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Policy Changes Bother Students

Clara Iwaszek and Jessica Gardner
Staff Writers

Imagine you're a second grader, you're waiting in the lunch line to get your food. You sit down, and see your friend who you sat with last year. This year your friend is a third grader and is sitting at another table with all the other third graders. You can't sit with them simply because you're not in your friend's advisory.

This is what the lunchroom is like for all ELCers. It's a lot different then last year when students could sit with whom ever they pleased, regardless of whose class they were



in.

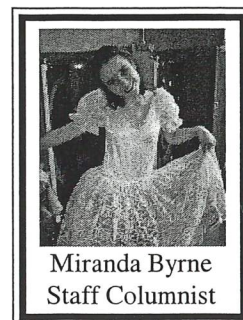
"Last year some of the kids just got their food and dumped it, now that they have to eat, the kids have more energy in the afternoon," said attendance liaison Reshonda Shanklin. She also feels that the lunchroom is a lot quieter and calmer than it was last year.

The students feel differently. "I guess it helps people who didn't eat, but its stupid that we have to sit with our classes, I mean we're with them for almost the whole day," said third grader Julia Iwaszek. The students are also not supposed to get up once they sit down, even if they forgot to grab something. "Sometimes when I forget napkins or ketchup, I sneak to get them when I think no one's looking," said an ELCer who didn't want to be identified.

The ELC lunch is just one of the many changes at Open School this year. Some **CHANGES** Continued on 9

Too Close For Comfort

Anthrax hysteria sweeps far



Miranda Byrne
Staff Columnist

Recently the Anthrax scare has been sweeping our nation. But how valid is our nation's fear and how directly does it affect us?

October 11th is a date insignificant

to most, a date not unlike any other. A Monday. For me this meant a St. Kate's day. On this crisp fall day, I did not feel like going to St. Kates. It is a hassle to get there and despite the sunny day I was not in the mood to deal with it. As I stood at the bus stop waiting for the bus to come I hoped that by some miracle my classes would be cancelled. Maybe the bus just wouldn't come and then I wouldn't have to go to class because I would have no way there. I knew my wishes were in vain, and my bus did in fact come, but as I stepped off the bus in front of St. Kate's I was shocked to find out that my wish had been granted, although not quite in the way I had imagined.

There were police, firemen, paramedics and all their vehicles enclosed in a circle of bright yellow caution tape, blocking off all **ANTHRAX** Continued on 10

Hmong New Year Preview

Kashia Thor
Staff Writer

It's finally here: The Minnesota Hmong New Year of 2001-02! Again this celebration will be held at the River Centre during Thanksgiving break. It'll be three days long starting on the 23rd and lasting through the 25th of November from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. People of all races are welcome and there will be important people there too.

This year, the celebration will be expecting more than 15,000 people from all over the country and world. Some of the entertainment includes a modern and traditional dance contest, a vocalist contest done in groups or individuals, plays and skits, and the Miss Hmong Minnesota contest of this year. Participants can show a little of their talent and get everyone to dance in the spotlight.

Don't want to sit all day? Go shopping.

There's going to be more than a hundred tables or booths selling the latest trends in clothing, music, movies, medicine and herbs, raffles, cards and gifts. Attendants can also take some pictures with friends and families. There's also going to be Asian and American food stands, so don't go starving all day. Other booths will have educational things like college scholarships, information about the modern and traditional Hmong, and the Asian/Hmong Press, which covers the current issues happening in the Hmong community.

Like many people who go to too many Hmong New Year celebrations, Jillian Yang, a senior, thinks the event is boring but still participate anyway.

"I only go to watch the modern dances. I **HMONG NEW YEAR** Continued on 11

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It Was A Graveyard Smash . . .

This year, Halloween was unbelievably spooooooky. The first event of the day was the costume contest; there were many winners. In the SLC, a familiar face, 10th grader Sierra Blakely won 1st place as a dragon fly; 7th grader Cameron Christiansen won 2nd place as a dragon-slaying warrior clad in leather. The runner-up was junior Rachael Johnson as Tank Girl. In the ELC, the 1st place winner was Zachary Gilliland as Edgar Allan Poe. In the staff competition, the runner-up was Loree as a renaissance fairy of the forest; 2nd place was Jody Holmstrom as a witch with two puppets that

were also witches. 1st place went to Kathy who was a construction worker.

However, Halloween was more than just the costume contest. In the afternoon, there was a dance for SLCers, as well as activities outside and a movie. Everyone was happy. ♦



Jeff Says: Caulum on the Phone (Get it?)

Seda Alpsuyu
Staff Writer



Jeff Caulum is a new ELL teacher here at Open who has a lot of experience in teaching. He has been teaching for eight years.

He started his career by working for Osseo Area Schools and he also spent a year in Guatemala. Before he came to work for Open, he spent four years teaching in China and Japan.

