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Meet the cereal-heads that edit this magazine!



LINDSEY "NOT-SO-MINI" WHITTLE



DUSTIN "SILLY RABBIT" SCHLEIBAUM



Hello my name is _____?

By Clairanina Flattenbottom or Pineapple or Lindsey M Whittle

Do you find yourself staying after a movie is over to read the credits because you are intrigued by all of the interesting names of the people involved with the movie? Do you thoroughly investigate magazines to find interesting pen names that the writers use? Do notice that you are interested not just in the title of an art piece, but also the unique and often crazy name of an artist on plaques at art museums? If you do, then you probably obsessively write these names down, and use them when the opportunity presents itself (like when the cashier asks for your name a Panera Bread to read over the loud speaker). In case you need some more unique names to put into your collection or write on your nametag when you want to remain anonymous, here are some recent amazing names I have come across:

1. Vivian Valveson
2. Soroya Pottinger
3. Felix Batcup
4. Zelda Van Gutters
5. John Henry Twachtman
6. Giovanni Paolo Panini
7. Dirk Valckenburg
8. Elvareena Godawa
9. Aphrodite Jones
10. Flavia Bastos

Do you have any unique names to share? Make us a crazy name tag and submit it in the next issue of SZ!

HELLO
my name is



Let's Make a Snow Globe!

Materials:

An empty clear jar, Glitters, Paper Towel, Washable Markers, Few different colors of Sharpie, A sheet of clear film.

Step 1: Scrabble lines across a strip of paper towel with one of Washable Markers.

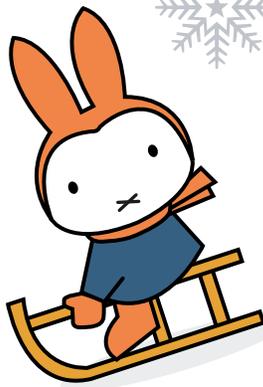


Step 2: Fill the clear jar with water then soak the paper towel (from step 1) into the jar. When water become the color you want, take the paper towel away.



Step 3: Put glitters into the jar as much as you want.

Step 4: Draw some pictures on the clear film with Sharpie. Then put it into the jar! You made it!!



Perfect winter craft idea for kids!!





TITLE : My Favorite Films
of 2000 - 2009

Director : Rob Langenderfer

There have been many excellent films that have come out over the last ten years. This list is definitely somewhat subjective, and I'm not really officially ranking the films, but just off the top of my head, one film jumps ahead of the others. That film is (drumroll, please):

The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring. This film stands as perhaps the best overall of the decade, IMHO, and its lengthy but visually appealing prologue wonderfully given by Cate Blanchett was an offbeat beginning that let us know that something different and wonderful was coming. The sets were beautifully constructed in New Zealand, and director Peter Jackson and his set designers were able to show so well what it took the occasionally wordy J.R.R. Tolkien paragraphs to describe in the book. It is filled with mystery, wonder, and adventure from beginning to end, and it also has a fair amount of depth and meaning as well. That actually shouldn't be shocking since Lord of the Rings finished as the greatest novel of the 20th century in several polls. Howard Shore's fantastic music score and great performances from Elijah Wood, Sean Astin, Sir Ian McKellan, Sir Christopher Lee, Hugo Weaving, Cate Blanchett and Viggo Mortensen create an unforgettable experience. Seeing it at the Turfway Cinema after an Aquila meeting made for a memorable day as the film lived up to my expectations from the book.

The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers is nearly as good as The Fellowship of the Ring. Although it has parts where it drags, Miranda Otto helps lift everyone's spirits. Andy Serkis as Gollum also does fine work as do all of the returning cast members from the first film. The ending of the film is particularly inspirational as Frodo and Sam muse on the nature of heroism and friendship. The music is excellent, and it is once again a great adventure that should not be missed.

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone is a truly magical film, if you'll pardon the pun. It has a fantastic score by John Williams, and Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson are all appealing and convincing as Harry, Ron and Hermione. Richard Harris gives a great performance as Dumbledore and Alan Rickman is deliciously cruel as Snape. Maggie Smith and Robbie Coltrane are also very good as McGonagall and Hagrid, and really, all of the supporting cast do fine jobs. It is probably still my favorite of all of the filmed versions of the books.

Star Wars: Episode III: Revenge of the Sith stood as a very memorable film for me – the only film to date that I have seen at midnight on its opening night (for which Lindsey held a wonderful day-long Star Wars marathon to get us all in the mood and at which I won a lightsaber for winning at Star Wars trivia), a film that I saw more times in the theater (four, I think) than any other, a film which I had awaited the outcome of for more than twenty years. I had attended the Star Wars Celebration III in Indianapolis prior to the film's release and had bought The Making of Star Wars: Episode III: Revenge of the Sith and got the book autographed by its author. I later bought the novelization of the film and got it autographed by its author. I also got the soundtrack of the film and the DVD of the film. The film had some particularly great scenes in the first half of the film. For me, the scenes where Ian McDiarmid (as Chancellor Palpatine) tempts Anakin to the Dark Side of the Force are much more powerful than any of the later lightsaber duels, exciting as they were. The way Anakin was able to be tricked to the Dark Side was brilliant, and I had been careful to avoid spoilers so that it came as a shock to me when I saw the film. The film lived up to my expectations (I would never have seen it so many times otherwise), and even though I haven't watched it much since the theatrical viewings (thanks in part to a DVD conversion that was shockingly poor, which I am especially shocked that Lucasfilm would have put out since it is the culmination of all of the films) and have realized more of the flaws of the film, it still has to rate very high.

End Scene 1:

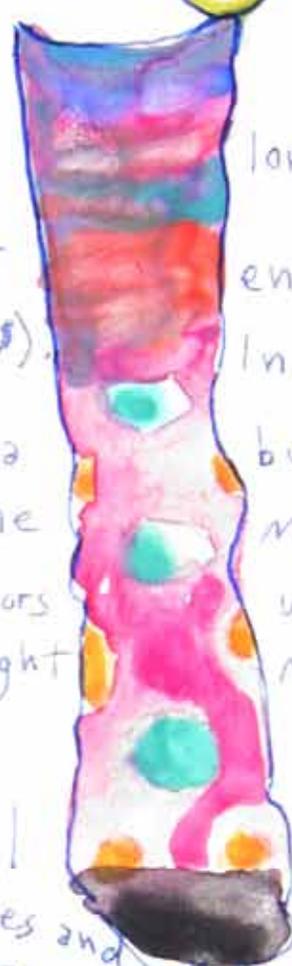
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Sock it to me!

by an avid sock
wearer
(Lindsey M. Whittle)
but kind

Long, Long, Long, Well not that
of long ago I had budgeted just
money to buy a text book (20\$).
class I was taking. I took a
and walked 30 min to the
it up 2 floors
socks caught



long,
enough
I needed
it for a
town
I had made
these
eye.

(The book store was on the top floor). I
with the frayed edges of the circles and
of these socks instantly. Then I saw
by one of my favorite designers - Vivienne Westwood!
So I impulsively bought the socks and came back together
the textbook a different day. I smiled the whole way
home! To this day I have an extra bounce in my
step when I wear those socks.



↖ Awesome
sock

Sock
Magic



A comic about robots past their prime by Luke Brown.



Old Autobots Part 1.

If you cant read the text in the word balloons look for the corisponding dialog below.



