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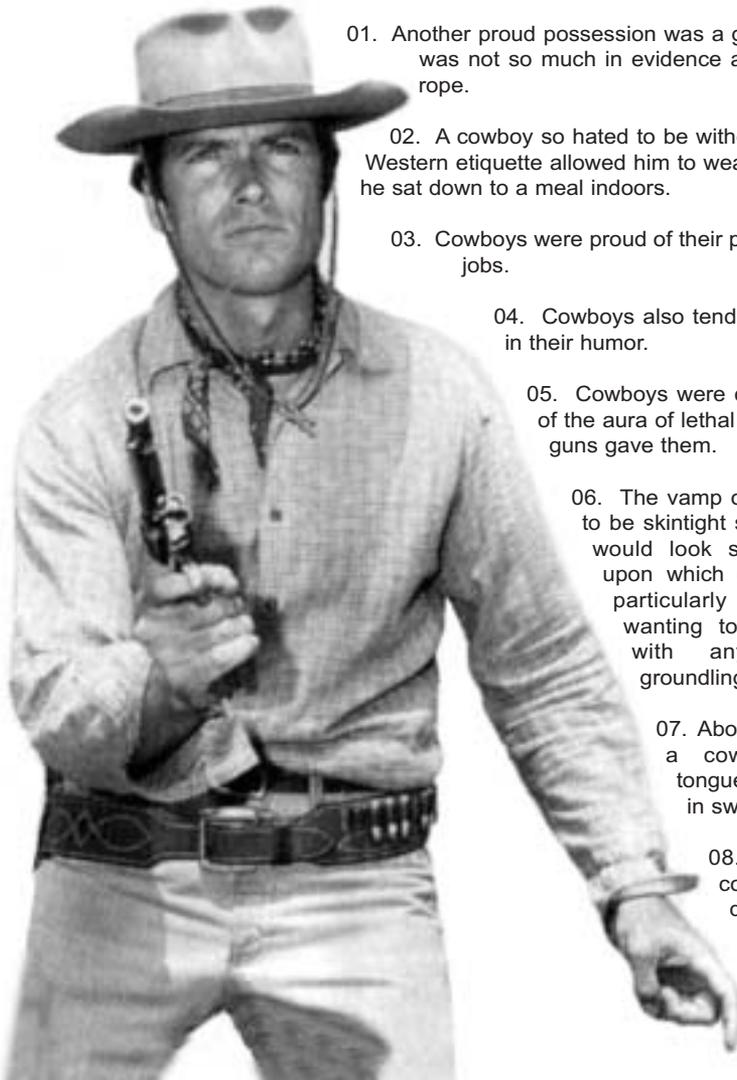


HORSE, ROPE, GUN

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Encaustic Collage by Joanna Thomas



01. Another proud possession was a gun, although it was not so much in evidence as the horse or rope.

02. A cowboy so hated to be without his hat that Western etiquette allowed him to wear it even when he sat down to a meal indoors.

03. Cowboys were proud of their prowess at their jobs.

04. Cowboys also tended to be rough in their humor.

05. Cowboys were certainly aware of the aura of lethal manliness that guns gave them.

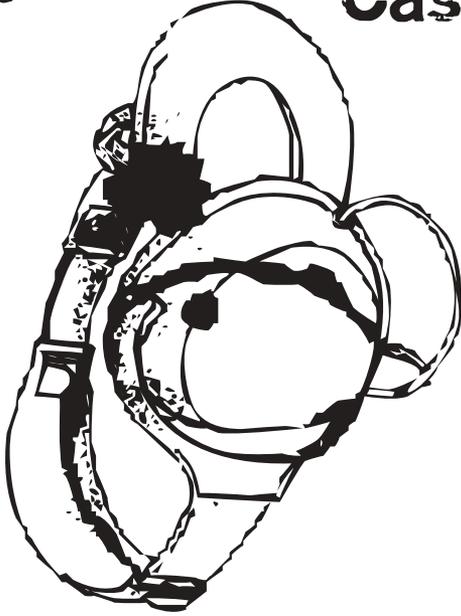
06. The vamp of the boot had to be skintight so that his feet would look small—a point upon which cowboys were particularly sensitive, not wanting to be confused with any big-footed groundling.

07. About the only time a cowboy let his tongue run free was in swearing.

08. The most common form of death among cowboys was to be dragged by a horse.

Off The Record

interview with
Casey Wagner



by Joanna Horowitz

Within the Tav's dark interior, Casey Wagner is at the last stool by the door, his skateboard balanced against the seat. "I got this beer for free," he says with a nod to the bartender.