Jeff enjoyed working in China. He said it was a poor country, but it has so much to offer: great people, great sight-seeing and really friendly down-to-earth people. While working in Guatemala, the people there were

also poor, yet totally different in culture, food and way of life. He was also able to learn some Spanish so it was a good experience for him.

One thing that Jeff will never forget about working in China is the restaurant that was only a few blocks away from his house. It had delicious food and only cost three dollars for two people to eat.

On Jeff's free time, he enjoys going to the gym, reading newspapers and magazines. He also likes to travel and watch the Badgers play at the University of Wisconsin.

Jeff really likes Open School. He said it's a great place and he is happy to be here. He said Open is more relaxed than the other schools he has taught at. ♦

Remember . . .

Melina Anderson
Staff Writer

For those of you who don't know there was a 30 year anniversary/reunion on Saturday October 13th inside the school. I, as well as most people there saw people that haven't been there for years. As well as, people who we haven't even met before. Some people were there that had graduated before even some of my older friends were born. It was very sentimental to a lot of people.

Patrice Leier Larson was a student at Open from 1979 to 1984. After high school, Patrice went to College to get her Bachelor Of Arts Degree. We wanted to know who her favorite teachers and friends were while she was here and what she was like when she was here. She said: "I was working, in plays,

a partier, and a smoker." Patrice was asked what Open School was like back then, and her answer was a very nice one, especially the new students who don't know what the meaning of this school is. "Open School was always what you made of it." Patrice's favorite teachers were, Jon Gross, Lenni, Vaughn, Jerry Jax, Greg Adams, and Buzzy. Her favorite friend was Scott Murray. Patrice says she doesn't see her friends from Open.

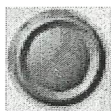
Mary Beth Harringer Silver went to Open from 1978 to 1981. After High School Mary



went to 1 Year of Chef School, later she also went to college for her Associates Degree for Business Management. What was Mary like back then? "I was wild, active with Open, sneaked smokes, but basically a good kid who tried to be cool." Mary was asked what Open was like. She responded: "Everyone got along. We had a unisex bathroom where everyone hung out and smoked, but that was the Mechanic Arts building." Mary's favorite teacher's were Lenni, Vaughn, Wendell and Linda. Mary's favorite friends and some she still sees today are April Kohler, Lindy Felshiem, and Pam Powers.

Celina (Nina) Richardson went to Open for 4 years. She did go to college after High School and says she was "an ordinary Open School student" back then. Celina's favorite teachers were Lenni, Jon, Julie, and Greg.

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Senior Profile

Monica Downey



How long have you been at Open?

4 years.

If you could be an animal, what kind of animal would you be?

A cat because, they're cute.

What is your favorite color?

Purple

What will you miss most about Open School?

My friends and most of my teachers.

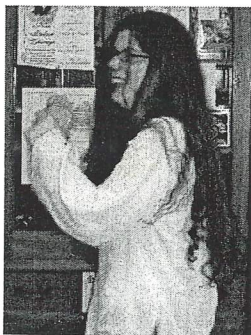
What do you want to be when you grow up?

A psychologist because, I'd like to help people with their problems.

Meet Your Student Government Officers . . .

Amanda Villarreal
Staff Writer

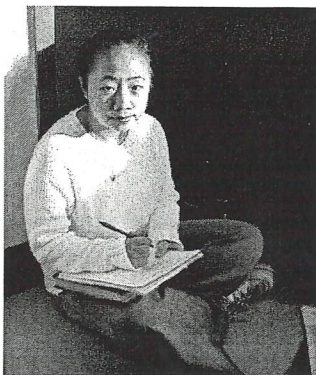
This year Student Government officers were elected by other members of Student Government. They can nominate themselves, or some one else within Student Government. This year's elections took place during the second meeting on September 12, 2001. "We have a strong executive committee this year. Their leadership was evident in the work Student Government did to run the 30th Anniversary/Reunion activities on October 13," said Lenni Augustine, facilitator of Student Government.



Caitlin Holmstrom, president of Student Government, has been at Open School for two years and has been a member of Student Government for both. One thing she likes about Stu-

dent Government is she gets to do a lot around school and she also gets to plan and help out. One of her goals for Student Government is to create a more cultured and friendly environment in the Open School community. Caitlin says if she could change one thing, it would be "to ensure that we can do everything we think of to make Open a better place. We have lots of ideas but we can't always carry them through."

Mai Thao, vice-president of Student Government, has been at Open School for five years and has been a member of Student



Government for four years. One thing she likes about Student Government is planning events like Prom, dances, etc. One of her goals for Student Government is to try to make this year better and help with events. Mai says if she could change one thing, it would be "to be more organized in a way, and tell every one to come on time and be there every day. And also to make Student Government more interesting for students."



Student Government is that she learns good speaking and leadership skills, and also she

gets to help plan events. One of her goals for Student Government is to make this year successful again. Jillian says she wouldn't change anything about Student Government.

Ananda Wold, treasurer of Student Government has been at Open School for five years and has been a member of Student Government for all of those five years.

