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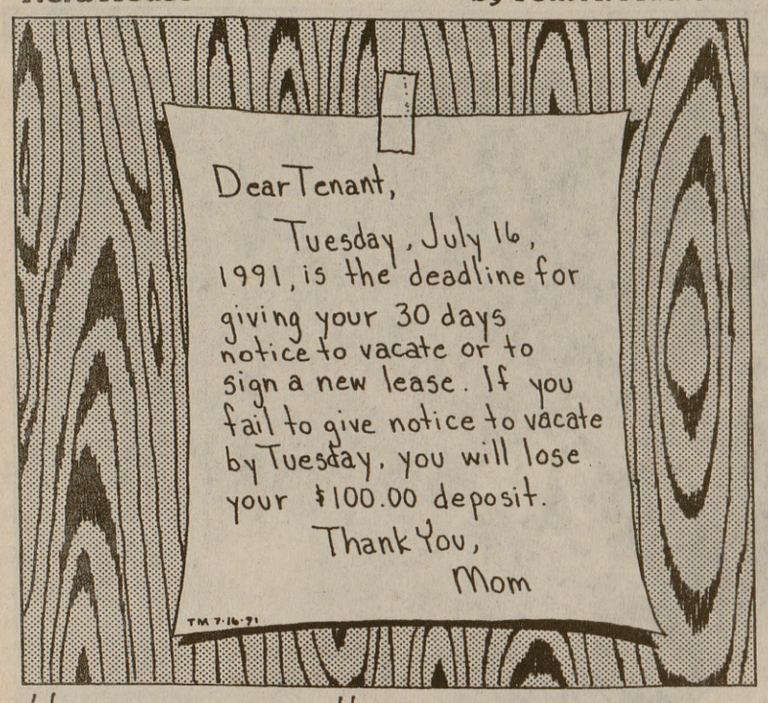

WALKING INTO HIS ROOM, HERBERT FINDS A NOTE ON HIS DOOR.

'Regarding Henry' overly sentimental

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over some of his old cases, he realizes that much of what he did was wrong. He also sees his "friends" for the superficial, backstabbing people that they are. These realizations help him break away from the past and dedicate himself to a new life with his family.

Although this film doesn't exactly offer pat solutions, it isn't terribly daring or suspenseful either; most of the plot developments are telegraphed way ahead of time. The financial implications of the injury are discussed, but never really seem to threaten the family. The rehabilitation process also seems amazingly quick. Important issues like parenting, class prejudice and gun control are touched on, but not delved into very deeply. The central message of the film, namely that even in adults, playfulness and a childlike openness and innocence are valuable traits, has been dealt with before in films like "Big" and more recently, "What About Bob?".

Harrison Ford's sincere, believable performance as Henry, and the excellent support he gets from Bening, Allen, and especially Nunn constitute this film's saving grace.

MTV records "Street Party"

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"Tension was there between us and the city," Whittington said, "but by the end of the night, we were getting lots of compliments. The city gave us a thumbs-up – no arrests, no fights or riots."

"I had predicted 4,000-5,000, but some of the fire marshals estimated up to 10,000," he said. "MTV only expected 700 to 1000," Whittington said. "I talked to them later, and they said they'll remember the Aggies."

College Station's MTV "Street Party" is tentatively scheduled to be aired August 23, hopefully after MTV is back on the air in town. "If MTV isn't back on, they're going to send a signal directly to the club, and we'll air it here," Whittington said.

No, thank you, World Party

Band's latest package not as good as previous work

by Timm Doolen

World Party
Thank You World
Chrysalis Ensign

On World Party's latest release, *Thank You World*, the band shows off some of their old stuff (and some even older stuff) in a seemingly intentional tribute to the sounds of classic rock.

Music Review

The nine-track EP includes three versions of the title song, which originally appeared on last year's incredible *Goodbye Jumbo*, along with a remix of "Is It Too Late?" from the same album. As far as remixes go, these are OK, but on both songs the remixer puts a generic dance beat behind the normal tracks, which doesn't mesh well with the rock feel of the original versions or, for that matter, the other tracks on the album.

Of the five "new" songs, they are basically a tribute to rock 'n' roll of a previous generation, including a literal cover of the Beatles' classic "Happiness Is a Warm Gun." In fact, the reading is so true to the original that it is almost musically uninteresting (there's nothing new to sink your teeth into), except as a tribute to a powerful influence in the career of Karl Wallinger, the band's creative force.

Another track, "You're Invited to a Party," sounds dangerously similar to The Doors' "Roadhouse Blues," both musically and vocally. "S.E.X." is the only song that has the '80s or '90s feel to it, extolling the virtues of America's favorite pastime.

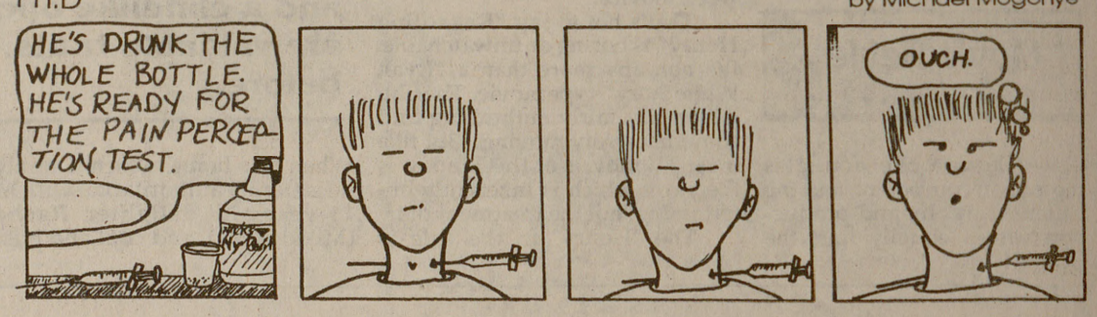
"Watching and Waiting" is a beautiful ballad and the best new song on the album, which is interesting because World Party's strength in the past has always been in their faster, harder songs.

The final new track, "Nature Girl," is a combination of a '50s "doo-wap" song mixed with Beach Boys' harmony and lyrics and '60s sound effects, including a full minute of nothing but bird noises.

The EP is admittedly a collection of odds and ends, mostly remixes and songs not released in the United States before now, and as such cannot truly be compared to their other albums. *Thank You Wolrd* has an incomplete feel to it that is almost annoying in that you can sense the skill of the group, but the tracks leave you wanting more.

It is worth checking out to get a feel of World Party's general sound and influences, but if you're really interested in hearing some of their better stuff, try their first album, *Private Revolution*, or the even better *Jumbo*.

Ph.D by Michael Mogonye



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