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I want you to be very watchful, because I might say things that don't even rhyme.  
Even though it doesn't match, in the meantime you know about it.  
The main thing is that you know about.  
Gee I hope I can do something for you I really do.



That's something that moved into me one night  
It is whether I'm going to make it  
I want to make it, you know

When I'm in bed for example, praying or thinking about things  
I feel that something can happen to me and I can change  
Something for example, overnight



For example, just for example, I'll look at the obituary right here.

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## New focus after the fall

### Democrats refining their tactics after Coakley's Senate defeat

By Liz Sidoti  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Wounded in Massachusetts, frustrated Democrats on Wednesday urged the White House to focus on jobs and the economy — not the health care overhaul that's now at risk — and pressed President Obama to more forcefully make their case against Republicans ahead of potentially disastrous elections this fall.

On the day after the improbable Senate election of Republican Scott Brown in Massachusetts, Obama and his Democratic Party raced to re-evaluate their midterm election strategy, adjust their health care approach and assuage an angry electorate. The embarrassing defeat to the GOP in a Democratic stronghold was a bitter end to the president's first year in office, and it triggered furious party soul-searching.

"I would like the Democratic Party as a whole including its leader, the president, to speak clearly about the differences and to define those differences," Sen. Robert Menendez of New Jersey, chairman of the Senate Democrats' campaign effort, told The Associated Press. And it's not just about Republicans and Democrats, he said.

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U.S. Sen.-elect Scott Brown smiles as he addresses reporters during a news conference in Boston on Wednesday.

## Cold competition

### Funds for removing the white stuff intact

By Jennifer Robertson  
Staff Writer

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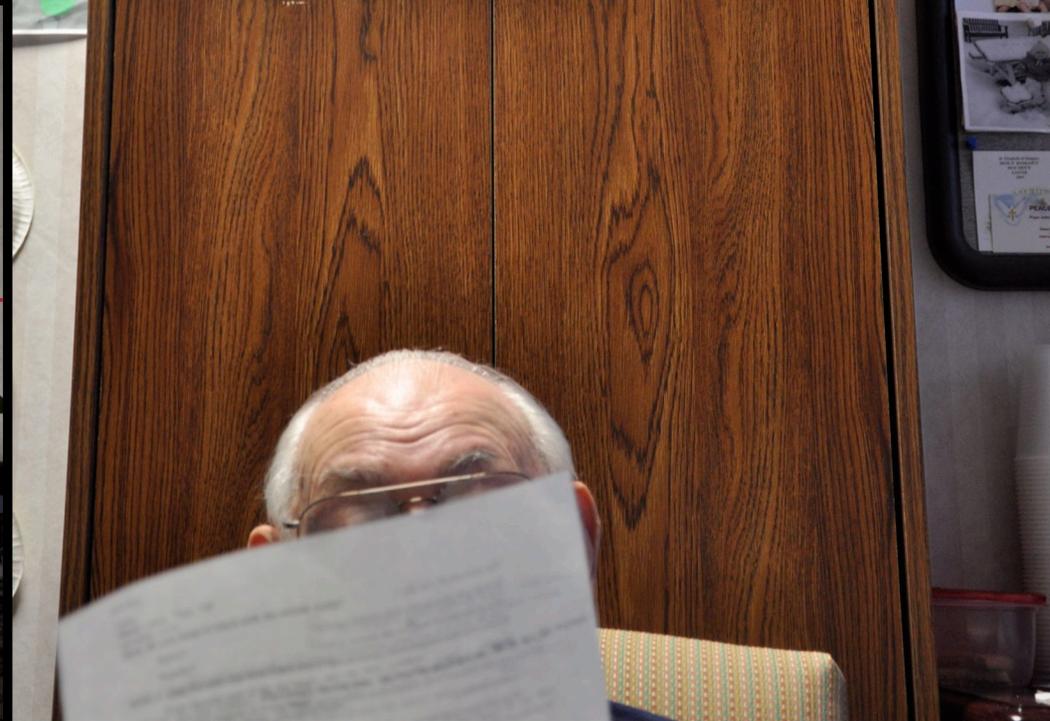
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## Big night at Drury

Canes, Devils battle in boys' hoops tonight/R1

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Hey! Men find plenty to love in big women.  
That's what it says.