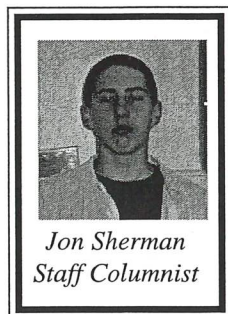


One thing she likes about Open School is that she feels Student Government here really does stuff to change things. One of her goals in Student Government is to have all events be as successful as the 30th Anniversary. Ananda says if she could change one thing, she would "never let Lenni leave." ◇



Opinions 'n' Staff

What Would Malcolm Do?



Jon Sherman
Staff Columnist

The great minister Malcolm X, from the Nation of Islam, has been dead for over thirty years. If he were fortunate enough to exist today, what might he have to say of these terrorist attacks that took

place only two months ago?

Using the national bestselling book, "Autobiography of Malcolm X," as told to Alex Haley, I did the guess work. I read about Malcolm's feelings towards the American tragedy that took place in Dallas, Texas on November 22, 1963. Nobody needs to be reminded of who got assassinated on that date. This event has some similarities with our more recent crisis of what happened on September 11, 2001. Both of them were big blows to our American pride; the death of a young prosperous president, and a well-known sight-to-see in New York, now erased from the city skyline.

Malcolm believed that by being nonviolent, you would get nowhere. He strongly criticized the teachings of Martin Luther King Jr. and his "nonviolent resistance." People were sitting around praying for a God to do something; they needed to do something NOW. Nonviolence was certainly not Malcolm's answer, whose suggestion was to take action yourself. However inevitable he may have thought this massive catastrophe, I gather through his stance on nonviolence, that he might have supported our retaliation against the Taliban.

Within hours of JFK's assassination, Malcolm received instructions, as did every other Muslim minister, from Mr. Elijah Muhammad, that they were not to comment on the murdered president. Mr. Muhammad was scheduled to speak in New York at Manhattan Center, but canceled and sent Malcolm in his place. Malcolm had prepared a speech at least a week before the assassination. The speech was titled, "God's Judgment of White America."

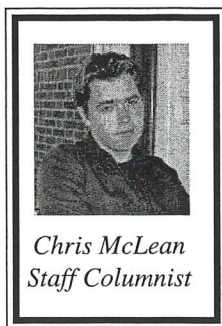
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Tales From the Sleep Dep Crypt

Insomnia is a harsh mistress. When you should be sleeping, it keeps you up watching a 3 a.m. rerun of Tales From The Crypt.. "Hello boys and GHOULS. This next one's a real SCREAM!" bellows the crypt keeper. If

only he knew your dilemma. Perhaps then he wouldn't be so dapper. The episode ends, and your plan to be scared to sleep has failed. You get half an hour of sleep and die when you step in front of a bus in a groggy haze. For shame, for shame.

How could such a dire situation be avoided, especially on those nights when sleep is as hard to come by as the most elusive Pokemon? Here are some helpful hints for those times when you just can't get to sleep.



Chris McLean
Staff Columnist

1. Hide Clocks

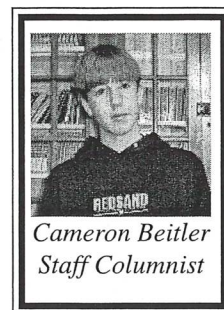
Having clocks around is like being in room in a haunted castle where the walls are closing in on you. You keep counting down how much sleep you'll get, and each hour that passes is like the wall getting ever closer. It just adds extra stress on you and makes it even harder to sleep. Clocks with bright red numbers are especially bad, since they stand out in a dark room and are distracting to the eye. Cover these up during sleep hours, or buy a clock that can't be seen in the dark. Now you're one step closer to those sugar plum dreams.

2. Don't perform stressful activities before bed

It's best to do something relaxing before bed, so don't go off playing Castlevania, unless the blood boiling action relaxes you. (P.S., that's impossible, it relaxes no one.) So what can you do instead? Experts say more low key music and television can help.

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Survivor 3: How Long Will It Survive?



Cameron Beittler
Staff Columnist

"The tribe has spoken." Those are the key words to the series Survivor which is back for a third year. It will be the same thing as the first two except for the fact that there is nothing stopping them from getting attacked by wild animals.

Everyone I know has watched a least one episode of Survivor and most of them thought it was horrible and never watched it again. I, on the other hand, thought that the first two were pretty good.

Now with Survivor three in Africa, you have to ask the question how long will it last? The first two had their times, but you have to wonder how good the third one will be. This is the longest running reality TV show on the air. It is the only reality TV show to make it into its third season.

The first was set in the a remote island in

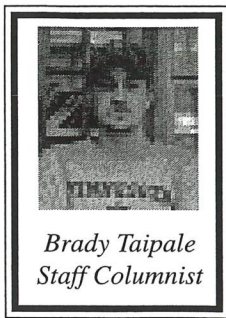
the Pacific, the second in the Australian Outback. The third part to Survivor will be set in the African Safari. Water will be a precious thing and rice is still be the main meal for the 16 contestants chosen.

