

mar 2019

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April 27th!! @ the school on Harrison st!

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Also ISO: old computers/ electronics.

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See U There

Thanks,

Meredith



last deadline: may 1

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the (monitor)
presents



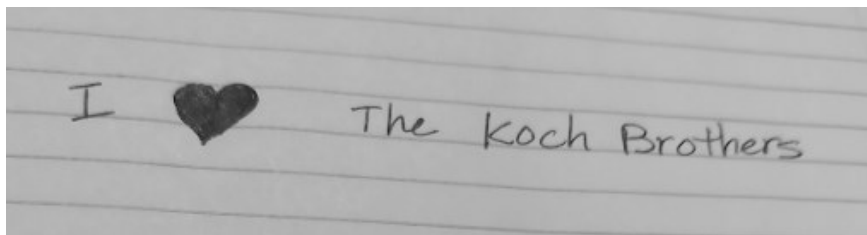


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printing)

Shadows
Ashley McCrea
Photograph



Untitled
Ashley McCrea
Photograph



Untitled
Bob Baggins
Photograph

side note from the editors:

we have a sneaking suspicion that this above was submitted to test biases in our printing policies, but either way, we here at the monitor would like to take the time to say that we fuckin love the koch brothers. as a chronically underfunded organization, we'll suck hella koch-cock for a couple geez getting slid our way every semester. maybe with all that money we could bring a real intellectual to campus like michael knowles or dinesh d'souza. despite the fact that we publish a lot of leftist takes, we promise we are fully open to all ideologies, so here's something from our archives to extend an olive branch to our neo-conservative brothers.

Dinesh D'Seuss-a
Michael Green
Mixed Media



dear reader,

Here we are again. Third month but actually fourth month so its time for the second issue of this beautiful 2019, and for this issue, we're kicking our artsy-indie-DIY cred to 11. Maybe 10.5, we only hand-did one copy, the rest were copied the new-fashioned way. Anyway, this is more like the monitor looked like back in the day, so let's just call it "old-school" rather than "jank as fuck."

-Michael "Editor Man" Green

meet the staff

what will your tombstone say?

michael: here lies "he ran out of luck"

chase: "here be vampire"

staci: "Capitalism killed me"

marc: Staci killed me

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submit

**LAST DEADLINE OF
THE SEMESTER:**

MAY 1

connect

send us original art!

poetry! paintings! essays!* drawings! short plays!* blueprints!

rants!* comics! social commentary!* photos! manifestos!*

lists! articles!* listicles! testicles!** recipes! reviews!

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**under 2000 words please!*
***actually don't*

does your club need new members? is your organization hosting a public event? are you trying to make some quick cash selling grilled cheese out of your trunk in the lot behind violette? what better way to get yourself some attention?!

quarter page 5

advertise

half page 10

full page 20

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I imagine Zac Burton understands the tremendous opportunity he was given. Nevertheless, he is the third candidate, following Jessica Parks and Kevin Alms, which I personally endorse, as he possesses along with Jessica and Kevin, a progressive spirit, a sincere respect and interest in the community's capacity to work together.

I would suggest to Zac, now holding office and seeking election, as I might also to both Jessica and Kevin, that he reconsider the strongly supported request to Council by long-time resident and former commission member Mr. Danny McDowall, that there be an advisory committee at the service of those who wish to bring certain needs and concerns of the community to the attention of Council. I have learned to respect Mr. McDowall as an astute and strong moral compass of the community and in the course of my own canvassing throughout the city over the years, I had the pleasure of meeting people from all walks of life and all income levels, a substantial number of whom felt they needed such a voice and assistance in making themselves heard, particularly in some of the more destitute households. An advisory committee would be an extended ear and hand to parts of the community, especially at times when public participation time at public City Council meetings is not enough.

In summary, in order of preference, I recommend and strongly support, in order of preference, Jessica Parks, Kevin Alms and Zac Burton, for City Council, for their proven leadership, community activism and compassionate vision for the City of Kirksville.

Sincere regards,

Betty L. McLane-Iles
Resident
503 S. Stanford Street
Kirksville, Missouri 63501

editor's note: apologies this did not get published in time for the election, but it appears that many of the concerns expressed were addressed and there is great reason to hope for the future of our community!