I love you, I love them all. And that's the best part of it.

I did because there's no other place to go.  
I was home  
And if I couldn't be home where else could I be  
So I had no choice  
There was no option, you know  
So I had to be here  
So I did choose to be here



What's to say this isn't home in some ways? Sometimes you don't feel 100% always welcome. You're kind of, you're kind of a very long term guest perhaps, I would say. It's just, it's a college, ultimately you're never going to feel 100% at home because you're only going to be here for four years.

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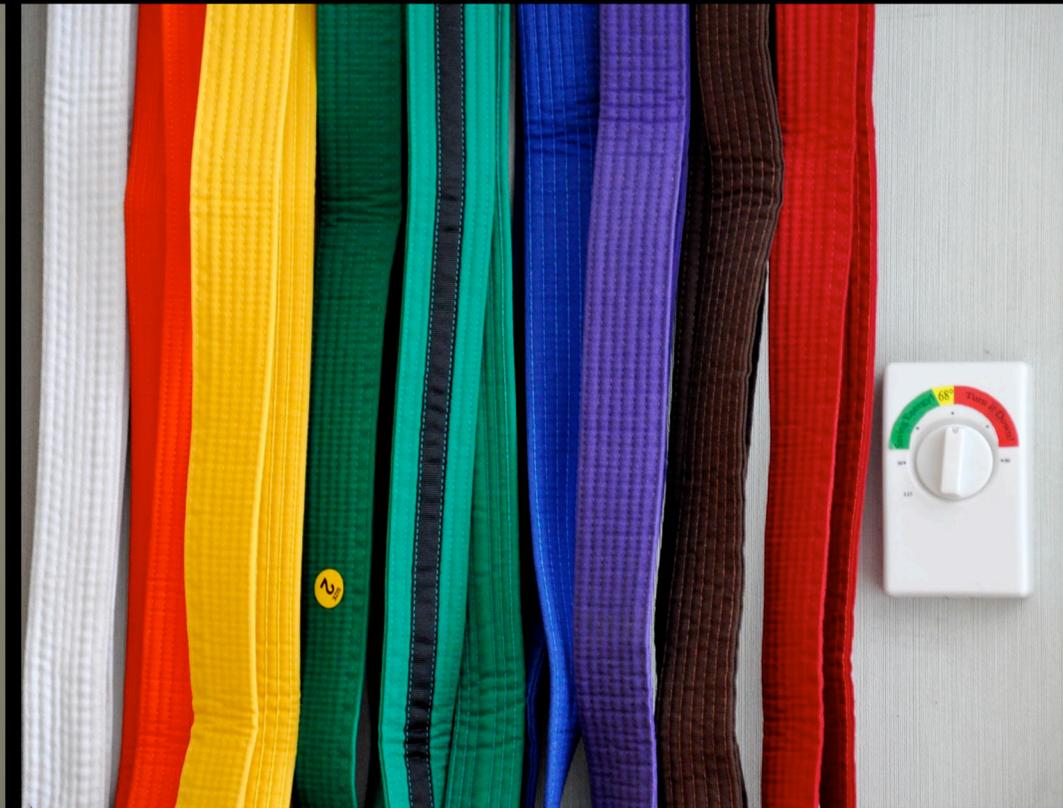
But for those first couple of weeks when...they're still kind of strangers to you that's when it felt the weirdest, it felt like I was always in a hotel for a couple of weeks. But once you get those personal connections that's when I would say it felt like home.



I've got a couple of girlfriends in Manchester right now. Wrote me a card yesterday. Nice girls, a lot younger than me.



This is a makeshift place.



I'm reminded that this isn't the way the world works at certain times, that it is artificial.



I guess at this stage in my life I'm glad that I'm still here doing this, pursuing an education because it's helping with my intellectual growth. But ultimately I feel like what I'm going through right now, there's an end reward for it given the way that our society works I'm happier than I'd be at a full time job.



Isn't it terrible that I can do all that stuff and I never went to school.



I'm the one that's giving you the lesson goddammit.



