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Personal Essays

The Peril of Ceiling Fans

BY LOCKIE HUNTER

In South Carolina's beach country, not having air conditioning, nevermind fans, is these days downright strange. A personal memoir of worried grandmothers and infant decapitation.

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Dante, Hero of Sinners

by Michael Rottman

You already have your summer getaway planned—but what about your permanent vacation? Given your options, Hell may be less temperate, but its hidden perks make it well worth the trip.



Namibia's Tourism Minister Sends a Plea to Britney Spears

by Jay Dyckman

Just because your career takes an awkward turn doesn't mean your baby's birth can't be a cherished event. Before you cancel your reservation at the Namibian birthing palace, may we have a moment of your time?

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Mp3s of the Week

by ANDREW WOMACK

Peter and the Wolf; Gosling; the Ballet; the A Frames; Shapes and Sizes; ...

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by ROBERT BIRNBAUM
High Lonesome; Mexican Days; The End of California; Kensington Gardens; ...

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by SARAH HEPOLA
Horror in many forms: tragic Hervé Villechalze; unwatchable Connie...

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HEADLINES

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New York's currently: *sitting down for this*

- Wait wait wait, maybe North Korea isn't about to shoot a missile.
- Wait wait wait, insurgents in Iraq who've only killed American soldiers won't get amnesty.
- With only 30 percent of the earth's cars, the U.S. is responsible for nearly half of auto-emitted greenhouse gases.
- Cut your beef consumption with part-meat, part-soy burgers.
- *His conciousness opens like an iris to allow the proper amount of reality into his acting subtext.* Robert Reed's memo to Sherwood Schwartz.
- Supreme Court to decide what's obvious.
- Harper Lee publishes first piece in over 20 years and it's a letter to *O Magazine*.
- Video: The Factory All-Stars, "Love Will Tear Us Apart."
- Andrew WOMACK on the week in mp3s.
- With rising test scores and college admissions and lowering cootie counts and snip-snail-puppy dog tail ratios, the "boy crisis" may be over.
- Hillary Clinton's female foundation may already be rocky for 2008.
- Nature is still totally majestic: Rare rainbow spotted over Idaho.
- Fred Willard rides an NYC tour bus, provides alternate history of the city.
- An ethical analysis of covering adoption in the media.
- Pacific Northwest rock staple Sleater-Kinney goes on "temporary hiatus."
- Eddie from *Frasier* dies at 16.
- Rush Limbaugh's plea bargain wilts after he's found in posession of mislabelled Viagra.
- America's human embryo glut and the unbearable lightness of almost being.



Everything Is Illustrated

by Richard May

Successful illustrations need strange perspectives in order to tell a story and, hopefully, strike a viewer across the mouth. An interview with pro illustrator Richard May, plus a gallery of his recent work.

New York Solitaire

by Michael Barrish

New York is a filthy place, through and through. So how have we convinced ourselves that it's such a beautiful city? Michael Barrish explains a game he invented in April.



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through the trash and find a better life.

Unloading on *The Matrix Reloaded*

by Philip Graham

The first *Matrix* was cool, but this new one needed a bit more work before they let it out of the gate. Upset moviegoer Philip Graham writes an open letter to the Wachowski brothers.

Godspeed You Black Emperor!, *Lift Yr. Skinny Fists Like Antennas To Heaven*
by Andrew Womack

The first LP was groundbreaking; the EP took that momentum and displayed a tightness that was teeth-shattering; and now (actually,...



by Rosecrans Baldwin

Experts answer what they know. The Non-Expert answers anything. This week the Non-Expert attempts to help a non-believer in the heartland by rewriting the Book of Job.



Here Is 47th Street

by Pam Widener

New York City's diamond district is a zone of secret laws, hidden shops, and real-estate chicanery. One-block buff and guide Stephen Kilnisan pulls back the curtain.



The Heirloom Ficus

by Jessica Francis Kane

When a loved one's houseplants are divided up, what you get isn't a condition of your standing as a relative, but of your ability as a gardener. A story of memory and maintenance, and the discovery of a special bond.



Files Are Not for Sharing

by Matthew Baldwin and Goopymart

Preschoolers today know that hands are not for hitting and words are not for hurting. But learning about ethics doesn't stop there. An illustrated primer for everyone still unclear on the rights and wrongs of intellectual property.

■ States ranked in order of natural teeth loss.

■ For sale: TMN shirts for summer featuring art by Witold Riedel.

■ A guide to Superman's hair.

FROM THE EDITORS

Seasonal Shirts: Summer 2006, by Witold Riedel

26 June 2006: We are very pleased to announce a new program starting this morning: Seasonal Shirts! Each season a different artist is...

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