1. Decepticons took over the world with Icecream

2. Really?

3. Me sweep too old

4. Go destroy stuff!

5. What are you waiting for?

6. GO!!

7. You are lame!

Have a comic you want others to read? Submit it to Sparklezilla and we will put it in the next issue.

Scene 2:

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets is a film that is almost as good as the original. It features the same great cast and a great musical score. Richard Harris gives a particularly engaging performance as Dumbledore. It would be his last as he died shortly after filming was concluded.

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkeban is a film that was based on my favorite book in the series. Initially I did not care for the film version all that much as there were some things from the book that the film could not convey, but after giving it a re-watching, my appreciation of it has grown considerably. It is entertaining, and Gary Oldman does a good job as Sirius Black and David Thewlis does a spectacular job as Professor Lupin.

Star Wars: Episode II: Attack of the Clones makes the list largely because of its haunting musical score and exceptional set design. The plot has some big holes, but it never ceases to engage the viewer.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire is quite a good film and Michael Gambon does a fine job, finally making Dumbledore fully his own, stepping out from behind the considerable shadow of Richard Harris.

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix does quite a good job of compressing the longest book in the series down to a manageable length. There were some cuts that I didn't agree with, but overall, I felt the film was more effective than the book in terms of entertaining the viewer, and that's pretty rare praise from me (a librarian).

Spiderman 2 is the most effective of the Spiderman films. It dares to be different in having Spiderman reveal his identity. It is exciting and entertaining and more thought-provoking than superhero films usually are. The initial film was also quite well-done, however.



Fantastic Four and Fantastic Four 2 are both a lot of fun. They aren't telling epic tales, but they are enjoyable for seeing the relations between the characters and just pretty much being able to totally relax while watching them.

The three X-Men films have more depth to them, and they are also very successful at capturing the characters from the long-running comic series.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince is a very good film. Michael Gambon does another fine job as Dumbledore.

Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King was something of a letdown for me. It is still a good film, and it has some nice moments, but the battle scenes drag on for far too long, and I simply did not like it as much as the other two.

I think I have hit most of the films that really impacted me that came out in 2000-2009. I'll probably kick myself later on, and remember one that I missed, but, oh well. I'd love to hear any comments that any other Sparklezilla readers have on them.



1973 GOOD GROOMING CLUB

Random photo found at a High School



WHAT'S
ON MY
PURSE?
by Keeper of Junk
or LINDSEYM
WHITTLE



EVER CURIOUS WHAT SECRETS LIE IN A LADY'S HAND BAG? THIS SZ EDITOR RECENTLY WENT ON A ROADTRIP AND AND SHARES WHAT SHE PUT IN HER PURSE FOR THE JOURNEY!

WHAT'S IN YOUR PURSE!? YOU TOO BOYS (MAN-BAG). LET US KNOW IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF SZ!

HARMONICA-
FOR WHEN YOU FEEL THAT
MELODY IN YOUR HEART
AND NEED TO LET IT OUT!!

**IDEA BOOK- I NEVER LEAVE HOME
WITHOUT IT**

**EXTRA PAIR OF EARRINGS- YOU
JUST NEVER KNOW IF YOU'LL
NEED THEM.**

**HAIR TIE AND EXTRA BOBBY PINS - I
ALWAYS NEED THESE!**

**PENS AND
PENCILS - I
NEED A WAY
TO WRITE
OR DRAW
THINGS IN
MY IDEA
BOOK - OF
COURSE!**

**BOX OF MAKE UP-
JUST IN CASE I
WANT TO LOOK
PURDY.**

**SOURPATCH KIDS- I ONLY
LIKE THE YELLOW AND RED
ONES. WHEN I AM IN THE
MOOD FOR SOME SOURY-
GOODNESS THAT ALWAYS
DOES THE TRICK!**

**GUM AND
MINTS-
KEEP THAT
BREATH
FRESH
PLEASE!**

**METER
MONEY**

**POWDER-
HIDE THOSE IMPER-
FECTIONS GALS:)
OR JUST POWDER
YOUR NOSE.**

**HAMBURGER WALLET-
NO YOU CAN'T EAT IT...
BUT IT'S EASY TO FIND
IF YOU MISPLACE IT.**

**KEYS-
DUH!!**

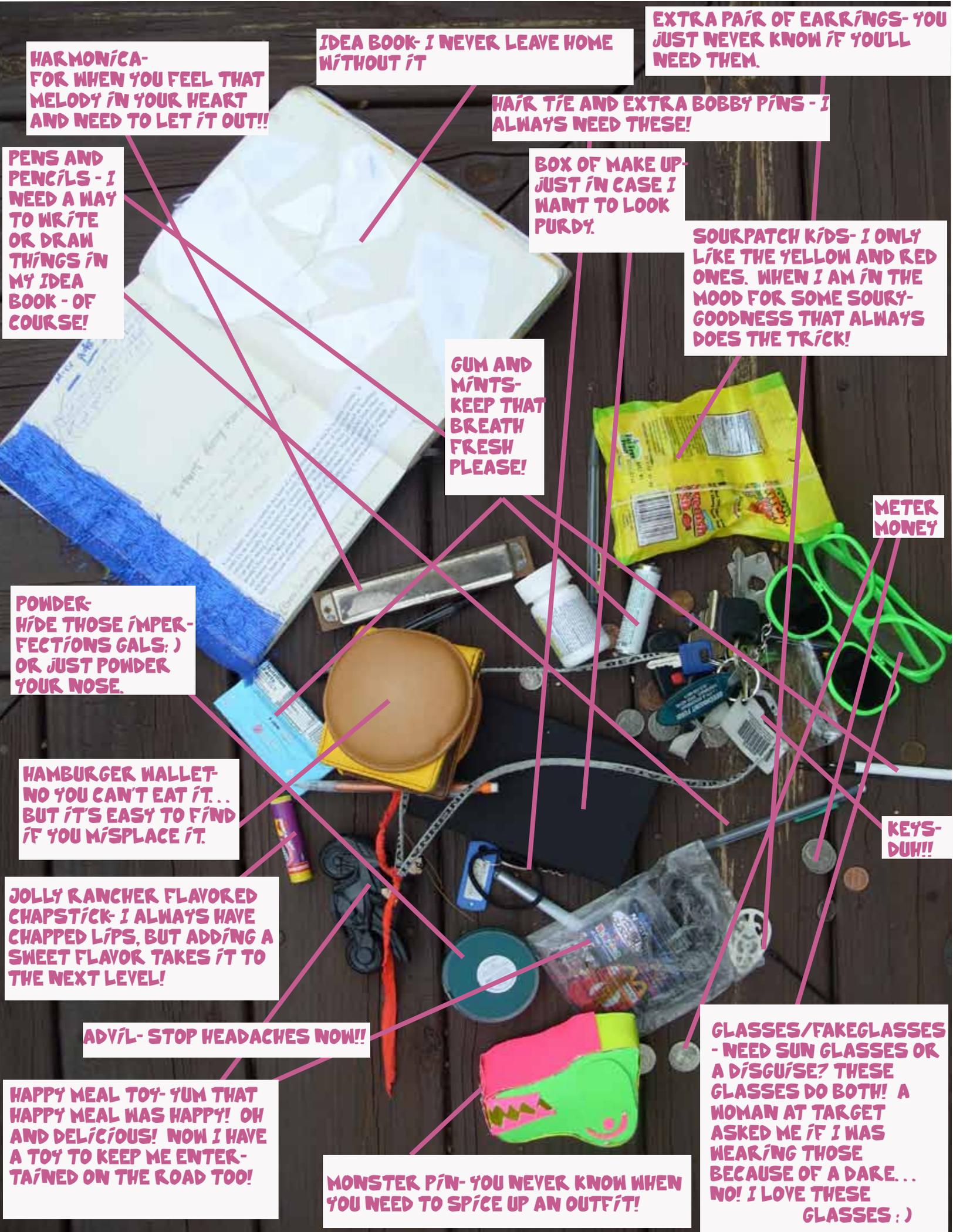
**JOLLY RANCHER FLAVORED
CHAPSTICK- I ALWAYS HAVE
CHAPPED LIPS, BUT ADDING A
SWEET FLAVOR TAKES IT TO
THE NEXT LEVEL!**

ADVIL- STOP HEADACHES NOW!!