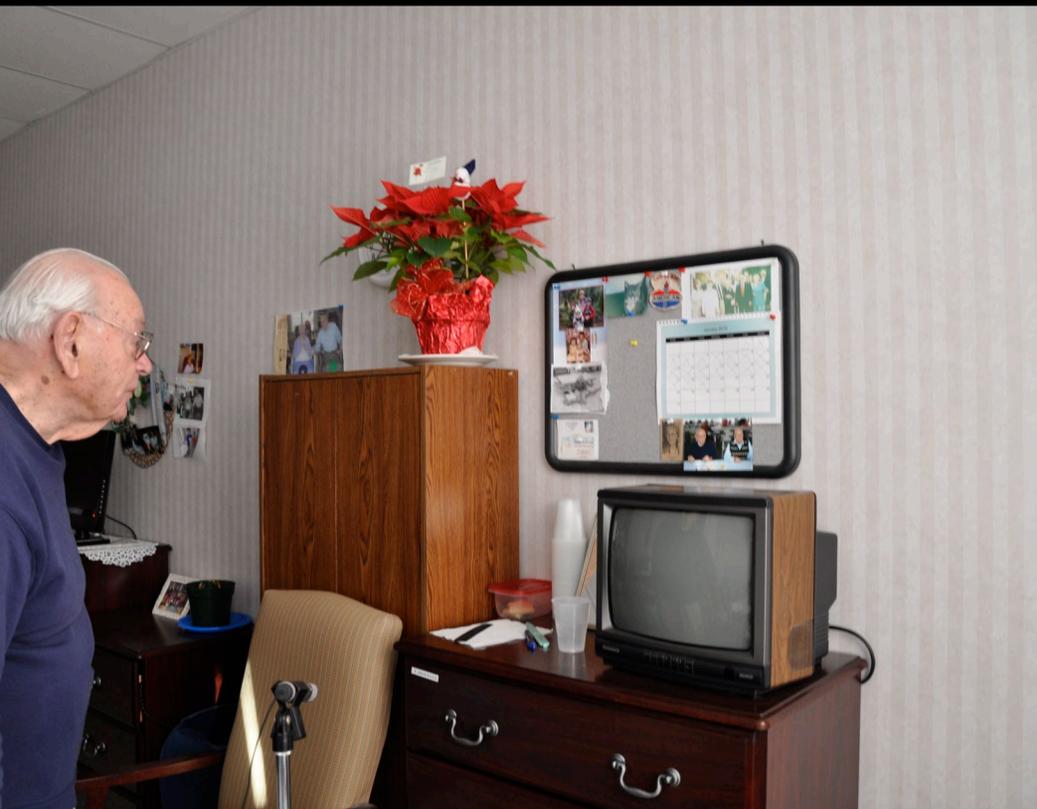
I'd never seen this building before. I had no idea how I'd be living here, I couldn't imagine that, it seemed completely, utterly unfamiliar, of course I didn't know where anything was and actually when I first came here it seemed cold, imposing in some ways.



It really doesn't feel like it has character and even the design with the weird hallways and stuff I remember hearing that that was designed to stop students from rioting.



I wake up in the morning and look outside and it's fantastic.



But those are in terms of personal significance I'd say the things on my wall are the most important to me.

Well, yeah my pictures, but they're, they just fill my room.



My shed is full of stuff.  
I've got tools coming out of my ears.



In fact, that I believe thing is nailed to the bench in the cellar where I used to work  
You've got to believe, that's the only thing that'll keep you together



I bet you don't know how I got this watch.  
Take a look at it, tell me if it came from where you think.  
Look around the whole watch.

