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Lights and Party Make it to Methodist

*Cassandra Wells
Staff Writer*

What happened in Bern's stayed in Bern's the night of Sept. 13 for Casino Night. Upon entering Bern's, the student were given \$50,000 in play money to earn tokens at different tables that contained casino games.

The different casino games included Poker, in which each student would place their wagered tokens in the middle of the table. Then they were dealt a hand of cards. Whoever had the best hand of cards would win the tokens in the middle of the table. Craps involved players placing bets on the outcome of the roll of two dice. Roulette is a strategic game which players place bets on numbers one through thirty-six, red or black numbers and even or odd numbers. Then, the outcome of the spin of the roulette wheel would determine the winner. Black Jack consisted of players wagering and trying to get their cards to add up to the number



This game is sweet! Students playing Blackjack. Photo by Byron Lowe

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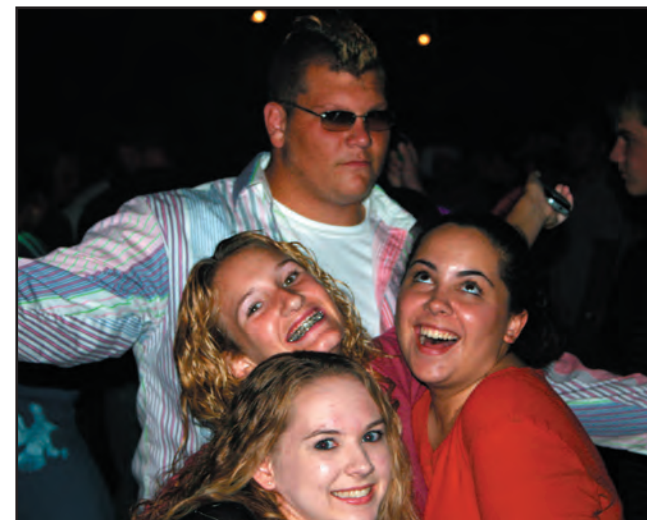
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Enjoy our first issue of the 2006-2007 year!



Oxygen? That's what's up! Students at the oxygen bar. Photo by Byron Lowe



He's just a ladies' man. Students enjoy the party. Photo by Byron Lowe

Roaring New Lion's Den

Byron Lowe
Staff Writer

Need a change of pace from your daily bread? Then please those taste buds and check out The Lion's Den. For those who do not know, the Lions Den is located upstairs in the Bern's Student Center, next to the Post Office.

You may have also noticed that for the last few weeks the restaurant has been under renovation. So what can we expect new from The Lions Den? To find out the answers to this, I sat down with the new General Manager of Lions Den; Ms. Peggy Dill.

So what will the 'new' Lions Den have to offer, and what can students look forward to?

- Well the new Lions Den has removed the old "cage look" and moved to an open comfortable modernized look, offering a new sitting area, longer service hours, and a wider variety of food to appeal to all.

- Morning person? The 'new' Lions Den now has a breakfast menu, where you can get a hot meal off the grill or a fresh muffin from their new bakery. Then warm up with 'Seattle's Best Coffee'. They also have espressos, lattes, and frappuccinos.

- Got Beef? They have expanded the grill to fit more cheese burgers!

- It doesn't stop there; The Lions Den now offers fresh salads and subs. So for all those healthy eaters out there, check out the Lions Den.

When can I go to the Lions Den?

Starting sometime between week 5 and 6, Hours will be:

- Breakfast: Mondays through Fridays from 7:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

- Sunday: 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

- Lunch/Dinner: Mondays through Fridays from 10:30 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. & Sunday: 10:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

- Closed on Saturdays

(Full menu was not available at press time.)



Look at that crowd at MC Late. Photo by Byron Lowe.



Busting moves on the dance floor. Photo by Byron Lowe



Getting lucky at poker. Photo by Byron Lowe.



Dude, do you smell that? Students inhale at the oxygen bar. Photo by Byron Lowe.



Dr. Cue putting on a pool trick show. Photo by Byron Lowe.



Students enjoy Dr. Cue's show. Photo by Byron Lowe

Casino

twenty-one without going over.

Casino games were not the only attraction that night. There was Dr. Cue, a national pool shark tricks champion. He did demonstrations of different pool tricks. Before demonstrating a trick, Dr. Cue commented, "This trick defies the laws of Newton, Einstein, Pythagoras, and Eucalyptus." Other attractions were an Oxygen bar which had students sniff different scents of oxygen to help purify and relax their body.

