

# *The Storm Front*

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## STONES KEEP ROLLING ALONG

### Almost Makes You Forget They're Old

It's very obvious that the Rolling Stones have far too much money for their own good. Who else tours with two identical stages (they take forever to set up), uses two fifty foot blow-up woman for just one song (Honkytonk Woman), and ends their show with a MASSIVE fireworks display? Nobody but Mick and company. They gave \$500,000 to the Red Cross for earthquake relief. Mick's visit did more good than Dan Quayle's.

Yes, I got to see the second Oakland show on the 5th. Just me and 60,000 other people. It was great not only could we see the stage, we were right near one of the giant projection screens.

Let me tell you about the stage. What a stage. Three hundred feet across, almost two hundred feet tall. It looked like an oil refinery that had been used in the movie "Brazil." It had lights all over it, big lights, little lights, red lights, blue lights. It spouted huge jets of red flame (we could feel the heat) at the beginning of the show and thirty-foot plumes of silver flame along the entire top at the end of the show. Then came the real fireworks. Lots of them.

You're probably thinking "it must have been a mob scene." Wrong, there was an army of ushers ushering the whole time. It's easier to get out of East Germany than it is to get to your seat. Every ten or twenty feet, I kept getting stopped by people with flashlights who wanted to "see my papers." Actually, I didn't mind too much because we had seats in right field on the lawn.

So what was the down side? Twenty dollar t-shirts, forty dollar sweatshirts, and five dollar beers. I came to the show with a twenty and left with change. You figure out which I bought.

In case you haven't seen a map of the earthquake damage, the main freeway access from the north is no longer operative. You haven't experienced anything until you've been one of 50,000 people trying to get through a twenty foot wide gate of a BART station. It was like being in New York, I'm sure.

Anyway, I really enjoyed the show and was glad I went. Besides, the Stones are getting really old, you never know which tour is going to be their last.

## STORMCO TO SUE JOEL

### He Can Tour, But He Can't Hide

By now most of you may know that aging rocker Billy Joel has released a new record entitled "Storm Front." Well, what can we say, this is obviously a futile attempt to bolster sales by tricking the American Public into thinking that his record is in some etherial way related to this fine publication.

Surprise Billy-boy, you're not going to get away with it. First, Stormco is seriously considering legal action to have you change the title. Second, we are demanding a total recall of any albums, cassettes, and CDs that may have sold already. Third, an apology on national television during prime-time and an autographed picture might keep us from demanding the death

penalty.

The "Storm Front" (the REAL one) purchased (notice how some of us respect the American legal system) a compact disc recording of the offending material. It's actually quite good. There are plenty of ballads, and some really good rocking tunes. However, our entertainment editor found two problems. First, Joel is still using analog masters. Get in touch with the 90's before it's too late Billy. Everyone who's anyone uses digital masters today. Second, it's going to take about 50 years for

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# WELCOME TO ...

## Fear And Loathing In MIS 122

I've never really had to work on team project before and this semester I am learning how nice it was to be alone. Two of my four classes have some kind of group project, and I'm actually a "team leader" of one. Very scary indeed.

But I'd rather not bring up such painful memories, so here is an example of what I'm doing in my "System Procurement and Design" course. It's a hardware diagram of an IBM AS/400 system. Notice the dual data busses. Thrill over the massive on-line storage, well over one gigabyte! Aren't you impressed?

And this is only part of the homework. Besides this, I have to document the scenario and do a cost analysis over five years of operations. All this of a one page handout.

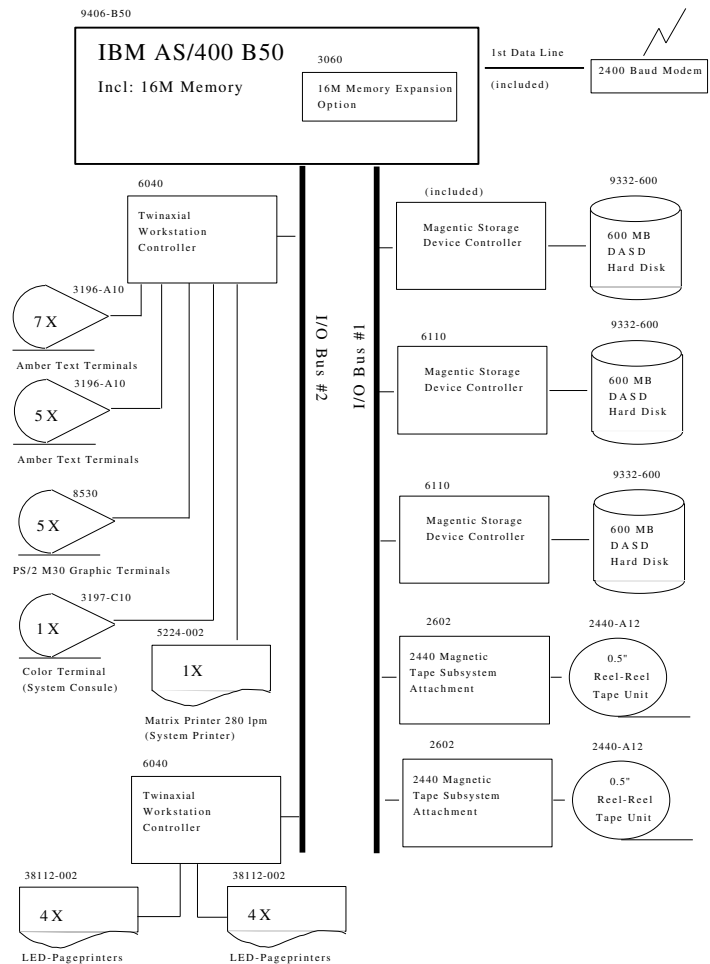
It gets worse. The project is sort-of the same thing, but it's from a 40 page "request for proposal." I think I'm going to die. This is one of my easier classes.

