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**I can picture in my mind a world without war,
a world without hate.
And I can picture us attacking that world,
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-Deep Thoughts by Jack Handey**

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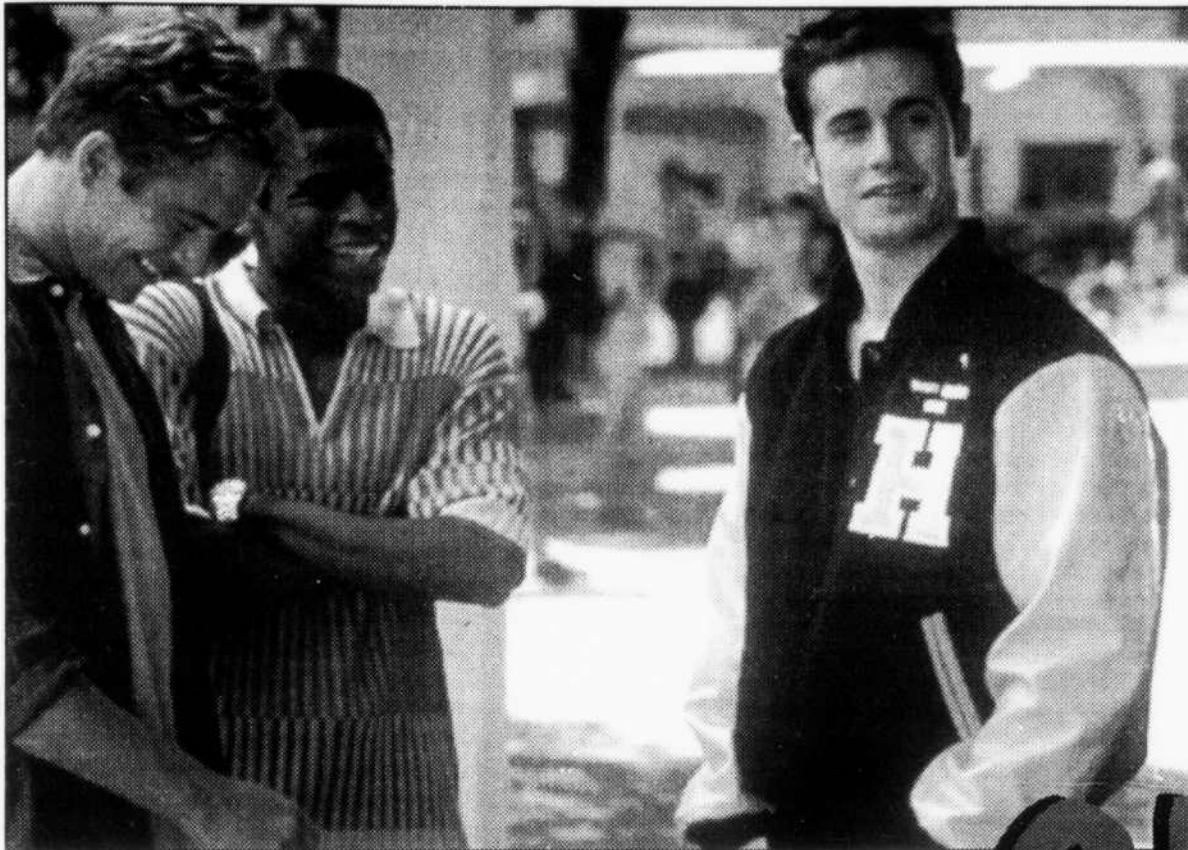
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Zach (Freddie Prinze Jr.) with friends played by Paul Walker and Dule' Hill

Aaron Tallent
Flash writer

Don't you love movies where a guy bets he can turn an unpopular girl into the prom queen and all he has to do is cut her hair, take off her glasses, and buy her a dress to make her look stunning. Why can't his task be a little harder. If he turned the girl from *Welcome to the Dollhouse* into a prom queen, then that would be a feat to make a movie about.

She's All That is one of these films. It is *Pygmalion* and *My Fair Lady* put in the style of a 1980's teen comedy, which there have been a resurgence of. Zach (Freddie Prinze Jr.) has just been dumped by his girlfriend, Taylor Vaughn (Jodi Lyn O'Keefe), for Brock Hudson (Matthew Lillard), a jerkish celebrity who was on *The Real World*. Zach is feeling down and wants revenge on Taylor. He bets his friend (Paul Walker) that he can turn any girl into a prom queen.

