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Facebook, that is. It's the newest online trend that students are using to keep up with friends new and old. **Page 15**

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Tech's volleyball team is top-ranked in the ACC and faces No. 2 Miami this Saturday. **Page 32**

Thrift stores hold hidden treasures

By Jennifer Allen
Contributing Writer

Face it, department stores make you want to bang your head against a wall and Wal-Mart is more enjoyable when you are being kicked out of it at 3 a.m. Thrift stores, however, offer a treasure hunt that everyone enjoys.

You might be thinking, "ewwww thrift stores; don't you have to boil the clothes you get from there?"

The answer is no...just use a really hot setting on your washing machine and you are good to go.

"You are not only going to stores to look for clothes, you are getting an experience," said second-year Architecture major Michele Rockoff.

The funny thing about thrift stores is that the sketchier the store looks, the cooler the stuff they have usually is.

Thrift store shopping is like a scavenger hunt. The fun of a thrift store can always be found in the search that takes place looking through stuff.

Is this cool looking '80s dress in your size? Does the old geezer hat go with anything you own right now?

"A thrift store is a place where you really go to just look around" said second-year Management major Destin Dunham.

It is true that most of the time

when you go to the thrift store you leave empty handed, but if you go with friends you will always have a good time.

So if you have some time to waste, there are three thrift stores around campus that offer a variety of different items.

The Salvation Army
746 Marietta St. NE
Atlanta, GA 30318

If you are looking to buy a couch for your dorm room then this is one place that you can go. They have a good selection in the furniture department.

The couches are in decent shape and the chairs more often than not have all four legs. The prices are reasonable as well. Most of the items cost \$30 or less.

You can also go here to find some really interesting '90s clothing. If you are ever in the market for one of those two-piece windbreakers, this is the place to find them. They come in a variety of colors and sizes for \$10 and under.

The one clothing item that the Salvation Army has plenty of is dresses. There is a plethora of evening dresses that would fit in well with dresses that your mom would absolutely love.

Atlanta Step Up Society Thrift Store
733 Monroe Dr. NE
Atlanta, GA 30308

The second store on the list is Atlanta Step Up Society Thrift Store.

I must admit that this store is my favorite. It is off of Monroe Drive, and it looks really sketchy but has the coolest trinkets.

The Atlanta Step Up Society Thrift Store has a better selection of better furniture than The Salvation Army by far. They have really decent-

looking dressers and couches for \$40 and under. Many of the couches have a vintage look; some look like they are from the '50s.

The clothing, on the other hand, is not as good. There is some selection there, but only one for men and another two for women.

The downstairs portion of the store is the best part. It has a huge selection of records for \$1.50 a piece.

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Second-year Architecture major James Roussos browses through some of the clothing selections in a thrift store.

Celebrate Dia de los Muertos

Is it really that time of year again already? You bet, kids. This Saturday and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. the Woodruff Arts Center is hosting Day of the Dead Festivities. With Mexican food, folklore, piñata workshops and surely some of those cool skeleton masks, good times are sure to be had by all. Best of all, admission is free.

Georgia Dome hosts band battle

This Sunday starting at 2 p.m. metro Atlanta high school marching bands will be strutting their stuff and competing for field-formation glory at the Atlanta Original Battle of the Bands. The event is at the Georgia Dome and tickets cost \$12-\$18.

Styx to play Centennial Park

If you're longing for a little arena rock this weekend, Styx will be performing at Centennial Olympic Park on Saturday. The show starts at 6:30 p.m. and tickets are \$5.

Former 'Fugee to perform in Atlanta

Hip-hop songstress Lauryn Hill will be gracing our fair city and the Nu Jazz Festival with her presence this Saturday night. The show starts at 7 p.m. at the Dekalb Atlanta Centre and tickets cost \$35.

Small turnout for Nappy Roots at Ferst disappoints concertgoers

By Brian Srikanthana
Contributing Writer

Last Saturday, Tech greeted Nappy Roots with a crowd marginally surpassing the first row of the Ferst Center. Concerts just aren't the same when you can't get lost in the crowd.

