

# It's all about Benjamin's

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There are some who would say that Erie is a dead town. While this may be true to some, I say we just aren't looking hard enough. Down the back streets and side roads, there have to be

attempt, he missed the mark. The inside of the restaurant has many prints of paintings from the late 1700s. While the theme is Benjamin Franklin, I feel the setting clashed with colorful hanging cartoons of ol' Ben that adorn the ceiling.

The serving staff was as polite and

tage I was able to judge this cheese steak as an expert. To my disappointment, a Benjamin's cheese steak is not, to put it gently, a Philly cheese steak. The steak portion of the dish actually was solid meat. In a true cheese steak, the meat is chopped up. While I was not impressed, it was not a bad meal.



Benjamin's Restaurant is located at 16 West 10th Street.

things to do and places to eat. My job here at the paper is to find restaurants, dine there, and report back to the Behrend student body. The search is by far the hardest part of the job, but nowhere near impossible.

For my first review, a friend and I found Benjamin's, which is located at 16 W. 10th St. Benjamin's is a cozy, well lit, and mid price ranged restaurant and bar. The restaurant is part of the Avalon Hotel. To be short and sweet, it was not crowded.

While it was a Monday night, Benjamin's was virtually deserted other than a few patrons at the bar. Benjamin's is a good place to take a date to have a quiet time at a downtown restaurant, without breaking the bank.

While the decorator made a valiant

attending as could be wished. We were well-taken care of and the food was quickly prepared.

On to the food! It was good, but not overly impressive. To start out the meal, my friend and I ordered the chicken quesadillas. These were quite good, though they took a new slant on the classic dish.

While the usual quesadilla is round and flat in form, these were rolled into a log shape. My friend sampled the lasagna rollups for her main course. These looked very good and she was pleased.

After perusing the menu, I found a dish I knew quite a good deal about, cheese steak. The cheese steak is a staple of any good Philadelphia's diet and I am no exception. From this van-

The highlight of the meal for me were the fries. It is hard to find really good french fries. In my opinion, the best fries have the crunchy outside and soft inside. I have only been to two places where that was achieved. Benjamin's fries are, without a doubt, some of the best I have ever tasted. They were well worth the trip.

To reiterate, all in all, Benjamin's is a perfectly good place to have a meal. The final price for the entire evening (including drinks and tip) was \$33.78. Not bad for a two-person dinner downtown.

## Through the looking glass

by Mike Pingree, KRT Campus

### WAIT, SHE LOOKS FAMILIAR

Two porn video makers in Osaka, Japan, have been secretly video-taping women removing their clothes in department store changing rooms, then selling the wildly popular videos to an army of enthusiastic male customers.

Unfortunately for them, one customer recognized his own wife in one of their videos and called the cops.

### DOING HERE? ME? UH, GOTTA GO, SORRY

A Wichita, Kan., father saw that a backyard lawn chair had been moved overnight several times and suspected that someone was using it to sit under the bathroom window and spy on his daughters in the shower. So he laid a trap.

He hooked a spool of fishing line to the chair and ran it into the kitchen. Later, when the spool was yanked off the table, he ran outside where he found a neighbor. His explanation was insufficient.