The girl chosen is Laney Boggs (Rachel Leigh Cook), an artist who is the butt of most school jokes. It will not take much work to turn Laney into a knockout but there is one more problem. Laney has an emotional wall. Zach has to break down that wall to get Laney to open up to him.

As Zach breaks down this wall, he begins to fall for Laney and she begins to fall for him. The only problem is that the bet is eventually going to come between them.

Most 80's teen comedies are really enjoyable. Some, like *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* and *the Breakfast Club* are classics. *She's All That* is an enjoyable 80's teen comedy.

103.3 KDF has a segment at 12:00 every day called *Velveeta Lounge* where they play cheesy 80's music. It seems that Hollywood is having a *Velveeta Lounge* with 80's teen comedies that easily fall prey to predictability and cheesiness.

That is *She's All That's* main problem. We know what's going to happen throughout the entire film. At the beginning of each scene, we can predict how each scene is going to end. Also, most of the jokes receive slight chuckles instead of big laughs.

The cheese factor also comes with the fact that all the characters except Zach and Laney are one-dimensional. For example, Taylor Vaughn is mean to everyone around her and makes us wonder why she would even be in contention for prom queen.

The film does not offer a realistic look at high school but I have never seen an 80's teen comedy that did. All the kids break into a dance number at the prom which is fun to watch even though it is corny.

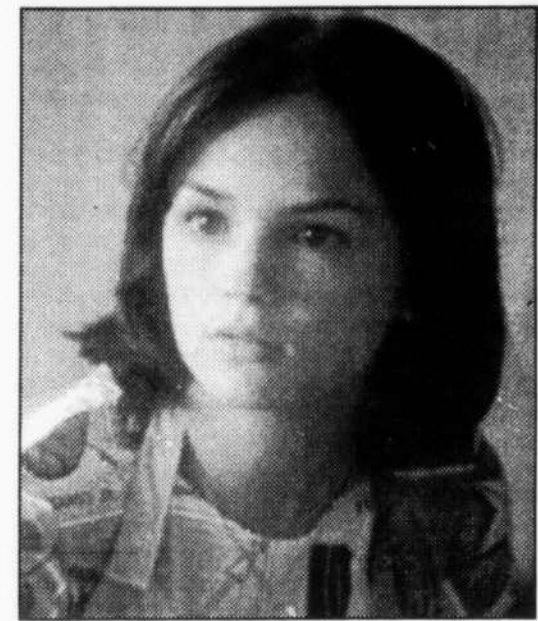
The performances are pretty good even though Lee Fleming's script does not allow the characters to escape their unidimensionality. Freddie Prinze Jr. is likable in the lead role and the chemistry between him and Rachel Leigh Cook is believable.

Famous character actors Tim Matheson and Kevin Pollak are good as the two's respective fathers. Matthew Lillard plays the same energetic, obnoxious teenager he plays in every other film he is in.

She's All That is a good date movie but do not be surprised if some parts seem cheesy and predictable.

STARS: (out of four) **

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Laney Boggs (Rachel Leigh Cook)

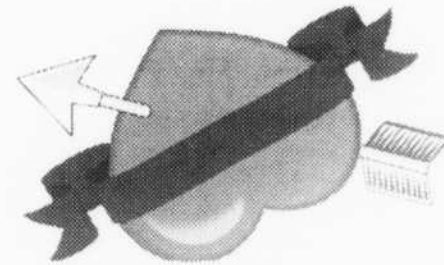
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Last minute Valentine's Day ideas

Barry Gilley
Flash Editor



If you're reading this and still haven't gotten someone something for Valentine's Day, you're probably in one of three categories.

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just be — that you're so bogged down with classes, work and extracurricular commitments that your sleep deprived little brain can barely keep straight what day it is, much less think ahead to the weekend.

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Good Valentines Day ideas (for real this time)

Think small. That's not to say you can't go all out when choosing a gift or planning an evening with someone. Just remember that it can be the small touches that make a real difference in the amount of impact it has. If you remember the exact type and color of a flower someone likes, you may score as many bonus points as a room full of whatever variety.

