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Mindy Smith sells out Eddie's Attic

By Lindsay Deal
Entertainment Editor

No introduction was necessary and none was given as the renowned alt-country star took the stage last Thursday in Decatur. Following an opening set by Atlanta John Pringle, the second-floor listening room in Decatur adopted an eerily idolatrous silence in respect of the petite brunette approaching the stage.

But the crowd at Eddie's wasn't always so receptive. Thirteen years ago, back when Eddie's Attic was in its infancy, Mindy Smith competed at open mic night to less than tumultuous applause.

Hoping to win the opportunity to perform her own set, a disappointed Smith walked away that night without even placing. But she didn't give up. In 2003, Smith returned, respected well enough to get her own show, but apparently not well enough to fill many seats.

"There were 10 ladies here for a birthday party and a few stragglers who wandered in during the set," said Smith. "But they were all really kind and stayed till the end of my show. After the party one of the ladies came up to me and said 'You were great. The next time you come the show is going to be sold out.'"

And she was right. Smith serenaded a full house of eager listeners last Thursday in her first Atlanta appearance since *Long Island Shores*, her sophomore album, was released last October. She opened with "Out Loud," an appropriate choice for the lesbian haven that is Decatur. With lyrics like "Hey friend why are we

always hiding / It's no wonder that we're sinking down / Why should we stand in lonely shadows / With so much light around" the song resonated with many of the fans who were preparing for the weekend's annual gay pride festival.

Whether the song was written specifically for that demographic I don't know for sure, and it really doesn't matter, because the breadth of topics covered by her songs that night assured that everyone could relate to most, if not all of them.

Smith was relaxed as she exposed her life on stage, lyrically giving life to memories of losing a loved one, becoming a woman in the shadow of a preacher father and expressing the childlike love she holds for her dog. Though the depressed tempo departed from that of her two albums, her melodious vocals delivered the sounds which fans had become accustomed to.

Often accompanied by only her acoustic guitar, Smith's music has been classified as folk, country, Americana, bluegrass, pop, rock, and even alternative. Her songs reflect an intermingling of the two states Smith has called home—Tennessee and New York. While her lyrics often evoke a sense of big-city sophistication, the simplicity of her clear voice harmonizing with her acoustic guitar is reminiscent of old-time Appalachian music, similar to what many consider the classic Appalachian sound. Though her genre-defying sound has likely impeded her rise to fame, her talent has delivered her to the forefront of the alt-country scene. With music videos featured on CMT

and performances on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, it's clear that she has a following.

Thankfully, she hasn't let the success get to her head. Following a standing ovation, Smith returned for an encore presentation beginning with a cover of Dolly Parton's "Jolene," the song that launched Smith onto the musical radar when it was included in the Dolly Parton tribute album, *Just Because I'm a*

Woman, released in 2003. All eyes remained fixed on Smith as she tuned her guitar for the next song, and then a cell phone rang. Muffled voices whispered "how rude" and "can you believe it?" as audience members tried to pin-point the culprit before Smith reached for her bag and answered the phone.

"Hey Chris, I'm playing a show in Atlanta right now. Can I call you back in a minute?"



Photo courtesy of Vanguard Records

Lez Zeppelin rocks Variety Playhouse

Lez Zeppelin, an all-female Led Zeppelin cover band, will play at Variety Playhouse tonight in support of their self-titled debut album set to be released July 10. The show starts at 8:30 p.m. and tickets are \$15. More information is available at www.variety-playhouse.com.

Junk and jewels at Turner Field

The Atlanta World Market, an outdoor flea market featuring antiques, fine art, collectibles and more opens this weekend at Turner Field. The event is expected to draw customers from the now-defunct Lakewood Flea Market. The event is held in the Orange and Gold parking lots from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and admission is free. More information is available at www.atlantaworldmarket.com.

Nazi eugenics exhibit at CDC

Compiled by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, *Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race* explores how Nazism applied theories of eugenics to its genocidal policies. The exhibit runs through Aug. 10. Parking and admission are free. More information is available by calling 404-639-0830.