My only suggestion regarding this wonderful achievement is that we should remember as well that in our community, just down the street a little to the north of the square, a charity shop a religious one, has for years provided both free specially prepared and abundant, delicious mid-day meals to those who come in from the street. We, in the middle-class elites should look up the street, go into the store, frequently a place of community activity and gathering for many functions, and acquaint ourselves with the people who are also very typical Kirksvillians deeply religious and deeply altruistic, many of whom have lived with the reality of poverty and sacrifice far longer than the rest of the community and yet for whom the most natural thing in the world is to help someone struggling to survive. We of the middle class, among whom others with less resources tend to call the elites, should look also to how well such charities serve the community without which many would be destitute and without hope. just as so many have found dignity and life within "Take Root Cafe." It would be beneficial to combine the efforts of both and it would bring together divided parts of the community.

This brings me to the second candidate I personally suggest and endorse. Kevin Alms is the candidate whose representation of the dispossessed is the closest to the people who are the least effectively and the least frequently represented on Council. Persistently Kevin runs for City Council election, representing many more voices than those normally heard. He never gives up and although taken less seriously by the more prosperous, he is deeply respected and revered by those who recognize his persistence and courage in continually seeking to give them a voice on council. I discovered this in the course of the four years I ran for Council and canvassed and discussed with people in parts of the community where Kevin, primarily, was known with affection.

The third candidate to consider in my view is Zac Burton. He is supported by the university and many from its community. He expressed interest in replacing former City Councilman Jerry Mills for the remaining four to five months of his term and was immediately accepted by City Council. I, myself, was dismayed, as were others, by the fact that no other longer serving and more extensively experienced individuals were considered, that there was no public consensus.

Why the fuck would you go fishing?

Woke up, Brushed my teeth, Skipped breakfast, Walked to class, Ate a quick lunch, Wrote half an essay, Ran back to class, Heated up dinner, Did more homework, Finished my damn essay, Brushed my teeth, Went back to sleep,

and you just went fishing.

I wish
someone would just
give you a fish.

Did your dad teach you?
An uncle maybe,
is that what you think this is?
Some cliché
warm-night cold-beer summer-day?

"Why the fuck would you go fishing?"
"And what did the fish ever do anyway?"
"What was their crime?"
As if it would be cool if you just went out killing criminals,
fish or not.
But where's the time anymore for philosophy?

Waste enough seconds, there's a minute,
but a day goes by too quick to count the minutes in it.

Maybe some sun would do me great,
and maybe it's time for me to take up the bait,
but you can't make love if you can't make a living,
and you can't make a living spending all your time fishing.

The Bark and the Bite

- lee baker -

Bark says the dog in the night
On our screens and across the sea
Go screaming warrior and fight!
And make our proud people free

Bite attacks the Wolf, heeding,
Killing in the name of dog
His rage unfiltered, breeding,
Recording carnage to store and log

Wait! Says the dog, fearing rebuke
My bark was not to be taken at truth!
In honest these actions make me puke,
But results of words do not take a sleuth

Lone wolf, all his own action
Can't you see? Don't look my way
His bite really only a reaction
To the people he killed, I say.

Again the corpses pile high
The bite on all the bodies show
But if one looking closer will try,
Bark bark bark, is heard in echo.



LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

As we approach another day of decision as to the choice of City Council members, the community has the opportunity to bring into active local government a new vitality of representation by individuals who have proven success and continued dedication towards giving our community a new dimension of strength, service and life.

Most significantly, as I look back upon my years of service on commissions for the city and my own four local campaigns for City Council, I feel reassured that we have this spring a choice of candidates with an inspiring depth of commitment to the health of the community.

The most striking, the most accomplished and the most responsive to the needs and values of our community is Jessica Parks, who is the most outstanding. Jessica and I were among the three delegates representing the Presidential Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders to the 2016 State Convention in Sedalia, Missouri. Jessica and her husband have given to our community a tremendous new hope. With a strong sense of social responsibility, they brought together within our own community people with and without means. Jessica established a site in the center of downtown which enables everyone to eat and drink with dignity no matter how limited or even non-existent is their ability to pay. Those who cannot pay for a decent meal give their time and physical energies to help further the establishment's ability to continue and extend to others what she or he had received. People receive no less than they give. It has become an essential site in the center of Kirksville and promotes hope, reciprocity and vision which has profoundly activated and inspired a large part of our community.