Listening to the music and "letting loose" becomes nearly impossible when you can't be an anonymous dancer to the vibes, when you are aware of everything and everyone in the room including yourself.

"[The concert] was pretty good, but the small crowd definitely took away from the atmosphere. It's hard to get a lot of energy going when it's so small like that," said Eric Polgar,

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First-year ME major

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Perhaps insufficient advertisement was the cause of the low attendance. Were the posters by the steps of the Student Center and library not enough? Should there have been more chalking of Skiles? Could ticket prices have been too high? With a Tech ID tickets were \$13.50, \$18 without. The small number of those in attendance is a mystery for such a popular group.

The six members of Nappy Roots, Skinny DeVille, Ron Clutch, Big V, R. Prophet, Scales and B. Stille, met in 1995 at Western Kentucky University.

They formed a band in 1997

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Find meaning in I ♥ Huckabees

By Evan Zasoski
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I ♥ Huckabees, the latest offering from director David O. Russell of *Three Kings* fame is a cool little comedy about a pair of existential detectives, a corporate executive, an environmentalist and a firefighter in philosophical crisis.

For all intents and purposes, it's an hour and a half send up of an entire school of philosophy. Odds are, you'll either think it's a cute little flick that was worth your time or you'll hate it outright.

If you do, oh how you will hate it. This movie, mostly by nature of the subject matter, is full of itself in such a way that will absolutely boil the blood of anyone who can't stand a little pomposity in their movies.

So if, for instance, you hated the Architect in *Matrix: Reloaded*, don't see this movie. Stop reading this review and just put the whole idea out of your head, because *I ♥ Huckabees* might just make your head explode.

The plot goes like this: Jason Schwartzman, a beleaguered environmentalist who likes to write bad poetry enlists the help of Dustin Hoffman and Lily Tomlin, a pair of existential detectives, in order to figure out "what it all means."

Shortly thereafter, Jude Law, rising corporate superstar and Schwartzman's white whale, also calls upon the detectives in an attempt to further destabilize an already unstable Schwartzman and thereby eliminate a significant personal and professional headache. Basically, everything insanely snowballs from there.

Also making appearances in the film are Mark Wahlberg as a firefighter questioning the meaning of

life, Naomi Watts as spokeswoman superstar turned earthy loon and Isabelle Huppert as the detective's arch-nemesis/prodigious star pupil.

The cast in this movie is top notch, with all involved turning in great performances. The worst I can say is that from time to time, Jude Law's American accent slips and he sounds decidedly British, bringing you out of the movie ever so slightly, though

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Photo courtesy Fox Searchlight

Jason Schwartzman, Jude Law and Lily Tomlin are just a few stars of the comedy *I ♥ Huckabees*, now in limited release.

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and established themselves in the mainstream with the 2002 release of *Watermelon, Chicken & Gritz* which included the hit singles "Po' Folks," "Headz Up" and "Awwnaw." The album garnered an American Music Award nomination for favorite hip-hop/R&B group and a pair of Grammy Award nominations.

The group has received recognition from all over, including a holiday in their honor. Sept. 16 was designated "Nappy Roots Day" by Kentucky Governor Paul E. Patton. *Rolling Stone* called the album "the best thing to come out of Kentucky since the Colonel's chicken."

Nappy Roots prides itself on being a down-to-earth group. "We're

glamorizing being average," Skinny DeVille said.

"Man, 75 percent of the world is poor, so there's a whole lot more people who can relate to being poor than to being rich," Big V said in a past interview.

"We let it be known that we were really broke. We were really testing the water with that because...when [we debuted] your main status was based on how many chains you had

and how big of a car you had. That's not what Nappy Roots was on. We was talking about what the majority of people was going through," Scales said.

The walls of the Ferst Center vibrated all Saturday afternoon. Though the show would not start until 8 p.m., the openers for Nappy Roots had been practicing since four. The setup was professional.

Wide rays of colorful light shone through the fog coming off the stage. Blue and green ruffle-textured circles were projected on the backdrop followed by white and purple ones. The circles would then morph into different shapes.