Two Bits

Two Bits Man relives the "excitement" of summer ninja training camp

Recently, there was an extended break during which I trained to become a ninja. Unfortunately for me, I was tied up in a basement somewhere by two *Technique* staff members. One was an amusing female that I didn't quite recognize, and the other was my extremely attractive Entertainment editor. I'll be the first to tell you that Nique writers have odd hobbies, but this was a little excessive.

Thanks in part to Sliver Girl,* I managed to escape. Humbled, I knew I needed to beef up on my defensive skills; so I did what anyone would do in that situation—a bit of Justice League-funded training in Japan. You know, the place where Batman and Dr. McNinja trained. Not that I'm trying to copy them. I also don't own a ninja outfit, nor do I own a doctor's gown, and I've never worn them both at once.

Okay, maybe just once. Or twice. But not for an entire week. They needed washing after the ninja mud wrestling contest.

Aside from an education in unconventional weapons, what my winter ninja training really gave me was a sense of who I am, and who I'm not. These days, it's hard to get my ideas across to you, my faithful

readers, without having them edited or censored.

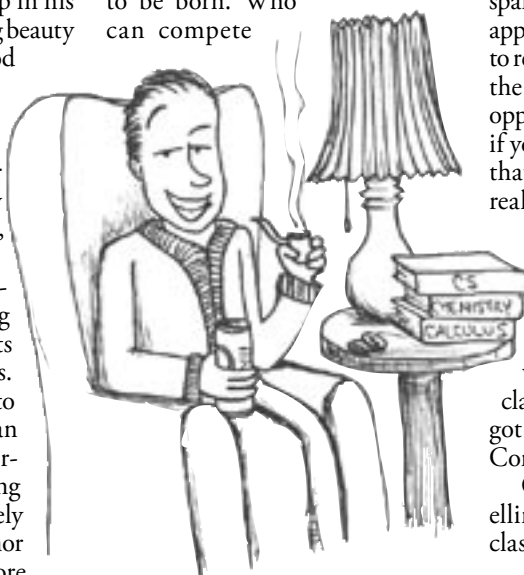
However, I will always have my identity. I don't need fancy outfits or tits to be awesome, although a weapon can be reasonably handy at fending off an angry female humor columnist. Those eyelash curlers are murder, I swear. The next time she pulls that thing out, I'm going to destroy it.

I bet this never happens to Batman... Batgirl never gets up in his face with dangerous-looking beauty implements.** No, she's a good sidekick. What's the trick, Batman? Is it the bling? Do I need to go Dilbert-style with my gadgets*** in order to keep the ladies in line? My phone has internet access, does that count?

As part of the ninja training, they focused on taking the older-style ninja habits and their modern equivalents. One of those tenets was to blend into the crowd. If I ran around the campus wearing pajamas and a smoking jacket,**** I'd be immediately nailed as an anonymous humor columnist; similarly, if I wore

a stereotypical black ninja outfit, I would be somewhat unmistakable. Although I was tempted by this nice smoking jacket in Dillard's, it was out of my price range. Can you believe that they wanted \$300 for it? I'm a college student, not an obscenely rich philanthropist with a crime fighting hobby!

So, I can't afford my own tools, and I wasn't thrown a sword by a watery tart. Superman just had to be born. Who can compete



with that?

Another modern equivalent of archaic habits focused on thrown weapons. It's generally discouraged by society to carry around shuriken, poison-dipped or not. While it is a delightful weapon, and flashbang-equipped ones are useful, a more practical alternative is needed.

The New Ninja Training Manual, 5th Edition suggests that I try more common materials, such as marbles, spare change or utensils. I don't really appreciate that the ninja manual has to resort to *Home Alone* for ideas, but the idea of throwing a marble at an opponent is pretty funny, especially if you have a lot of them. Just hope that the opponent doesn't have a real weapon. It's all fun and games until somebody gets a spleen stabbed out.

