Downes was aimed mostly at the British who, Downes alleged, made two recent proposals that they know the Irish Catholic community cannot accept, and therefore were aimed at derailing the peace process.

"It’s simple," he declared, "Ireland is an island. The British should get out. We want self determination."

First, the Major government has demanded as a precondition, that the IRA unconditionally disarm without a countervailing request that the Protestant paramilitary forces also disarm. Adams took an enormous political risk in 1994 when he asked the IRA to commit to a cease-fire, because they were double crossed by the British when they held a cease-fire in the 1970s. Despite the risk, the IRA held to the 1994 cease-fire until earlier this year. Adams can hardly be alienating any Catholic constituency in Northern Ireland when he is his own political Sinn Fein, the political N.D.P. or the paramilitary IRA. McBride noted that the Irish nationalist leader Michael Collins, the subject of the current movie, was assassinated by his own IRA faction. Second, Major says that Sinn Fein cannot participate in the talks until the IRA agrees to yet another cease-fire.

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she's decked out in a tropical bra and white patent leather boots, and she's riding the A-express to the Bronx; the orange seat cradles her leather-worn thighs. who is she, that cruel and beautiful sleazy subway grifter?

paranoia sets in. it follows me and all my sisters and brothers. it sticks on our lobotomized frontal lobes like glue. it's the friendly hawk on futile marches, on the Times Square one money doing business in the back of our communal shoulder. it's in every drag of your cigarette, in the transvestite giving heading the defunct hippies and their political taxis, in the peep shows and topless bars, in the homeless person sleeping in front of a midtown billboard, in the pimp and his "number one," in the all-night bodegas and gas stations.

it's not the fear that i succumb to when a stranger yells at me, "what the fuck you looking at?"

nope, that is the american dream, the skinny woman and the fast car. that's the keen-eyed woman that rests on our respective shoulders. it's what we are watching us yesterday, it's watching us today, and it will be watching us tomorrow. the choice is ours, people. we can let it watch our every move, we can hide from it, or we can go down fighting.

no, i don't need a date. no, i don't need a smoke. no, i don't have any change. no, i can't hang out. i'm a law school boy, i'm from the neighborhood, and i'm trying to get back to my apartment.

and old acquaintance of mine visited me the other night. she was always a freak, but now she's a floating hippie freak with wild eyes. i sit on my vomit green recliner chain-smoking, and she lies on top of my left. she keeps on saying: "i love everything. you are a prince. everything is love. everything is g-d. everything is g-d. i love everything. i'm really getting good vibes from you. i want to share everything. i don't need anything. i'm just living with love. i don't let her walk back to the subway by herself.

on the hell's kitchen streets one night, this boy accosts me.

"what's up brother?"

"hey man, you've gotta help me," he pleads as he shows me his license. "i'm trying to get back to sucrauco, and i have no money. please help me. i promise i'm good look at me. i'm italian-irish, i swear i'm honest."

whatever. so let me get this straight, if he was black-hispanic-jewish, then he wouldn't be honest?

a one-legged boy in my neighborhood rides around in a wheelchair harassing cars at the 45th and 9th intersection. one night he's sitting pretty in the middle of the intersection blocking a cab. the passenger in the cab, a real uptown woman, is trying to convince the boy to move out of the way. "excuse me sir, could you please move so i can get to the hospital?" then her story changes. "excuse me sir, could you please move so i can visit my husband in the hospital." so who isn't on the hustle?

saturday night starts out kind of lame. serena and i go to see the "floyd laser show" at the Hayden planetarium, and i get depressed. the corporate irony is too much. after and elongated scuffle with a drunk boy, who thinks that he is kickin' dougs and to all i know need that serum and i am german, i drop serena off on the upper east side. on my way to the subway it's cold and i need to light my cigarette. i stop into bacaus (no cover) where the frat boys wear strictly flannel and denim, and the sorority sisters dress themselves out in short skirts and trendy shirts. the house band is covering bush. rock on boy!

on morning the "a" isn't running because a naked boy is lying in the middle of the tracks up in Harlem (i heard it on the radio). the "c" is just malfunctioning. i get on at the "e" and walk right into a woman and her son engaged in a heated discussion. the woman is berating son for "leading natalie on." the son is in love with someone named "moe." unfortunately, "moe is always falling all over him," and he feels that she takes things too seriously. the mother can't relate, because "she doesn't love anyone." the discussion touches on love, life, college, true love, natalie, moo, serious relationships, and doctor's appointments. however, by the time the train pulls into chambers street, mother and son have completely resolved their differences. real-life sitcom material? is he just chilling? word up, john. each time i see him, i speak to him for many hours about various enterprises.

thursday night atbeth's webster hall gig, i get into a fight with the emo-frat boy who's working the door.

