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snow in marin county

this morn, i drove the beautiful [kaela kang](#) to skool. she woke up pretty ok; she sed she felt refreshed. good; i like to hear that. we hurried out the door 4 her 900a class. i wish i had 'membered to grab a frozen dinner out of the freezer 4 my lunch 2day. upes. does this mean i'll hafta go out to forage 4 expen\$ive marin county fud?! :-)(nuts. roadrunner burrito? overpriced mcyukyuk's or bk? *shrug* dunno. neway, kaela @ 1st sed she'd take my umbrella to skool, but it was sunny as we drove in to campus. i didn't c ne1 w/ an umbrella. she asked me if she should still bring the umbrella. well, when u ask some1 that kind of question... well, when *i'm* asked that question, i think 'bout how i'll be held responsible 4 the person's being soaked in rain if i say that he/she *shouldn't* bring an umbrella n' then it rains. n', of course, i think 'bout how the person'll hafta lug an umbrella 'round in the sun if it *doesn't* rain. what if the person losing the umbrella on a rainy day? neway! i made up my mind n' spoke: i told her not to bring the umbrella. as i drove off to werk, i changed th cd. i removed the baek jiyong cd i got in taiwan n' put in my 2nd copy of lee yoonjung's album. c, i have 2 copies cos i ordered the cd from [yesasia.com](#), then i didn't receive, so i told them. they sent a 2nd copy. then the 1st copy came. well, shoot! to send it back? it wouldn't be worth it to either of us. there was a time last fall when the usps was soooo slow. actually, that cd was backordered. it was s'pposed to come w/ the rest of a bigger order i had from them. neway... that's what i listened to on the way in: [lee yoonjung](#). there's the link to her "official" homepage. i think u'll find plenty of internet links 'bout baek jiyong since she got into that big, videotaped sex "scandal" way back when. *roll eyes* geez, how can u call it a "scandal"?! all that happened was that she had sexual relations w/ her exbf, n' he was jerk 'nuff videotape it w/o her permission n' sell it to the press or whatever. well, i don't totally have the story memorised as i'm not the *biggest* baek jiyong devotee or nething like that. i know either her manager was her bf or her manager got the tape from her bf n' sold it. sumptin' like that. i'm sure plenty of the other [bronx's junkyard](#) forums ppl know the whole story like the backs of their hands. not me. lemme tell [u](#), it was very kewl to meet up w/ bronx's junkyard forums member chris (photon) in taiwan!

when i got to the bridge, i took out my handsfree kit n' called toby back. he called me last nite while kaela was cutting my hair. i guess i would've called him back 'cept i got so sleepy n' went to bed. nelson also called me yesterday, but i haven't called him back yet. i haven't checked my voicemail yet since these calls. apparently toby left me a voicemail 'bout his jeff kan's possibly not being able to take the white belt taekwondo class w/ him. jeff kan is a guy i knew from 'long time 'go n' who's now toby's neighbour. c, i know his older sister elaine a better. we 1st met while ushering 4 some concert @ stanford. i think a taiwanese violinist was playing w/ a korean pianist or sumpthin' like that, so a bunch of us kids from the south bay taiwanese youth group went to usher 4 the concert. elaine n' jeff were part of some big cousins network w/ bunch of other kids i knew. they were all cousins somehow... either thru near or distant blood relations or else thru marriage. i guess of that big family i knew elaine n' jeff n' their cousins tracy n' jessie best. ha, jessie was always such a big troublemaker when he was in middle skool n' hi skool. @ those taiwanese youth camps, he'd give the counselors so much stress! heh, but in hi skool, even tho' he was a clown n' an attention getter, he was really socially responsible, so we counselors liked him. neway! yah, toby called n' nelson called. i'll check my voicemail soon, n' in ne case, i'll call nelson 2day. i think (super)mike lim called me last week but didn't leave a msg. *sigh* sometimes i don't call ppl back so promptly when i know it'll be a long conversation... these ppl r definitely ppl i consider my friends! i just know i'll talk to them 4 a while, u know? sometimes i wonder if that means i have social anxiety. wait! that's not what social anxiety's 'bout! social anxiety is when u get all nervous 'bout a big group situation, right? yah, so i'm totally thinking in the wrong direction. neway, i like catching up w/ ol' friends, but i want 'nuff time to do it. if i know some1's calling me just to say, "hey, the movie's @ 1040p," i know it won't take long n'll call back asap. *sigh* man, so many things to do in life, u know?