The opening acts for Nappy Roots were Ishues, Psyche Origami, DJ Synthesis, DJ Dainja, MC Wyzstyk and Bobby Creek.

In the middle of his rap-song lineup Creek brought out a special singer for a performance of "Lean on Me."

Creek ended with some self promotion, having the crowd repeat "Bobby Creek" throughout his last song. After he left the stage, students were left to dance within their own groups to music by Outkast while they waited for Nappy Roots.

Nappy Roots came out with an incredible display of energy. They sang "Headz Up," "Po' Folk" and

"Awwnaw" to energize the audience and songs like "Blowin' Trees" to make things real. Big V said that they dedicate a part of every show to those that died in the rap/R&B music industry, and instead of crying they wanted to celebrate the lives that they had lived.

There was not much choreography to the dancing of the group. The vibes that they created seemed

to be more important than any flashy dance moves.

Nappy Roots ended their show encouraging everyone to vote. Though he would not disclose his age, Scales said that he would be voting for his first time in the upcoming election. "They put on a hell of a show...the energy that everyone was trying to pick up on kind of got around at the end...they just rocked the mic pretty sweet," first-year Mechanical Engineering major Willis Parker said.

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First-year ME major

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that's hardly a deal-breaker.

Comedically, this movie waxes and wanes throughout the course of its 90-minute running time. Even when it's at the top of its game, most of the jokes are chucklers at best. So don't go in expecting to be rolling on the floor, because it probably won't happen.

For a movie that spends most of its time pontificating about philosophy, *Huckabees* is surprisingly pretty. Interspersed throughout are dream-like vignettes which are usually there to spice up a particularly verbose scene which would otherwise be just one or two people talking at great length. The overall effect is very nice.

Once again, your mileage may vary greatly with this movie. The showing I went to had about two-thirds of the audience loving it and the rest of them seemed quite ready to kill David Russell and eat his heart. Happily, the trailers for this one do seem to do it a fair amount of justice. So if you thought they looked stupid, then you'd probably be wise to not even bother.

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Original
Comic
Strip



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SLIVER

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Don't go out and dl Halo 2, it sucks until they update it over Live.
GT Student goes to the Olympics.
GT Alum dies overseas.
Yo.

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Nearly New Shop
1715 Howell Mill Road
Atlanta, GA 30318

Nearly New, unlike the Salvation Army and Atlanta Step Up Society Thrift Store, mainly focuses on the clothing end of things, rather than furniture and trinkets.

Here is where you can find some of the greatest eighties dresses imaginable.

One of my favorites had to be this red dress that was one-shouldered with a puff on the top of the shoulder. The body of the dress was crinkled and the skirt consisted entirely of huge ruffles.

They also have a nice selection of brand-name clothing such as Old Navy Express in more current styles.

Thrift stores are a wonderful way to spend time with friends and to play dress up. The only scary thing is the thought that yesteryear’s fashion is today’s Halloween costume.



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ECHO LOUNGE

551 Flat Shoals Rd.
(404) 681-3600
www.ehostatic.com/echolounge

10/30 Echo Lounge 6 Year Anniversary Party

11/2 American Music Club

11/5 Luigi

11/6 Benefit for Justin Lund: Rolling 60’s, Black Kites, 1000 Fires, Monte Casino, Lay Down Mains

COTTON CLUB

152 Luckie St.
(404) 688-1193
www.atlantaconcerts.com/cottonclub.html

10/29 Local Love Loud, A Benefit for Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta featuring: Wastegate, Novocaine, Jellybone, Echovalve, and Low-Z

THE EARL

488 Flat Shoals Ave.
(404) 522-3950
www.badearl.com

10/29 International Hits Halloween Party Starring A Fir Ju Well

10/30 EARL’s Halloween Bash: “Ramones vs. Rumours”