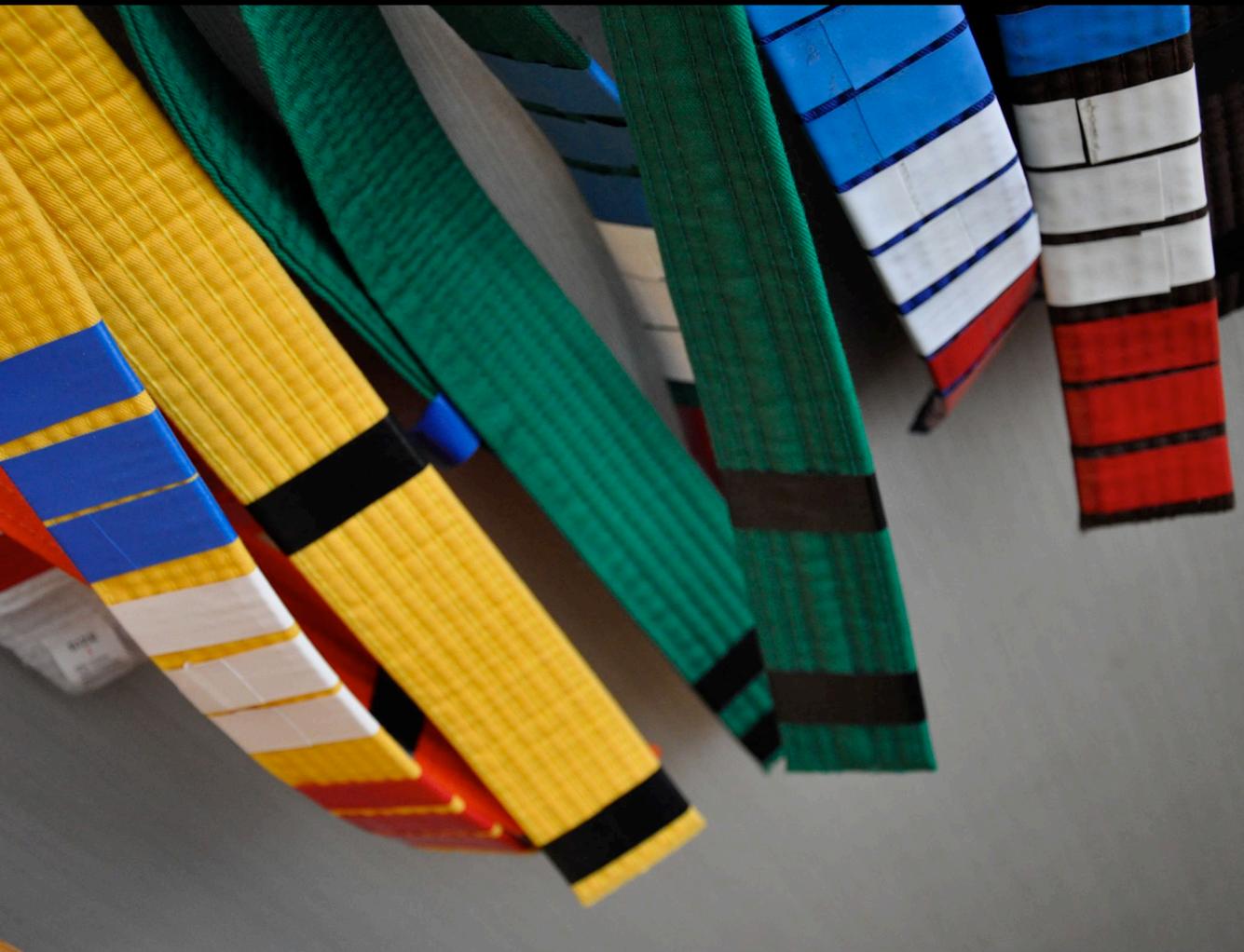
If I told you I got this off a dead body, what would you say?



Well look at it. See the green on it?  
The poor bastard. He's gone. I took it.  
I was there. And they were going to throw it away anyway.



The only thing I've ever done with this is put in one battery. He was on the floor, stuck on the floor. When I saw that I knew the only way to get him off the floor was hot water. I took the watch because they say take this, take that, get the hell out of there.



I think mostly I feel like an adult and have to be responsible.  
I'm simultaneously more dependent and more independent than when I was at home.  
I feel independent, you know, people come in here I know who the hell they are, they don't realize that.



Sometimes we play games stuff like that. I seldom go up, sometimes I'll read.