like, i need to get the musik 2gether 4 2morrow nite's big demo. i found some korean buddhist meditation musik. i think it'll be right 4 that. it's funny that most korean.ams just assume all korean culture is so "christian" cos so many korean.ams r christian n' many of those korean.am christians r very, uh... zealous. like, many christian korean.ams don't realise how buddhist n' confucian korean culture is. neway, i don't think of taekwondo meditation, let 'lone just a *demonstration* of taekwondo meditation, is much of a buddhist experience; but the musik sounds very right 4 meditation. it's that quiet asian flute kind'f stuff. according to the mp3 label, it's by some kim dongyoung guy. *shrug* heh, the track i like 37 mins long. what'll dr. min say if we just meditate 4 37 mins? ha ha ha. :-) dang, that'd be a stressless demo 4 me! :-)

yesterday, we did tons of laundry. i had to carry 2 full hampers up the stairs last nite, n' i tripped on the stairs. upes! so i have a bandage on my left knuckles right now cos i scraped them 'gainst the stucco wall of our apt bldg's exterior. no big deal! it's just funny cos if i have bandages on like that, ppl'll assume the wound is from some big taekwondo experience, like i was breaking bricks or boards n' cut myself; or i got in a fight n' punched some1 n' cut myself. *roll eyes* well, on thurs nite, i also scratched myself up after practice. my right pinky toe's nail was a bit sharp n' i accidentally cut my right foot. xp geez, the dumb scratches n' scrapes i get, eh? talk 'bout lame!

so i wonder how u all r doing. those of u w/ on.line journals, i should go read those now. well, shoot. i hope u've updated them! heh. ok, i just read [johnny chang's](#) online journal. hrm... when guys have pics of their gfs all over the webpages, if i get caught reading their journals @ werk... man! ppl'll say stuff! :-) but johnny, u've got a great page. thanks 4 keeping up ur journal! sometime, we *should* meet up, eh? yah, i don't think it's bad to have pics of ur gf/fiancé/wife on ur webpage. no, it's great! it's good to know how u'r doing n' how ur partner's doing, n' a pic is worth 1000 wurds, right? now i'm reading [jeongkang's](#) journal. looks like jeongkang right a good

n' entry 2day or... yesterday. it's a bit long, so i'll spend some time reading it now. ok done. good job, hyung. :-) i already checked some other peep's journals, but they weren't updated. kathy/kyungmin ([moonbabie](#) on bronx's) updated, n' roger ([maxpower](#)) updated on fri. kathy, indian fud is good. [pkphil](#), i just checked ur page. man, take care of ur foot, which ur friend ran over w/ her car. well, i hope other on.line journal keepers / bloggers update their journals soon. man, i miss "[moonhee's illustrated daily journal](#)," which he hasn't updated since this summer. :-(he had such cute cartoons!

uhm, yah... so did i ever get to talkin 'bout the snow?! shoot! so i was driving in over the san rafael bridge, n' i saw the snow!!! there's snow in marin county!!! not just on mt. tam, but on the foothills, the small hills! when i got in to my office, my cowerker told me it snowed in novato, like 0.5 inch! crazy! man, what if there's snow on grizzly peak? i wonder if there's snow in san jo on mt. hamilton or mt. uhmunum. how do u spell that name? (beno tries to speel but fails miserably.) oh! it's spelled "umunhum"!!! dang, there's a webcam atop mt. umunhum, but the webpage isn't werking. :-(hrm! or maybe my company's firewallin' me from it! a.ha! yah, that happens, u know. oh well. so dang! there's so much snow! i heard last winter, i think it was, when it snowed in the san jo mtn's, ppl went up n' tried to snowboard in san jo. eh! geez, i'm sure that's 1 way to scratch up ur base fast. i wanna go snowboarding this weekend. i do. it rained last nite in berkeley as we were going to sleep. as we were going to sleep, kaela heard the rain n' sed that it was raining. i listened, n' i heard the rain.