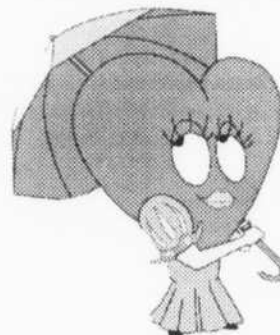
Don't wait until a holiday roles around to start noticing your sweet thang's likes and dislikes. If the above paragraph didn't help at all, you probably not paying enough attention.

It's impossible to add the little touches without first knowing what they are.

Moments can't be bought. This can be both a good and a bad thing. You never have to worry about a sunset, moonlit night, picnic or candlelight diner being sold out at the local Wal-Mart but each comes with its own set of complications. It's fine to have one perfect night in mind but have a few backup plans. Sometimes weather doesn't cooperate, ants attack or diner gets burned.

Give of yourself. No, that's not what the kids are calling it

now. Take any form of talent or expertise and run with it. If you're the musical type, write a song. You get the idea. If you don't have any talents, get over it. You must have something going for you or you wouldn't be needing this list.



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Once upon a time in the 'Boro, Yo! We went the whole winter and didn't have no snow. That's my remix to that new Redman cut "Jersey Yo!" Anyway, Welcome to another week of hip-hop news. This week we have updates of previous stories and we have some brand spankin' new stories to fill your appetite. Old Dirty Bastard had charges formally dropped against him this week in what should be the final time we talk about this case. In early January, ODB was pulled over along with his cousin, the 60 Second Assassin. ODB was charged with attempted murder when police claim he pulled a gun on them as they approached his car. In actuality, ODB was holding a cellular telephone. Even with the charges dropped, ODB said that he is "suing the s#! out of them." Look for more news concerning his lawsuit against the police.

Wendy Williams, former Hot 97 shock-jock, now doing mornings at Philly's Power 99, recently reported that Capone of Capone-n-Noreaga would be released from jail on February 11. Capone has been in jail before the release of their debut album *The War Report*. Since then Noreaga has released his own solo album, *N.O.R.E.*, has gone platinum. CNN is working on an album entitled *The Reunion*, but Capone is working on his own album, which is slated for a May 25 release date.

Master P will not be in the NBA this season. The Charlotte Hornets cut Master P after two preseason games. He played 8 minutes, was 0 for 3 from the floor, 2 for 2 from the free throw line, had 2 assists and one rebound. His stats weren't the greatest, but he was playing with the best basketball players on the planet. I guess the next time we see Master P in a NBA arena will be as a spectator or as the halftime entertainment.

As of the January 25 Priority Records will distribute all Rawkus acts. The first Priority distributed project will be the Mos Def/Talib Kweli "Respiration" single February 23. Also look for the following releases from Rawkus in '99: Mos Def LP, *Reflection Eternal* LP, Shabaam Shadeeq EP, *Cyclops 4000* LP, the Pharaoh Monch LP, DJ Spinna "Heavy Beats Vol. 1," and the compilation "The Beatminerz Presents."

That's all the news for this week. Read this column next week or check out SNM every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. on WMTS 88.3 FM for more hip hop news, and other assorted crazy s#!&.

Redneck Rock Review

Stacie Odeneal
Staff writer

Everything is the same in the world of broken hearts and 4 x 4's. Fortunately, for the world of folks who love country music, the same old story is a good thing.

The biggest news this week would have to be nominations for the TNN/Music City News Country Awards. Faith Hill dominated the nominations with 7 big awards possibilities including female artist of the year, album of the year, single and video of the year for "This Kiss", and vocal collaboration of the year for her effort on "Just to Hear You Say That You Love Me" that she did with her extremely talented husband Tim McGraw.

Alan Jackson and George Strait each had five nominations while Shania Twain came in with four. Steve Warner, Garth Brooks, and the Dixie Chicks claimed three a piece.

Also getting attention, The Wilkinsons were nominated for the male star of

tomorrow award despite the fact that lead singer Amanda Wilkinson is not a guy.

According to Billboard Magazine, Jo Dee Messina is alone on top with her hit single, "Stand Beside Me". Mark Chesnutt follows with the remake of Aerosmith's "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing" that loses that certain hunks-o'-gorgeous-manliness-save-earth-from-certain-doom quality when you take out Steven Tyler's inane ability to scat rock-n-roll style and, uh yeah, all the rock and roll. (I'm bitter, forgive me. It's still a good song, just once is enough) Tim McGraw rounds out the top three with "For a Little While".