"look, you get wise with me, i won't even let you in."

i smile at him, and he makes me empty my pockets. dancing alone and with others inside, the music drones out sensible rainbows and suppressed tiger lilies. mr. haskel dances like a dojo, and all the pretty children network. i eat bananas and oranges, and hang out with the bouncer who is twice my width but quite amenable nonetheless. hipsters unite. follow the slumber parties and blue-eyed devils. they'll take you where you need to go in due time sisters and brothers.

subway strikes your chin goes numb sweet sliced hair i like it when you scratch like a cat claw.

and when i get home the following night, my apartment is completely cleaned out except for a single lipstick covered butt in the lucky strike ashtray.

rock, arkansas, who is about to spend time alone with her husband for the first time in two years. then at the end of the night, mac tries to hook me and debby up. both mac and debby make fun of me and claim that i'm blushing. this of course is untrue, because nothing embarrasses me.
Scenes From The Yankees Parade

Confetti dropped from windows above made the sidewalk look like a winter wonderland.

Church Street was flooded with spectators and Yankees faithful. (This shot was taken from the corner of Duane and Church Streets looking North).

A high school band packs up in front of NYLS after marching in the parade.

Professors and students like Bob Paschall, 2L, could both be found taking in the energy of the situation.
PERSPECTIVES: A LOOK BACK

By Billie Rand

I made my entry into the world near the end of the year 1911, the last of seven children; five of whom were practically of another generation. As far as I remember, to about the age of four, the family was living in a house which my maternal grandparents had built just before my third birthday. The house was located at the end of the City line in Brooklyn beyond which there were no houses and where the boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens joined in the middle of the next block. There were no subways beyond, the City line merely the elevated line and the Long Island Railroad which ran above-ground. A crossing was located near our home at which point there were gates operated by a gatekeeper who raised and lowered the gates at a signal when the train was approaching from the next station. Many serious accidents and deaths occurred at that crossing when people tried to cross in a hurry when the gates were down. At one time, a fire engine was stopped by an incoming train at a cost of lives.

Our school was located on the other side of the tracks, seven blocks from our home. We crossed back and forth four times a day. Because the school had no facilities for lunch, it was necessary for my sister and I to return home for lunch my mother baked pies, cakes and preserves. Also, we brought our own quart milk can to carry home the milk.

My sister closest to my age and I spent much of our childhood in the backyard or playing the usual games with the playmates in the street. We had few pleasures or games except for checkers, parcheesi, cards, skateboards and jump rope. In the evenings, we used to play the victrola, which required winding before every record. Later, when we acquired a radio, we listened to our favorite programs such as 'The Rise of the Goldbergs,' 'The Shadow,' and 'The Happiness Boys.'

Mother also took us to the movies every Saturday to see an episode of a serial featuring our heroine, Pearl White Ruth Roland and Bebe Daniels. Also featured was a newsreel and a full-length movie, all for a cost of about ten cents. Through our school years, father was working as a painter and later a contractor and paper-hanger. At one time he was in the hardware business, and years later he established a business on his own as a shoemaker. Gradually, his health began to fail until the time came when he could no longer work.

Times were difficult through our high school days. One of my brothers, who was the sole supporter of the family, contributed fifty cents a week to my sister and I for our needs through school. After our graduation from high school, we were fortunate in finding positions and became self-supporting, enabling my brother to finally marry and leave home.

Although the cost of living was low in our generation salaries were in proportion to the lifestyle. Our needs were less and were more content with what we had. However, there was always a shortage of money in our home because of father's illness, and all the older children had left home years before to raise their own families.