### Joel

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anyone to learn the words to "We didn't start the fire." How does he expect it to get any airplay when anyone who tries to sing along ends up looking like a fool? And what the hell does "Dien Bien Phu Falls" mean?

By the way, Billy. Sorry about the kid. We were all hoping that it would get Christie's body and your voice. Tough break. See you in court. Bring your checkbook.



# CH-CH-CHANGES

**Missing in Anaheim:** Val Gervin. Anyone reporting a verifiable sighting should contact the "Storm Front" as soon as possible. The last confirmed contact was made over five months ago.

**Heard from:** Roger Hanna. Alive and well in New York. However, he is "busy, busy, busy." He's designed two dances and figured out the incredibly complicated computerized light system all by himself. Sadly, his Macintosh is not currently operative. Send it a get well card.

**Unemployed:** Patrick Storm. Yes, after him quitting every couple of weeks, my dad finally just fired him. It's much simpler this way.

**Tired:** Tina Halstead. I'm not going to explain this in a family newspaper. Rent a copy of "Blazing Saddles."

**Released:** Jim Tribble. He's out of the army and back in Sacramento. Sounds like the tag-line for a horror movie, don't it?

## MOVE 'EM OUT

### Once More, With Feeling

The "Storm Front" has learned that the younger Niensens will once again attempt to set up independent housekeeping. The question on everyone's mind is "But, have they solved the O-ring problem?" No, that's not the right question, it's "Has God decided to leave them alone or is he getting ready for a really big whammy?"

For our readers who may not have the whole story, here is a quick update of the last few months:

- They move home after Chris has trouble finding a job quickly
- Pam is believed to be pregnant; a false rumor spread by anarchists no doubt
- Most of their possessions get stolen from the U-store place
- Chris' car gets mashed (near total) by some felons
- The police actually find the guy who stole their stuff; a significant portion is returned
- Chris' car gets fixed and now runs better than ever

So now they will try to move out again on Thanksgiving weekend. Pam is determined to be all set up in their new place for Christmas. Good for her. Everyone at Stormco International wish them the best of luck. And as a show of our support, we aren't even starting a pool on this move.

## Editorial

### Tis The Season . . .

In today's fast-paced world, the "season of joy" tends to get lost in the hustle. Who has time for good will towards men when they're fighting crowds at Nordstrom? You have to get gifts, send cards, plan dinners. And what about Thanksgiving? It should mean more than "all the sales start tomorrow." The pilgrims took time out of their busy schedules to have a party just because they were alive in this wonderful land that they were going to take away from the Indians.

Why can't we do the same? No, I'm not suggesting we drive all the people out of San Francisco and put them on a reservation in Modesto. Instead, take a quiet moment or two to think about how wonderful it is to be alive. Celebrate the potential of your future. For just a short time, forget the failings of the past and ignore the distractions of the present.

Now don't get me wrong. All that "don't worry, be happy" stuff is garbage. Sometimes bad dogs do happen to good people. We just have to learn to turn our back on them and leave them behind quickly because they can smell fear.

Grover once said "Where there is life, there is hope." The little blue guy has a point. Happy Thanksgiving.

## Really Trivial News

What percentage of stocks are traded entirely by computers?

What's special about the new Absolut Vodka advertisement in "Vanity Fair?" And how many times will the ad do it?

How many "farewell" shows have "Prairie Home Companion" done?

Which tobacco company owns Kraft?

Name at least one movie company now owned by the Japanese?

Why do you wrap a gopher in masking tape?

What are the seven functions of an operating system?

What are the three parts of a processor?

Which personal computer could burn up if you gave it a specific command?

Who draws the "Calvin and Hobbes" comic strip? Where did

he get the names?

When was "Bambi" originally released?

Besides Keaton and Nicholson, name one other male actor in "Batmen."

Which Muppets did Disney not buy?

What's the name of the new sex education ride at Epcot Center? Who sponsors it?

Which comedian ran for president against Nixon?

How much did the Reagans get for speaking in Japan?

Name two groups Steve Winwood