Many athletes and actors use it. While playing the casino games students could watch music videos displayed on the big screen television.

At the end of the night students turned in their tokens to receive more play money. With the money they would buy tickets that were worth \$10,000 each. From there, the student would place their tickets in bags for a chance to win the prize. One prize winner had about 80 tickets and won a stereo. Other prizes included a DVD player, two CDs, two DVDs, a golf book, a sports book, a laundry set and a poker pack.

When interviewing Doris Jackson, she said that this was one of the biggest Student Activities Committee events of the year. "S.A.C meets 9pm every Tuesday at Chris' house. We need people to get involved as much as we can."

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NEWS

Convocation Mourns September 11th Attacks

Ashley Young
News Editor

Methodist College's annual Convocation was held on September 11 of 2006 in the Reeves Auditorium. This year's Convocation marked the forty-fifth academic year of Methodist College.

The program began with Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, the President here at Methodist, opening with an invocation in the form of a prayer. Immediately following, One Spirit, performed the song for which they were named "Many Gifts, One Spirit," by Allen Pote.

Ensuing One Spirit's production, Mr. Robert McEvoy, the Athletic Director, presented athletic

awards to three students who had both remarkable Grade Point Averages and displayed talent in their athletics. The first award went to Kayla Talbert, a softball player for 2005-2006 who has a GPA of over 4.0. Steve Cornelius received the next award for baseball in 2005-2006 and he also had a GPA of over 4.0. The final award, the Sykes Cup, went to Charlotte Williams for the Outstanding Athlete of the Year. She plays women's golf, was previously elected player of the year, and was honored by the NCAA.

Mr. Kevin Page, the President of the Student Government Association, then greeted us and brought the assembly under a more serious note. He shared with everyone a story about the people's "will to lead" in the Flight United 93 on September

11, 2001. Mr. Page related the people's "will to lead" on Flight United 93 to everyone at Methodist in the sense that we need to go forth into the world as leaders of this nation rather than followers.

Finally, the Reverend Dr. Michael W. Safely, who is the Vice President for Church and Community Relations and the College Chaplain finished off the program. He too spoke of September 11, 2001 by pointing out how regular citizens became rescuers and how in a time of tragedy everyone could come together to help one another. Lastly Dr. Safely challenged us to be a creative community for debate on positive issues and asserted that the greatest thing we can do is to do our part to improve the world.

Survey Insert

We will use this survey to measure a number of things including how successful we are in providing interesting content, the most popular newspaper

pick-up sites, and changes we need to make. Because students usually don't turn in surveys, a prize will be awarded to each participating student. To turn in this survey, please cut it out and bring it to the Student Media office located upstairs in Berns offices 9 and 10.

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How often do you read smallTALK?

Where do you usually pick up your issue of smallTALK?

What section of smallTALK do you enjoy most?

What do we not have in the paper that you would like to see more of?

How can we improve the content of the newspaper?

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Creekside Offers Many Features

David Santiago
Opinions Editor



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The kitchen comes with a refrigerator, oven, dishwasher and wood cabinets. Also tall stool chairs are in place on the opposite side of the counter.



As if the cabinets weren't too much already, pretty much all storage space problems are solved by the walk in pantry located in the kitchen.



The bedroom is standard with a bed with adjustable height, desk, dresser, two stackable drawers, and a small bookshelf.



Probably the most exciting feature for most students is every bedroom has its own bathroom with shower, just for the student who lives in that room.

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(Horner Administration Building).



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Balloon Animals , 4D Theater Kick Off MC Late Nights

Cassandra Wells
Staff Writer

The first MC Late Night started out with a bang on Aug. 23.

The husband and wife team, Lester and Susan McNeely, were big hits. Lester, the balloon man, has been in the balloon business for 32 years and started in college.

When asked why he liked doing this so much, he replied, "It was either this or get a job." Susan has been doing body art for 18 years. Lester taught her to do the body art, he said,

"She's so much better, I just let her do it."

Other activities of the night included a 4-D theater. The groups that watched had to wear a pair of glasses, to get the 4-D experience. The group of people were going back in time to the Jurassic period

with a robot guide who got separated from the group. The group had encounters with a T-Rex and could feel its breath. Other encounters included giant jelly fish that seemed like they were coming out of the screen. At the end, the robot guide led everyone back to safety and had to decontaminate them.