**HAPPY MEAL TOY- YUM THAT
HAPPY MEAL WAS HAPPY! OH
AND DELICIOUS! NOW I HAVE
A TOY TO KEEP ME ENTER-
TAINED ON THE ROAD TOO!**

**MONSTER PIN- YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN
YOU NEED TO SPICE UP AN OUTFIT!**

**GLASSES/FAKEGLASSES
- NEED SUN GLASSES OR
A DISGUISE? THESE
GLASSES DO BOTH! A
WOMAN AT TARGET
ASKED ME IF I WAS
WEARING THOSE
BECAUSE OF A DAKE...
NO! I LOVE THESE
GLASSES :)**



Twenty-five thirty-five
Groton Place

by: Kristen Vinci

Gray hair creates a lingering crown on Chuck
Who is ever reading in the Lazy Boy on the left
His workbench rests abandoned and fishing wire
Is spilled upon the Winnebago avocado shag floor

The scent of citrus baking under the western sun
Still evokes these memories of childhood and the
Concrete winding drive lined with Fuchsia, Oleander
And Bird of Paradise that overflow on to garden stones

An unlocked side door houses owls in circulation
And her aged silken strands spun around hot rollers
The goldenrod surface is ready Ball mason jars inline
Bernie in the kitchen calls to make strawberry jam again

These single story walls painted sky blue still stand
As a testament



Wh

by

Lindsey

is

Wh

is

M
Whittle

(in search
of Waldo)

Waldo?

My mother's father frequently talks about someone he knew in his past named Waldo. The conversation usually goes something like this. . .

Grandpa: Do you know Waldo?

My Mom: Oh I know Waldo

My Aunt: I know Waldo

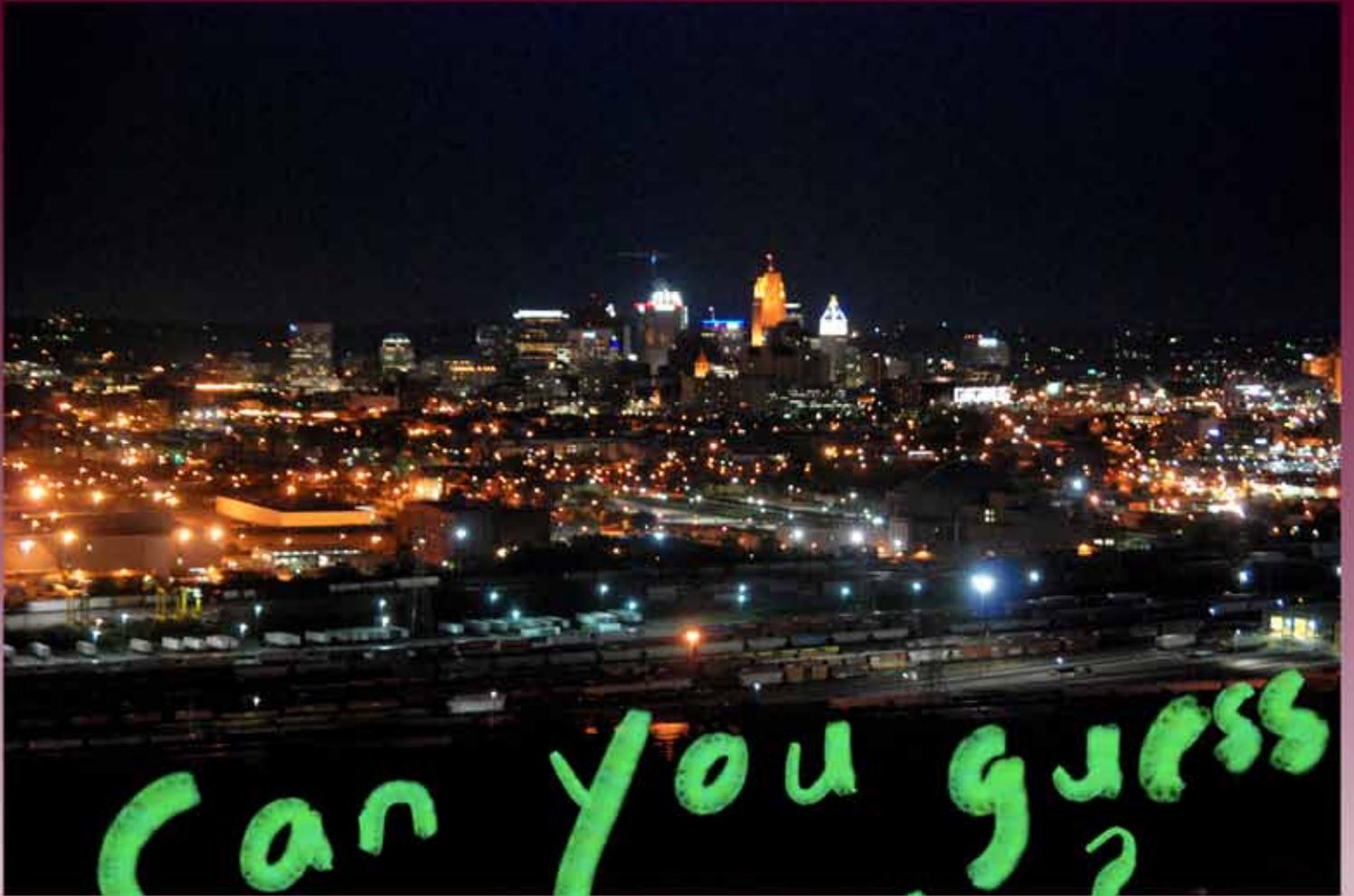
My Grandma: Oh Waldo

My Cousin Brittany: I don't know Waldo?