For those terribly bored with their current cds, February 9 is the day when Dolly Parton releases her new album *Trio II*. And for fans like myself of the Aerosmith cover artist, Mark Chesnutt's new album aptly titled "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing" hits music stores everywhere. (I like him I really do, just the song. It's the principle.) Also new to stores, Lee Ann Womack's new cd with "A

Little Past Little Rock". There's a quality song.

The cd you've seen for a while in stores would have to be the Dixie Chicks' quadruple-platinum album, "Wide Open Spaces". This group's unique sound and ironic relevance to my life earns them Stac's group-of-the-week honor.

The group started on the streets of Dallas where playing for tips substituted for a summer job. Their name was inspired by Little Feat's song "Dixie Chicken". They've opened for Garth Brooks, George Jones, Alan Jackson, George Strait and Emmylou Harris.

Honestly, I despised their music when I heard "I Can Love You Better". However, the other 11 or 12 songs on the cd are awesome. A perfect mixture of upbeat (like in the song "Tonight the Heartache's on Me") and slow ballads (like their latest release "You Were Mine") that makes any roadtrip, heartbreak, English paper, or dentist appointment a little more tolerable.

R & B According to Shawn

Shawn Whitsell
Staff writer

Hey, all you R & B lovers out there! This is Shawn Whitsell and I'm here to bring you the best of R & B with my weekly column: "R & B According to Shawn." So get on board and journey with me through the world of R & B.

Well, if you have checked out the February edition of VIBE magazine then you should know Aaliyah's "Are You That Somebody" was chosen #1 of the "19 Best Singles of 1998." Other R & B singles that were included are Usher's "Nice and Slow," Janet's "I Get Lonely (Remix)" featuring Blackstreet, Sparkle's "Be Careful" featuring R. Kelly and Brandy and Monica's hit "The Boy is Mine."

Speaking of Brandy, the singer/actress will team up with legendary songstress Diana Ross for the made-for-television

movie "Double Platinum." The story tells of a singer who gives up her daughter. The daughter grows up to be a successful singer as well and the two are reunited. The movie is complete with performances and drama. So check it out.

Are we missin' Mary J. or what? I know I am. Well, if you didn't go cop her collection of live recordings "The Tour," you need to go get it. It's certified gold but platinum wouldn't hurt. You can also catch the Queen of Hip Hop Soul on Kirk Franklin and the Family's hit, "Lean on Me" and Lauryn Hill's "I Used to Love Him." Word has it that Ms. Blige is slated to drop her next album in the summer but it might be out before then. The first single will be "No More Happy Holidays." My sources also tell me that Blige will team up with Puffy again, who worked on her first two albums, "What's the 411?" and "My Life." Rumor has it that Blige

will also rap on her upcoming project.

Enough about the women. Let's see what's up with the fellaz of R & B. R & B sensation, Usher, who made his film debut in the sci-fi horror "The Faculty," can also be seen in the new movie "She's All That." Usher recently filed a \$1million lawsuit against clothing designer Tommy Hilfiger. Usher said Hilfiger, who was affiliated with "The Faculty," exploited photographs of him, making people think he was a part of the Hilfiger campaign, which he is not. Well, they could have fooled me because Usher is in all those commercials. Usher will also release a live album called "Usher Live" with recordings from two free shows he did in his hometown of Chattanooga, TN. Speaking of album releases, my boy Ginuwine will release his sophomore LP, "100% Ginuwine" on March 2. So look out for that. Well, I'm out and until we meet again, keep it real!

Down with the Underground

Keith Ryan Cartwright
Staff writer

One year after canceling the Lollapalooza Tour due to the lack of a bona fide headlining act, organizers are working to strike a deal with Guns N Roses.

Rumors have begun circulating throughout Los Angeles that Axl Rose and company could in fact be on tap to headline the event this summer.

The inclusion of Guns N Roses apparently hinges on the original lineup performing, however, it wouldn't actually include drummer Steven Adler. Instead it would be long time member Matt Sorum on drums.

Officials at Geffen Records would neither confirm nor deny the involvement of Guns N Roses and Lollapalooza. Calls to Gold Mountain Entertainment, the management firm which handles the

group, went unreturned.

Rose and lead guitarist Slash were working together on an album early last year when they parted ways due to artistic differences. Sources close to the band said that Slash had wanted to return to the band's earlier, more gritty sound first heard on *Appetite For Destruction*.