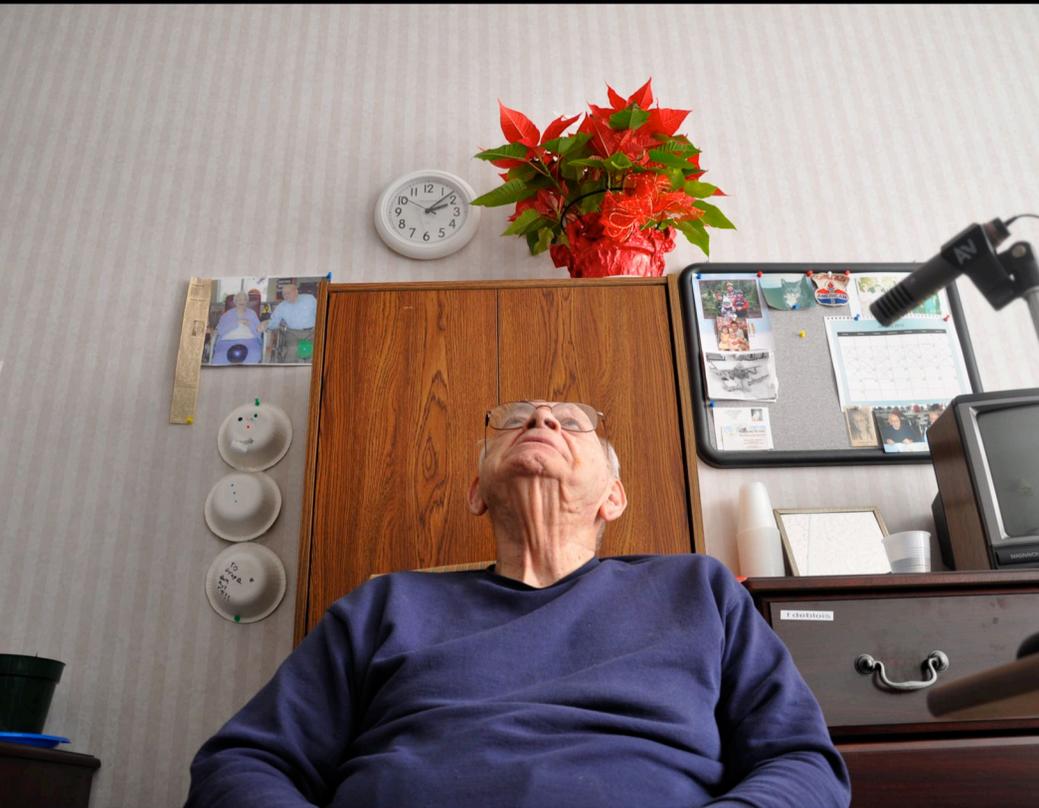
My common room is a place where I don't spend a lot of time.



Good lord's got me here for something  
He'll help you any way you want all you gotta do is talk to him



Maybe it's just a figure of imagination.



I know I was hijacked, I was on a plane that was hijacked



Oh we were on a plane, and we were on the tarmac there waiting for them to take off  
And all of a sudden this character opens the door with a gun and he says you know we're going to Cuba, yes it's Cuba,  
something



They shot him, customs shot the guy.



And I'll tell you one thing, here's what I remember  
All the girls wore these little pants that said Alleghany, Alleghany, that's what it was, Alleghany lions



There's some character he oh Christ he wanted to get off the plane, wanted to get off the plane, and I said well get the hell off the plane



We're going to stay, I'm going to Cuba, I've never been to Cuba.



So they shot him and killed him

Oh honey I want you to know everything's fine, put it all together  
Now with all the things I've told you and all the things we've talked about, do you think you  
could put it together?

Now there's one thing you shouldn't do  
Don't try to add to it  
Be calm, I think it will help you

