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SO FISH, I CAME UP WITH THIS PLAN TO MAKE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS IN DECEMBER TO GET A HEAD START. BUT IT BACKFIRE! I GAVE THEM ALL UP BEFORE CHRISTMAS!!

AND NOW 2005'S HERE AND I FEEL NAKED WITHOUT MY RESOLUTIONS. WHAT SHOULD I DO?!

WELL BY ALL MEANS DON'T BECOME STUPIDER THAN EVER—OH WAIT, TOO LATE!

MAAAN, YOUR OWNER SO DUMB, HE BOUGHT A "HAPPY 2004" HAT CUZ IT WAS ON SALE!

YEAH WELL, YOU SO DUMB, YOU FORGET HE'S YOUR OWNER TOO! OH SNAP!!

Haiku Circus by Ken Sakamoto "Get Well Soon" ©2005

I got you flowers.

Where are they?

Gone. I got mugged.

You owe me flowers.

THE GIFT MY WIFE & I GAVE TO OURSELVES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON WAS TO GET RID OF OUR SUBSCRIPTION TO CABLE TV...

Are you ready?

Is a man ever ready to deal with his demons?

I'm back from Egypt, fellas!!

We've got cable.

I NEVER WANTED IT CUZ I KNEW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF I HAD IT... (HOURS & HOURS WASTED WATCHING SPANISH LANGUAGE CABLE.)

OH DEAR.

THE ONLY REASON MY FLAT HAD CABLE WAS MY OLD ROOMIES HAD IT SECRETLY INSTALLED WHILE I WAS OUT OF THE COUNTRY.

ACTUALLY...NONE OF THAT HAPPENED...BUT I AIN'T RE-ORDERING SO YOU CAN STOP WITH THE SALES CALLS.

Okay... what about six months free, a DVD player AND a hand-job?

SO WE CUT THE CORD...

MAN...IT'S BEEN SO AMAZING SINCE THE OFFICIAL CUTTING...MY LIFE HAS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED...

MY INCOME HAS NEARLY DOUBLED!!

I GO LONGER IN THE SACK.

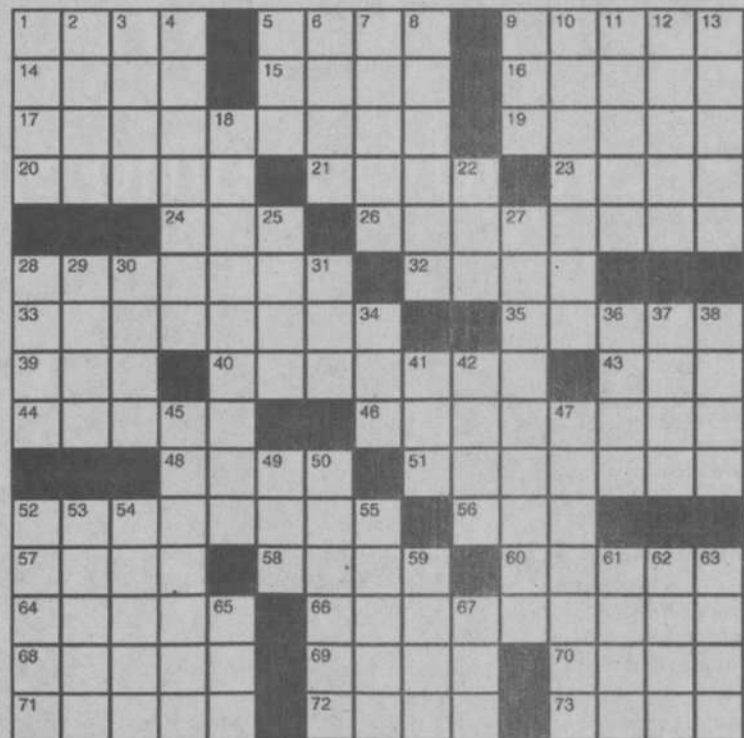
AND MY HAIR HAS GROWN BACK!!

RIGHT ON!!

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CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Roe source
 - 5 Former fast fliers
 - 9 Benefit
 - 14 Fabled also-ran
 - 15 Cosmetic ingredient
 - 16 San Diego pro
 - 17 Remove
 - 19 City near Bremen
 - 20 Family car
 - 21 Tableland
 - 23 Atlantic, facetiously
 - 24 Sgt. or Cpl.
 - 26 Mechanical servants
 - 28 Tympanic membrane
 - 32 Sport
 - 33 Went behind closed doors
 - 35 Stable sound
 - 39 Secreted
 - 40 Bedazzle
 - 43 Genetics letters
 - 44 Desert stopovers
 - 46 Huge
 - 48 Senator Domenici
 - 51 In opposition to
 - 52 Plaiting
 - 56 Stray from the straight and narrow
 - 57 Ladder stage
 - 58 Entreaty
 - 60 "Star Wars" director
 - 64 Cancel the mission
 - 66 Unyielding
 - 68 Lining wood
 - 69 Makes a lap
 - 70 Writer Ferber
 - 71 Foe
 - 72 Group working together
 - 73 Burn the surface of
- DOWN**
- 1 Females
 - 2 Patriot Nathan
 - 3 Like the Sahara
 - 4 Requirements
 - 5 Jose, CA
 - 6 Criticize harshly



