straighten up & fly right /1/ the plan

Among the goals written on the abbreviated list: a **thorough** cleaning of his apartment, laundry, **buying** a bigger CD shelf, **signing up for** a T'ai Chi course, cashing in a large jar of **loose change at** the bank, **updating** his **resume**, looking for a new job, and "**figuring out** the whole Melanie **thing**." Olson's plan to straighten out his life first thing Monday morning **got off the track** the evening **before**.

"I **was going to** go to bed early Sunday **so I could** get up early Monday and **start on** all my projects," Olson said. "But then I realized I could go to Rocky's, where they have **this** really **cool** thing called Rocky's Sunday Night Record Jam, where **this** guy spins all **these** really cool old vinyl records. I normally never **get to** go because I have to get up at 6 a.m. **Mondays**, so I **figured** this was my big chance. But then I **got** a little more drunk than **I'd planned**."

Having woken up Monday, a **hung-over** Olson decided it would be a "day of recovery" and vowed to begin **first thing** Tuesday. **After spending** most of Tuesday in his bathrobe re-reading *Harry Potter And The Chamber Of Secrets*, Olson finally went to the **basement** that evening to begin the first of his many projects. "I decided the first thing I was going to do was unpack all the **stuff** in the basement," Olson said. "When I opened the first box **marked** 'Magazines,' it had **nothing but** a **bunch** of socks and my electric pencil sharpener. I **got so pissed off** with my **lack** of organization, I went back upstairs and started watching TV."