10/31 David Thomas (of Pere Ubu) & Two Pale Boys

11/1 Mike Watt & the Secondmen

11/4 Licentious Quintet

VARIETY PLAYHOUSE

1099 Euclid Ave.
(404) 521-1786
www.variety-playhouse.com

10/29 Old 97’s

10/30 Karl Denson’s Tiny Universe

10/31 Dark Star Orchestra

11/4 Project/Object

THE MASQUERADE

695 North Ave.
(404) 577-2007
www.masq.com

10/29 Dead Poetic Acceptance, Andavine

10/31 Bella Morte, Salome’s Wish

11/2 Hot Water Music, Alexisonfire, Mid-

town, Matchbook Romance

11/3 Taking Back Sunday, Atreyu

11/4 Subhumans, UK Subs

11/6 SPAREchange

STAR BAR

437 Moreland Ave.
(404) 681-9018
www.starbar.net

10/29 Van Heineken (a tribute to Van Halen), Weezer (a tribute to Weezer)

10/30 The Immortal Lee Co. Killers, Greasepant’s Palookaville

11/1 Fifteen Minutes of Fame Karaoke

11/2 Funk Disco w/ DJ Romeo Cologne

11/3 The Rev. Uncle Laffo’s Quality Amateur Talent Slideshow!

11/4 Hobble

SMITH’S OLDE BAR

1580 Piedmont Ave.
(404) 875-1522
www.smithsoldebar.com

10/29 Oteil & The Peacemakers, Tommy Thompson

10/30 Justin Rosolino

10/31 Robyn Hitchcock

11/1 Sun Domingo, Autumn Attic, Abbie Huxley

11/3 Southern Bitch

11/4 Pleasure Club featuring James Hall

11/5 Donkey

11/6 Captain Soular Cat

11/8 3 For 5 Night: The Shadow-Line, Spunhuny, Rufus Grove

11/9 The Breakfast, Entropy

11/10 J Mascis & the Fog (featuring Dave Schools & Kyle Spence), The Sunshine Fix, Taylor Hollingsworth

11/11 Chris Whitley, Jim Bianco, Ken Will Morton

THE MARK

79 Poplar St.
(678) 904-0050
www.themarkatlanta.com

11/5 MadHatter presents Jondi and Spesh

11/12 Highmix presents Felix Da House Cat

SLIVER

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GT Student makes it on MANHUNT! That deserves a lot of credit. GO PAOLO!

cocksmoke

YAMOTO!

Hotlanta ain’t been so hot lately.

To my favorite sorority sister: you SAID you didn’t have a problem with me dating him. Then why are you acting like a two-faced monster whenever we see you?

Calvin Johnson for President. I’d vote for him!

Hey Luke, I’ve been to Australia- and they make good beer there! So why did you have to pick something as gross as Cooper’s to be your favorite? YUCK!

Dear Luke Schenscher: you are most definitely my favorite and I am part of your posse. But please, please shave. I love the hair, just not the stuff on the face.

Internships that let you browse all day and still pay you are the best thing since ... well, since I last smoked the pot.

To the psycho guy from AIM: leave me alone, I don’t know you, we happen to go to the same school... nothing to get excited about, buddy.

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i didn’t know that every guy at tech is a perverted jackass that just wants the goodies. well, i guess i do now.

To the RI guy that I KNOW is reading this: GO RED SOX. Much Love, Your Boo.

Hey Ladies: start counting how many guys actually open doors for you and you will soon realize chivalry is most certainly dead around here. A little manners, please, gentlemen!!

Alcohol does NOT make it better.

Foulke the Yankees. V-Teck is a beast. Jeter is gay. A-Rod is an A-hole. Steinbrenner ruined baseball. Yankees SUCK, Jeter swallows.

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Get used to not knowing why you're here; advisement only confuses

I just saw that new movie, *I ♥ Huckabees*, you know, the eccentric art film about detectives who solve existential mysteries, like the classic, “Who am I? Why am I here?”

At first, I thought what a bitchin' idea it would be if I knew the answer to that mystery, but then I remembered something: after you've spent a semester at Tech, you've gotten used to not knowing who you are or why you're here.

In fact, I'm so used to not knowing why I'm here that the thought seldom even crosses my mind anymore.