One thing that should work in the show's favor is that around 17,000 contestants applied for Survivor 3, which means people are still willing to survive on next to nothing for a chance to win a million dollars. Unlike the Big Brother series when the show held tryouts for the second series only about 4,700 people tried out, but the show still got good ratings.

Survivor 3 in its first week didn't even rank in the top 20 shows during the week. I believe this will remain true for the entire series except for maybe the finale. Personally, I really liked the first two Survivor series, but going for a third I think is a bit risky because people will start to lose interest, if they ever had any in the first place.

Especially when you are going against the *SURVIVOR 3 Continued on 10*

Why ID Cards Are A Bad Idea



Brady Taipale
Staff Columnist

Over the past few weeks, we have all noticed the big plans for tighter security at airports, new restrictions for trucks carrying hazardous materials, and other such ideas. While I support most of this, one thing that has bothered me is support of the use of national identification cards. My reasons for opposing this are that I don't live in a communist country where I have to prove I am a citizen. I don't want to explain where I am going or what I am doing. That is not how America works. In America we are innocent until proven guilty. You are trusted until you break the law. I don't want to be punished for what other people did or for what the government is afraid I will do.

Reasons I have heard for supporting this are that if there are any doubts about someone's citizenship they would have to prove it. What is going to stop these greaseballs from making fakes? They made

fake pilots' licenses already. Besides, several of the hijackers were here legally. An I.D. card would not have stopped them. I figure that I am not the problem. Why should I be controlled? I, as an American, refuse to carry a stupid I.D. card. I hope my fellow Americans do the same.

National I.D. cards would be one more restriction on innocent, honest American citizens. We don't need that. American citizens should not be forced to show their papers to prove who they are. That is what the Taliban does. We are a free people. I could support the use of I.D.s for noncitizens until they become citizens, but then again what will stop the Al-Queda thugs from making phonies?

What worries me is what would be the next idea after this. To me, this is a slippery slope that I don't want to go down. What worries me the most is that all of the weak-minded people are willing to surrender their freedom for what they think is security without considering the consequences. If we all did this we would have neither. ♦

Rumors and Then Some

Arielle Weiler
Staff Writer

Did you know that a Dallas schoolboy predicted the terrorist attacks? Four thousand Israeli employees at the World Trade Center did not show up to work on September 11? A bible was found amidst the singed remains of the Pentagon? Web site domain names related to the attacks were registered before September 11? Donating to a group of hackers can help in tracking down Osama bin Laden?

Sound too unbelievable to be true? They are.

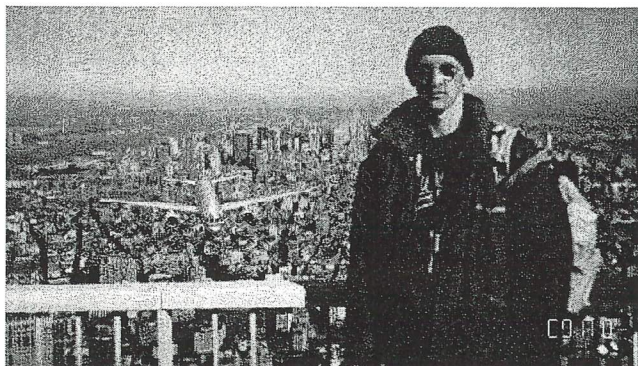
These are just a fraction of the rumors and hoaxes that have been flying through the internet, word of mouth and even the news.

The first wave of rumors came washing over New York and the rest of the country only days, hours or minutes after the planes crashed. Eight planes were said to have been hijacked, not four. An American fighter jet had shot one down. One rumor was so widespread that city officials were unsure whether to confirm or deny claims that NYC's water supply had been poisoned.

Fantastic survivor stories were surfacing as well. A police officer/firefighter/office worker (depending on the source) "surf'd" a wave of debris down 82 floors to safety. Five people were found alive, trapped in a truck in the rubble.

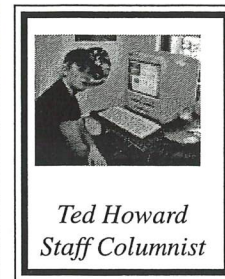
"The first week was just insane - there were fifty rumors a minute," said Joel Cheatwood, a New York

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This photo was supposedly taken from the observation deck on one of the twin towers; it was later found to be a hoax

Senior Issues



Ted Howard
Staff Columnist

Do you remember a couple years ago, how great it seemed to be a senior? Well think again honcho, this is a new school year full of new surprises. Is it trouble or not? It is.

When I came to St. Paul Open School I saw all of the seniors running around getting all of this "special" treatment. It seemed like seniors got to come and go as they pleased and they always got priority when it came to classes and computers. Do we get any special treatment? No! At least I don't. You know what? That cheeses me off, that cheeses me off real bad.