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AND myself I have not even bothered on the Thorpe piece to talk to fellow and lady Liberal and Labour amis since if I can easily spot the unhistorical howlers lord knows how unseriously they will ignore even some of the big issues the series avoids, Lets enumerate just some of the things the film and series omits all intelligiblity about since the artistic set think we the people are not capable of any responses except our loins or quims.

The Tory party and Anne are portrayed as alike peace lovers opposed to Whig war taxes overseas. Never mind as one of my own brilliant history specialist teachers once brought out to me. Bill Speck that in reality a huge section of the Tories were motivated by sympathy for then French despotism across the water, the Jacobites whose leader Henry St John is never shown at all in the film. And as for the sex well displaced courtier and Whig general married Sarah is our only source for claims they she and Anne may have had a BISEXUAL not pure lesbian affair. As for supposed Tory lesbian successor, Masham. well in fact both she and Anne were devout Anglicans, so puritan its doubtful. Regards Thorpe well he was too BISEXUAL; and openly had supported the first decriminalisation of gay such proclivities despite moral hostility from his west country constituents. Too while indeed wrong to want to silence Scott Scott was and is no charmingly pure gay whatever. He tried blackmailing Thorpe's mother and first wife and lived off both men and women in every job he got till finally settling into a genuine kind animal carer of horses. Mercilessly he has ungratefully critiqued gay activist actor Ben W for portraying him as "too soft", how revealing in his own creepiness

SO DO THE REAL HISTORICAL WORK I SAY TO MY CULTURAL LEFT FRIENDS IF YOU REALLY WANT REAL CHANGE DELINEATION

Post shit post shitpost
- lee baker -

The shitposter posted his shit posts on the shitpost posting board, posting shit about how I shit you not posts can cause shit to happen to no poster or person. Well, can a shit post be just a shitpost post 3/15/19?

too far to drive :-(by Meredith Harrach



Meredith · Computer monitors



Marketplace Details



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MAR 2, 2019, 5:17 PM

✓ You named the group Meredith · Computer monitors.

🖼️ You changed the group photo.

Hello! Are these still available?

MAR 3, 2019, 10:25 AM

I can even pick them up!

MAR 6, 2019, 8:57 PM

Hello, just wondering about the monitors? Some friends and I would like to use them for art. 😊

MAR 7, 2019, 12:05 AM

Jake

I have a lot

MAR 7, 2019, 6:35 AM

Jake is waiting for your response.

MAR 7, 2019, 9:01 AM

When could we get them?

MAR 8, 2019, 7:38 PM

Could we have like, 3 of them?

MAR 9, 2019, 4:44 PM

Jake

Have to take 10 or more

Awesome, we'll take 10 then! Is there a time on Tuesday

8 pe a message, @name...



the political and social reactionary laziness of the new UK Queen Anne THE FAVOURITE movie and the Jeremy Thorpe A VERY ENGLISH SCANDAL tv serial

by Larry ILES

Yours truly can be said to have been involved in two big cultural events that are rocking box offices both sides of the Atlantic pond..At the 2019 start he gave an intro to a 100 strong Columbia RAGTAG cinema audience on a film now packing in Parisian and UK movie biggest theaters THE FAVOURITE, which indeed has some of the best costumery and lesbian sex scenes of the early eighteenth century since Kubrick's brilliant BARRY LYNDON in sheer sumptuousness. And last summe,r I and Prof Betty saw BBC tvs A VERY ENGLISH SCANDAL before star H Grant began its US promotion that has already got it NEW YORK REVIEW OF BOOKS frontispiece near total acclaim.I not biblically knew the attempted murderer of gay Norman Scott,one time Liberal Leader Jeremy Thorpe,having twice met him at Liberal events and corresponded with him about his Tory MP father's defeat by left wing Christian Socialist Radical Liberal journalist Charles Mاستerman in1923.

So why would mere myself caution against two rare history pieces up for awards galore in respective vindications of UK,S last female Stuart monarch,Anne in her own regnant right and in repudiation of the supposedly privileged Thorpe who indeed got let off a murder charge against a victim because the hired gun did not go off and the judge liked the upper class married Thorpe,not the Scott ex-model.Well heres the problem folks the impeccably cultural left producers and writers behind both epics are so in love of pure art and what they think is honest sexuality that they have distorted and ignored significant historical period facts and evidence that actually does their targets,Sarah Churchill and Thorpe gross injustice alike.It all makes me as mad as TSUs and THE MONITORS advisor Becker was when he once had to listen to an arts students gloss on the great Mexican Marxist painter Frieda Karlo that had her uncontextually down as a rather too unoriginal Picasso imitator.