Of course, there is one thing that will make you wish you had an exis-

tential detective and that's academic advisement. For those of you freshmen who haven't met your advisor yet, allow me to shed some light on academic advisement for you: this is the time when you sit down and meet with someone who is paid to make your life more confusing.

You go to his office and sit outside the door for an hour and a half while the woman there in front of you is sobbing because a scheduling crisis caused her sell to her soul to The Man for two more semesters

when she thought she was supposed to graduate in December. Then when you finally get your own 15 minutes with your advisor, none of the pressing questions you have get answered.

Not that this has ever happened to me, but it is my job as the Two Bits Man to present you with the worst-case scenario, because the worst-case scenario always makes for a more amusing column.

In fact, when I go to my academic advisor, I really only wait an hour. The academic advisor in one of my majors—and you'll know exactly who I'm talking about if you are in my major—has a bouncer. You go, and she will provide you a list of reasons why you are not worthy to see the academic advisor.

In case you're curious, "I have an appointment with him," is not a valid excuse. I've been clubbing in Miami, and despite the fact that I have the keen fashion sense that you would expect from a Tech student, it's much easier for me to get into a South Beach nightclub than it is to get into my academic advisor's office.

But I'm losing focus. Here I am talking about how hard it is to get into your academic advisor's office, when I meant to be talking about how confusing academic advisement is.

As I understand it, you are theoretically supposed to take classes that will bring you closer to your graduation and subsequent career, which will make you so much money that you can impress the fly honeys.

Let's be honest. If you go to Tech, it's probably not your outgoing nature that'll do it.

However, when you go to your academic advisor, you'll be advised to take graduate level classes in chemistry as free electives.

"Um..." you protest.

"They say Chem 8414 is a great class. I'm sure you'll really enjoy it."

Before you know what happened, you are signed up to work on your doctoral thesis in polymer chemistry. You're only in your third year at Tech, and suddenly you're responsible for designing a new plastic for space shuttles and iPods.

Oh, by the way, did I mention that you're actually a Civil Engineering major?

This has never happened to me either, at least nothing that bad, but nonetheless, I am a senior and I would like to graduate before I die so I am trying to wrap up those few remaining courses for my two degrees—yes, two degrees. So I'm so lucky as to have double the pleasure with academic advisement.

One of my academic advisors proposed what he considered to be a sublime engineering elective, when in reality he stuck me with a sophomore weed-out class for another engineering discipline.

Of course, I wouldn't be a very good Two Bits Man if I just sat here whining about the problems in the

world without offering a solution.

So, my proposition to fix the confusion of academic advisement would be to stop having academic advisement all together and just have one of those lotto ball machines with all of the course numbers on the balls.