What especially cheeses me off is this whole computer lab thing. I seem to remember a time (only last year), when a senior got priority over the computers. Again, not anymore honcho, somehow it's more important that small children get their Zoombini fix than if seniors graduate. That just plain bites. Seriously, what are the educational benefits of Zoombinis, are there any?

"Please make me a pizza." Is that educational? No, it isn't! Forget about Zoombinis, I want the benefits of being a senior.

"Oh, the kids need to learn about computers." Well I need to graduate put that in your coffee and drink it. Senior, Derick Swertel reflects upon a better time,

"I remember when I was In ninth grade, I got kicked off computers when seniors needed them . That was in ninth grade and now that I'm a senior, second graders get priority over me? That doesn't even make sense."

I can recall one time this year when I needed to use the computers, I went to the lab ready to do work. I was told to move four different times by four different teachers before I was finally told that "It would be best if you came back later." What?

This is no personal attack on anyone but in a different time people would be like, and I quote "Woah you're a senior? I had better yield to your almighty glory." And I'd be like, "Yeah that's right I'm awesome, look out sucka." This is a different time and yes, a different place as well. This once was a school fit for kings but the warriors have fallen. The ogres destroyed the elf kingdom and that's just not cool. So I will fight this forever or at least until I graduate. ♦

The Onion

Arthur Minnerly
Staff Writer

"Did you hear that the plane that hit the Pentagon was supposed to crash into the White House? It would have looked just like that scene in Independence Day. Only real."

For years, a small satire news group named the Onion has been producing stories of current events, and the occasional broadcast on national radio. The last paragraph was a section from one of the Onion's stories on the September 11 attacks. The Onion has their own web site called theonion.com where they post all of their stories up for the public eye.



The Onion stepped onto slightly shifty turf as they attempted to write about the World Trade bombings. Some people speculated that writing about

this sort of subject after Sept. 11 could be dangerous considering it was so soon after the attacks. The main concern was they would offend families of the bombing victims, taking into perspective the Onion's usual take on current events. But they have pulled it off quite well and produced an amusing assortment of stories on the subject, trying not to really dip into exceptionally touchy subjects.

The next couple of paragraphs are sections that I pulled from one of the onion's stories; American Life turns Into Bad Jerry Bruckheimer Movie.

"I always thought terrorists blowing sh--up would be cool. Like, if the Pentagon was bombed, I figured they'd mobilize a special elite squadron of secret-agent ninjas, and half of them would be hot babes."

"For nearly two full weeks, Americans sat transfixed in front of their televisions, listening to shocked newscasters struggle to maintain their composure while describing events that would have been rejected by Hollywood producers as not believable enough for a Sylvester Stallone movie."

"All the familiar action-movie elements were there: terrorists taking over a plane, panicked crowds, huge fireball explosions, Secret Service agents ushering the president to a secret underground military base in
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Francesca Lia Block: Fantastic!

Liz Hoover
Staff Critic

"Maybe Mab was real. Maybe she was the fury, the courage, the sex. Whatever Mab had been, now, joined with her tiny winged red haired biscuit, Mab was the love, flying through night like an errant star that had longed to know, even briefly, what made planet Earth's children weep and sing." -*I was a Teenage Fairy* 1998 by Francesca Lia Block.

Mab refers to a fairy in her book, who is very crazy and you can never quite tell if the character is nuts and she hallucinates Mab, or if she is real. That is the cool part of Block's stories, you can never quite tell what's real and what's not. She gives her stories a nice twist, letting her characters suffer from real life things such as anorexia, co-dependency, addiction, and gay bashing, then she slips a bit of fantasy into her stories, creating fairies or ghosts who communicate with and guide the main character. Francesca has a wonderful technique of making your imagination open up.

Francesca Lia Block is an author born and raised in LA, California, who writes novels

primarily targeting young adults, but anyone could enjoy reading her stories. She wrote her first book in 1989 when she started college at the University of California in Berkeley.



Charlotte Zolotow, editor and author at Harper Collins quickly published her story. "Of all my books, *Weetzie Bat* was the most fun. I wrote it for my own entertainment and comfort at the time; I was in Berkeley and missing LA. It was a respite from my difficult courses in college." Ever since her first book she has written many more in relation to *Weetzie Bat* and some unrelated ones.

Out of all the books I've read by her, it was very hard to pick which ones I wanted
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From Hell Or From Heaven?

Ananda Wold
Staff Critic

Imagine an "unfortunate" (prostitute) on the streets of London in the White Chapel district in 1888. Next, imagine all of your friends are being murdered one by one. You are now a character in the new movie, *From Hell*.

From Hell is about London's infamous Jack the Ripper, a well known murderer from the late 1800s. Jack is so well known because the murders stopped suddenly, and he was never caught, leaving the murders unexplained.