Nor was such Beckerian wrath limited to that past explosion,as more than one RAGTAG audience member came up to me saying he failed to understand the politics completely of the film since its imagery stupefied all ones senses.

Some Simple 6 Step Plans (Continued)

Plan D:

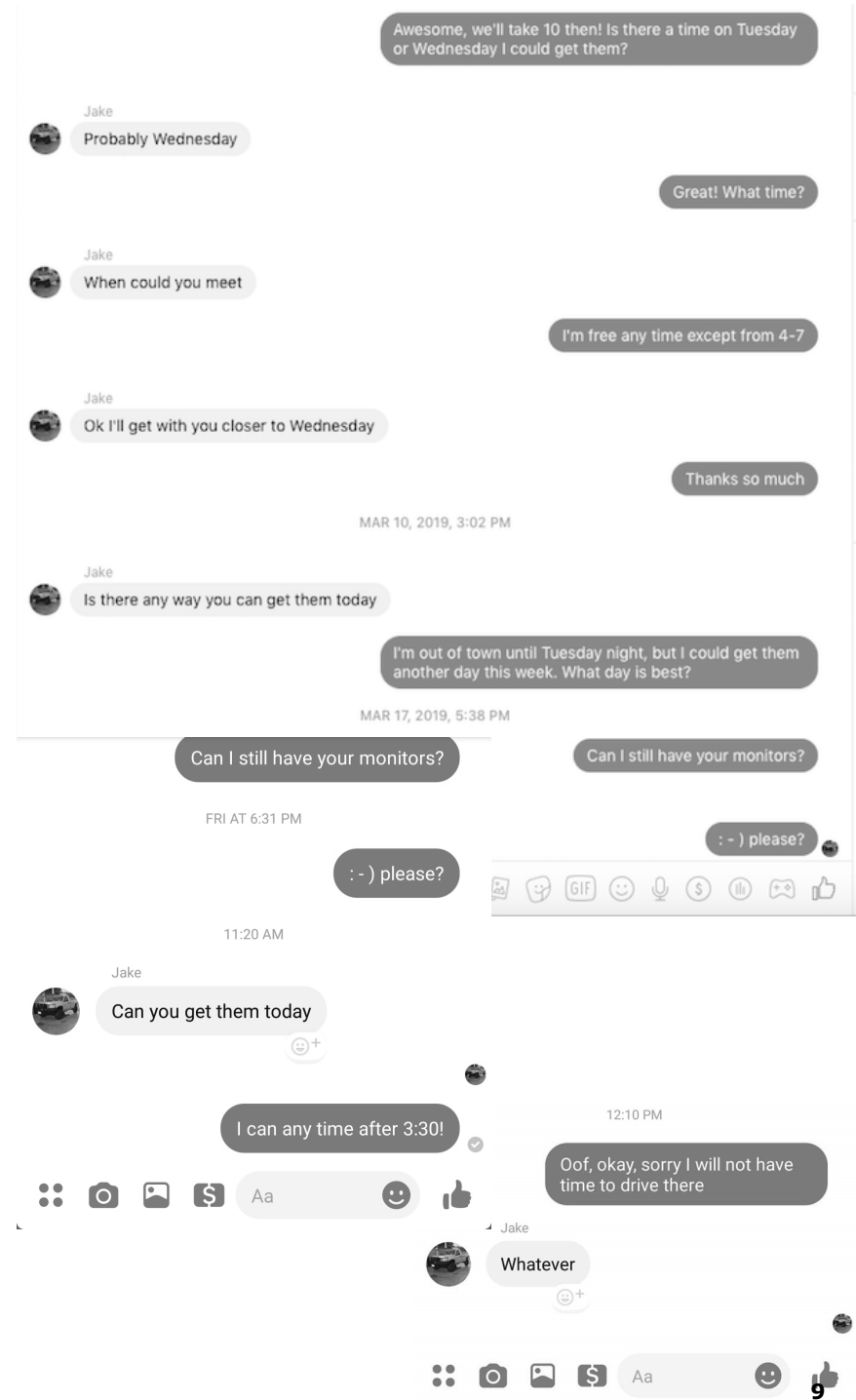
- Buy weed in Colorado
- Bring it back to sell
- Try to do the speed limit
- Maybe get stopped halfway through Nebraska
- Don't worry about it
- Either way don't gotta worry about rent next month

Plan E:

- Bring fireworks to Illinois for July 4
- Friend's cop dad sees
- "Don't let me catch you with those later"
- Try to keep the explosions extra quiet
- Fail
- Be white anyway tho

10/10

Would not recommend
drinking 4 energy drinks
in 1 (one) day.