in my office 2day, i have my soundsgood mp3 player on my handspring, n' i'm happily listening to mp3s. right now i've got kim gunmo's "gajianeun gil" (the road not taken) playing. heh, isn't this such a claptonesque ballad?! hrm, i wonder if master jang likes this song; cms like his style. ooh! now i heard it snowed in the oakland hills! kewl! *sigh* yah, i 'member when it snowed in san jo. i've toldju this story many times. it was in my 8th grade, in uh... 1989, i guess... like jan or feb, i guess. i was out skateboarding, n' it snowed. the snow melted when it hit the ground. last, last sat when we were @ boreal, it snowed, n' the snow came down in actual snowflakes! i like that.

[a li'l later] i was just listening to the calling's "wherever you will go" on my soundsgood. man, what if they had telnet 4 palm os? hrm, that'd be kewl w/ that visor edge to startac cable. ooh! i think they do! "[tucows pda telnet](#)". uhm, i *think* it's palm os n' not pocket pc. yah, it's gotta be. hrm, there's mocha pocket telnet n' there's palmtelnet. hrm... which shoudl i use? i guess i want 1 that'll emulate a vt100 term. *shrug* heh, so i'm getting into full.on nerd mode, now, eh? c.mon y.all! getchu'r nerd on! well, shoot! i might hafta test out several programs b4 i find the 1 i want, which'll be the 1 that'll werk best. right? hey those tucows cow icons r kewl! they use cows instead of stars 4 ratings! :-) all the pda telnet programs get 4 cows. nuts. [a li'l later] i just changed the frames layout a li'l. hopefully, u won't hafta scroll so much. *sigh* well, shoot... i'll try to fix it even more when i figure out a better arrangement. [later] *office space* was a pretty funny movie, huh? yah, andy is like me in that he likes those kinds'f gen.xish movies... like the new jersey trilogy thingy... those *clerks*, *chasing amy*, *dogma*, whatever movies. i haven't cn *jay n' silent bob strike back* yet, but i still wanna c it on video! i *meant* to return those 2 videos this morn, but since we were in such a hurry this morn, i 4got. so... *office space*: andy thought i'd really like it cos i'd relate to werking life... werking *cubicle* life. yah, i *do*. i werk in a cubicle, but i werk 4 a *small* company, not a big company. i *used* to werk 4 a big comapny, ebmud, but it was a semi.government job, not a big corporate job. it's diff. heh, i don't think i'd ever go fishing w/ a neighbour like the guy in *office space*.

heh, i had this dream this morn, that i got into a *small* car accident. my brakes weren't werking,