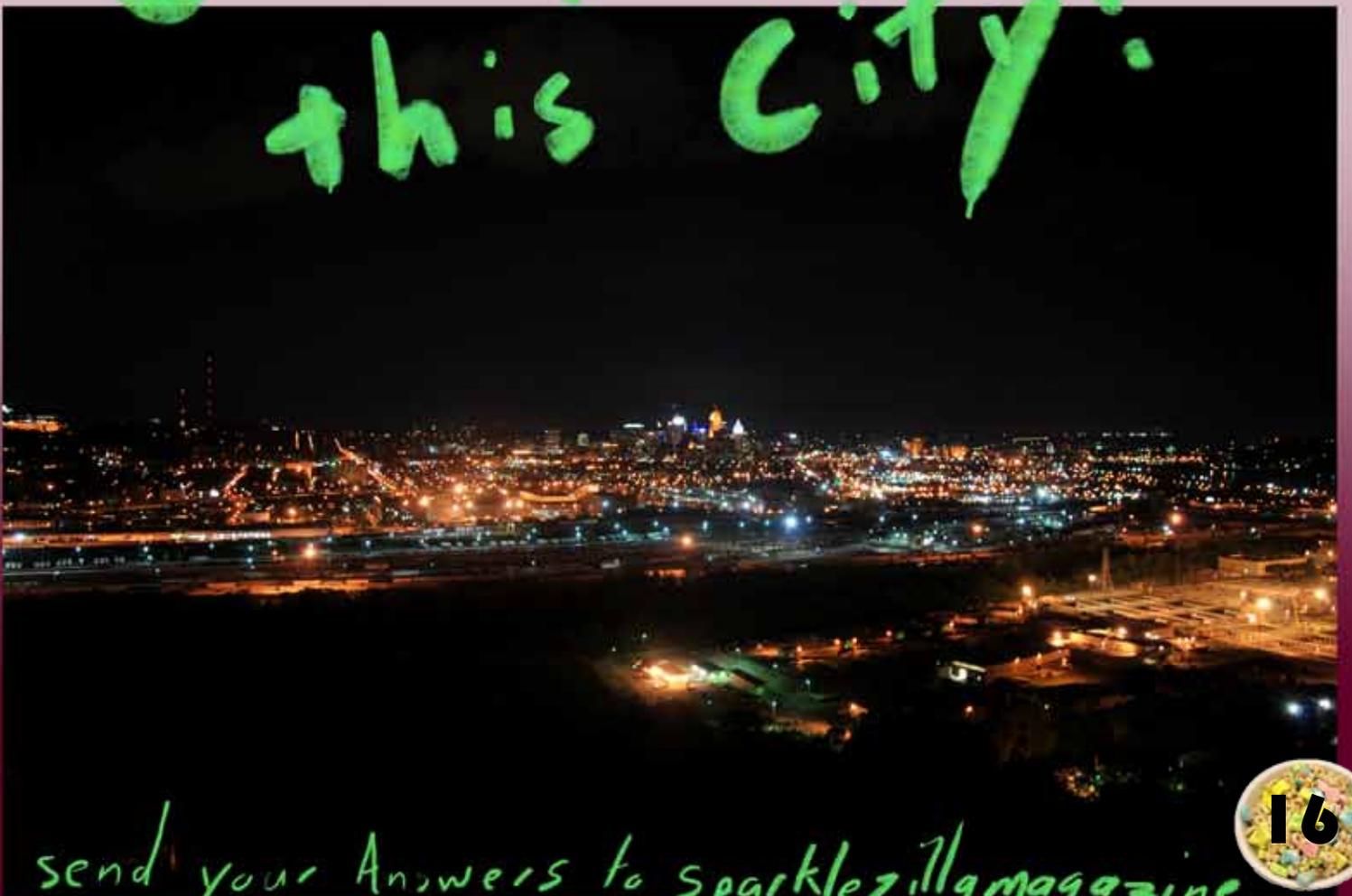
Me: Who is Waldo?

This is when no one really answers me. Instead my family jokes and laughs in memory of Waldo. My cousin and I look at each other and shake our heads. This situation got even more confusing on my twenty sixth birthday when the same old Waldo

conversation happened, except this time my dad's parents were present and it turns out they also knew Waldo. WHO IS WALDO? We may never know . . .



Can you guess
this City?



send your Answers to sparklezillamagazine





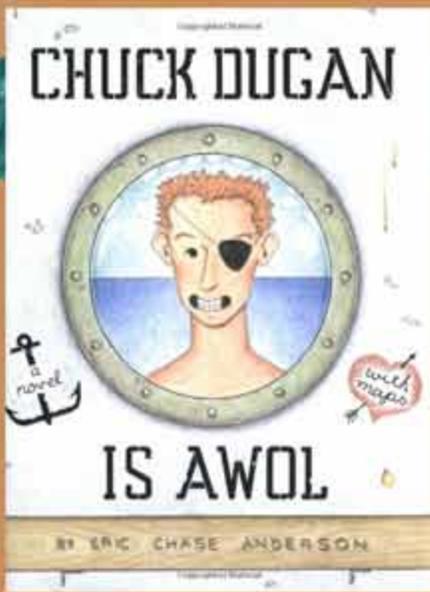
WHAT'S IN AN INSCRIPTION?

BY LINDSEY M WHITLE THE INSCRIPTION COLLECTOR

I AM ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO STILL SEARCHES FOR ACTUAL BOOKS OVER E-BOOKS. I LIKE BOOKS AS A TACTILE OBJECT. I ALMOST ALWAYS BUY BOOKS USED, NOT JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE CHEAPER, BUT ALSO BECAUSE I GIVE MY BOOKS A FAIR AMOUNT OF ABUSE, SO I DON'T NEED A PRISTINE COPY. I AM ALWAYS SUPER EXCITED WHEN I BUY A USED BOOK AND DISCOVER LATER THAT THERE IS AN INSCRIPTION INSIDE. I GET A SMALL GLIMPSE OF THE JOURNEY MY BOOK HAS ALREADY BEEN ON. WHEN I TAKE BOOKS I'VE LOVED, THAT I AM FINISHED WITH, TO SELL TO USED BOOK STORES, I NOW I WRITE A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR THE NEXT READER. REMEMBER THAT, THE NEXT TIME YOU GIVE A BOOK AS GIFT, OR SELL A USED BOOK. THE NEXT READER MIGHT CHERISH YOUR HAND WRITTEN WORDS! YOU CAN ALSO BE A COLLECTOR OF INSCRIPTIONS BY CHECKING THE INSIDE COVERS OF BOOKS BEFORE YOU DECIDE WHICH ONE TO BUY.

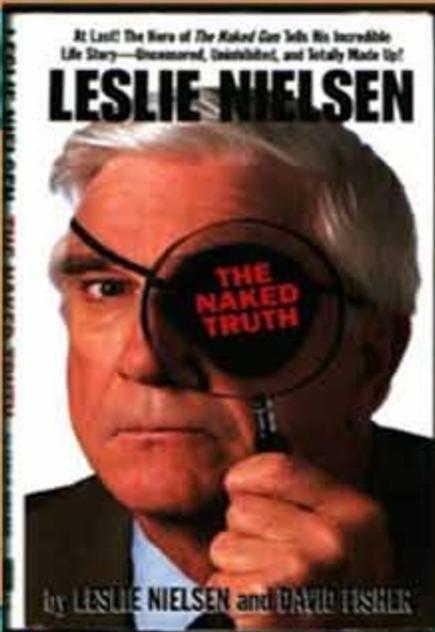
SEE IF YOU CAN MATCH THE AWESOME INSCRIPTIONS WITH THESE USED BOOKS I BOUGHT ON THE NEXT PAGE!





A.

Property of:
Taylor R.M. Gordon
A.K.A. Funny
Man!!!!!!!



B.

Be kind to
poor noobies!

A
MINSTRELTM
BOOK

PUBLISHED BY POCKET BOOKS

New York London Toronto Sydney Tokyo Singapore



C.

