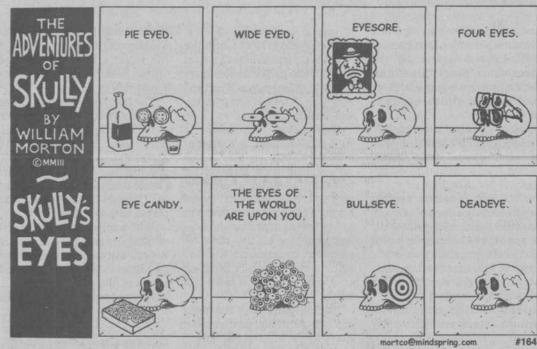
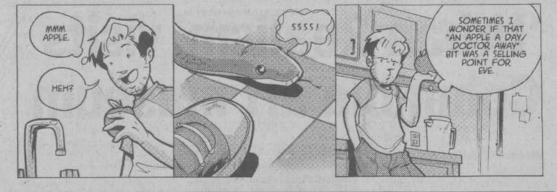


"I beseech you, Madam ... Allow me to pull a little spare change from your ear?"





Everyday Joe BY STEVEN OLEXA



Artist Profile

BAND: Roni Zagoria MEMBER: Roni Zagoria, piano and vocals

GENRE: Piano-based singersongwriter ALBUMS: "Handy Rhyme"

(2002), three-song EP (2003) SHOWS: Oct. 23, New

Brookland Tavern; Oct. 31, in New Orleans BIO: Roni Zagoria took piano

lessons for a mere three months when she was in third grade before her teacher moved away. In that time, however, she realized that she had an ear for music and continued playing without instruction.

By sixth grade she had begun to write her own songs, and now she hopes to make a career out of it.

In the summer of 2002, she recorded her demo, "Handy Rhyme," and began playing regularly at such local venues as New Brookland Tavern and Sundance

Zagoria, 21, took last semester off after being encouraged to do so by her manager and produc-

Zagoria played shows between Columbia and Baton Pouge, La., where Brune's pro-

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duction company, Senseless Productions, is based. She concentrated on making contacts throughout the region and played some bigger stages, including the House of Blues in New Orleans.

"I met a lot of musicians and got a feel for how it would be to do it full-time," said Zagoria. "It became like a job."

She also recorded an untitled three-song EP of newer materi-

Zagoria, a fourth-year anthropology student, is currently concentrating on her studies and trying to limit her performances to one or two a month. Meanwhile, Brune is constantly selling her to various agents and record labels in New York City.

"I'd definitely love to have a record contract. And make some money," said Zagoria.

Although she wants to be successful, she hopes to dodge the female-pop-star stereotype.

"I don't want to be thought of as following a trend," said Zagoria. "I have such a strong love for the music I listen to that I would be thoroughly offended if people stereotyped me that way."

Her favorite artists are those

who inspire her to be as talented as they are. She names Kyle Hollingsworth of the String Cheese Incident as her favorite piano player and has a profound love for the Grateful Dead and Phish. Opening for the Dirty Dozen Brass Band has been the highlight of her music career so

"They're a band that I listen to all the time. I was the most comfortable I've ever been on stage," she said.

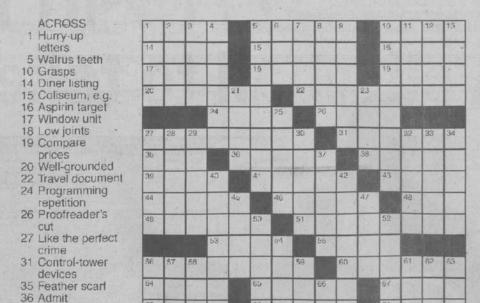
She was also given the chance to play the Three Rivers Music Festival after winning the Carolina Productions' Bring Your Own Band Competition last January. There, she was able to meet another of her jam-band favorites, Moe.

Zagoria does admit that she lacks female musical influences. "I don't listen to any chick singers at all. I feel like I

should," she said. Yet this doesn't mean she doesn't have respect for her female counterparts such as Joni Mitchell and Tori Amos.

"I'm not trying to stray away from being female. I am a female musician; that's what I do," she said.

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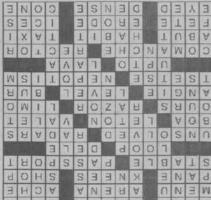
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ARIES Think about what you can do to benefit others as much as possible. This will raise you up in their eyes, and that's worth a lot.

TAURUS Sometimes you have a difficult time getting your message across. That shouldn't be the case for a while. Let your feelings flow. **GEMINI** Continue to

concentrate on straightening up your place. This weekend is a great time for a party. CANCER You'll continue to learn quite rapidly if you can

nerves may be n edge, but don't forget your manners.

keep from arguing. True, your LEO Keep track of what's

your enthusiasm. Don't let an error throw off your stride. VIRGO Sometimes you're shy about expressing love, but that's not the case now. Let somebody special know how much you really care. LIBRA Don't think about a

disgusting chore. Picture the final results. You do best when you use fantasy as a motivator.

SCORPIO Share what you've learned from experience with someone who's just starting out. In addition to making you look wise, it will count as your good deed for the day.

SAGITTARIUS Call up all those folks who owe you money. Cash in those coupons, too. Something valuable is coming your way CAPRICORN You need to make

sure the word gets out. Focus on that and you'll be well rewarded. AQUARIUS You're good at

coming up with lofty ideas, but can you do the dirty work? Lofty ideas are a dime a dozen. Show that you can do what you promised. PISCES Lately, your curiosity

has led you toward questions that can't be answered in "normal" reality. Don't worry about it. You're not alone.

Friday, Oct. 3

"2 FAST 2 FURIOUS": 8 p.m. Russell House Theater. "TARTUFFE": 8 p.m. Drayton Hall. \$14 general public, \$12 faculty and staff, \$10 students. **COURAGE RILEY WITH BURNS** OUT BRIGHT AND 1984: 6 p.m. New Brookland Tavern, 122 State St. \$7.

"MAROONED IN IRAQ": 7 and 9 p.m. Nickelodeon Theatre, 937 Main St. "RAGTIME": 7:30 p.m.

Workshop Theatre, 1136 Bull **FLOODGATE WITH TAYLOR**

ROBERTS MUSIC: 9 p.m. Jammin' Java, 1530 Main St. **CLAYTON RAVINE WITH** MIKENPIKE: 10 p.m. New Brookland Tavern. \$5 21 and up, \$7 under 21. **PART TIME HEROS WITH JENNY ANY KIND:** Sundance Bar & Grill, 902-B Gervais St.

Saturday, Oct. 4

"TARTUFFE": 8 p.m. Drayton Hall. \$14 general public, \$12 faculty and staff, \$10 students. "2 FAST 2 FURIOUS": 9 p.m.

BOXING DAY WITH THE KEROUACS: 9 p.m. New Brookland Tavern. \$5. Friday.

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CHRIS ROBERTS: 9 p.m. Jammin' Java.

Sunday, Oct. 5

"TARTUFFE": 3 p.m. Drayton Hall. \$14 general public, \$12

"MAROONED IN IRAQ": 3, 7 and 9 p.m. Nickelodeon Theatre. THE AKAS WITH BEAR VS. SHARK AND UNSUNG ZEROS: 6 p.m. New Brookland Tavern. \$8. SUNDAY NIGHT MOVIES -

faculty and staff, \$10 students.

"HARRY POTTER": 10 p.m. New Brookland Tavern. Free.

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