The movie stars Heather Graham as Mary Kelly, a prostitute who is next in line to be murdered. Johnny Depp plays Fredrick Abberline, a detective who does opium and sees visions while "chasing the

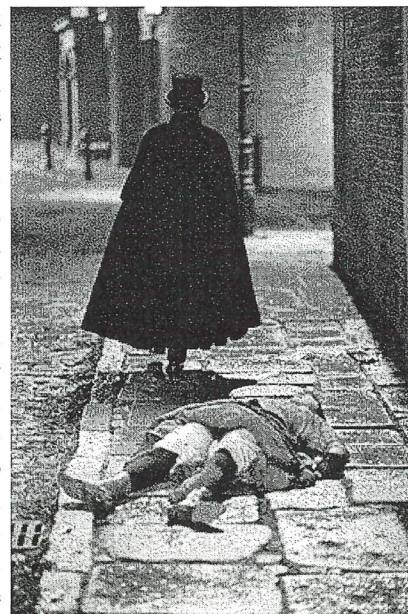
dragon."

In *From Hell*, Mary Kelly and her friends are witness to something that involves the prince of England and one of their "unfortunate" friends. Their friend is taken to the workhouse after being given a lobotomy.

Mary Kelly's friends are being murdered one by one. Each has a slit throat and an organ missing. However, the murderer uses such a precise cut that only a well trained surgeon could be the killer.

Detective Abberline is put on the case. As he gets to know Mary Kelly, he falls in love with her. Abberline solves the mystery, which has an ending twist.

This version of the Ripper story is tainted, al-
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Max Keeble Review

Tony Cavanaugh
Staff Critic

There is always that one kid who gets picked on and is never really liked or considered cool by more than his one or two best friends. Max Keeble (Alex D. Linz, of Home Alone 3) is that kid.

This year, Max's first year of junior high, he promises, will be different. He will show everyone his new "Phat Attitude," or "Phattitude", as he calls it.

When his parents announce that they're moving to Chicago the next Friday, Max and his best friends (Zena Grey and Josh Peck, both of Snow Day) start the planning of something big to get back at his tormentors.

It starts off when Max, Megan and Robes sneak into the principal's office late at night. They plant animal pheromones in his breath spray. So whenever he sprays it in his mouth, animals will be attracted to him.



Then they change a few things around on his computer, and steal a tuba and a high powered vacuum for the food fight they are planning the next day. The food fight is giant, and it turns the school in to a huge mess while the superintendent is visiting. Mission complete.

Next begins the humiliation of the biggest bully that the school has ever seen- Troy McGinty, a poser goth kid with a fear of a childhood character called McGoogles the frog. Max rents a McGoogles the Frog suit and haunts Troy all around the school. Once again, mission complete.

By now, this four foot tall seventh grader owns the entire school. Something oddly amazing for a young kid.

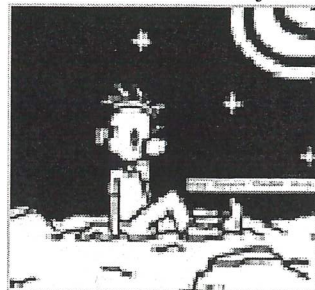
This film was a sad, sad example of what junior highs
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KGB Review

Liam Shramko
Staff Critic

The K.G.B. When I first saw the cd at Cheapo discs for two dollars I thought "The K.G.B., this looks weird ." So I decided to buy it because of its price and cover, which appealed to me. On the cover it shows a teen sitting on the moon with headphones on. The name of the album is The Space Cadet E.P.

The K.G.B. are one of the most promising new bands, with hits like "Fortune and Fame," "Space Cadet" and "Free Marjane." They're just one of those great, well not great but pretty close to one of those great unheard of bands that the media doesn't want to hear.



The K.G.B. are from Oakland, California and do shows all over the Golden state. They're like a mix between those skater bands, like Weezer, and techno. Since there is no name for this music I would just call The K.G.B. Their First album hit stores September, 18, 2001 five days before I bought their single.

"Space Cadet" is the first song on their debut single. Space Cadet has a rockish, almost rappish feeling to it but with a techno voice type thing. The chorus for this song is "I'm just a space cadet, my girlfriend smokes cigarettes and tells me I'm an idiot." The guitar is pretty sweet for this one.

"American Child" is like one of those 80's hair metal songs. It's probably the weirdest crap on the album, because it's not something you would think they would do. It's like, "why did the do this, it doesn't make any sense."

"The School House Blues" is like a soft song but with a rough bass line and with a blues voice. It also has whistling and snapping of the fingers. Then there's this one minute pause when The singer starts to sing "All I want for Christmas is an 808." Pretty weird.

Over all The Space Cadet E.P. is pretty good. The K.G.B. have some of the widest variety of music. I give it 3 and a half out of 5 stars. It's not really good but better than you could do. I can truly say this is awesome stuff.◊

Adult Swim Makes A Big Splash

Adrian Gorder
Staff Critic

Take a dive with the big boys and cool off with some up scale comedy, because at 9:00 p.m. on Sunday night, at the end of your uneventful weekend, comes a momentous climax when Cartoon Network displays its Olympic sized pool of raunchy humor. So curl up with some caffeine and make Monday morning a sleepy one. Adult Swim will clog your eyes with tears of joy and leave you with welting stomach pains of laughter that will last into the wee hours of the morning.