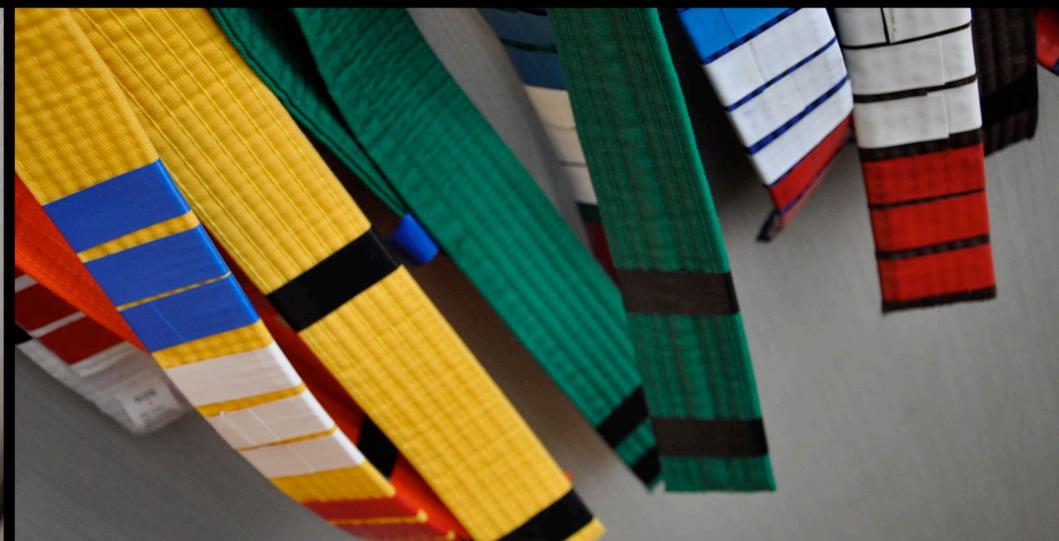


I'm a very hard man to get through to, you can see that.

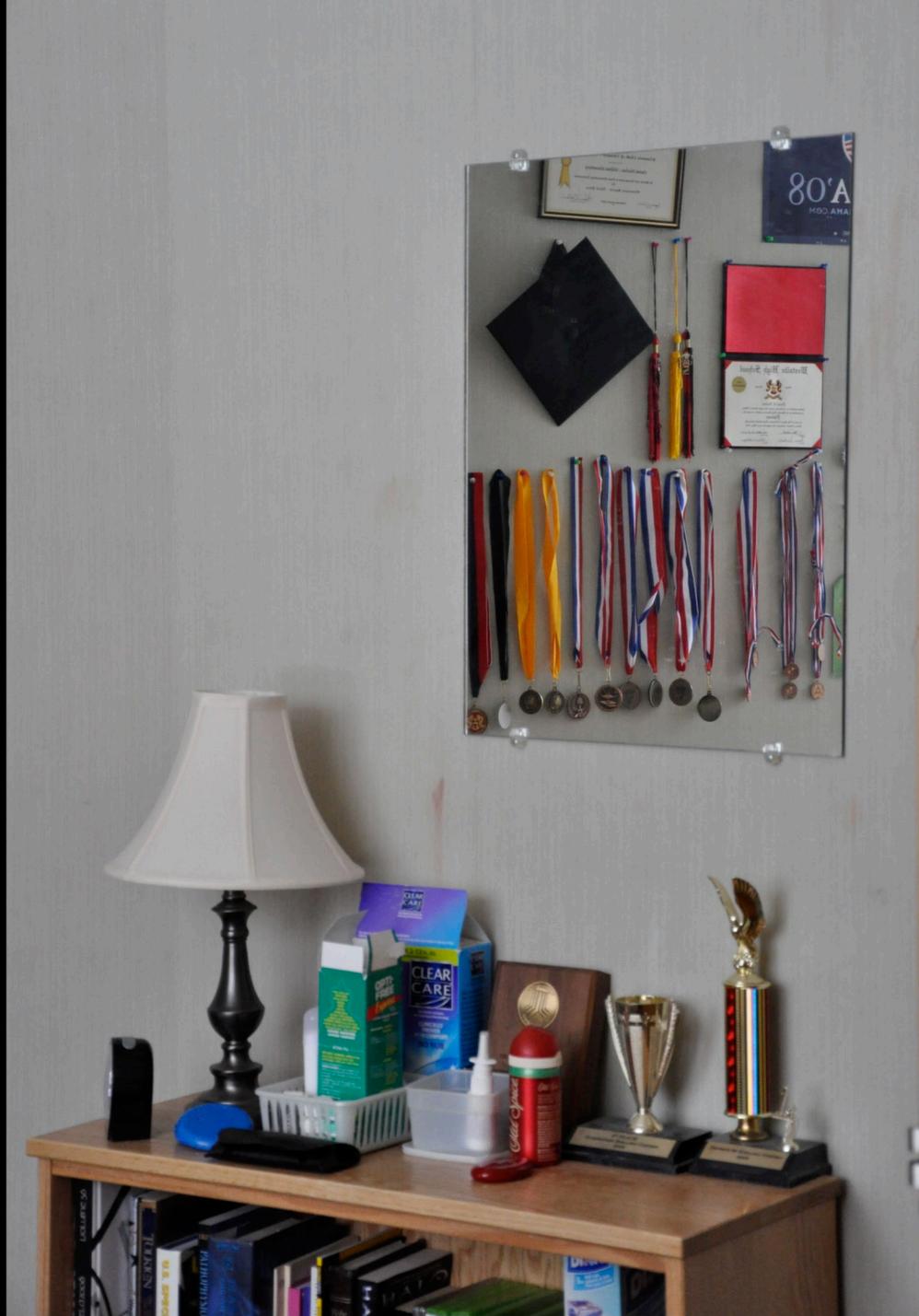
If you were in a store, and I knew you needed a car,  
or you had one and needed another one,  
I'd go up to you.