The other activity of the night included caricature drawings. There was a long wait, but it was worth it. The artists there did different scenes from the beach, skiing, golfing, and shopping.

There were free tee-shirts that had MC Late Night on the Front and the Fall 2006 MC Late Night schedule on the back.

The free food included pizza, a vegetable tray, cookies, rice krispie treats, and free drinks. There was an Italian ice stand. While waiting in line for the different activities a person could listen to the music the DJ

Opinions



What Grinds My Gears

Justin Morehead

What Really Grinds My Gears About "Never Forgetting"

I write this on the anniversary of the infamous 9-11 strike on the World Trade Center. On September, 11 2001 two planes were hijacked and flown into New York City's two legendary towers. Five years since the attack, we are still holding on too tight.

As I walked around today, I read and heard the events of 9-11 glorified by "We Will Never Forget."

Of course we won't forget what happened. But when is it time to let go? The post 9-11 America is an America divided. Red states and blue states. Christians and Muslims. Left and Right. What is really happening?

There is an epic battle of fundamentalism. You have a country full of people believing that you must declare Jesus Christ to be your Lord and savior or you will burn in a fiery mythological hell. You have another country believing that if you don't kill yourself and all of the Christians that you too are going to burn in a fiery mythological hell. Of course this is a ridiculous generalization, but these are the people that, legitimately or illegitimately, control the countries involved.

The United States is not a Christian Nation. Right, and Al Sharpton is white.

It is true that you can practice whatever religion you wish in this country, but when you are trying to establish a coun-

ty rooted in morals and family values as opposed to a good economy and compassion, you have to look at the source of these ethics. We aren't just bending over and letting them fall out, that is for sure. They are re-worded, regurgitated interpretations of the Christian Bible.

A lot of people were killed and many families were emotionally scared as a result of 9-11, but let's track this religious and social issue from the beginning.

In 1095 the First Crusade took place under the charge of Pope Urban II. This was when Christians slaughtered Muslims to regain control of the Holy Land. During the Siege of Antioch, the Crusaders practiced cannibalism while taking over the Arab town of Ma'arrat al-Numan.

Time warp with me. 1492. "In 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue." Not only did he do this, but he helped start the beginning of Native American persecution and Genocide.

Flashback. American had slaves for a long time. I don't really need to go into that, but it is another example of a white man thinking that something is his to own and control because it is new and not white.

August 6, 1945- America blew up Japan. We directly killed an estimated 80,000 people and indirectly killed an estimated 60,000 people. As a result of Pearl Harbor, it is easy to say that they had it coming, but this Christian Nation surely did not turn the other cheek.

Maybe Americans should invest a little belief in Karma. Things might make a little more since.

Do not misunderstand me. What happened five years ago was horrible. I have nothing but the deepest sympathies for those affected. I just think that enough is enough. It is time to get going. So please, no more Power Point presentations and no more Toby Keith songs.

From the Editor

Dear readers,

Thank you for picking up our first issue of smallTALK. As you can see, we are making many changes this year to make a better quality paper for you. However, we cannot make a paper better for our readers without knowing what they want, so please complete the survey on page three.

The staff and I will accept ideas for stories, submitted photos and contributing articles. Contact us via e-mail (ashgenova@yahoo.com) or stop by our office (Room 10, Bern's Center).

At Convocation, SGA

President Kevin Page encouraged students to become involved on campus and I also encourage you to take action. If you have a complaint and do not act on it, you have no right to complain.

The students at Methodist have the potential to be a powerful influence through organizations such as SGA, RHA and smallTALK. The administration and trustees hear these voices, but the groups are too small to encompass the entire Methodist community.

Shout out, students. Do not sit idly wishing for reforms- make them happen.

Ashley Genova,
Editor-in-Chief

WOMEN'S WELLNESS
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Are you interested in becoming a Campus Police Officer? Are you inquisitive about the job of a law enforcement officer and would like to learn more about what they do? Are myths about police officers really eating away at you and you want to get the real scoop?

If the answers to any of the above questions are "YES", then the Methodist College Campus Police Ride-A-Long Program is for you.