Rhythm guitarist Izzy Stradlin, who left prior to the release of *Use Your Illusion I* and *II*, made amends with Rose a couple of years ago. Stradlin actually performed with the band briefly on their last *Skin & Bones* tour, when replacement guitarist Gilby Clarke broke his right hand.

Insiders say that the key to the reunion could be bassist Duff McKagan, who is the lone member on good terms with both Rose and Slash. One thing, however, remains apparent — any plans Guns N Roses have to perform live aren't likely to include Adler.

Adler was kicked out of the band shortly after wrapping their world tour in support of *Appetite For Destruction*. Though many of members have had well documented battles with drug addiction, Adler's heroin use reached unparalleled portions.

Despite the fact that Guns N Roses have a long standing tradition of not being able to organize any plans quickly — mainly recording sessions — the possible tour plans are not contingent upon the release of a new album. Instead the group, would focus their set on the ruckus attitude and rawness that earned them their multi-platinum status.

On a side note involving Rose, he was last heard from in the Fall of 1998.

At the time, he was reportedly working on a musical chronicling the career of Guns N Roses. The project was compared to what Pete Townsend, of The Who, did with Tommy.

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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

Aries (March 21-April 19). Your money is locked away in a safe place, hopefully, because you're going to want to get at it and spend it for frivolous things. The temptations are intense, but the risks are also high. Saturday and Sunday are your best days all week for playing with friends, or launching team ventures.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Tuesday and Wednesday are good shopping days with incredible bargains available. Be very careful, however, that you don't also spend more for something than it's worth. Thursday through Saturday are good for travel, so take those days off if you can. Be respectful of others on Sunday, to make the very best impression.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Take care at work. If you don't pay attention to what's going on around you, you could smash right into a brick wall. Thursday through Saturday, take care of business. Whether you win or lose depends on how shrewdly you play the game. Saturday and Sunday are best for travel, but romance may still be elusive.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Wednesday will be a little stressful, since more work is required. Don't goof off then. You'd get into trouble. Thursday through Saturday, a partner shows up to help, and to tell you what to do. A welcome relief. And on Sunday, you could make a decision together that would affect your future for years. Think it over carefully first.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). It's not the money you need so much right now. It's just a little bit of objective perspective. Search for revelations in romantic relationships Tuesday and Wednesday. A secret admirer could be revealed. If a partner is putting demands on you Saturday or Sunday, make the commitment. That's what he or she really wants.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Watch out for accidents and other surprises at home on Wednesday. Romance pops to mind on Thursday, but may not happen until Friday. Saturday morning looks good for that too. A setback on Saturday turns out OK when something else becomes available, and a hassle on Sunday is solved with quick thinking.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Looks like you have plenty of work to do, but are you being paid what you're worth? If you're not, it's nobody's fault but your own. Thursday and Friday are good days to change stuff around your house. You'll be in the mood to do the work and get things right. This weekend is fabulous for romance with an intellectual type.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Wednesday, the money pours in, and runs back out again almost as fast as it came. You can be lucky with a gamble then, but don't put it back down and lose it before you even get to spend any of it. Learn through practicing on Thursday and Friday, and stick close to home this weekend. The most interesting things will be going on there.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Something you're trying to accomplish is not getting through. Perhaps it's because you're not communicating effectively. Instead of trying to explain, ask leading questions. Thursday and Friday, the Capricorn helper helps you be more practical. Saturday and Sunday are good for fridging up on your mood.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The pressure is on Wednesday, and things are popping fast. Expect major changes during that phase. By Friday, you'll be much more powerful. A friend's suggestion doesn't pan out on Saturday, but you'll find another way to get what you want. On Sunday, your first impulse doesn't work, but leads to an idea that does.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). An older person is going to want to order you around. That's patently ridiculous, of course. You know everything, or at least you think you do, but this other person doesn't seem to care. He or she just wants the power. And once you understand that, the whole situation will be easier to deal with.