### OR SHOULD IT BE 'THE CONFUSED ONE'?

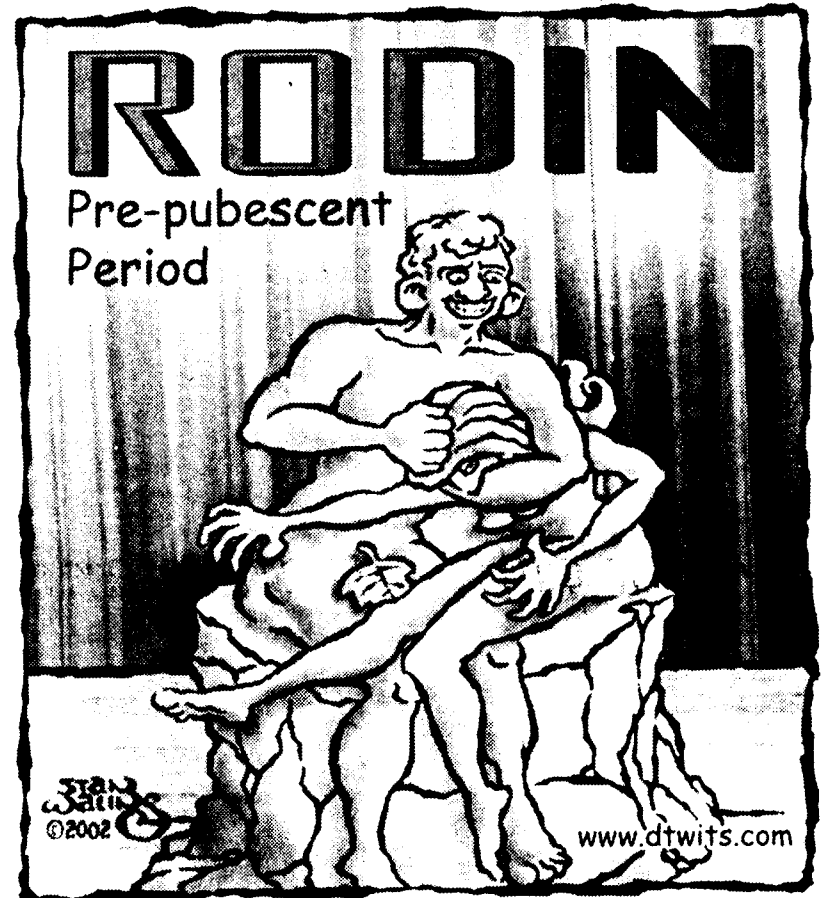
A lioness in a game reserve in Kenya is continuing to adopt baby antelopes instead of eating them, as members of her species normally do.

They mostly escape with the help of their mothers (one was eaten by another lion when she took a nap.) Then she adopts another. There have been five so far. The locals have named the lioness Kamuniak, which means 'the blessed one.'

CAPTAIN RIBMAN - Shooting Your Mouth Off by Sprengelmeyer & Davis



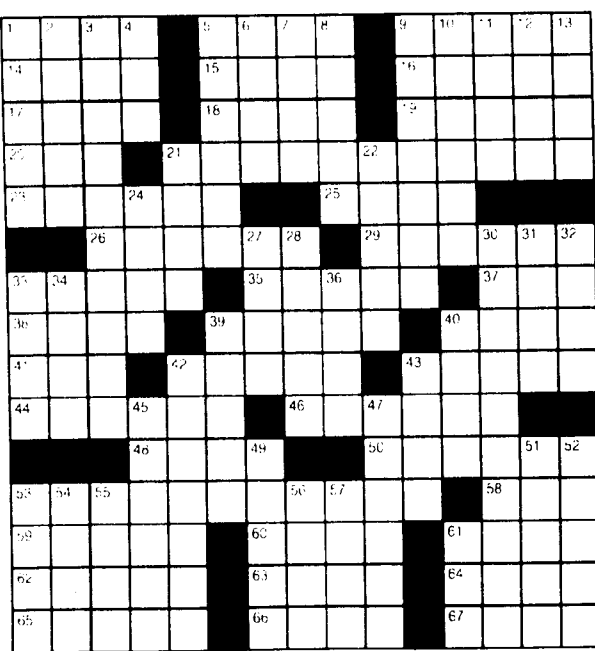
## DITHERED TWITS by Stan Waling



'The Noogie'