so i accidentally, slightly rear-ended some jeep cherokee or sumpthin'. kaela was w/ me. neway, i gotta stop n' get out even tho' it was just a small tap. well, the driver was like a uh... a *redneck* u know? n' i told him i was sorry that i just barely hit him n' it was cos my brakes were messed up. then he sed sumpthin' like 'that's cos u'r driving a damn import! that'd never happen on an american car!' or sumpthin' like that. n' i sed sumpthin' like 'yah, i really would've wanted to buy an american car, but there was nuthin' good.' (i was driving my subaru in my dream.) neway, the dream went on 4 a while. somehow i spent some time w/ this "redneck." we talked 'bout sumtphin', but i 4get. neway, i 'member i talked to him 4 a while, n' it wasn't like violent or nething. i don't think the guy totally changed his attitude after the conversation, but i cm to feel like i somehow positively affected his view on guys like me... asian guys, i guess. *shrug* i mean, as an asian guy, i think i encounter those kinds of situations, where i feel i gotta prove to some1 who's prejudiced 'gainst asians that i am not what they think. u know? *shrug* really! if u'r an asian guy reading this, u must understand 'least a li'l what i mean, right? like, what do u do when u encounter prejudiced ppl in america as an asian.am? sometimes it's just not worth. some prejudiced bigots r just not worthwhile ppl. heh, "some"??? u can figure, eh! sheesh that person'll never get nowhere in life, who cares? just let them think whatever, as long as he stays out of my way, etc. but then there r other times when, as an asian.am guy, i just feel, "dang, i gotta represent!", "i gotta show that the asian.am community deserves to exist in this country!", etc. 'member, i think in the past i mentioned some article i prob'ly read on.line or in a *magazine* 'bout how asian.am men gotta take it easy sometimes; that we all think that the future of the asian.am community all rests upon how we handle some 1 single encounter w/ a nonasian, etc. u know? well, werking in marin county, where asians r *definitely* a minority (unlike in berkeley on campus), i think i encounter situations now n' then where i feel i'm put to the test. 'is this asian guy a respectable human being, or does he suck just by virtue of being asian?' ain't that the question every1 here's asking? i was born in america. i was raised in america. i speak english. but!!! u know what? i *really* like asian culture. i *really* respect asian culture. must i do everything in a nonasian way to "fit in" in this country? well, what if i wanna do things asian style?! personally, i think i have the right. *yawn* i have the right to exist as an asian n' asian.am man! it's cold in my cubicle. i'm hungry.

oh yah! speaking of yesasia.com, i got my 1st associates program paycheck from them. heh, well shoot! it was more of a rebate. i get a kickback if ppl buy yesasia.com merchandise thru my website, right? well, yah... i got \$16.58 back from them. heh, it's pretty much just a percentage of whatever i spend there myself via my link. i know, in the past, jerome n' brandie bought stuff from angelpop via my website, but i think this paycheck is actually from all my own purchases. i think jerome buys from yesasia.com via bronx's (peter's) link. that's fine. i like bronx's junkyard, n' i wanna support it, so that's kewl. still, i think i should just use my own link. if i win the lottery someday, i'll donate some \$\$\$ to bjunkyard.com. ain't that a trite question? "what would you do if you won the lottery?" shoot! well, i'd buy a house! i'd hrm... i'd buy stuff 4 kaela! :-)) i'd buy stuff 4 my family. i'd buy some stuff 4 my friends, i guess. i'd donate \$\$\$ to ucmaph, so they wouldn't have such ghetto 'puters in their office! i'd maybe donate to other university programs... like the college of engineering or sumpthin'. dunno. neway, that's a trite question, isn't it?

[later] @ lunch, i went to eat @ fresh choice, n' then i went to the post office to mail off a check, then i went to the bank in greenbrae to make a deposit, then i went to compusa in san rafael to buy a serial cable 4 the a ups (uninterruptable power supply) @ the office. during lunch, i had many, many thoughts i wanted to write down. uhm, i might've 4gotten them all. i had so many thoughts. i already started writing this entry on my remote unix acct, so i didn't want to start writing on my handspring cos i wouldn't be able to upload that text until i got home. uhm, well, i guess i