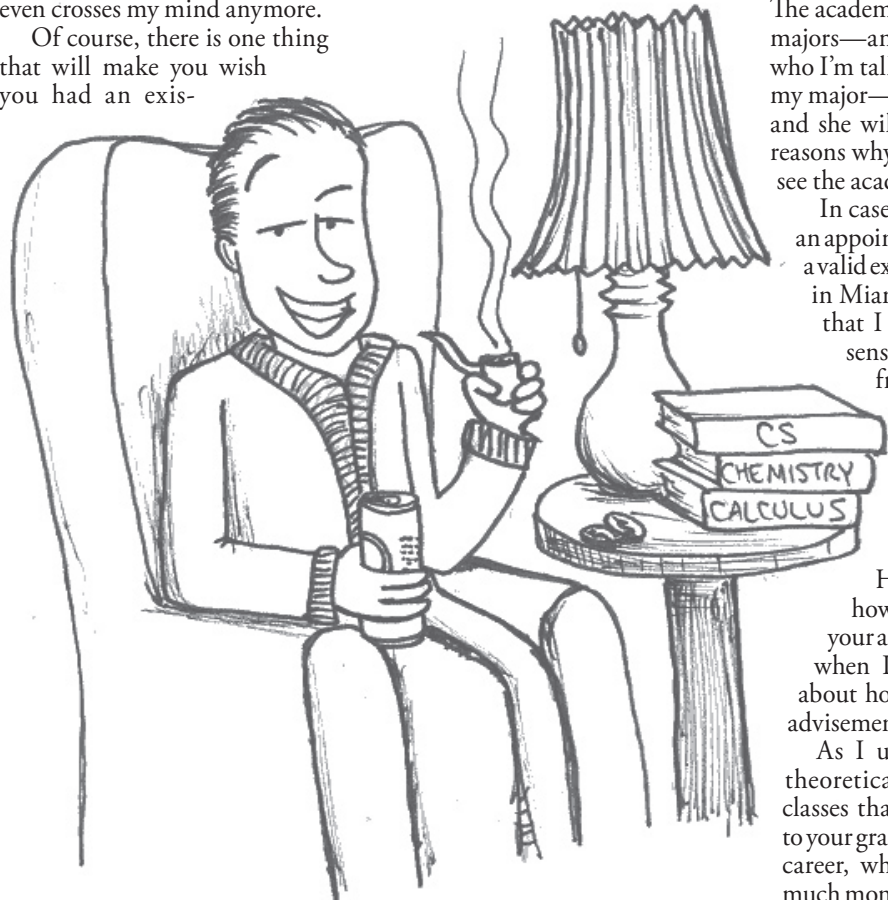
Sure, you might still take Chem 8414, but at least you wouldn't have to sit outside for an hour, the advice would be of the same useless quality and the lotto machine doesn't need a bouncer.

As another plus to the Institute in the face of budget cuts, they wouldn't have to shell out the money to pay all of these advisors. The only person they would have to pay would be someone to fix the machine when it breaks. Of course, they might be just about as effective as the advisors themselves. Maybe we can't win after all.

Perhaps I'm tired of academic advisement because I'm jaded. I won't say how long I've been at Tech, because those savvy stalkers out there might try to figure out what *Technique* staffer I am by my age.

However, I will let you know that I'm past my first year, but I haven't been here as long George P. Burdell, though we do play poker from time to time.

Until next week, this is the Two Bits Man reminding you that if you're jaded and you know it, clap your hands.



SLIVER

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It's cool my babies. I figured you'd get a kick out of that!!
 FOO RANK MATRICES
 What Would Red Jesus Do?

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THEME CROSSWORD: PLAY BALL

ACROSS

1. Manhandle
5. Instances
10. Got ready to fire
15. Yegg's target
19. Vocal range
20. Habitation
21. One of the Beatles
22. Broadway production
23. Ambition
24. Salsa singer ___ Cruz
25. Unpunctual
26. Grade
27. Start of a quip by 86
Across: 5 wds.
31. Like some floors
32. Gin mill
33. Source of metal
34. Compassionate
37. Formerly, of old
39. Quagmire
40. Wife of Saturn
43. Originate
44. Walk stiffly
47. Part 2 of quip
50. Theater VIP
51. Variety of wheat
52. Mythical king
53. Hairstyle type
54. The walls have these
56. Silvery fabric
57. Official language of India
58. Mill output
59. Sign on an old store
61. Introduction
63. Fragments
64. Regretted
65. Part 3 of quip: 2 wds.
68. Broccoli ___
69. Rings
71. Love

72. Early computer
75. Troublesome car
76. Influences
79. Household appliance
81. Turner or Louise
82. Chester ___ Arthur
83. Bellows
84. Variety show
85. Bribe
86. Speaker of the quip: 2 wds.
88. Passover feast
89. Digression
91. Holy woman: abbr.
92. Unclose, poetically
93. Writer ___ Harte
95. Hits hard
96. Pro
97. Lennon's widow
98. Coveted award
100. End of the quip: 6 wds.
109. Fright
110. Torch and swan
111. Ancient language
112. Stuff
113. Den
114. Fully developed
115. A blessed ___
116. Make still
117. Friend in need
118. Rounded parts
119. Challenges
120. Olive genus

DOWN

1. "The Gift of the ___"
2. Thanks ____!
3. The Beehive State
4. Nymphets
5. Laugh
6. White poplar
7. Unbroken