Wagner has a lot of connections in Ellensburg, mostly in the small but flourishing music scene. As a DJ, musician, and radio station production director, there are few people who haven't heard of or jammed with the 22-year-old Central Washington University photography student.

This is especially true now that Wagner and fellow DJ Albie Bjornberg bring underground hip hop and dub (low bassed, reggae-influenced electronica) to a mostly virgin audience every Monday night at the Mint Bar and Grill.

"I want to open up ears," Wagner said. "I think they're taking it

well; we're getting regulars." His eclectic mix of beat-backed jazz, soul, funk, electronica, and hip hop bring in an array of Ellensburg music lovers—"from art students to the Chads and Brads," Wagner said, describing an audience comprised of both the avant garde and straight-laced.

Wagner began exploring computer-made music during high school in White Salmon, Washington, and found a passion for live DJing using keyboard samplers and a synthesizer, which he paid for with a year's labor at Taco Bell. After performing live—"playing with boxes and twiddling with knobs," as Wagner describes it—at parties and concerts in the Columbia River Gorge area, he realized how much more he could do in a studio.

When he came to Ellensburg, hearing Brian Eno's "Deep Blue Day" on the college radio station KCWU "The Burg" inspired Wagner to apply for the production position and start up his own on-air shows.

Wagner is the brother of Eric Judy, bassist for Issaquah-based indie rock band Modest Mouse. It comes as no surprise, then, that Wagner has always been a supporter of local music. He hosted the Northwest-centered music show on the Burg for a year (currently on hiatus due to scheduling conflicts), and has been hosting "Oscillations" since 2001. Tuesday nights, from 7-9 pm, Wagner plays a mix similar to his live shows at the Mint: dub, down-tempo, and underground hip hop.

"Sometimes I go in and I feel like playing all dub and ambient, and sometimes I just want to hit it hard all night," he said. Artists like RJD2, Murs, Pepe Deluxe, and Villain Accelerate appear regularly on his play list.

Wagner's personal collection encompasses a much broader variety of genres—"Everything from Enya to country to punk rock. I went through a lot of phases, so I like to go back. I keep everything." Then, with a laugh, "I'm actually kind of a nerd. I catalogue all my music on my computer."

But Wagner appears more rock 'n' roll than nerd with his comfortably hip t-shirt collection, skateboard, and penchant for bars. Most nights you can find him at The Tav, looking for his next musical project or spreading the word about a local concert. Any live music in Ellensburg is great, Wagner said. "Go see it. Go support it."

You can support Wagner and his partner Albie Bjornberg Monday nights from 9 p.m.- 2 am at the Mint Bar and Grill, 111 West 3rd Avenue, or listen to Wagner Tuesday nights from 7-9 pm on 88.1 "The Burg."

Scorpio (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

Your boss is thinking of firing you. With any luck, though, your wife/husband will not leave you when she/he discovers your affair.

Sagittarius (Nov 23 - Dec 21)

This is your month—first a chance meeting will lead to friendship then that friendship will blossom into love. Oops! That love is unrequited. You're arrested for stalking.

Horoscopes

by Vic McNamara

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Capricorn? Damn, I'm not sure you even want to know. I just hope I'm not around you when it happens.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

Your cunning will save you this month. Continue being handsome.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Play it safe this month. You may, however, benefit from change in your professional life. No matter what, you will be stabbed...twice.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

Now is the time. Ascension day is near. Shave thou body bald and prepare the goats. Tonight the streets will flow with blood, and fire will consume the nonbelievers.

Morning Plan - 2 (T-D-Y-A-B-A-B)

A Man and Woman - perhaps married *perhaps?*

They are naked, no necklaces or other jewelry, no make-up on their face. *NO TTT's* *important*
They each hold knives in their hands, but they pay no attention.

Handwritten notes in boxes: 手の中 (in hand), 手の中 (in hand), 手の中 (in hand)

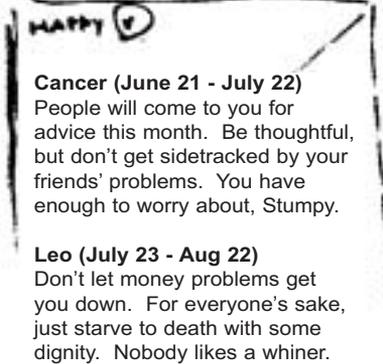
A couple are talking to each other, while at the same time, playing with the knives in a carefree manner, as if the blades were part of their body.
Now and then, they flick the knives as if this were an everyday routine while having breakfast.