TO MY SAILING COMPANION ANNE
WITH LOVE ON YOUR 27TH
BIRTHDAY -
LOVE, YOUR FIRST MATE
DAVE

ANSWERS: 1=C, 2=A, 3=B

Proposal for new group fitness class at the UC gym:

I started training for a half marathon about a month ago in hopes that I would lose weight in time for my 10-year high school reunion in the spring. I run alone because I don't like to make small talk when I can barely breathe, and when I'm alone with my thoughts, the crazy that lives in there starts to brew up good and thick.

So I started to think about adding some strength training to my regimen to add some tone because my ruthless older brother called me "lunch lady arms" from puberty until the time I ran screaming from Tennessee like a Guantanamo escapee and I never really got over feeling self conscious about them. OK, these thoughts are still kind of sane...let's keep going!
My next thought was "Hey, if I tone up my arms and core, I will also feel more able to fend off attackers of my new hot body if I'm ever confronted in Clifton alone at night. Nothing makes a feminist with Daddy issues feel more empowered than rippling, Gi Jane biceps! Starting to tow the crazy line with this one, but, OK.

And my next thought is, "I was born exactly 30 years before the end of the Mayan calendar and maybe this sudden need of mine to become super fit and strong means that I am the chosen one picked at birth to save the human race from the ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE!!!!!" There it is! The crazy has stewed and is ready to serve.



This chain link thought process has led to some practical things though. And tonight while I was running, I had the idea for a group fitness class at UC called "Zombie Apocaerobics: Strengthen the Beast Within". The class would be pretty simple. There would be a lot of running on treadmills because we don't know if the zombies are going to be Night of the Living Dead style guys that you could see coming and basically, you know, step aside from, or more 28 Days Later style zombies that could outrun a puma and if it's going to be zombie #2, you better have your cardio up. But of course you would have to carry a rubber replica of a sawed off shotgun or baseball bat to help with arm and core strength. Plus, you better have a weapon if they catch you. There will also be a running portion where you will have a 40 pound sand bag strapped to the front or the back of you with names like "Madison" or "Caleb" spray painted on the back to simulate carrying a child. We could probably borrow a couple of those life sized CPR dummies from the first aid class to make it more realistic.

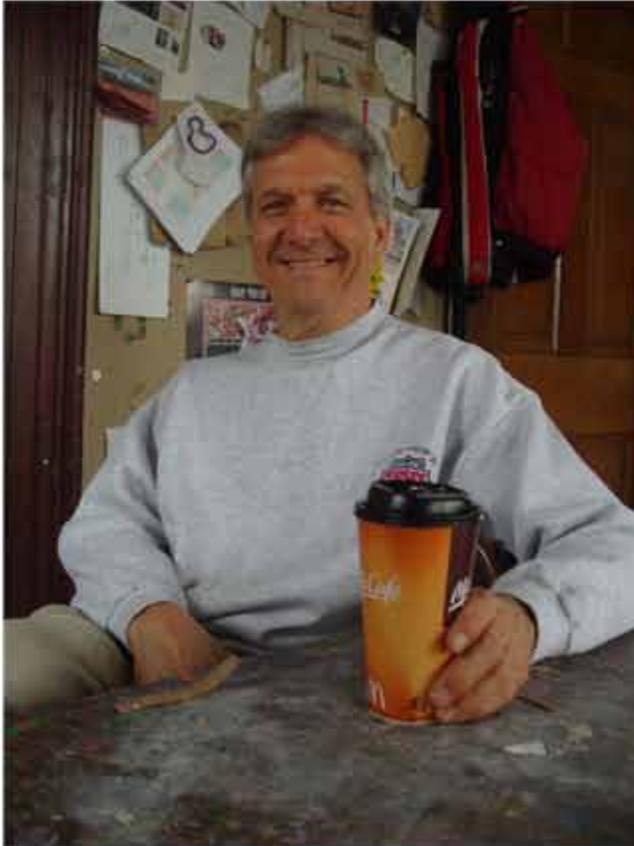
The next part of the class will be martial arts based to teach you some zombie fighting techniques. It would mostly be kick boxing with the giant bags, but you would have to bring your rubber bat with you and repeatedly knock your "zombie" in the head and then hop right back on the treadmill while Metallica plays super fast and loud over strobe lights and Halloween sound effects.

And then the class is over and you're free to mate with the most alpha male member of the class to repopulate the earth and fish half eaten Cliff Bars out of the garbage can in the corner. Good job soldiers!

By: Sarah Schaefer

BOB THE CARETAKER

AN INTERVIEW BY LINDSEY M WHITTLE



I teach eccentric children's art classes with amazing Cincinnati Artist Christian Schmit at Covington, KY's Baker Hunt Cultural Art Center. I have been teaching there since 2007, and it is always an amazing adventure.

Over the years I have had the privilege of getting to know a little bit about Bob Schrichte, the Caretaker at Baker Hunt. He is a little bit of a mythological creature on campus. I first remember meeting Bob when he showed up to Christian and I's "Star Wars the Class" art show in a Jedi Costume to support the cause. That's what Bob does, He shows up when you need him to solve a problem like: unlocking doors, finding missing things, or directing students to their classrooms etc. Once he showed up in our classroom with a keylime pie he was looking to get rid of! The thing about Bob, is that he will show up with a positive attitude, help anyone that needs it, and offer great advice if you ask. I have always admired his positive outlook on life and had the wonderful opportunity to interview Bob, for Sparklezilla.

LW "Say something as a test Bob."
BS Test, something as a test bob.

LW Can you tell a little bit about yourself and your background?

BS I Grew up in Madera, Ohio, graduated high school and went to the University of Cincinnati. I studied industrial management, but then I ran into this course called statistics and that blew me out of that. Then I decided to study journalism, which UC did not offer at that time. Plus I wanted to get the heck away from home. So I went to Ohio State and joined a fraternity. I graduated with a degree in journalism, which I have never used for pay. But I once volunteered for a company newspaper. I never did anything with journalism because after college one of my fraternity brothers went into the construction business back in the late 70's early 80's, rehabbing old property and turning it into multi-unit family dwellings. We did that for a number of years up until about 1990. When he died of a heart attack.

LW Oh no that's horrible

BS I know, it is horrible. So at that point it was like, "do I want to keep doing this anymore or do I want to do something else?" At that point fate intervened and another guy I went to college with found out I wasn't working, and he asked me if I would be interested going into this cellular phone business he was running for Ameritech. That started me on a career in sales where I've been ever since. I've done a number of retail and not retail jobs and right now I'm doing a not-retail job.

I'm doing telephone sales for a company called Rent-It-Today, which is based in Alexandria. It's an Internet company.

I'm never married. I'm happily single. I like my freedom I like to go where I want when I want, which leads to where I'm at now. Three years ago I lived above a business and the business was going out of business and the guy that owned the building wanted to rehab it and turn it back into the way it was back in the 1800's. To make a long story short I was going to have to move. My grandparents, when I was in High School were caretakers on an estate on Indian Hill. I thought, you know this ain't a bad gig, I want to see if I can find something like that.

So, I would tell anybody that came in that store when I was hanging out down there selling lottery tickets or making sandwiches, and chatting with the customers . . . to make a long story short I told anybody that I knew that if anybody was looking for a caretaker anywhere, to keep me in mind.

LW

Somebody found you?