Another important facet of being a ninja is espionage. Admittedly, I didn't do as well on that part. One of my classmates went into the future and got next year's ANAK member list. Congratulations, [censored]!

Oddly enough, my time-travelling friend is late for all of his classes.

Again, how can I compete with

that? Such a feat would have taken me a lot of hacking into email accounts, watching member movements, seduction, dinner dates and thesauri.

Thankfully, he was disqualified from the Top Three Ninja Contest because he already knew who the top three were. I'm pretty sure there's a paradox in there somewhere, but it hurts to think about time travel for too long.

The only part of spying I really passed was seduction. Apparently, they gave me bonus points because of my "large endowment." What am I, the Alumni Association? I can't get a girl to translate my Ninja report card without asking for my phone number. You've never been treated like meat until you've had a group of crack ninjas on your wang.*****

*Submit a sliver or she'll come to your house and kick your ass.

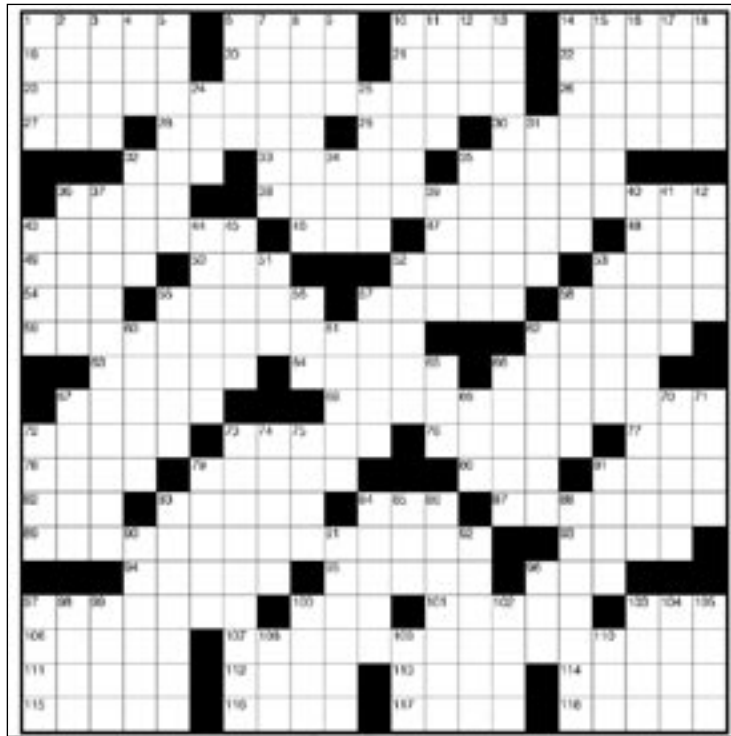
**For some reason, my instinct is to call it a "hygiene implement" although I've been told repeatedly that women don't necessarily need it, therefore it's for "beauty." I, for one, know girls that can't live without their "beauty implements." Doesn't

THEME CROSSWORD: GET THE PICTURE?