could've jotted down some notes, right? well, u know what? the check i sent off was 4 a cheap, cheap deal i got on ebay 4 a 2nd hotsync/charger usb cradle 4 my handspring visor edge, so i can hotsync @ werk. heh, notice, i really like handspring stuff? man, what if i got a job @ handspring? heh heh. u know? i really like this memplug springboard that is out on the market. it lets u plug compact flash memory cards or smartmedia cards into ur handspring. that's kewl. 2day, [buy.com's "price mistake of the day" deal](#) is a 256mb compact flash card 4 \$104. eh! if i had \$\$\$ these days, i'd definitely buy it. however, sheez, u know how much that memplug springboard costs? well, @ compusa it's \$49.95. *sigh* well, i don't even like that much how springboards @ so much thickness to the visor edge n' make it so u can't put the cover on. i wish handspring'd make a new springboard adapter 4 the visor edge that'd invert the springboard module n' allow 4 the cover to fit into the adapter. uhm, u have *no* clue what i'm talkin' 'bout, do u? nuts. yah, i'm all fired up 'bout palm os n' handhelds, etc. man, i'm such a geek 'bout this stuff. yah, *what if* i werked 4 handspring. heh, what would i do 4 them? *shrug* i dunno, they might need a mechanical controls/optics engineer 'round, right? dunno. compact flash is kewl. kaela's digicam, her digital elph, uses compact flash. i like compact flash. *sigh* uhm, i gotta quit saying such nerdy stuff, huh? well, i didn't say "i love compact flash," right? wow, they have a *weird* springboard module, the "[jetlog 24x7 powernapping module.](#)" u sleep w/ ur thumb on ur handspring on the module's sensor. it controls ur sleep, so u get the most out of ur nap! whoa! weird!

[slightly later] while i was driving there was this 1 lee yoongjung track that really caught me. i think it's called "akiko 67," n' it has this 60s jazz sound w/ muted electric guitar or whatever u'd call it. i like it.

[later] man, it's pretty annoying n' embarassing that the [ucmap website](#) is sooooo outdated, uninformative, n' disorganised! well, raymond is in charge of it, but he sez he can't do much to fix it cos everything that goes up needs to be approved by dr. min. man, i dunno; but i really dislike our webpage!

[later] evening: dang, it's really time to bust out'f this blasted cubicle! ...this cubie. why am i still here? i was wasting a bunch'f time trying to hook up an old powerpc mac to the company's network cos they need to pull some files off of it. *sigh* man, that 'puter felt so ancient. i pretty much never werk w/ macs. it was very weird. i didn't move the files off. nope. *sigh* i really gotta get out of here. demo practice is gonna start 0.5 hr early. i need to burn that musik onto a cd. *sigh* hrm... i'm not totally sure what other musik i wanna use 4 the demo. maybe a lee junghyun track off of *magic to go to my star*. dunno. neway, i really gotta bust outta here!



beno w/ his fresh haircut @ the end of the werkday

2002.01.27

royal laundry

210a: we just came back from watching *the count of monte cristo*. hrm... i really enjoyed this action flick, but i gotta say: it cmed very homosexual on so many levels! yah, i really have nuthin' 'gainst homosexuals or homosexuality, altho' i am totally straight. i'm just making an observation. *the count of monte cristo* was the "gayest" movie i've cn since *happy together*... or hrm... had i cn a more homosexual movie since *happy together*? prob'ly not.

[later] 102p: so we gotta do housewerk 2day. so many chores to do. we've started laundry now.

[later] 1115p: man, the whole day was spent doing laundry. we also watched *the princess diaries* n' *scary movie 2*. i cooked dduhkbokki 4 lunch n' chicken dumpling soup (from a costco bought kit) 4 dinner. so much laundry! the beautiful kaela kang cut my hair! the only time i left the apt 2day was when i went to safeway b4 cooking the dduhkbokki.

2002.01.26

pittsburg

750p: so we had demo practice. this morn, the beautiful kaela kang n' i woke up a bit late. she was s'pposed to have that eye appt w/ dr. susan link @ 1130a, but she reskeduled it 4 1230p when we woke up late. actually, i woke up early to take a shower, then went back to sleep. i would've showered yesterday, but i was just way 2 tired after coming home from jerome n' andy's. c, we went there last nite n' had dinner n' watched *office space* w/ a bunch'f ppl. earlier yesterday afternoon (fri), kaela went shopping in sf w/ laura n' roland. then laura dropped kaela off w/ me @ home, n' i drove us back to the americana apt. laura n' kaela cooked some pasta... some ravioli. oh yah! kaela n' i 1st went to blockbuster video to rent *scary movie 2* n' *the princess diaries*. parking there was uh... heck! :-) (no need 4 profanity, right?) well, we ate pasta, played andy's psx2 (simpsons' road rage n' ssx2) n' watched *office space*.