The Methodist College Public Safety Department would like to extend an invitation to members of the college community to join our Campus Police Section for their day-to-day activities through the campus Ride-A-Long Program opportunity. We try every day to recognize the needs of our community and to provide the best service possible. We would like to share our experiences with anyone interested in taking part in this program.

The participant will be allowed to accompany the police officer and observe as the officer responds for calls for service, provides police coverage, and performs daily functions as required throughout the course of their tour of duty. This is also a chance for interested members of the community to get to know their police and security personnel.

In order to participate in the Ride-A-Long Program, any campus community member—student, faculty, or staff member— must complete in writing a signed request for participation, and submit the request to Chief Wilford Saunders. All applications for participation will be evaluated. Upon approval by the Chief, the applicant will receive a written release form complete with instructions and details about the program.

If you are interested in sharing in the campus police experiences, please contact Sergeant Dawn Hamerla at 630-7149.

Remille's Ramblings

Remille Shipman
Sports Editor



I figure that everyone in the Methodist community that did not attend summer school had a good three-month off season, so to speak. I actually did attend summer school, so my break wasn't as long as everyone else, but I can officially say that I am tired of talking about this summer. The new "season" is in full swing, people.

With this in mind, I have decided to make some minor change to "Remille's Ramblings", first being the name.

The revelation came to me when the word "rhetoric" was discussed in one of my courses this semester. According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, the word "rhetoric" is defined as "the art of speaking and writing effectively." Wikipedia.org also describes the word as the art of technique and persua-

sion by the use of language. Since I do that to an extent anyway, I figured that the word rhetoric blew away the word ramblings.

I also wanted to change the tone of the column somewhat. Now those who read my column last year realized that I pointed out a lot of things that were going wrong or seemed to be going wrong at Methodist College. Most of these complaints I feel were justified, but let's just say that I was a bit impulsive on some statements that I made last year.

My previous readers, my advisor and Editor-In-Chief experienced my gaffes with the STD rates on campus and the USA South's policy for charging for postseason games. I don't think these things will happen again because I've made a concerted effort to be more positive in 2006-2007.

I feel that a more positive vibe would help Methodist College in a number of ways. Let's face it, ladies and gentle-

men. Everybody here-I don't care whether they are a freshman or an upperclassman-seems to burn out on MC around late October or November. They burn out on their sport; they burn out on their roommate, they complain about the food. But look at it this way: There are people out there that are too poor or too unfortunate to even attend ANY college, not just Methodist. I want to try to encourage everyone to smile this year and try to find the silver lining.

Don't get me wrong. When I see something that is legitimately wrong, I'll let the Methodist community know. But I think last year I was occasionally acting like a bitter housewife or spoiled brat who thought that their problems were comparable to the current conflicts in the Middle East. But I'm going to look at things more optimistically.

A Voice From The Wilderness

David Santiago



People ask why I study religion. In truth, religion in general tells me more about who I am and what it means to be human. It shows me what the real questions in life are. We all seek answers and meaning in life. Yes, religions seem to start with fear, but they always seem to grow beyond it (although fundamentalism always manages to be a thorn in the side of every faith).

Generally, what happens is while primitive religion relies on sacrifice to please people's perception of God, there always seems to be a shift to spirituality that seeks to achieve an inner peace. Such spirituality offers a way to cope with life rather than live in fear.

Hinduism began as tribal cults that made sacrifices to gods. Later, Gurus taught more philosophical views, offering a way to achieve a unity with "god". Sacrifices gave way to, or were incorporated with, yoga and meditation. Rather than fear, spirituality became more of a way of life in which one sought to transfigure to a higher reality. Gurus of the Vedic period compared this to finding a hidden treasure. This is extremely close to another religious movement.

A nomadic people came to power in modern day Israel, practicing a religion that sought to please their one god through sacrifice, law, and ritual purity.

But as time marched on, a working class man began a teaching of faith that emphasized spirituality as a way to enter or bring about a "Kingdom of Heaven." Jesus of Nazareth spoke of a kingdom that was like a hidden treasure. Doubt may exist in the historical facts, but Jesus defiantly said something worth hearing, something about more than appeasing the angry old man in the sky.