Cartoon Network has made a line up of senior-aimed comedy. They dubbed it "Adult Swim," and unleashed it to the world on September 1. It consists of two hours of unyielding comedy and one more hour of Japanese animated action. Put the ELCers to bed though; this set of studs is meant for 17 years of age and up, yaoozers!

Adult Swim has a lucky seven,

seven shows that is, and here is where things get a little tricky. A.S. has a three hour slot to fill and some shows are only 15 minutes long, so every time you tune in it won't be the same line up as the last time you checked it out. I'll do my best to give you usual order of things.

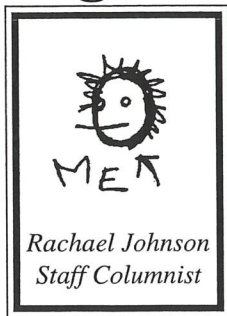
At 9:00 p.m. "Home Movies" busts on the scene and gives us a half hour of jam packed funky fun. "Home Movies" is done by the same people who did Dr. Katz, so if you enjoy shaky animation and nervous humor this one rocks the jamboree. It's about a fourth grade Steven Spielberg protege named Brenden, who makes movies with his friends and plays on his school soccer team coached by the rude but always hilarious coach Megerk.



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From 9:30 to 10:30 PM there are three 15-minute shows that are constantly jumping time

Workers Had Right To Strike



On October 1st, roughly 28,000 people—more than half of the state's work force—agreed to walk off their 9-to-5 jobs to go on strike. This was the first government work stoppage since a 22-day strike almost 20 years ago.

WHY THE STRIKE?

Let's travel back in time. In 1993 the economy wasn't doing too hot. Hey, that sounds familiar, and a bunch of government employees were unhappy, hey! It's eerie, the similarities. In fact, a large number of government workers were threatening to strike! Almost *deja vu*.

But wait... government officials were scared, they couldn't have their workers go on strike, they're as precious as coal. Without them, people would be forced to ride the bus like bums or be unable to see the animals at the Minnesota Zoo, no one to help with food service or basic housekeeping. CRAP! So the state big wigs made a deal; if workers agreed to a 0 percent pay increase just for 2 years then they'd get their promised pay increase.

But once the economy stabilized and the workers once again reached the point of unrest, the government turned its back on them. Our state officials not keeping their word? Well that doesn't sound like the nation I know and love. (BLINDING SARCASM)

Okay, let's return to more recent time shall we?

It's the end of September. Workers silenced for too long deliver an ultimatum to Jesse Ventura and state negotiators, they need to make more money to compensate for higher health care costs. Finally.

But alas, our State leader decided he wasn't going to let those greedy workers walk all over him. He's a Navy Seal! He was a wrestler! He ain't got time to bleed!

The state offered AFSCME a 3 percent wage increase over each of the next two years, (what's with the 2 years) and MAPE a onetime 4 percent increase. AFSCME wanted an annual 5 percent increase, while

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Magical Happenings in Joel's Room

The Computer Staff Writer

As I'm sure some of you may have noticed, there are often people sitting around during their free time playing a card game. This game is known as Magic: The Gathering. It had been gone from Open School for several years, but this year it returned. Magic is usually played during morning advisory in Joel's room.

Magic is what is known in the nerd world as a Collectible Card Game, or CCG. You typically buy cards in either booster packs of 10 to 15 cards or starter sets of 60 or 75 cards. Each player then makes his or her own deck by combining miscellaneous cards in their collections and then plays against other players.

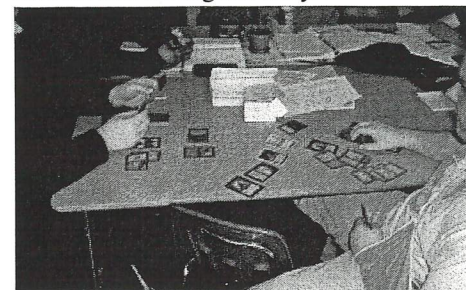
There are many different opinions about the return of Magic, but most of them are positive. For some, it's an escape from the world of role-playing games, for others, it's something to do when they're bored, but for a few, it's a way of life.

Many of the people I've asked about Magic either are new to Open School this year and played at their previous schools.

Others have been at Open School for years and saw these new kids playing Magic and said "Hey, I've got some of those cards," and the next day, they came to school with their own decks and they started playing too.

Some see magic as an escape "[Magic is] something to occupy me, besides my pathetic life," said ninth grader Mike Griffin. Many enjoy it because it is unique. "It's like a strategy game with fantasy battles," said tenth grader Mackenzie Byrne.

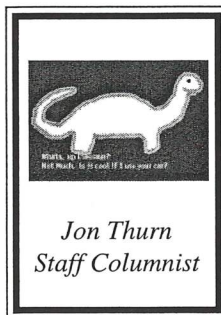
The people who play Magic tend to play from one to five games a day. They play in Julie's room during lunch, and you can usually find some of them playing Magic in Joel's room during advisory.



