

Don't drink the water when Poison the Well comes to Erie

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The members of Poison the Well pose for the camera, making sure to smile on the inside.

The first time Poison the Well played in Erie a few years ago, it was before a crowd of about 15 people. The empty room didn't faze the band members; they played with the same emotion and energy that currently has them packing venues.

Since that first Erie show, a lot has happened for Poison the Well. They put out two albums, including the recently released "Tear From The Red" on Trustkill Records. The album went to No. 1 one on the College Media Journal (CMJ) charts. They also toured extensively, including a second appearance in Erie, this time to an enthusiastic crowd of a few hundred kids. Not too shabby for an underground hardcore band.

On Monday, Poison the Well will grace Erie with its third appearance.

"Erie is one of our favorite places to play because the kids are cool and supportive of the underground music scene," said guitarist Ryan Primack.

Poison the Well, which formed in 1998 in Coral Gables, Fla., plays a melodic brand of metallic hardcore that is both emotional and heavy. The music is often dark but the lyrics profoundly poetic. And those emotions come out when Poison the Well plays live.

"Our live show is kind of crazy," said Primack. "Playing a show is like therapy for us because you get rid of all that's bothering you. Some people go to a psychiatrist; we play a show."

Poison the Well said that even though they have had some success,

they don't plan on changing or selling out their hardcore roots.

"I feel like we do things our own way," said Primack. "We don't pay attention to politics of music. We want to do our own thing without MTV. We don't want to be on TRL or be sponsored by the Gap. That stuff is unimportant to us."

What is important to Poison the Well? The answer is simple: playing music. The band insists the only reason it exists is for the love of music.

"We are five idiots that started a

band. We just want to write songs and play music. That's all we care about," said Primack.

The band prides itself on constantly pushing the musical envelope. It said the key to its latest success was experimenting with different sounds, and, of course, keeping it real.

"The point of music is to stay original," said Primack. "There are too many bands out there that are cookie-cutter bands. They are five schmucks that are told what to play. But the music lacks honesty. When it comes to our show, we have more

honesty. "We don't care about being rock stars. We are just five guys who want to play music for anyone who wants to listen."

POISON THE WELL. Appearing with American Nightmare, Sworn Enemy, From Autumn to Ashes, and Hopesfall on Monday at 6 p.m. at Forward Hall, 25th and Peach. Admission is \$10 (all ages.)

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HOROSCOPES

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - Some of your great schemes may have to go when you realize they're completely impractical.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - Don't let an insensitive person's thoughtless remark hurt your feelings.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - The money is pretty good, but the person giving the orders could get a tad difficult.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Does it seem as if you've been running into a lot of closed doors, yet you feel kind of lucky? Maybe all those doors are closed to protect you.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - You always try to surround yourself with the best of everything.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Are you tired of fixing things and figuring things out? Want to let somebody else drive for a while?

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22) - Today is an 8 - Look around for something you can do to make someone else's life easier. It may be right under foot.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - Stop worrying about things you can't change. Instead, focus on what you already have. Somebody would like to be with you tonight.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - You've proven you're smart. Now, can you show you're sensitive and caring? Can you listen to somebody who at first seems rather slow?

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - You don't have to be told everything. Lots of what you don't know can be figured out.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - Time to get practical again. Move your latest theory from the "possible" to the "actual."

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - You're a little more sensitive, a little less guarded, but is this wise?

Through the Looking Glass

the weekly column that asks if there is intelligent life out there

by Mike Pingree
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THANKS FOR YOUR HELP, GOTTA GO!

A driver saw a car crash in dense fog on the road before him in Keystone, Iowa, and stopped to lend assistance. The victim promptly stole the Good Samaritan's Ford Escort and drove it about two miles before crashing again. When a man in a pickup truck stopped to help at that accident, the guy stole his truck. The cops finally stopped him by shooting out the pickup's front tire.

DRINKING OFTEN SPARKS 'GOOD IDEAS'

After a booze party that went late into the night, an Australian government staff member brought a lady into the Northern Territory's empty parliament chamber and made love to her in the speaker's chair. He was fired. He told reporters, "It seemed like a good idea at the time."