Some may wonder if I am trying to say all religions are valid and lead to God. That's not what I am saying. Honestly I don't know. I see good teachings in all religions. So how am I a Christian? Again, I can't say for sure. But the natural way of all religions tells me something about what it is to be a human being and who or what "God" is to me. All people of all faiths want answers. I get angry at God just like everyone else. But at the same time, that's part of the essence of faith right there. We seek something deeper than our everyday struggles to give us meaning. We seek salvation from the hell that is the emptiness in our lives. Feelings of anger and doubt are as much a part of faith as is inspiration. Faith will often leave us feeling faithless, but it is the only thing that gets some of us out of bed every morning.

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The Love Doctors

Darlene Hopkins, Director of Counseling and Psychological Services
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Although the situations are inspired by counseling conversations over the years, the situations used in this column are fictional and bear no relationship to real people or real events. If you would like to suggest a conversation as a topic for a future column, please send it to the editor at ashgenova@yahoo.com. If you would like a confidential reply to a letter, you may send it to Darlene Hopkins, Center for Personal Development, via campus mail: dhopkins@methodist.edu.

Dear Love Doctors,

I have a feeling I am not the only one with this problem. My fiancé is deployed in Iraq and I am having a hard time adjusting. I am lonely and worried, but also angry. Don't get me wrong, I am proud that my fiancé is willing to serve his country, but I am mad at him for risking his life. I cannot see how his death could have any good effect on this sorry state of affairs our world is in.

I am also mad that since we are not yet married the military will not even acknowledge me as a person in need of support. The military wives I have reached out to have no place for me in their organizations. I feel bad all of the time because I think that I should be a better person and be worried and supportive. Almost all the time I am just mad. How can I get past this?

Mad in Fayetteville

Dear Mad,

Don't feel bad because you are angry at the situation. I think anyone with deployed loved ones feels that same mix of pride for their selflessness, anger for the risks they take, and fear that they won't return. You may not understand why your fiancé feels the need to put himself in such danger, but he knows why this is his duty and what he is accomplishing. Whenever you worry about him, you can think of why this is so important to him.

Like your fiancé who is fighting, you can make a difference at home. If you can't find a support group for someone like yourself, why not make one? There are many people affected by military deployments that are not spouses or children: parents, siblings, friends, boyfriends, girlfriends, and even fiancés. You can create a group so that all these people that the military forgets will feel included and you'll find that you are not alone in your anger.

Dear Mad,

Of course you are mad! Anger is a big part of the grieving process and you are grieving the temporary, and potentially permanent loss, of the love of your life. Expressing your feelings is the only way through this. Please find someone to talk to you who will not judge you but will instead hear all you struggle with. If you have no such person in your life, or even if you do and you are afraid of wearing him or her out, professional counseling is an excellent option for you. Don't allow yourself to become isolated from other people. Isolation only makes you bitter.

Often, doing something constructive with your anger is a good way to work it out. Consider joining a cause and working for what you believe in. One advantage to not yet being connected to the military is that you can freely engage in political activities that are more difficult for military wives to be involved in.

Please take good physical and spiritual care of yourself while you go through this difficult time.

Best wishes, Darlene

Good luck, Ashley

Soar with Eagles..... Dive with Divas!



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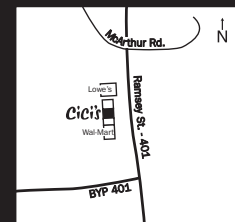
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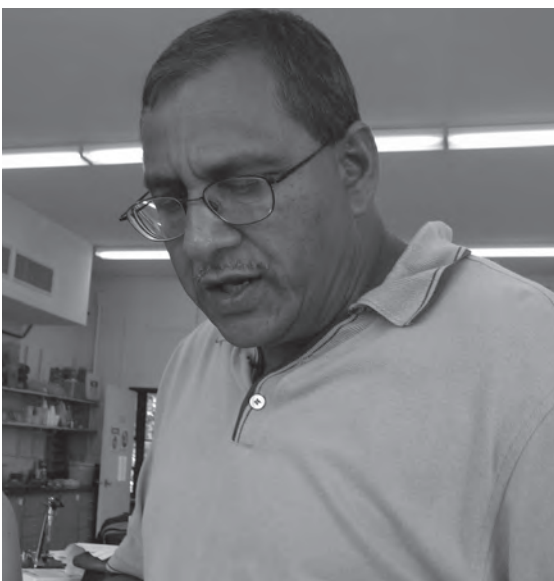
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"What is an acid?"
- Dr. Singh

"It's not a base!"
- Hannah Kinlaw

"A base is a substance which has a free pair of electrons to bind a proton."

