

# The DAILY MOTH

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*"My latest project is to sketch several careful descriptions for the benefit / of the next ancient world." —Jennifer Michael Hecht*

SPECIAL PROTOTYPE  
COLLECTOR'S EDITION.

**OUR MOTTO TO START:** Anything can happen.  
**OUR MOTTO FOREVER:** Root for the underdog no matter who they are.

SOON THIS SPACE  
WILL BE TOO SMALL.

## PREMIER CONCERNS

*STILL PREFERRING:* Poetry to comedy.

*STILL DECIDING:* Between the moustache and the beard.

*STILL WAITING:* To pronounce the year beginning with the word, "Twenty..."

*ALWAYS IN THE BACK OF OUR MIND:* Being hit by a dune-buggy on Fire Island.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

*FROM THE BEGINNING*  
we were looking for a way to distribute our work.

Zines: too messy. Books: too expensive. Blogs: too trivial. Literary Journals: too many problems to mention.

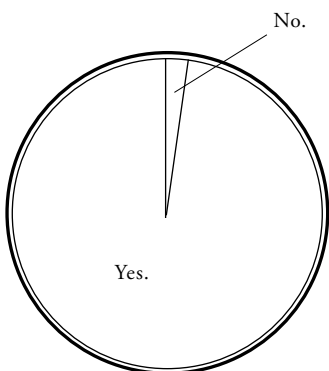
Taking a cue from Mr. Ed Park's literary side project (*nyghost.blogspot.com*), we have decided to bring you this emailed newsletter.

Its compact size and method of delivery is intended for quick and frequent distribution. We do now, and have always, encouraged file sharing.

Feel free to print out this, and subsequent issues, at your home or office. Or just read it from the screen, we don't really care.

You could call this our reluctant art. We dedicate this space to future glimpses of a living avant garde. —T.

## COLOSSAL YES



## TOP FIVE XMAS MOVIES

5. Brazil
4. Die Hard
3. Home Alone 2: Lost in New York
2. Gremlins
1. Eyes Wide Shut

## A NEW POEM

by Justine Wenger

YOU  
AS AN ORCHARD

The long arm cloak  
in the middle of the warm afternoon  
crippled

in mid-reverberation

hard pretending  
our insides stick  
out

The Tongue tied to a sleeve goes on  
a very long cross-country trek

with snacks and a back-pack

opening the zipper  
putting History into a machine  
shaking it  
so it's dancing

so it's static and gambling

Me and You  
in an orchard with a penny

your one arm extended  
ironing the scent  
of red apples.

*HERETOFORE: Let the internet be our mailman!*

BONUS QUESTION FOR OUR NEW MEDIA STUDIES PROFESSOR FROM SPRING 2004:

What's the difference between the Internet and the World Wide Web?

*WE WILL NOT: Have a website.*

*WE WILL NOT: Have a phone.*

*WE WOULD NOT: Check our voice messages if we did.*

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