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Solutions



- 7 Clan emblem
- 8 Vacillate
- 9 Copy
- 10 Bloodsucking evil creature
- 11 Supplement
- 12 Goodnight girl
- 13 Acts as banker
- 18 Amplified
- 22 Eagle on a par three
- 25 Baseball trio
- 27 Banisters
- 28 Reverberate
- 29 Inter__ (among others)
- 30 Steiger and Stewart
- 31 Shea player
- 34 John or Jane's last name?
- 36 Press
- 37 Wildebeests
- 38 "Why __ Thou forsaken me?"
- 41 Actress Merkel
- 42 Yuletide drinks
- 45 Clever saying

- 47 Hour fractions
- 49 Gratuity
- 50 Sign up
- 52 Buttress
- 53 Entertainer Blades
- 54 Battery terminal
- 55 Bottle denizen
- 59 Cinema canine
- 61 Relinquish
- 62 Dancer Pavlova
- 63 Night light
- 65 Go for the gold
- 67 Doctrine ending

HOROSCOPES

ARIES You have more responsibilities, and that requires you learn how to set priorities and even delegate. Yes, you can.

TAURUS Developing your natural talents will naturally lead you into a position where others ask for your advice. Do the homework to make sure you're right.

GEMINI It's a good day for talking things over, but all the words in the world are not going to make something work that won't. Listen to a pragmatist.

CANCER You've won a higher place through your hard work, so go ahead and get something to celebrate your rise in status. You've earned it.

LEO You don't have to solve every

problem yourself. Encourage the people around you to come up with creative ideas, and they will. You can have some of the credit.

VIRGO The work's creative and the money's good, so don't complain. This will make it possible for you to get something you want for the family. Plan a delicious reward.

LIBRA Link up with an intellectual who can help you make up your mind. You like to consider all points of view, but one of them is better.

SCORPIO A curious mind and an old master help you bring out your natural talent. Be careful and realistic and accomplish a surprising victory.

SAGITTARIUS Push yourself to try

something you're not sure you can do. You're growing, so don't be stopped by your old limits. They don't apply any more. Ignore them.

CAPRICORN Finish up that final nasty bit of work you've been avoiding. It's a phone call or a favor you promised to somebody ages ago. It's inhibiting your creativity.

AQUARIUS You're not in this mess all by yourself. You have very intelligent, creative and powerful friends. Call them up to get a few more good ideas.

PISCES You're starting to ask "how" and "why," instead of just accepting what is. You're apt to find some good reasons, too. Tap into the main power source.

CALENDAR

TODAY

"What the #\$*! Do We Know!": 3:15, 7, 9:15 p.m. Nickelodeon Theatre, 937 Main St.

"The Rocky Horror Show": 7:30 p.m. Trustus Theatre, 520 Lady St.

"Young Frankenstein": 8 p.m. Russell House Theater.

THURSDAY

The Reverie, Flyby: 8 p.m. New Brookland Tavern. \$5, 21+, \$7, under 21.

"What the #\$*! Do We Know!": 7, 9:15 p.m. Nickelodeon Theatre.

"The Rocky Horror Show": 7:30 p.m. Trustus Theatre.

Bobby Houck of Blue Dogs with Jim "Soni" Sonefeld of Hootie & the Blowfish: 9 p.m. Jammin' Java,



He is Legend, Far-Less, Classic Case, The Classic Struggle, Council of the Fallen: 6 p.m. New Brookland Tavern, 122 State St. \$10 in advance. All ages.

LIFE

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telephone calls seeking comment Tuesday.

The show's third season, which premieres Jan. 26, has the 22-year-old Hilton and co-star Nicole Richie traveling the nation, working as interns in a series of menial jobs.

On Monday, Buena Regional School District officials who had planned to put the two to work as middle school substitute teachers and cafeteria monitors withdrew the welcome mat following an uproar from parents and others. Opponents called Hilton a bad example for young children.

Producers had approached school officials in December, offering \$5,000 for the right to film at the J.P. Cleary Middle School. School officials liked

the idea, and sent permission forms and a letter from the show's production company to parents last week.

But some said Hilton — who achieved notoriety in part through a pornographic home video — had no business being around children. Others feared that the show would lead to ridicule for their small community 30 miles west of Atlantic City.

"It's a no-brainer," said John Krokos, 59, who helped rally opposition to Hilton. "You don't bring this type of person into a school with 11- or 12-year-old kids in it."

The opposition prompted school officials to reconsider. "The show will not come to Cleary School," Buena Regional School District Superintendent Diane DeGiacomo said Monday night. "They needed a commitment from us

right away, and we didn't feel like we could do that," she said.

It was a mutual decision reached with show producers, according to DeGiacomo, who said 340 parents had signed and returned the permission forms needed for their children to be filmed.

Only 34 refused to give permission, she said.

"Generally, it's our policy not to comment on shows while in production," said Todd Beck, a spokesman for Bunin-Murray Productions. "But I can tell you we've decided to proceed with other production plans for 'The Simple Life' interns. We appreciate the support and interest of local school officials and wish everyone well."

He would not comment on the community's opposition or about plans for the episode being filmed in Atlantic City.

Writers needed

Come to The Gamecock interest meeting in the Russell House third-floor lobby tonight at 7 p.m.