"An acid (is) a compound which donates a hydrogen ion to another compound."

-Wikipedia



Hannah Kinlaw writes notes.

"What is the o
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CHEMICAL FUN! OVERHEARD IN CLASS...

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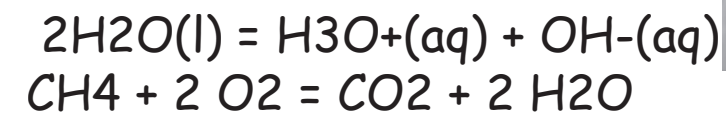
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-Wikipedia



Hannah Kinlaw writes notes.



"That looks all Greek to me."
-Hannah Kinlaw



"I tried to relate this to what we learned last time... It relates to everything!"
-Christian Christianson

"Chemistry deals with.... materials encountered in everyday life."
-Wikipedia

David Morris quietly attempts to unravel the mysteries of chemistry.



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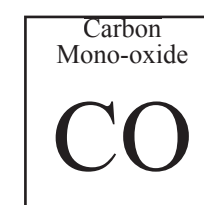
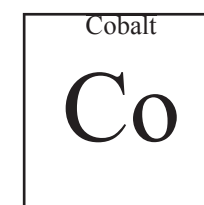
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"What is the difference between the sign for Cobalt and that for Carbon Mono-oxide?"

- Evans Kessey



R.A.D.

The Crime Prevention Office offers the **Rape Aggression Defense Course**. This course is taught by females for females. Dates are being selected now for the upcoming class; enrollment will follow immediately thereafter.

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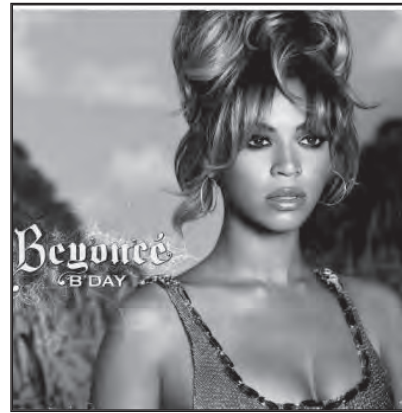
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Entertainment

Beyonce's B'Day

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Beyonce has awed us all on her new release "B'DAY". The superstar has gone from an "Independent" girl to "Cater to You" woman to "Suga Mama". Can your fans really handle this, B? The Grammy-winning diva, who has just celebrated her 25th birthday, is showing the world who really is in control with songs such as, "Ring the Alarm", "Irreplaceable" and "Kitty Kat". Such songs make you wonder if Jay-Z should be watching his back. Beyonce has admitted, on an interview with BET that she wrote her songs for all the

women she knew going through crisis described in her songs and they had nothing to do with her personal life. We should probably take her word for it; Beyonce has always been a private young woman and would never dare describe her personal life in her songs, would she? I am expecting "B'Day" to light up the charts this fall—"I swear its déjà vu", to "Touching my Body" or cry to "Ride for You".

Derek Trucks Band: Best Live

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The Derek Trucks Band: Live at Georgia Theatre was nominated for the 2003 Grammy Award's best live album. It features the genius of Derek Trucks and his band. The album features blues, jazz, r&b, and eastern influences. It opens up with the Latin based "Ka-Ma-Lay." The album also features the jazz classic "Angola." Mike Mattison's rough vocals teamed with the control and soul of Truck's slide playing make for an amazing dup. Kofi Burbridge lends his

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"The Covenant" Shall Not Scare

Roger Moore
The Orlando Sentinel
(MCT)

Let us read now from The Book of Damnation, from which so many "clues" to the mystery of "The Covenant" are revealed.

Thou shalt creep thy audience out, with, if all else fails, spiders.

Thou shalt cast thy fantasy with all manner of hotties, male and female.

Thou shalt Be Like "Buffy," and light and shoot this thing accordingly.

Thou shalt look for the odd laugh.

Thou shalt scare. Well, OK, four out of five will do. There's this coed prep New England prep school, Spencer, where all the hot-young-things live in coed dorms, party on the beach and set the stage for Harvard and the wealth and success that will follow.