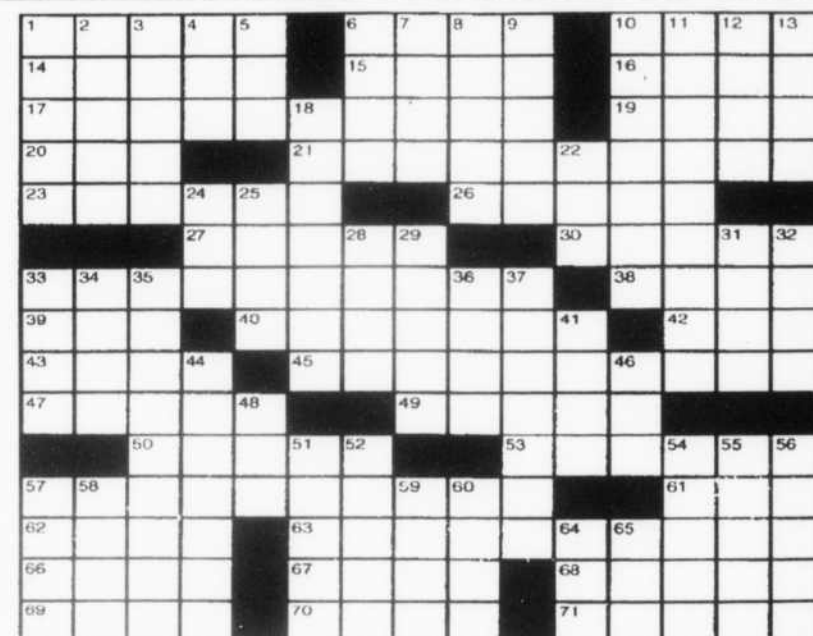
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Noticing is the first step in solving problems. Start by making a list of them. Wednesday and Thursday, get together with friends and accomplish something you couldn't do alone. Saturday and Sunday, your mind will be buzzing. Don't believe what you hear without checking it out first.

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- 1 Trattoria fare
- 6 ___ in the belfry
- 10 Venetian blind part
- 14 Change to fit
- 15 Cosmetics
- 16 Millennia
- 17 Phoenix suburb
- 19 Moist and chilly
- 20 In addition
- 21 Pierces
- 23 Italian sausage
- 26 Fang
- 27 Nit-picks
- 30 Outdoes
- 33 Deep-rooted
- 38 London district
- 39 Ruby of "Raisin in the Sun"
- 40 Saluting
- 42 Cambridge sch.
- 43 Wyatt of the Old West
- 45 Rancidity
- 47 Robert and Alan
- 49 Barrel slat
- 50 List components
- 53 Flip do-over
- 57 Fixing indelibly
- 61 Dumb-struck state
- 62 Poi base
- 63 Gave a come-hither look
- 66 Indigo dye
- 67 Periods
- 68 Danger drill
- 69 Highland girl
- 70 Take five
- 71 Accomplish incorrectly

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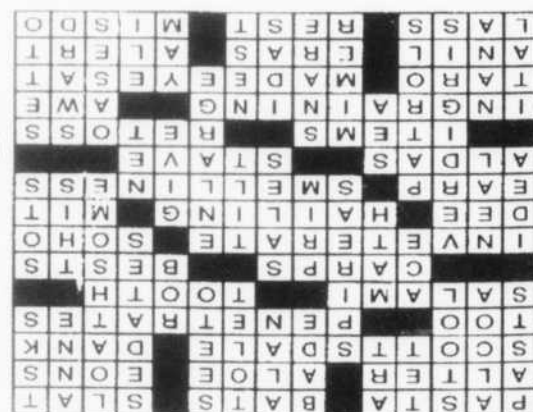
- 1 Times gone by
- 2 Aluminum company
- 3 Counter perch
- 4 Vietnamese holiday
- 5 Knack
- 6 Summoned, old-style
- 7 Shepard or Greenspan
- 8 For rent



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- 9 Take care of
- 10 Puts to sleep
- 11 Abhorrent
- 12 Beheaded
- 13 Tongue-clicking sounds
- 18 Bridal wreath and meadowsweet
- 22 Stick up
- 24 Unreturnable serve
- 25 SAT test section
- 28 Dainty
- 29 Merchant's figures
- 31 The one here
- 32 Barflies
- 33 Brainchild
- 34 Actress Patricia
- 35 Green patina
- 36 Pinball goof
- 37 Make bigger
- 41 Play
- 44 Recon missions
- 46 Final profit
- 48 ___ of Marmara



- 51 Silent actor
- 52 Trap
- 54 Possible mirages
- 55 Turf-covered land
- 56 Heated conflict
- 57 Slanted type: abbr.
- 58 Granny
- 59 Lupino and Tarbell
- 60 Snug spot
- 64 Edible tuber
- 65 Samuel's teacher