2day, we went to walmart in pittsburg (where dr. susan link's office is). we bought a few things from walmart. i drove to richmond via san pablo dam rd. we ate pho @ the 99 mall. we bought



some buns from shengkee after looking @ bunny paraphenelia. then we rushed over to practice. dang! i 4got my dobok n' clean underwear etc. ugh! so i wore my new demo team warm up pants n' jerome's warm up jacket. ok, i gotta go now we're gonna go eat party sushi!




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1st real fri nite of the yr

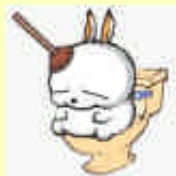
129a: man! i really *do* wanna buy this gomadic visor edge to startac fon modem cable thingy! it'll let me use my startac fon as a wireless modem 4 my visor! i e.mailed them to ask 'bout the warranty. they sed they'll refund me if it doesn't werk, it has a 30 day warranty, n' if i buy a v60c fon upgrade, they'll give me a v60c compatible cable 4 50% off. that's pretty good customer service, *i'd* say. really, it's hard to find that kind of customer support these days, *i* think. *shrug* dunno.

[later] late morn: i wanna thank a semi.anonymous reader 4 signing my gbook. :-) yah, maybe my new 4mat makes u scroll 2 much. i'll c what i can change, but i confess that i might not be the best web designer in the world. *sigh* i don't have my soundsgood mp3 player w/ me 2day cos i left it in my big green backpack after the big snowtrip. :-(i could use some musik w/ me @ werk 2day.

[later] so i *really* wanna watch a movie 2nite! sure, *a beautiful mind* sounds fine. or *ocean's 11*, *lord of the rings*, *i am sam*. *the count of monte cristo*, *the royal tenenbaums*, or... well, the beautiful kaela kang won't watch *the mothman prophecies* n' maybe not *brotherhood of the wolf*, but i would. i wonder how *vanilla sky* is. will i watch a movie 2nite? who wants to go w/ me? can we eat sushi 2nite? :-)

well, last nite i ate some cali rolls w/ my chicken teriyaki dinner @ daruma. we went to eat w/ seunghwan, since he's moving to toronto on sat. this morn, i e.mailed him 'bout the visor edge to cell fon cable since he also owns n' uses a visor edge . boy, oh boy! i really wanna use my

startac as a wireless modem 4 my visor edge!



uhm, is it ok if i write to u while on the toilet?

last nite, b4 dining w/ seunghwan n' gang @ daruma, we had demo team practice. [later, after eating a chicken picante burrito @ the greenbrae roadrunner] @ practice, i let the black belts know that i really *do* expect them to help organise the team. honestly, i can't help but think that if i didn't spend so much time *organising* taekwondo demo team, i'd be better @ taekwondo cos i'd get to practice more. i even went ahead n' told 'em all that. then kaela n' i told master yoon that we're getting married next yr. his casual response reminded kaela of her parents' casual response. ha ha. we have demo practice 2morrow afternoon. [later] kaela has an eye appt w/ dr. susan link @ 1100a 2morrow morn. dr. link's office is in pittsburg or somewhere... somewhere in the east east bay... the *northeast* east bay. i'll prob'ly go w/ her. i don't have this weekend well planned out. when will we snowboard next?

[later] i was wondering why no1 was e.mailing me. then i realised there was a prob w/ my unix based e.mail program (pine). i closed n' reopened it n' found all these e-mails ppl had sent me this afternoon. :-)

[later] to illustrate how shaggy i am right now, here's a pic:



i need a haircut. my sister grace sed b4 she thinks my hair's 2 short. right now, it's not 2 short. i'm 2 shaggy. if u want me 2 have not short hair, enjoy it now!

[later] so i call this the 1st *rea/* fri nite of the yr cos its the 1st fri in berkeley w/o big plans like snowtrip plans etc. hrm... n' the weekend b4 that, we were just plain exhausted, 'member?

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