The Lords of Spencer? They would be "The Sons of Ipswitch," boys descended from the first families of a nearby town. Caleb, Pogue, Reid and Tyler are hunks with attitude. They call themselves "The Covenant." The other boys hate them. "You posers make me puke!"

The Covenant fret not over the haters. Because they have magical powers. They can talk on their cells and speed in their Mustangs at the same

time. Until they wreck. There's a catch — "use" those powers and you age ridiculously fast. They're 17, and just want to revel in their magic and their hormones. But sooner or later, one or more will admit, "I like to use."

New girl Sarah (Laura Ramsey, sort of Paltrow-lite) falls for sensitive Caleb (Steven Strait — yes, that's his name). Pogue (Taylor Kitsch, ditto) loves and fights with Kate (Jessica Lucas). Reid (Toby Hemingway) and Tyler (Chace Crawford) are bad-eyed and loveless. Wait for them to start a bar fight.

And then a wild card, Chase (Sebastian Stan), rolls in, and weirdness occurs. Specters appear. Somebody dies.

All of this happens as Caleb looks after his drunken mom (Wendy Crewson of "24") on the eve of his 18th birthday, the day that he "ascends" and earns even greater powers, powers which he must avoid using. But which we know he will.

Consider for a moment the downward spiral of Renny Harlin, the Finnish flop once married to Geena Davis, once director of a "Die Hard" movie. "Cutthroat Island" ended their marriage and his career. He's been doing bad horror movies ever since. It's a miracle that he doesn't read the box office grosses of the newer pirate movies and open a vein.

He still can stage a decent battle royale. But he couldn't scare a mouse. Nor does "The Covenant."

Who is Screwing Up America?

Zach Yonk
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With the release of *110 People who are Screwing up America* (and *Al Franken is #37*), the updated version of the previously-released New York Times Bestseller, some people on the Left, and maybe just a few on the Right, may complain that the author, Bernard Goldberg, is actually a reincarnation of Howard Beale. Beale, whom many film critics remember as Peter Finch's insane character from the 1976 movie *Network*, is notorious for the famous line, "I'm as mad as hell, and I'm not going to take this anymore!" The title of the book suggests the kind of anger and radicalism that Finch gives to his character, but the content of the book certainly does not.

As with his other bestsellers, *Bias* and *Arrogance*, Goldberg writes with a common-sense style that is very amusing yet very sobering. When one gets past the many humorous anecdotes, he or she may sigh with grief at the ridiculous antics that some of the people who are lucky, or unlucky, enough to make Goldberg's list, are so famous for.

Scarily enough, a lot of the people on the list are not mere kooks; some are politicians in high places, some are the

leaders of influential "interest groups", and some are outspoken professors at prestigious universities. Of course, these aren't the *only* people Goldberg chooses to write about. The United States, a nation of over 330 million, is certain to have kooks springing up from somewhere. Not many people are going to agree with every entry, even I don't, but I'm sure that's exactly what Goldberg anticipates when he writes, "...there won't be two people in this country who agree with every name on my list..."

Now, this book certainly has some deficiencies, for at the end of the day, authors rarely escape criticism's quills. Some of the individuals on the list garner more detail than others. Goldberg dedicates more to Matthew Lesko, the late-night commercial man with the question-mark emblazoned suit, at #99, than he does to Ken Lay, the former CEO of Enron, at #45. It seems that some of the entries are intentionally brief, in effect sacrificing reason for the sake of humor. For example, at #95, Goldberg gives us reason for placing Courtney Love on the list in one word: "HO".

Frankly, I don't think Love is relevant enough to be on the list. Michael Jackson has only one sentence to his name, at #90, which is "If I have to explain this to you, you shouldn't be reading this book!" While that line is quite amusing, I think that more can be written about

Jackson, because the whole idea behind the book is to explain not just who is screwing up the country, but *how* he or she is doing it.

Then again, one can use that age-old defense, "less is more", to justify the author's reasons for that.

Also, a few of the people on the list are women whom Goldberg refers to as "sex warriors". If one looks at American history, he or she stumbles across the fact that the feminist movement of the late 1960's and early 1970's is all but dead, since most of the poster-babes of that movement are now in their twilight years. How can anyone feel that someone like Gloria Steinem screws up America? She doesn't do anything!

You certainly don't have to agree with Bernard Goldberg to enjoy this book, and it helps when the 330-page length, which sounds atrocious to many a reader, gallops along at a reasonable pace.