Handwritten note: window

*Very happy mood throughout.
Like a Kellogg's cereal CF.*

Handwritten note: 手の中 (in hand)



Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
Ever heard that expression, "Good things come to those who wait?" Not true for you. Not even if you wait your whole worthless life. Sucker!

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
You'll soon get good news in matters of the heart. If the news was that good for you in matters of the kidneys you could finally urinate painlessly.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
People will come to you for advice this month. Be thoughtful, but don't get sidetracked by your friends' problems. You have enough to worry about, Stumpy.

Leo (July 23 - Aug 22)
Don't let money problems get you down. For everyone's sake, just starve to death with some dignity. Nobody likes a whiner.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22)
Here's to you as you strike out on a bold new adventure. Let your spiritual side take you where it will, and never look back. Enjoy the leper colony, you diseased freak.

Howard Barlow

Catagenetic Cataclysm

Through Oct 25 at Gallery One

“I never saw it coming, but now I can say with confidence that I am a painter of cats

(and pinworms, and some mice too). Most of the cats I paint are domestic cats, though one is feral, and one is actually a duck. Domestic cats have strange social relationships with their human companions. Unlike most other domesticated animals, cats have an amazing ability to revert to a wild state or to be self-sustaining. As pets, they are parasitic, with the supplier of food and shelter etc. being host. They are well aware of the fact that they can leave behind their parasitic ways, and that they don't need their owners, so they gloat and are arrogant. They dare their hosts to send them packing by bringing live bugs, mice and snakes (and in the case of my parents' cat, Albert, earthworms) inside their hosts' houses; by tripping their hosts by running between or attacking their feet, or by acquiring abscesses or some other medical melodrama requiring difficult cat care, yet the hosts do not evict cats. In this way, cats prove to themselves and to their hosts that they, the cats, hold the power in the relationship.

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As hosts, cats have much less control. A successful parasite will coexist with its host without adversely affecting its health—pinworms, for example. But if our kitty-cat host has numerous types of parasites, thus infecting



many organs and overpopulating the cat, the cat's natural resources will be consumed to the point where the kitty will get very sick and possibly die. In time, the only parasites to survive and reproduce will be the parasites that don't overpopulate their host. As a species they will evolve. The parasites that overpopulate will instead experience Catagenetic Cataclysm.

Person, Place, Thing

Through Oct 25 at Gallery One Mezzanine Gallery

Our body mass consists primarily of recycled water. Like bodies of water such as lakes and rivers, human bodies need continuous refills of water to compensate for their evaporation and excretion of water. The water sustaining us now is the same water that has contributed to creating and sustaining life for millions of years, and is the same water that will continue to do so for millions more. A glass or bottle of

"drinking" water has an elaborate, almost incomprehensible history, having potentially passed through people now dead for tens of thousands of years, or through life forms now extinct. A person is, for life, a moving, cycling body of borrowed water. Water borrowing and how water transcends time and place is the focus of "Person, Place, Thing."

—Howard Barlow

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The best accessory you can have this fall is a motorcycle. You'll love the way it complements your new thigh-high boots and the way your lover grips your *Costume National* leather cat suit tight from behind while you open the throttle wide around dead-man's curve.

As far as bikes go, bargain shoppers can pinch pennies with a mid-seventies Honda or Moto Guzzi.

If your drug deal goes through, then drop your dough on a Ducati Monster.

And don't worry about winter, 'cause you and your baby will be soaking up the sun after your two week ride to the southern side of the border.

If cash is short, then at least get yourself a half-helmet and some goggles.



The Northwest Rocks

Joanna Horowitz gives us five good reasons why



The Decemberists—*Her Majesty the Decemberists*

Sound: Symphonic indie pop that evokes a carnival atmosphere against dark lyrics and quirky melodies.

From: Missoula, MT. Frontman Colin Meloy also did a stint in Portland, OR.



The Fire Theft

Sound: Epic, soaring melodies and poignant lyrics in the vein of Sunny Day Real Estate, the brooding prog rock band, which two Fire Theft members were part of.

From: Seattle, WA.



The Dandy Warhols—*Welcome to the Monkey House*

Sound: Electronic synth pop/new wave ala David Bowie, who co-authored a track on the album.

From: Portland, OR.



Pretty Girls Make Graves—*The New Romance*

Sound: A fierce blend of swaggering rock beats, tough, soaring female vocals, and a dark, underlying aggression.

From: Seattle, WA.



These Arms Are Snakes—*This is Meant to Hurt You*

Sound: Post hardcore/experimental that twitches and twitters just a step below the Blood Brothers on the crazy meter.

From: Seattle, WA.





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