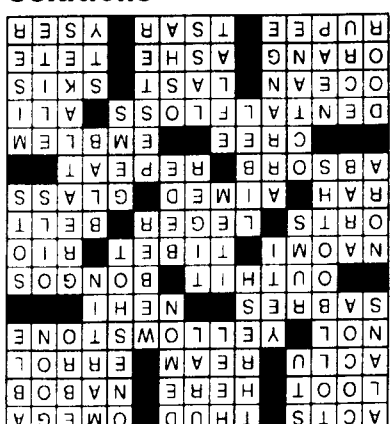
## Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Play parts
  - 5 Heavy, dull sound
  - 9 Greek letter
  - 14 Booty
  - 15 Roll-call call
  - 16 Wealthy, powerful person
  - 17 Rights grp
  - 18 Paper quantity
  - 19 Actor Flynn
  - 20 Lon. of Cambodia
  - 21 Old Faithful locale
  - 23 Buffalo team
  - 25 Radar's drink
  - 26 Land more punches
  - 29 African antelopes
  - 33 Wynonna's mom
  - 35 Lhasa's land
  - 37 "Bravo"
  - 38 Table scraps
  - 39 French artist Fernand
  - 40 Big swig
  - 41 College cheer
  - 42 Set sights
  - 43 Bottle material
  - 44 Soak up
  - 46 Do over
  - 48 Native people of Canada
  - 50 Logo
  - 53 Teeth-cleaning material
  - 58 The Greatest
  - 59 High seas
  - 60 Final position
  - 61 Roof rack tote
  - 62 Arboreal ape, for short
  - 63 Tennis great
  - 64 Pierre's head
  - 65 Sri Lanka cash
  - 66 Russian autocrat
  - 67 French/Belgian river
- DOWN
- 1 Alda and Ladd
  - 2 Medium brown
  - 3 Turnpike features
  - 4 R-V connection
  - 5 Use a flail
  - 6 Command to Fido
  - 7 Russian river
  - 8 Evil spirit
  - 9 Single attempt
  - 10 Comic Short
  - 11 Spanish river
  - 12 Thug
  - 13 Ready, willing and
  - 21 Bigfoot's Himalayan cousin
  - 22 Unit of magnetic flux
  - 24 Sailors' drinks
  - 27 Agenda topic
  - 28 Striped feline
  - 30 Source of the St. Lawrence Seaway
  - 31 Artist's medium
  - 32 Drunkards
  - 33 Writer Ephron
  - 34 Bedouin, e.g.
  - 36 Anglo-Saxon theologian
  - 39 Slander in print
  - 40 Spill the beans
  - 42 Put in order
  - 43 Jewels
  - 45 Gasoline rating
  - 47 Harass
  - 49 Key of "Eroica"
  - 51 Upper crust
  - 52 Tightwad
  - 53 Entry
  - 54 Light beige
  - 55 Tidal situation
  - 56 Highlands
  - 57 Workplace watchdog org.
  - 61 Pig pen



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### Solutions



## Funny books are a laughing matter

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"Fierce Pajamas: An Anthology of Humor Writing from The New Yorker," edited by David Remnick and Henry Finder (Modern Library, \$14.95, paperback): This often hilarious collection of sketches, parodies and poems by such contributors as James Thurber, Dorothy Parker, Woody Allen, Veronica Geng and Steve Martin makes for perfect bedtime reading. Just be careful you don't roll out of bed laughing. The title comes from E.B. White's 1929 "Dusk in Fierce Pajamas," in which the malaria-stricken narrator peruses society magazines and dreams of living the high life. And anyone who's ever read a theater playbill will get a chuckle out of Marshall Brickman's 1976 "Who's Who in the Cast."

### LAUGH TILL YOU CRY

"The Onion Ad Nauseam: Complete News Archives, Volume 13," edited by Robert Siegel (Three Rivers Press/Crown, \$17, paperback): Devotees of the online newspaper parody will be delighted to find favorite headlines ("Brad Pitt Bored With Sight Of Jennifer Aniston's Naked Body"), articles ("Lowest Common Denominator Continues to Plummet"), news briefs ("Man Nods Knowingly At Mechanic") and opinion pieces ("Beer Commercials Aren't What They Used To Be"). And then there are the horoscopes. This time last year, for example, Aries folk were warned: "You will meet a dark-haired stranger next week. Actually, you'll

meet several, but only one of them is important for our purposes."

### DOUBLE DARE YOU

"Don't Try This at Home," by Hunter S. Fulghum (Broadway Books, \$14, paperback): This zany little instruction book is subtitled "How to Win a Sumo Match, Catch a Great White Shark, Start an Independent Nation and Other Extraordinary Feats (For Ordinary People)." We're not sure why you'd want to break into Buckingham Palace, for example (no, don't tell us), but Fulghum provides a list of what you will need, including a servant's uniform, Duct tape and an English accent; time required (one week preparation, two hours to complete exercise), as well as detailed instructions - including parachuting onto the roof of the palace. All this to short-sheet Prince Charles' bed?

### THEY WENT THATAWAY

"The Stupid Crook Book," by Leland Gregory (Andrews McMeel, \$9.95, paperback): Law-enforcement officers will be among the first to tell you most crooks are far from criminal masterminds. Gregory offers further proof in this collection of factual anecdotes, although he doesn't name the guilty parties because "they still have the ability to hire lawyers." His unwise guys include a naked burglar who was quickly captured when he leaped over a fence into a cactus garden, a visually impaired bank robber who asked for help exiting the bank and the teen who raided the refrigerator of a house for a box of ice-cream sandwiches and left a trail of discarded wrappers.

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