

# Newsletter

Here we are, in the midst of autumn. So we said to ourselves, "Selves! Why not write a newsletter? Hah?" So here it is:

This month, we shall cover family matters first, but stick around, true believers...exciting stuff is going on, you'll want to read the second half as well!

Joshua & Rachelle are back in Edgar School this year, and thus far, their stars continue to shine in abundance. Abondanza, we tell you! Rachelle is still playing cello (practice is another matter), and fancies writing what she calls "role plays" with a couple few friends; she will be taking the SSATs in a couple of months, and continues to play soccer (when the fields are dry!) Joshua is now a senior brown belt in Tae Kwan Do...he is becoming quite dangerous, thank you very much, and he also plays soccer and French Horn and has been into building Lego towns lately with his brother and friends. Both Joshu and Rachelle also continue to make the grade.

Maxx, bless him, is reading - and very well at that! Everything he can - books, programs, road signs, billboards. We must say that while it was not presumed to be in his character, we're not exactly surprised...just excited and happy. His propensity to be destructive of both our physical and mental well being is now down to fits and spurts...inconsistent. We do not attribute this to maturity; we attribute this to his sense of "get 'em when they don't expect it" ness.

Hercules and Murray continue to be loved by us. Not, however, by our carpet. Owing to the family rating we try to adhere to in these newsletters, we will dispense with the graphic accompaniment.

Charles: Charles still, amazingly enough, continues to grace us with his presence. We do presume sometime in the not too distant future he will take the big vacation to that great Habitrail in the sky, but for now, he just sort of eats and sleeps and does his hamster thang.

Bowling: Yes, for those wondering, bowling season has begun anew. The powers that be have decided to change bowling start time to 10:00 AM. From this point on, you are no longer alone in wondering WHY exactly we are bowling. Oh yes, we remember: the distinction of being in last place.

And now, drumroll please (nanananananananana....)

[HOW MUCH WOOD COULD A WOODCHUCK CHUCK](#) advance copies are IN! The book looks (and sounds!) terrific, and we are starting immediately (as in, TODAY) to tour and show it off. The bulk is on the way to us, and will be in within about one month, so it is NOT too early to pre-order it from us! In fact, we're feeling so giddy, so downright randy about the whole

affair that we will, for readers of this email ONLY who order in advance, knock off two bucks: The retail is \$18.95 but we will gladly part with it for \$16.95 + shipping. We are working on getting this up at the website immediately, but if it's not there when you check, just send us an email or give us a call and we will reserve your copy! The complete line up of artists includes, in no particular order, is: [Michael Paraskevas](#), [Megan Halsey](#), [Javaka Steptoe](#), Jill Kastner, Roby Gilbert, [Kevin Kammeraad](#), [Lena Shiffman](#), Eliza Woodruff, [Joel Tanis](#), [Ryan Hipp](#), Judy Love, and of course the lovely and talented [Kim Adlerman](#). It comes with a CD featuring music written by [Jim Babjak](#) of [The Smithereens](#), and is a genuinely unique publishing event. Don't waste time - we only have three thousand of these puppies! Best of all, they'll be here in time for the holidays!

We are in the process of booking our [appearances](#), so in addition to checking out our [appearances](#) page at our site now, check it out in the next few weeks as we will be adding new dates regularly.

Teachers: If you're interested in acquiring this book in bulk for an entire classroom, school, or district, we have also published an educational ONLY paperback edition, unavailable to anyone else...please call or email us for details!

There will probably be a short newsletter next month so that we can let you know when the launch party for Woodchuck is, which will be at [Metuchen Art Works](#).

Announcement: We have recently learned that the [New Jersey State Library](#) has named [Africa Calling](#) a Pick of the Decade (1995 - 2005)! Huzzah - and thank you!

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Danny and Kim spearheaded an effort to reach those affected - kids, adults, libraries, hospitals, schools - with books, music, and visual distraction. We got in touch with several of our independent author/artist/publisher/musician friends, and put together a response that resulted in close to two thousand books, three hundred CDs & cassettes, and forty plus movies, all funneled through a friend - himself a victim - who personally distributed the items. It is our pleasure to link you directly to these fabulous contributors right now! Please check 'em out: [Jim Babjak](#), [The Gripweeds](#), [Kevin Kammeraad](#), [Yosi](#), [Dar Hosta](#), [Tortuga Press](#), [ScribbleMonster & His Pals](#), [The Raconteur](#), & [Lee & Low Books](#), as well as some support from several other folks who asked not to be mentioned. Why do we want you to know this? It is NOT for the accolades, not to be an example, not for publicity. We want to remind you that when you support ANY independent artist or facility, you empower our ability to continue in worthwhile efforts like this. Remember folks, you won't see us on the news, but you CAN hold our books in your hands and listen to our music on your CD players!

In the When's-Danny's-New-Album-Coming-Out department: LISTEN UP! is now about 85% complete! You will be absolutely blown away by this new set of tunes, kids...there is no one either told old OR too young for the CD, and it is guaranteed to make you rock on, baby! We will NOT keep the progress on this one a secret - promise!

As always, you can find all of our existing music (and even associated music!) at [Napster.com](#), [RHAPSODY](#), [Apple - iTunes](#), and up to 35 other digital music download services! Look for works from the CDs [One Size Fits All](#), [The Tomato Collection](#), and [Jim Babjak's Buzzed Meg](#), as well as select [Grip Weeds](#) music.

Afraid of digital downloads? You shouldn't be, but if you are, we hear your cry: [CD Baby.com](http://CD Baby.com) still offers everything above at one convenient store.

Need we remind you that you can pick up ANY of the above named albums at our [Shopping Cart](#) for just 10 l'il buckaroos? Indeed, we need not...but it appears we just did.

Site of the month: [National Hurricane Center](#) is not only a cool site, it is useful AND educational, and with Hurricane Wilma looming (and Topical Storm Alpha in the Carribean), this is a handy site to have at your reference.

Rock and roll closer: John Lennon didn't say it first, but perhaps he not only said it most simply but foreshadowed our feelings perfectly when he said back in 1969, "All we are saying is give peace a chance."

Sunshine days and golden slumbers,

- all of us at Adlerman-land-ville.

PS: We know what a turn on it is to receive these newsletters, but if ya wanna be deleted, just say so and we'll rub ya out, see, we'll rub ya out!

To read our previous newsletters, just click this [News of The Past](#) link.

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