It never phased me to go up to people.

You should go to the kmart, stay there for an hour or 2.  
I bet you'd have 20 good prospects.  
What you're doing right now, I'm just a clog in the wheel.



They probably think that I don't know anything because a lot of people think that I'm a dummy and that's where I can show them differently



I will see to it that they are first



I could be different happy, but I'm happy now because of my conditions.



I love you, I love everybody and I love doing anything



I don't like everybody, sometimes I think they need to get their ass kicked



So help me goodness, when I used to be driving the firetruck down the main street and I used to be thinking about the things that I'm talking about because that's the way it goes  
Life is like that, life is like that



Hell no, I just fall in love the minute I look at anybody.  
But the thing is, how am I going to stay? Stay in love with them.



You know I think the good lord can put you up for 5 or 6. That's a lot  
Because you know it can happen very easily, very easily  
I got so many, you know

My poor girl is such a wonderful girl  
But I know for a fact there could be another one  
One or the other or something like that you know

And that's one of them I wonder where the hell she is  
She could be chasing me  
I'd like to find them before I die  
Because it could happen they'd be still here

[You can't find them again?]  
I don't know  
[You can't look her up?]  
I can't do that  
[Why not?]  
Because somebody has to find out.

You don't do that, I'll never know, never know  
God love her, but that's it

[I just don't see why not though]

You don't want to answer that you want to know why?  
It'll stay with you forever.

We shouldn't be talking like this what kind of a session is this?



Here they can provide many of the practical functions of a family. But the resilience of the relationship, you're related and you can't change that. Whereas here, you go to the same college but once you graduate you might not see these people for the rest of your life.



So I guess I miss them in the sense that they're my family and I have obligations to them.





I got a pie for 15 cents a blueberry pie from a woman down at the farmhouse  
And I brought it up and we sat in the grass and ate the pie at two in the morning



The substitute is only superficial.





It goes by so fast, oh it's terrific. I enjoy it. I'll tell you I really enjoy it.



I'm going to tell you one thing. I was a hustler and don't you think I wasn't.



To me, I conned a lot of people, you know, do it on purpose, you know  
But it's fun. That is the thing that used to help me, it was fun  
I enjoyed what I was doing



I don't feel as though I've worked hard.



I love the responsibility

I have a responsibility that I have to be careful that I'm going to stay here



I could say that I could be in two places at once



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BREAD, FRESH	1 EA
MARGARINE-1PC	1 PAT
MILK, WHOLE	8 OZ.
CAKE, SPICE W/TOPP	2" SQ
JUICE, PINEAPPLE	4 OZ
<del>QUICHE, CHEESE</del>	6" ROUND
VEG, PEAS	4 OZ
COFFEE	6 OZ.
EMPTY GLASS EA DRK	

I miss having a car in some ways because if I want to go somewhere and get something I have no way to do it. Aside from that there's not a whole lot I miss. My friends are here...



To me I don't care where I am, even right here with you.



How old are you 20, there you go, you've got 80 more years, holy Christ, that's wonderful, sure. 80 more years, 7 more cars!



I know someday you'll never never forget this because it'll be in you.

[Is there anything you would have done differently?]

Yes

[What?]

Twice as much!!!

I never knew you, but I know you now like a book. And I'm sure you know me.