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Who do you think is screwing up America? Let us know and you could appear in the next issue! Send your ideas and explanations to ztyonk@yahoo.com.

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The Y Factor

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First up was Sweet Briar (September 1), who lost in three straight sets 19-30, 22-30, and 26-30. Then again in the rematch on September 2, Sweet Briar lost to Methodist again in three straight sets 30-28, 30-19, and 30-18.

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For the first two sets the Monarch girls seemed unstoppable. They had an excellent game plan: play together as a team, use three plays each time (bump, set, spike), and play hard. The plan worked, and the women found themselves up two sets to none.

The visiting Jaguars would not be deterred and put forth an applauding effort in the third set. Spellman started the set by going up five to zero, and then kept it close till the end of the set.

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The next home game for the Lady Monarchs is September 20 against Averett University. Game time is 7 p.m.

Sports Teams Honor 9/11

David Aldridge
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On this day, in a stadium that's not a half-hour from the Pentagon, and closer still to the White House and U.S. Capitol — into one of which United Flight 93 would likely have crashed if not for the actions of true American heroes — it's difficult to concern oneself with sports.

Throughout the morning and afternoon, in and around nearby Washington (the Redskins opted a decade ago to build FedEx Field in suburbia, instead of in the city), there were wreaths and solemn speeches and remembrances of those who died, both here and in New York. The scars are, if not fresh, right beneath the surface, a shuddering memory triggered by the slightest impulse. People died this day five years ago because of a twisted idea, held in the hands of madmen.

In the midst of terror, in the middle of a war not yet won and seemingly years from completion, it was fair to ask what possible role a game between the Redskins and Vikings — in a stadium ringed with security because it's considered such a prime target for terrorists — could play.

It was hard to look at the pregame pomp, the hype generated by the season's first Monday night, with the dozens of cameras and hundreds of personnel on hand, and not feel just a little uneasy. Was this the right day for ESPN to roll out the Next Big Thing? (With apologies to my friend Tony K.)

In Washington, the owner's box is always filled with the famous and the powerful. So here came an Academy Award-winning actor, Jamie Foxx; there went Tom Cruise, with Katie Holmes — Holmes inexplicably wearing three-inch heels so that she towered even higher over the already-diminutive Cruise.

Here came Redskins defensive coordinator Gregg Williams, normally quite the condescending one with the media, out of Washington's locker room before the game, his hand around the shoulder of ... Bernard Shaw, the former CNN anchor.

And here came new NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, at his third game in five days, having taken in the season lid-lifter in Pittsburgh on Thursday and the Manning Bowl at the Meadowlands on

Sunday night.

"I'm not sure I can keep it up," Goodell said with a laugh before kickoff.

True story: In 1987, Goodell, already a rising executive in the league, called a just-out-of-college kid and offered him a job in public relations in New York. The kid thought about it and said, "Thanks, but no thanks, I'm going to stay on this side of the fence and work in newspapers." Goodell, of course, went on to become one of the two or three most powerful sports people on earth. The kid, who could have been, at the least, at the right hand of that most powerful man, is now writing what you're reading. What a doofus, that kid.)

Nor was it settling to have a normal pregame fireworks display. The last thing you needed to hear this day was any kind of explosion.

But then, the 90,000 or so fans in attendance, including those with painted bodies and those sporting pig snouts, began to wave the American flags handed to them as they entered, and the marching band began playing "You're a Grand Old Flag," and a quintet composed of one singer from each of the five services sang the national anthem, and the crowd chanted, "USA, USA."

Do you smell the old chestnut coming about sports being a healing balm for a grieving nation? Well, like most cliches, it's at least a little true. It's silly to argue over whether sports are too important in our culture; the debate is over. Sports won. That train has left the station. The NFL has twice been in the middle of this argument; it once made an egregious mistake, in 1963, when it played games the weekend after President Kennedy's assassination. After 9/11, then-commissioner Paul Tagliabue called off that weekend's games. It wasn't the right time.

Five years later, it would be progress if our national tragedy had made this a more serious country, one that didn't need its games as much. But it didn't. And we do. No one has enough gravitas to decide for others when it's OK to care again about what may seem trivial to them.

"You separate football from 9/11," Vikings quarterback Brad Johnson said after Minnesota's 19-16 victory.

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