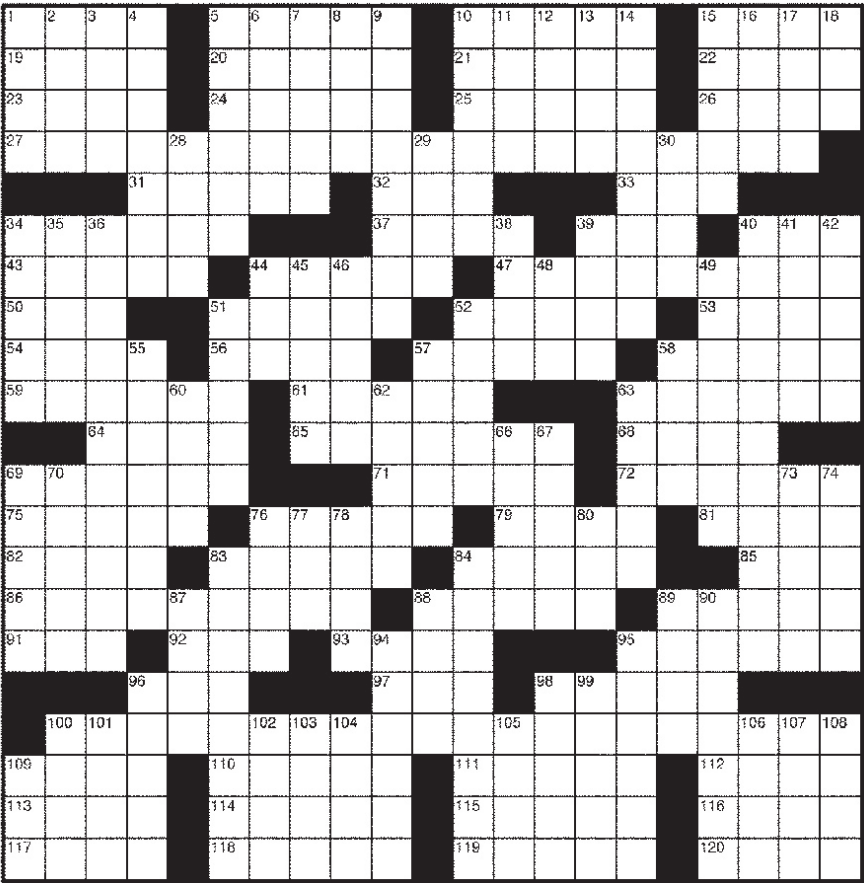
8. Use a blue pencil
9. Safety device: 2 wds.
10. Flowers
11. Type style: abbr.
12. Certain horse
13. Earth goddess
14. Old kind ___ of store
15. Binge
16. Jai ___
17. Concern of dieters
18. Stare
28. Time of day
29. Songbird
30. Advocate earnestly
34. Where the Styx flows
35. Dickens' ___ Heep
36. Copy of a kind: 2 wds.
38. Double
39. ___ B'rith
40. Trip to the doctor: 2 wds.
41. Pucker
42. Casino attraction
44. Hydro
45. Largo, presto and al-
legro
46. Watchful
48. Unmatched
49. Cheese over toast
51. Sleighs
52. Photocopier predecessor
55. Gelato cousin
57. Listens
58. ___ Carlo Menotti
60. Hammer part
62. Approves
63. Cut back
66. Snooped
67. Be of use to
69. Earthy materials
70. Serf
73. Battery terminal

74. Cod and Canaveral
76. Achy
77. Armed conflict
78. Graceful horse
80. "___ Town"
83. Counterattack
84. Updated, as a factory
87. Tome
88. Relayed
89. Female servant

90. Hot, dusty wind
94. Forces out of bed
95. Perfumes
96. Boat
98. Freshwater mammal
99. Gleam
100. Greenish-blue
101. Word in a forecast
102. Extinct bird
103. Ignore

104. Look flirtatiously
105. Kind of bean
106. River into the Caspian
107. Auction
108. Flaubert's Mme. Bovary
109. Sunshine state: abbr.

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