Those days may be referred to as the "Good Old Days," but only as they are compared to life in the present. Those of us who lived in that time did not consider them as good, and we had some difficult times. We had no alternative but to accept our way of life as we lived it.

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Tales From The Lower East Side

By Jean Eisenmeyer

1919-1926

The lady with the torch in her hand who graces Liberty Island has summoned millions of people to the "Golden Land." The latter was the terminology used by Jews migrating from Eastern Europe. They were escaping pogroms and mistreatment that had persisted for many years. The humidity had risen to the staggering figure of 98 degrees. The asphalt in front of the building were overlaid with garbage and the weekly laundry was hung from one line to another in the backyard. The water pumps were opened for children trying to find relief from the intense heat. The heat would cause many families to block roofs, fire escapes, park benches and Coney Island beaches to spend the night sleeping. In wintertime, it was not uncommon to find snow piles reaching the first floor on many days during the bitter cold winters.

Pushcarts flooded the gutters selling fruit. Often bananas, which had been over ripe would be cut into two reeds and sold at a reduced price. Boys would be playing stickball or "Johnny on a Pony" on the sidewalk while girls would be rope-jumping or playing "patsey." From time to time, a fiddler would bring folk songs to the backyards of the tenements. In appreciation, pennies were thrown from windows into the fiddler's hat.

Some of the buildings were one hundred years old and more. One such building had an outhouse in the yard which had a glass roof. Inadvertently, such roof was broken by rocks playfully thrown by young boys. One building had two floors; the stairways were wooden and creaked as I walked up. When the rains came, various vessels were used to catch the drops because the roof needed repair.

When election time was nearing, the representatives of Tammany Hall would canvas the neighborhood, knocking on every door with promises to meet any requests made. Very often, a stipend was offered to have you vote for the Democratic Party.

The garment industry was in full swing. Factories were employing busy machine operators making lady's dresses and coats. Division street became the fashion center. Here, Brenner Bros, Levine K. Smith, Fisher Bros., etc. were in demand for the better garments that were made. Clinton Street boasted of excellent millinery by Lallie Rubin and others. The unwritten rule was that you bought a straw hat for the summer, and a velvet hat for the winter.

This is just a small picture of the ghetto, however, the Lower East Side has come a long way since then.
When did the word "Republican" become so dirty and despised?

Hmmm... could it have been when Dwight Eisenhower conspired with the Dulles brothers to overthrow the legally-elected government in Guatemala of Jacobo Arbenz because they decided that he was a "Communist" and therefore must go?

Perhaps it was when Richard Nixon authorized funds for disbursement to the Chilean military to stage a coup to prevent the accession to that nation's presidency of Salvador Allende. (Nixon also made it clear to the CIA that an assassination of Allende would not be unwelcome.)

How about when Ronald Reagan's CIA developed a manual entitled "Psychological Operations in Guerrilla Warfare" which counseled the Contras on such tactics as political assassinations, blackmailing ordinary citizens, mob violence, kidnapping, and other forms of terrorism. (This exposed the administrations denial of the attempt to overthrow the Sandinista government as a bald faced lie.)

Maybe it was when George Bush spurned Saddam Hussein's eleventh-hour offer to pull out of Kuwait and prevent the war that killed many innocent civilians, but staved off the reductions in military spending that would have made his cronies in the military-industrial-intelligence complex unhappy.

Of course it could have been when Bill Clinton, after cataloguing the atrocities of the Haitian government to build support for military intervention, paid large amounts of money to lease the properties of Haitian leaders fleeing the country, chartering two jets to fly them with all their furniture to the country of their choice, housing and living expenses paid for the next year for all family members; all this totalling millions of dollars.

Wait a minute... did I say Bill Clinton??? Why, Bill Clinton is a Democrat! I thought they were different than Republicans!

Now, let's see, Bill Clinton made the Pentagon budget even fatter than the Republicans promised, is leading the assault on civil liberties under the cover of fighting terrorism, is retreating from healthcare reform, and has surrendered to the Wall Street call for a balanced budget. The Progressive Magazine reports that no less than 34% of the President's nominees to the federal bench have been millionaires, as against 24% for Ronald Reagan. (Bob Dole himself voted for 97% of Clinton's nominees.) Doesn't appear to be much of a difference to me... I always thought these were Republican positions.