BS Within 3 weeks, this guy came in and goes "I got a friend, who's got a place in Covington, and they're looking for a caretaker." So that's how I ended up here. I met Dave Laug, interviewed with him. As a matter of fact, I interviewed and didn't hear anything for months. I sent the follow up letters to members of the board. Didn't hear anything for a month. So I called him back, I said, "Dave I just wanted to touch base with you and let you know that if the person you pick out doesn't work out I'd still be interested,." He goes "Oh no Bob your my

guy, I want you." I was very pleasantly surprised I thought for sure they found somebody else. So it was still another 2 months after that. I actually got kind of a break and fate intervened again, the guy that owned the building I was living in, had a heart attack and he wanted me out like February 1st. Well after he had the heart attack, he was like "you can stay now" So I would have had to move twice, and finally he recovered from the heart attack at the end of March or the end of April. I called Dave and said I have to move this guy wants me out of here and I would really rather not move twice. Can we do anything to expedite getting me in over there? So he did and I moved here on May 9 of 2008 it will be 3 years in 2 months so that's how I ended up here. That's pretty much my life in a nut shell, I have a quite a varied background.

LW That's what makes you interesting Bob!

BS This is a great place to live the only thing, the only drawback is that I have to be here. I have this friend up and Michigan and she says why don't you come on up and visit. I would love to but I just can't leave, so that's the only drawback, so a small price to pay.

LW If you could describe yourself in three words, what would they be?"

BS Uhhh...Reliable, Honest, Punctual.

LW "You seem to be an optimist, how do you keep up such a great attitude all the time?"

BS I'll tell you why exactly because I've known a lot of people who are older with really bad attitudes and I think, I hope you haven't gone through your whole life like this because life is such a gift we all have a bad break. I certainly ain't a bowl of peaches all the time. I don't like to bring other people down so if I'm having a bad day I try to keep to myself. But if you see me when I'm bowling- well I just get pissed off and use the F word, I used to beat things and kick things. I don't do that anymore

LW I can't picture this at all!

BS I know I can have a pretty good temper, you just haven't seen me mad.

LW I haven't

BS Well that's because around here I try to control myself because I represent Baker Hunt when I'm here, so I can't do that.

LW "So I'm wondering if you have any advice for someone that is always down or angry? What would you say to them?"

BS I would say look in the past and things that are bad that you think are really bad that have happened, if you fast forward the tape from that point into the future usually there's a pretty good reason things usually work out for the best. I can't think of anything that's happened to me that I would go back and really change per say. You can't go backwards you can only go forwards so what's the use of being down cause all being down does is kind of creates a vibration that makes negativity, and attracts more negativity. I managed a furniture store for a couple of years. People would come in and you could just tell that some people had a very negative vibe to them. Nobody wants to be around people like that, especially in sales. That's why I didn't go into journalism because, in the newsroom the people I was working at Ohio State, they were always cranky.

Doesn't do any good to be negative it just brings more negativity, everybody gets down. Everybody has their trials. I'm a firm believer in God, I think religion is an invention of man but God is not.

So, I believe there is a God there's a supreme being, some kind of force out there that will work in your favor.

LW Do you have any hobbies?

BS I actually just 2 years ago this week graduated from a sound therapy school. I practice sound therapy on my friends and family and myself.

LW What is sound Therapy?

BS I record your voice and then analyze the frequency in your voice. Your voice is actually composed of keys, the notes in a scale your voice is comprised of those. Say your voice is real high in C sharp or real low in E, I will give you sounds that will bring the E up and the C sharp down.

LW Why do you want to do that?

BS It's bringing your body into what's called better homeostasis. I heard about this on the radio at night. This is bizarre I got up at 3am to take a leak and I came back and turned the radio on for this show called Coast to Coast AM. They got the most

bizarre stuff on there. They had this woman on their named Sherry Edwards and she runs this place called the Sound Health Research Institute, which is out by Athens Ohio. They asked her what do you do and she says "I help people heal and I help people emotionally get better with things". One of the things she said she helps people with is macular degeneration. Now my mother has macular degeneration. If this stuff helped with macular degeneration, which is completely incurable, I wanted to look into it. To make a really long story short, I did quite a thorough investigation of this. The first thing I did I went onto Google and I put in what she calls her science bioacoustics sherry Edwards and scam. Nothing came back, which in an of itself is amazing.

LW Has it helped your mom at all?

BS Yea

LW So you started this whole hobby because you had to use the restroom in the middle of the night?

BS Yea. That goes back to my other point, things happen, you just have to take it as it comes Alexander Graham Bell said it best: "too often people focus on the door that shut and not focus on the ones that open" I'm sure I'm not perfect in that, but its true when one door closes others do open, it's true.

LW Do you have any other hobbies?

BS I did take an art course here (at Baker Hunt) once; I don't have the patience for drawing for art. I bought a self-teaching computer course to learn the piano. There are two awesome pianos here. That's my goal to learn to teach my self-piano but other than that not really. Actually I have taken up gardening since I moved here, which is kind of nice but that would be it.

LW So this is a 2 part question: I'm wondering what you wanted to be when you were a kid?

BS When I was kid I wanted to be a disc jockey.

LW What do you want to be now?

BS Actually I like what I do now, if I could do something different, if I had the time I would take up acting. Like being in a local theater group.

LW I didn't see that coming

BS I was the star of our 4th grade Christmas play which actually was quite a production.

LW Well I expect a postcard to your show if you ever take up acting! Is that your future goal to be an actor?

BS No. I can't say, I just thought it would be fun to be in a play and be a part of community theater group our something like that. My goal eventually when I quit working I would like to setup a practice with this sound therapy.

LW You have some pretty big dreams Bob.

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Top ten things that look awesome covered in glitter:

By Lindsey Sparkle Whittle

1. Sunglasses
2. The TV Remote
ask your parents and or
roommates before doing this
3. Eyelids
4. Elbow length gloves
5. Party hats
6. Zombies
7. Sassy shoes
8. Pens
9. Earrings
10. Everything



THE BESTEST BIRTHDAYS EVER

BY LINDSEY BIRTHDAY HAT WEAKER WHITTLE

February 9th 2011 marked my 26th year of life. I love birthdays. All birthdays not just my own. My family always does a great job of celebrating birthdays. This year was a particularly good birthday and it made me reflect on other birthdays that really stick out in my mind. I have narrowed my list to my 3 favorite birthdays.

1. Batman.

When I was 4 going on 5, I was OBSESSED with the Adam West Batman TV show. I begged my parents everyday for months, asking if Batman could come to my birthday. The answer was usually something like: "No, it's too expensive," or "No, Batman is too busy fighting crime." So I settled for a Batman themed party complete with Batman goodie bags and a Batman cake with action figures on top (very cool). The big day rolled around, my whole extended family was there, and maybe 20 of my closest friends as well. We had already opened presents when there was a curious knock at the door. All the 5ish-year-olds ran to open the door, and no one was more shocked than me to see that it was Batman knocking! Really it was my dad's friend in a Batman suit. But to us kids, IT WAS BATMAN. I don't actually handle surprises well and handled my shock with shyness and fear. Eventually I came around and had a great time. We have the whole event on video. There are priceless quotes like when "Batman" asks the kids if they are crime fighters and everyone says no, or when some of the kids ask Batman where Robin and The Joker are. He tells them Robin is fighting crime and The Joker is in Jail. 21 years later I still think about that birthday and watch the video. I think I took it harder when I found out Batman wasn't real, than when I found out Santa wasn't real!