By Robert Zimmerman
United Features Syndicate

ACROSS

- 1. ___ boom
- 6. Recedes
- 10. Goal on ice
- 14. Caterwauls
- 19. Musical works
- 20. Sister of Thalia
- 21. Augury
- 22. Dickens' ___ Heep
- 23. Start of a quip by 68 Across: 3 wds.
- 26. "Winnie-the-Pooh" author
- 27. Yoko ___
- 28. Chair of a kind
- 29. FedEx alternative
- 30. Electra's brother
- 32. ___ blonde
- 33. Kind of pie
- 35. Monarchs
- 36. Director ___ Preminger
- 38. Part 2 of quip: 3 wds.
- 43. Delivered a torch song
- 46. Sports org.
- 47. Succulent plants
- 48. State south of Tenn.
- 49. Helicline
- 50. ___ Plains
- 52. Layovers
- 53. Paparazzi's prey
- 54. ___ glance
- 55. On the other hand
- 57. Make expiation
- 58. Disburse
- 59. Part 3 of quip: 3 wds.
- 62. Giza neighbor
- 63. Smells
- 64. Flea market item
- 66. Jazz musician ___ Bley
- 67. Jumps with a chute (with "out")
- 68. Speaker of the quip: 2 wds.
- 72. Sew
- 73. "Kate and ___"
- 76. Heavy textile
- 77. Chinese Shar- ___
- 78. Gremlins
- 79. Braid
- 80. University degrees: abbr.
- 81. Fat or dairy
- 82. Sash
- 83. Voting rights city
- 84. Roosted
- 87. Unbeatable foe
- 89. Part 4 of quip: 2 wds.
- 93. Gaelic
- 94. Satellites
- 95. Assault weapon
- 96. Desire
- 97. Canopy support
- 100. Dandy
- 101. Garden tool
- 103. Dry, said of wine
- 106. Fit out
- 107. End of the quip: 5 wds.
- 111. Moolah
- 112. Used to be



- 113. White with age
 - 114. Asian palm
 - 115. Enjoyed
 - 116. Something lacking
 - 117. Media award
 - 118. Candle
- DOWN
- 1. Trendy Manhattan area
 - 2. Accessible
 - 3. Ruler after Claudius
 - 4. Wrath
 - 5. Military wagon
 - 6. Resound
 - 7. In full flower
 - 8. Immense integer
 - 9. Costa del ___
 - 10. Forage plant
 - 11. OT book
 - 12. Defunct car
 - 13. Medical exam instrument
 - 14. Long bone
 - 15. State in India
 - 16. Droop
 - 17. Road
 - 18. Female ones
 - 24. Extreme degree
 - 25. New Mexico's flower
 - 31. Grades
 - 32. Surmounting
 - 34. Small piece
 - 35. Claw
 - 36. Bloviate
 - 37. Savory jelly: 2 wds.
 - 39. Alliance acronym
 - 40. Football play: 2 wds.
 - 41. South American plain
 - 42. Lawn
 - 43. Tor
 - 44. Poe and Degas
 - 45. Sweeties
 - 51. Title of respect
 - 52. Tankard cousin
 - 53. Skating mishap
 - 55. Detergent plant
 - 56. Neighbor of Costa Rica: abbr.
 - 57. Jibe
 - 58. Flowing garments
 - 60. Mine entrances
 - 61. Books inspection
 - 62. Old tunic
 - 65. Province in Can.
 - 66. Cable channel
 - 67. Disney classic
 - 69. "___ a Camera"
 - 70. Eldritch
 - 71. Craters' edges
 - 72. Sci. course
 - 73. City in Pennsylvania
 - 74. Lanterns
 - 75. Sly one
 - 79. Old Spanish coins
 - 81. Landscape plant
 - 83. Pried
 - 84. Bird found near marshes
 - 85. Treasury Dept. agcy.
 - 86. Investing sector
 - 88. African mongoose
 - 90. Kingdom
 - 91. Pressed
 - 92. Town near Boston
 - 96. Indeed!
 - 97. Kind of pepper
 - 98. The same: prefix
 - 99. Tent material
 - 100. Get along
 - 102. Cooper or Kasparov
 - 103. Walk
 - 104. "___ homo!"
 - 105. Blacken with heat
 - 108. Born: Fr.
 - 109. An article
 - 110. Time

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that logically make them "hygiene implements?" Inquiring minds want to know.

***I am referring to Dilbert's Desktop Games. If you have not lived it, then you have not lived. When I graduate, I'll come back to Tech just to teach a class on Gaming Outside of Your Stupid MMORPG,

and I will make everyone play that game.

They'll enjoy it, too, or I'll fail them; and who wants to be the CS major that failed a class because they didn't play enough games? Talk about a scarlet letter...

****At least my superhero costume doesn't involve spandex tights. There's something to be said for cotton and silk.

*****I can never resist a good pun, no exceptions.

Sudoku puzzles

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			4	5	7	9
6			1			

		9		7		2
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