The shrinking of the federal government so beloved by Republicans and sold to the American public as giving power back to the states is pre­ceding a pace under Bill Clinton. The President and the Republican Congress are carrying forward the agenda of their Wall Street constituencies, i.e., making the would safe for global capital.

The distinction without a difference currently offered in American politics is being rejected by an electorate that is registering their dissatisfaction by staying away from the polls.

We need a real choice.

(Anyone who would like to learn more about the egregious act of our Presidents and government should read "Killing Hope" by William Blum--my inspiration.)

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Without time or space to go into every issue, I will explain the last statement, which was actually made by a NYLS student. Republicans want to give more power to the states for efficiency and political accountability. Therefore, pursuant to the 10th Amendment, they want to cut massive federal education bureaucracies and give more block grants to states to fund education locally. Republicans and Democrats both have children and live in this country; they want to make better lives for ourselves and the next generation. The only conflict of ideas is how we get there.

Unfortunately, misstatements like Gore's, in which he was speaking about cuts in federal vaccination programs, have sunk in. Now a generation has grown up brainwashed by the negativity and propaganda, as evidenced by the re-election of Clinton; how else could this have happened?

No president in history has been careless enough to have gotten caught in so many scandals, but a combination of attacks on Republicans and dumb smiles have bought Clinton a second term. Filegate, Whitewater and Travelgate are only three of the illegal activities the Clintons have engaged in. Clinton's incompetent cronies from Arkasas have been placed in executive positions around the globe, and his former business partners are sitting in jail. The President managed to shut down the government during budget talks and pass it off as another evil Republican act to destroy America. He has gone back and forth on issues (i.e. welfare, gays in the military), and after passing the welfare reform bill, even told liberals he voted for it only to get Republican votes; and he was going to change it all after he was re-elected.

Americans must re-learn to look at issues impartially and intelli­gently. Unfortunately, the Democrats were right in 1980. The minds of America are getting softer, and it is our country and our democratic system that will suffer.
In looking back on the summer, I have to say I was quite disappointed with most of the explosive big budget Hollywood movies that were released (i.e. twister, The Rock, Independence Day). When I end up renting a movie like 'Smoke,' I say to myself, "Self, why aren't we up on these thought-provoking, funny, original, slice of life productions?"

'Smoke' centers on the life of "Auggie" (Harvey Keitel), the owner of a Brooklyn cigar store, and the various people he encounters and befriends in the course of his day. The movie invokes a sense of reality thanks in part to a story that gradually introduces you to several compelling characters and then carefully discloses a piece of each of their life stories.

Auggie and a writer (William Hurt) discuss various topics including: how the writer deals with the tragic death of his wife and reasons for Auggie's peculiar hobby of taking a snapshot every day, at the same time, from the same street corner, outside his cigar store.

A young boy, in trouble after witnessing a crime he wished he hadn't, is taken in by the writer. A long lost girlfriend (Stockard Channing) stops in to pass the time while listening to tinny piano music is 'Rick's Cafe American,' owned by American saloon-keeper Rick (Bogart).

When we're introduced to Rick, he has a been-there-done-that look about him and a chip on his shoulder — and he has every reason to be in such a bad mood — the love of his life, Ilsa (Bergman), ditched him years ago when he was in Paris. One day, Ilsa walks into Rick's Cafe American with husband Victor Laslow at her side. Victor, a leader of the Nazi Resistance, is in danger if he stays in Casablanca. As circumstances would have it, Rick is the only one who can help Victor and Ilsa get out of the city. Rick, who still holds a flame for Ilsa, must make some tough decisions. Subplots move this film away from sappy romance status.

This is Bogart at his best. He controls the scenes, drawing viewers to come close, but never close enough to figure him out. Bergman's soft looks illuminate the gray scenes, making it easy to understand why Bogart's character is so hung up on her. Aside from the great acting and filming, this movie has some of the best lines around. "Here's looking at you, kid."

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