CAPTAIN RIBMAN - You Ransom & You Lose Some

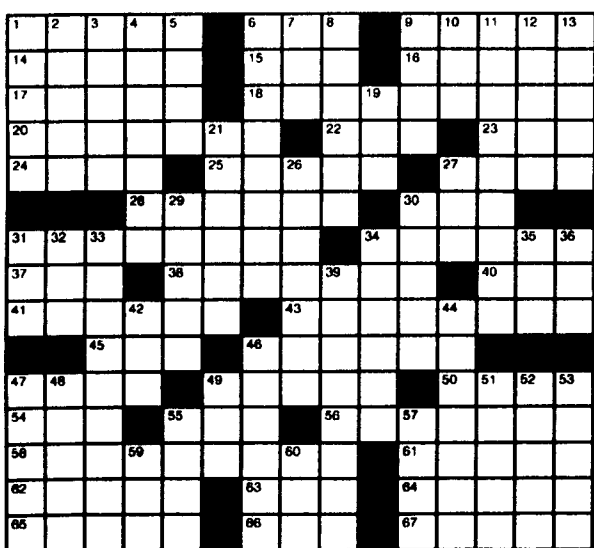


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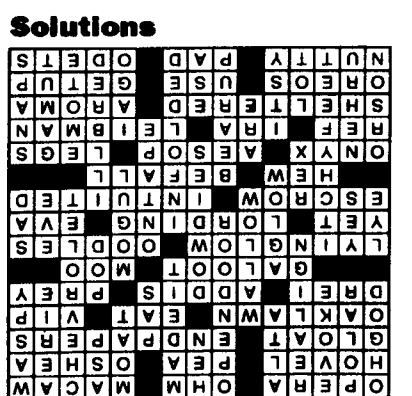
Crossword

- ACROSS
1 "The Bat," e.g.
6 Resistance measure
9 Large parrot
14 Miserable dwelling
15 Green legume
16 Actor Milo
17 Rub it in
18 Books' inside covers
20 Chicago suburb south of Cicero
22 End hunger
23 Bigwig
24 Three, to Martin Luther
25 Ababa, Ethiopia
27 Lion's quarry
28 Palooka
30 Lea lament
31 In hiding
34 Lots and lots
37 Up until now
38 Acting domineering
40 Gabor sister
41 Mortgage condition, often
43 Sensed
45 Chop
46 Come to pass
47 Cameo gem
49 Fabler of yore
50 Pants parts
54 Ump's relative
55 Writer Levin
56 Ron of "Kaz"
58 In a refuge
61 Small
62 Cookie sandwiches
63 Play for a fool
64 Stand
65 Idiomatic
66 Block of paper
67 "Golden Boy" playwright



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7 Brooder?
8 Got there
9 Castle's defense
10 Small, horned viper
11 GM division
12 Eagle's home
13 Stingingly
19 Faux
21 Flounder
26 Frumps
27 EVA vehicle
29 Incandescent
30 Ski-slope mound
31 Cautious solution
32 Sure thing!
33 Wanderlust
34 Not live
35 Night before
36 Unhappy
39 Created an inward pleat
42 Actor Harrison
44 Of questionable stock
46 Withstand stress
47 Director Welles
48 Former Indian leader
49 Ready when you
51 Overact
52 Full course
53 Breaks suddenly
55 Minuscule
57 Venetian villain
59 Building site
60-NASA's ISS partner



Recipes for You!
Championship Chocolate Chip Bars
Ingredients:
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
1/2 cup butter
2 cups HERSHEY'S® BAKE SHOPPE™ Semisweet Chocolate Chips, divided
1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
1 egg, beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup chopped walnuts
1 Heat oven to 350 F.
2 Stir together flour and brown sugar in medium bowl; cut in cold butter until crumbly. Stir in 1/2 cup chocolate chips; press mixture on bottom of ungreased 13x9x2-inch baking pan. Bake 15 minutes.
3 Meanwhile, combine sweetened condensed milk, egg and vanilla in large bowl. Stir in remaining 1-1/2 cups chips and nuts. Spread evenly over baked crust. Bake 25 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars.
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