An Ode To Ayn Rand by Alex Wang

Ayn Rand, why is your writing so bland?
Your heartless soul and lack of empathy,
makes me feel nothing but pity,
for the poor and the weak.
You're a sore and everything but meek.
So, Ayn Rand, I hope you burn in hell!!!
At least then I can say the evil one fell!!!



Some Simple 6 Step Plans

Plan A:

- Move to a small town in Wisconsin
- Start a book club
- No one wants to read my books
- Start a writing club in the next town
- Write books
- Now they read my books.

Plan B:

- Learn piano
- Get really good at piano
- Impress everyone
- Break all my fingers
- Experience a miraculous recovery
- Impress everyone even more now

Plan C:

- Get a meal plan
- Eat only soft-serve ice cream every meal
- Freshman 50
- Move off campus
- Just don't eat
- Lose weight and save money

new binaries

to those who just don't "get" non-binary identities -
i get it. we all love a good binary opposition. yes/no.
day/night. alive/dead. thinking in binaries is really
convenient. so here are some new binaries you can try to
use to shove all the beautiful complexities of humanity
into

people whose cars and laptops are covered in stickers vs.
boring people

people who take 2 minute showers vs. people who fall
asleep in the bath

people still wearing jackets vs. people who wore shorts all
winter

people who baricadde live at pickler vs. people whose parents
pay their tuition

people who take their shoes off at home vs. anarchists

people who follow the 5 second rule vs. crustpunks

people who don't sleep enough vs. ???

people studying french vs. people who speak good languages

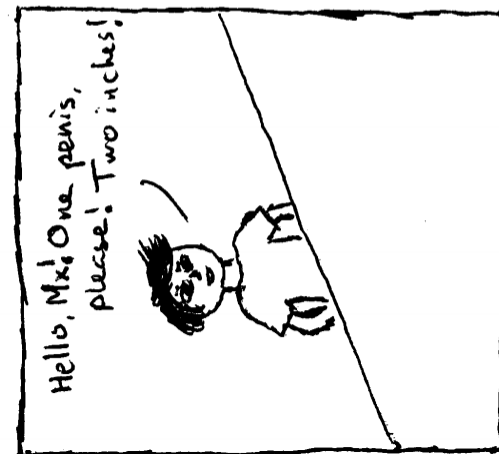
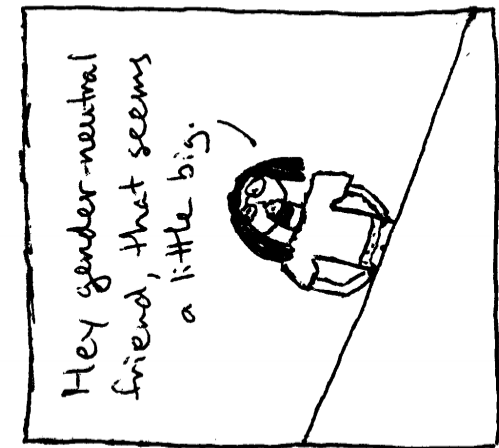
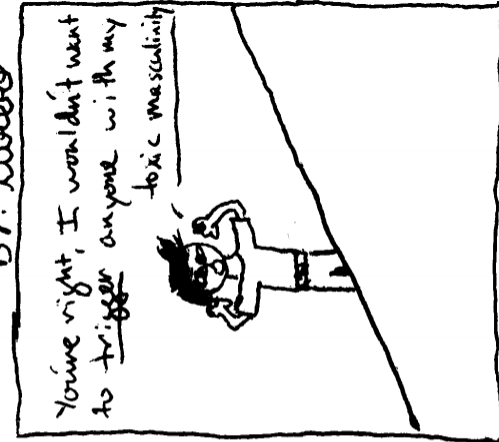
people who litter vs. decent fucking people

people who recognize gender as a social construct vs.
people who are wrong

good luck!

ALIBERAL GOES PENIS SHOPPING

BY: twobro



FRY YESS

TAXES

THIS IS A FRIENDLY REMINDER THAT TAX DAY IS 4/15