2. Jim Varney.

Growing up I was also a huge Jim Varney or "Ernest" fan. I loved all of his movies and watched them all the time. You could say he was one of my childhood heroes. I was shocked to learn in college, when I did a project on him, that not only had he passed, but that he was buried in the not-to-far-away from me, Lexington, Ky, where my favorite pizza restaurant Joe Bolognas also happens to be located. Years later when some of my friends asked me what I wanted to do for my 23rd birthday, I explained that I wanted to eat at my favorite pizza restaurant in Lexington, and put flowers on my childhood hero's grave. My friends were confused by my strange request, but supportive nonetheless. So we piled into 2 cars and went down there. We couldn't get the event to work out on my actual birthday, so we went on the 10th instead. When we got to the grave site and I was placing the bouquet on his grave, I read that he died on February 10th, 2000. I was surprised and turned to my friends and said "Hey! Look at that -Jim Varney died the Day after my birthday!" They looked me and responded with "You mean today." We had unknowingly showed up to pay tribute to my childhood actor on the anniversary of his death. It was very cool. You couldn't pull that off twice if you tried!

3. Gnomes.

I have been a big fan of gnomes for a long time. This year I heard that the movie "Gnomeo and Juliet" was coming out around my 26th birthday. So I invited my friends to see it in 3D and made a lot of gnome hats (red and blue painted party hats). Many people showed up, even my aunt and uncle and many of my cousins. I loved the movie, and I loved it that we were rows of adults wearing gnome hats to a 3D kids movie. It was a whimsical blast. I felt like a little kid again. One of my friends even surprised me with a book titled "How to Survive a Garden Gnome Attack," as a present. It was a good day.





It will be hard to top the mentioned birthdays. But I look forward to seeing what amazing birthdays are to come!

Do you have a dream birthday that you are planning in the future? Or do you have any birthdays from the past that are so awesome you have to share them? Share them in the next issue of Sparklezilla!!



What happens when you record an audio file with microsofts speech recognition tool?

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WHAT'S IN A SANDWICH?

BY LINDSEY SANDWICH EATER WHITTLE



I LOVE THE 2009 STAR TREK. I WATCH IT QUITE FREQUENTLY. ONE OF MY FAVORITE PARTS IS WHEN SCOTTY FROM THE PAST ASKS SPOCK FROM THE FUTURE IF THEY STILL HAVE SANDWICHES IN THE FUTURE. I THINK ABOUT THIS ALL THE TIME BECAUSE I CAN'T IMAGINE A WORLD WITHOUT SANDWICHES... A GOOD SANDWICH CAN GO A LONG WAY. I EAT MY FAVORITE SANDWICH AT A RESTAURANT CALLED SUB STATION 2. NO I DO NOT KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO SUB STATION 1. SUB STATION 2 HAS DELICIOUS BREAD - I GET RYE - AND AMAZING PICKLES. ON MY SANDWICH I GET "EVERYTHING," WHICH IS DICED LETTUCE, TOMATOES, ONIONS, OIL AND VINEGAR, OREGANO AND SALT AND PEPPER THEN I GET A LITTLE MAYO AND BLACK OLIVES WITH EXTRA PICKLES. DEPENDING ON THE DAY I MIGHT GET MEAT OR I MIGHT GET TUNA. MMMMM NOW I AM HUNGRY.

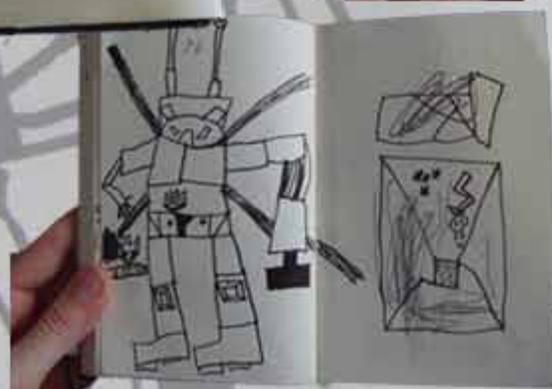
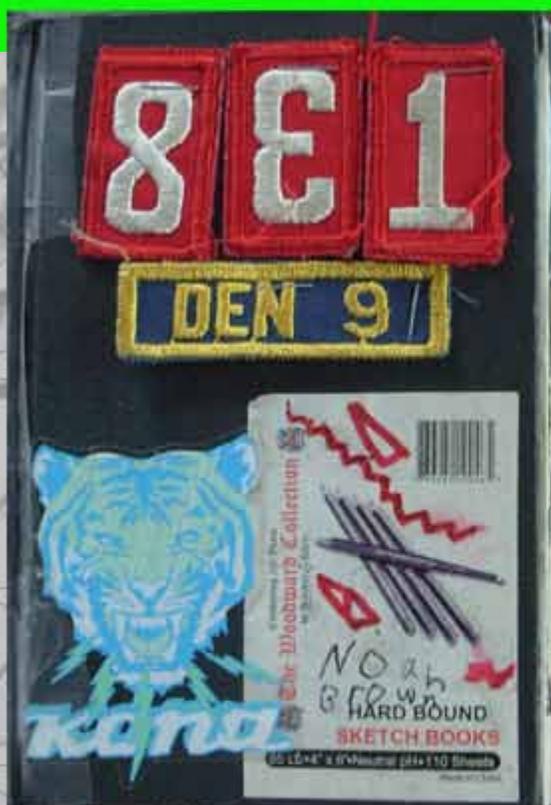
DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO GET A GREAT SANDWICH?

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(1) The original image was done with pencil and paper and then scanned into the computer.

From Start to Finish a Fan Art Digital Rendering of DC Character Poison Ivy.

by. Dustin Schleibaum

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(2) I use the original drawing as a guide while I lay down the flat colors and start applying the shadows with the brush tool.

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(3) I tend to start with the face and then work out from there. Once I had all the basic light and shadows I focused on the detail of the eyes. At this point I also apply a noise filter on a separate layer and set it to multiply to give the skin more texture and make it look more realistic.

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(4) Once have have the face close to being finished I start blocking in the hair. I quickly lay down shadows and highlights, it's very rough at this point but I will change that shortly.

5.



(5) : Fine tuning the hair - I use the smudge tool to start blending the shadows and highlights of the hair. I start out using a larger brush with a lower strength and then progressively use a smaller brush with a higher strength to make the individual strands of hair.

(6) : Shading the rest of the body and finishing the face.

(7) : Finalizing the Image - I wasn't too happy with the eye-brows so I redid them. I added the vines to the arm to make it look more like poison ivy. I played around with several different backgrounds until I found what I thought worked the best. The black and white really brought out the contrasting red and green.

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ROCK PAPER WHAT?

BY LINDSEY JOKESTER WHITTLE

Bored of the regular rock, paper, scissors game? Next time make up your own version, then share it in the next issue of Sparklezilla of course! You can use this version as a starting point.



NINJA



MONSTER



ZOMBIE

Rules:

Zombie beats Ninja

Ninja beats Monster

Monster beats Zombie

BS You either sit on the sidelines or go after it and you go after it. I can tell you why, my grandparents, the same ones that were caretakers when they gave up the caretaker gig they bought a house in Madeira and sat there and rotted. They didn't do s***, they just fed the birds, watched TV, cut the grass. They didn't go anywhere or do anything. Obviously that's what they wanted to do. That's not what I want to do. I never want to retire; I don't want to sit around doing nothing and watch TV.

LW What's a major challenge that you had to overcome, and what did you do to overcome?"

