



FOCUSED Boredom

By Nick Bennett

I Think You're Hot, But I Might Be Wrong

Hey baby, is this seat taken? How are you doing? I think you're looking pretty sexy in that outfit but before you react I want to warn you that I could be wrong. It is too dark in here for me to really tell what you look like but I am pretty sure that I want to do you.

Do you come here often? I am going to assume that your legs are tired because I am going to tell you that you have been running through my mind all day. I should clarify that this is a boldfaced lie because you clearly don't exercise, ever. And how could you be running through my head all day when I only just met you? In fact I have had the Sponge Bob SquarePants theme song running through my head all day.

Can I borrow a quarter? I want to call my mother and tell her I met the woman of my dreams. I don't really need a quarter. It's late and my mother is probably asleep by now and besides, I have a cell phone. But if you want to give me that quarter anyway I will take it.

Can you see where I'm going with

this? What else can I say to you? Is heaven missing an angel or something? Shall I compare you to a summer's day? Only if that is what it takes to get you to come home with me.

I want to complement you just enough but I don't want you to become too overconfident in your appearance. Even though I am going to ask if you are a model you clearly are not model material. I am afraid that if I don't explain myself you might have your feelings hurt if you do audition for a modeling agency.

Hopefully though, that will be long after we've done the nasty.

Is any of this working?

Is there a mirror in your pocket, because I can see myself in your pants. It's not hard to picture. They are wide enough. Also, if there really is a mirror in your pocket I think it would be a good idea to do something about your makeup.

If I could rearrange the alphabet, I would put U and I together. Honestly I

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Guild Hall in association with The Naked Stage presents The John Drew Theater Playwrights Workshop. There are two sections, limited to eight writers in each, that will meet every other Thursday from 6:45 to 9:30 p.m. in the Boots Lamb Education Center at Guild Hall. Joshua Perl is

the workshop leader.

"Section A" will start next Tuesday and continue on September 18, October 2 and 16. "Section B" will be held on September 11 and 25 and October 9 and 23. Cost: \$200 per session. For more info, call Danielle (631) 324-0806, ext. 22.

would have preferred to put your friend and I together because she was who I really had my eyes on but she left and I figured that you would be just as good. I thought that after getting to know you I would find you more attractive. Unfortunately no amount of alcohol has helped to make you more attractive.

You should tell me what your sign is. That way I will be able to convince you to have sex with me because it will seem like I am into things like astrology.

Your dad must have been a baker, because you've got a nice set of buns. I can also make some remark about your cans if your family has anything to do with selling soda or has a hand in refining aluminum.

Are you from Tennessee? Because you're the only 10 I see.

I have to apologize for that gross over-exaggeration. You are maybe a six at best but don't feel discouraged. That is still

better than what I usually end up with and I still want to take you home.

Your eyes are a color that looks kind of pretty.

Do you believe in love at first sight or should I walk by again? That might actually be a good idea because I might need a second look on account of my indecision on your looks. Perhaps a second fly-by might give me a better chance to see you but I doubt that it will change the fact that I want to see you naked.

Can you see where I am going with all this? Do you want to come back to my place for a night of awesome intercourse? No? You're leaving?

You know what they say. I hate to see you go but I love to watch you leave. Or I might if your shirt didn't show how much your back sweats and I never realized that you might be balding.

And what did you sit in?



Path to Success

BY CHRIS HALL

Entrepreneurs must meet seasonal challenges. Labor Day has passed once again and we're all able to find a parking space in town. Truth be told, if you're lucky you can always seem to find one. Personally, I like the crowds. People are generally nice and they certainly make our local economy tick.

Maybe I can be philosophical about it because Path to Success is not a seasonal business. We serve our clients for 12 months out of the year on a fairly constant basis. Public relations, marketing and business consulting require planning and implementation. Our clients understand it and they prosper because of it.

Throughout the years, I have owned and operated several successful seasonal businesses I know the feeling that you get when the calendar hits that magical date is similar to the rush of adrenaline that a boxer feels when the bell rings to begin the round. It occurred every Memorial Day in the Hamptons when I owned my swimming pool company, it was Black Friday for my retail music shop, and one

interesting night at midnight December 31, 1999 (remember the non-event of y2k?) for my Internet company. The Super Bowl, The World Series, and the 18th hole at The Masters all rolled up into one.

I loved the anticipation and my staff was always motivated and tough enough for the challenge. Once the busy season ended, I would take out a yellow legal pad and fill most of the pages. Notes of what went right, what went wrong, how we could improve, buy smarter, advertise better, and provide better customer service. Those priceless nearly indecipherable scribbles were the foundation of the future.

I enjoy working with business owners that continue to meet seasonal challenges. I like to get in the trenches and consult with those that are already successful,

but look with hope to a brighter and more profitable future. Those who want to provide even better service than the excellent service that they already provide.

Our area has become less seasonal than it once was. It's a product of a larger year-round population and an extended season for weekend visitors. Maximizing profits for local business is a necessity and a welcome challenge. Decisions need to be made about off season staffing, maintaining a connection with your clients and budgeting for the leaner months.

Now is also the time to prepare for the 2009 season. The proper financial planning can allow any business to lower its cost of goods sold, obtain responsible financing and gain the trust, respect and loyalty that your staff deserves.

Path to Success is currently meeting with our most forward-looking clients. Allow your business to recognize that you can improve upon your strengths and eliminate your weaknesses.

Local entrepreneurs, take a ride out

to the ocean, grab a space right up front and fill up your yellow pad with the promise of even better days. In fact, this article is about to be submitted and Sagg Main is calling my name!

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