BS That's easy, I was diagnosed with diabetes 4 years ago in November and was originally diagnosed as type 2 but a year ago about this time I started getting sick and learned that I was actually misdiagnosed. I'm what's called LADA (latent autoimmune diabetes) diabetes in adults. My immune system late in life developed antibodies that started attacking my pancreas. I've really had to change my whole life. 4 years ago I weight 230lbs and now I weigh 180. So that's been a major challenge, changing my life, disciplining myself to not eat stuff I used to eat all the time. Somebody asked me the other day what do you really miss.

LW A good doughnut?

BS Oh yea when I see them doughnuts in here, it's like "oh god, I like to have one of those." Let me tell you this, don't feel bad because if I eat that stuff I'll feel terrible and nothing tastes better then feeling good, it just that easy. I know if I eat that I'll feel like s*** .

I was blessed in that regard in that, there was a guy who came into the store who was virtually blind. He had a cane and sometimes a dog and it was from diabetes. He was 3 or 4 years younger than me. So I saw firsthand where it could go, I don't want to go there, I will do whatever it takes to forestall that or prevent it. I've done a lot of research to combat it and get better. So now I do really well I'm about as healthy as you could be with it. That was a major challenge.

LW So what would you say were key things that would help you get through the challenge?

BS Just knowing that if I didn't fight it, I faced amputation, blindness, or kidney dialysis. Having gone through what I went through when my pancreas quit working, which is when I got diabetes, I was experiencing frequent urination, excessive thirst, blurry vision. That's when I went to the doctor and found out I had it and so they gave me this drug called metphor(SP) and that helped to keep it under control. Just gradually as my pancreas function started to go downhill I got to the point where that didn't work. Then I started losing weight in my legs, my muscles started getting really sore. I didn't have any energy, would wake up with muscle cramps, that's what happens when your body doesn't make insulin it doesn't take glucose and convert it to energy.

When it can't burn glucose it starts burning fat and when you're done burning fat it starts burning muscle. So your muscles get stiff and sore and you get cramps. So that without a doubt was the biggest challenge I faced in my life. But I'm doing real well now. In fact the doctor says if everybody took it as serious as I do, it wouldn't be the problem that it is. It's like smoking there's no real consequences right away. But when the consequences hit you're screwed, you're really screwed. I've seen what the consequences were and I'm like man I'm going to do everything I can to not let that happen.

LW Is there anything that you want the readers to know?

BS Yea, don't put off something that you really want to do. The only regret that I have in my life is not learning how to play the piano when I was in my 20's.

LW Looks like you're making it happen now!

BS Well you know the 2 best times to plant a tree, 20 years ago and today.

LW What is one of the best adventures you have had?

BS I would say the best adventure I've ever had was when I was 17 my father had been gone for about 4 years. My mother did a really good job by raising us by herself. She had a friend that moved to California, I was just 17 just learning to drive and she'd always say that "it won't be long till you're all out on your own." So she said "We are going to kill two birds with one stone. We're going to take this great trip around the country and were going to go out and visit my friend in California and were going to spend time together on this great trip while were still all here." So we rented a big station wagon and piled in and went on a camping trip around the country. Drove out to California and toured the whole country and came back. That was a great time. That was the best adventure I've ever had. It was fantastic I would love to do it again.

LW What motivates you?

BS Money, well actually I'm kind of altruistic I like to do the right thing, that's all. I firmly believe what goes around comes around.

LW Do you have any major inspirations in your life?

BS At the moment, not really. The woman that runs the sound institute, she is an amazing person. My mentor died about 10 years ago.

LW Who was your mentor?

BS He was a guy that hired me for a sales position, he was quite a character. He was a great salesman. He was like a father, I can't say that I never had a father but my father didn't teach me things but he did. In a kind of a backhanded way I'm kind of an inspiration to people I work with like my godson. I have a 30 year godson who will be 31 in May. My friends and my godson say people seem to look up to me as a steady influence. If they need something they can come to me and I'll be there.

LW Well you said reliable is one of your words.



BS I try to be. I'm not perfect. I will say this- If I make a commitment I usually keep it. If I can't keep it, I'll just say I can't do it, I would love to but I just can't. My mom is still an inspiration to me when I look back on the hardships she went through, a divorced mom with 4 kids, she didn't have a job or work skills per say. She was handed a lemon and made lemonade.

LW What is something that makes you laugh?

BS George of the jungle, the old cartoon.

LW You're just full of surprises Bob.

BS Old cartoons like that, any Marx Brothers' movies. That's about it. A lot of things make me laugh...O top of the line Sam Kinison . Man was I devastated when he got killed. I used to love him. He was so funny. If ever I'm down, I've got a concert DVD of his; I can pop that in and just laugh because he was just so funny. He has been dead for 20 years. His humor is very coarse. Let's just say it wouldn't play well in a convent.

LW How do you define a successful conversation"?

BS That's easy, a successful conversation happens when one person talks and the other person listens.

LW It's not both people talking and listening?

BS No, it means that you don't interrupt. That drives me insane. If I have a conversation with somebody and they interrupt me maybe more than 3 times, I just mentally shut it down. Because I realize no communication is taking place. When your mind is formulating what your going to say while I'm talking you can't possibly be completely ingesting what I'm saying. I know that's a little complex. You've heard the old saying: "you've got 2 years and one mouth use them in that proportion." Listening is something I've read about in college. How important listening is, the older I get the more I realize. If you just go into any room, if you focus on shutting up and listening vs. running your yap, it's amazing what you can learn and pick up. Plus you'll find that if you do that with people, you don't interrupt, you wait till their done before you start talking. On some level they appreciate you because they know...your not...most people don't consciously do it but on some level they realize that your actually paying attention to them. You're just as focused on them as you are on yourself. It's hard because a lot of times you just want to jump out...I do it still, but it's a very important skill.

So that's a successful conversation one where your listening as much or as more as you talk.

Christian Schmit, who also teaches at Baker Hunt was present for this interview and he had a few questions for Bob also!

CS What were you doing on May 25th, 1977?

BS (Laughs out Loud) Oh my gosh, 1977, jeezel petes! I honestly don't remember what I was doing May 25th, 1977. But I was probably . . uh. . looking forward to running around with my college buddies, cause we were still hanging around then. (Christian asked this to see if Bob had gone to see the original Star Wars come out in theaters.)

BS Is that when Star Wars came out?"

CS Do you remember going to see a movie as a kid felt really significant to you? An experience that you remember well?

BS Only one. It was the original War of the Worlds and in that movie, when the martian space ship emerged from the meteor that came to earth. They greeted it like they were friendly to the plant Earth. And one of the people that greeted him was a priest.

When that thing zapped the priest and blew him up it just scared the s*** out of me. I remember jumping out of my seat when they blasted the priest. I was probably nine or ten; I was a young kid. I remember the movie was like 35 cents if that tells you anything.

Yea I can't . . Other than that when I was kid no movie really made an impression, other than of course one on TV: The Wizard of Oz, the tornado scene.

I will say, the two movies that struck me since I was an adult. Raiders of the Lost Ark, The final scene of that movie blew me away. It did! After that whole scene I thought "WOW! That was intense." And um the final scene of Titanic (everyone in the room bursts out in surprised laughter) when the old lady dies and her soul goes back to the Titanic, and goes back to the stair case and Leonardo is up there waiting for her.

I was like, "man that, that completely blew me away." That was a great moment.

We followed up by asking him if he liked Avatar and he said he did.

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