Marbles and Policy Changes

One night, Open School was walking down a path and it thought, "maybe there's more than one way to go, but which way?" I'm about to talk about Burger King, not Seagrams - that's alcohol. We often see students going to Burger King, smiling and also planning on smoking, but are they walking towards controversial times? Yes, the tides of Open School have been changing, as they always will. But are your feet wet? Are they?

Well, I can't answer that because I'm wearing winter boots, but I can tell you that many things have changed at the school in last few years. A remarkable meeting was held about a fashion accessory many years ago -- that was my first shocking taste of **policy change**. I asked many students about Burger King, and had found general apathy towards my questions. I guess they'd rather be playing and throwing **marbles** than talking to this crazy ace. But what I do know is that it used to be a swift and easy job going



to Burger King or any other trash-aurant, but is it now?

Not quite. Now here's the twister. The twister is when I talked to science teacher Julie Doble, a veteran of Open School, who said, "we talked about it at lunch." I always thought teachers ate in an awkward and sometimes giggling silence at lunch, but I guess they talk about issues affecting all of us. I would ask a magic 8 ball what the answer is to it all, but I don't need to, because the answer is, "No Way!" (I always get that one). No way to the old way of Open School, that is.

Hey, maybe there is a way to go back to the old way someday. The old way of more freedom, That seems to be the big issue -- freedom, and Open School's policies as a whole. But I can see the big picture -- as the student body changes and pressure from the **ice cold** district increases, the school changes.

I sat on the edge thinking about it all, and I had popcorn, and a sea gull screeched to me, "What's wrong? How's life?" I responded angrily, "I'm working on an article, get out of here, filthy bird." We both laughed

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CHANGES From 1

dents are bothered by these changes. Most staff members interviewed for this story feel these changes will help run the school more smoothly.

When the ELCers (with the exception of Kevin's class who's on the 3rd floor) get to school they have to stay on the first floor until 8:00 a.m. This doesn't seem fair because many of them arrive on the school bus as early as 7:45 a.m. "It's not fair," said second grader DJ Sass, "We have to sit downstairs while the teachers get to be upstairs talking." While the students are stuck downstairs some of them are using this time to eat breakfast. "It encourages kids who normally wouldn't eat breakfast to eat breakfast," said Ruth Pechmenn. "Some of the ELC teachers felt that they couldn't get things done in the morning with kids on the second floor," added Ruth. Many people agree with Lenni Augustine who thinks that "School starts when the kids get to school, not at 8:00." The ELCers aren't the only ones who have to adjust to new polices at school.

An important change in the SLC this year was when advisory time was switched from the afternoon to the morning. This change was made because the SLC would have lost two advisors (Eileen Keetly and Amy Underhill) who have to teach ELC classes during the old advisory time. Students and staff have mixed feelings about this issue.

They agree that it's helpful for getting information out to the students before the day begins, but the students who take classes at other schools in the morning miss advisory for the whole day "I miss the Monday Morning announcements and don't know what's going on for the week," says eleventh grader

Jenny Murray who takes a morning class at Central High School. Some teachers like it because students seem more awake and ready to learn during their first hour classes. Many students don't like this change because they miss the long break after lunch "I think there should be a 10 minute brake between lunch and 4th/5th hour," said tenth grader Geoff Freeman.

Another big change in the SLC is having to use planners. This change was suggested by the site council last year when homework was becoming a problem as a solution for missing assignments. "Many students were having a problem, especially in math and Spanish, we felt that giving them a planner as a tool to organize their work would help," said Gail Daneker, former president of the site council. It's safe to say that a majority of the students don't like using their planners. "They could be useful for some people but not everyone needs them," said ninth grader Sean Keith. Other students feel that they would be more willing to use them if they weren't mandatory. "They challenge us more and make sure we get our homework done so that we're better prepared for after high school," said planner user Jenny Murray. "I love the planners," said science teacher Julie Doble.

Some students feel that many of these changes were made to make things easier for the teachers. "The management is accommodating the teacher's not the student's ways of learning" said ninth grader Mary Henke-Haney. This is very much apparent in the ELC nowadays. "When I was in the ELC, there were a lot less rules. Now it seems like a prison."◇

MALCOLM From 4

"It was on the theme, familiar to me, of 'as you sow, so shall you reap,' or how the hypocritical American white man was reaping what he had sowed," said Malcolm.

Then, the question-and-answer period opened. Malcolm was greeted with questions pertaining to JFK's assassination. He said what he honestly felt, that it was a case of the "chickens coming home to roost." The death of the president was likely to happen and did, just as sure as a chicken will come home to roost. Newspapers read, "Malcolm X, Chickens Come Home To Roost." This was a sensitive topic, because America loved this murdered president. And with that, may I say personally, that what happened on September 11th, is also a case of the chickens coming home to roost. If Malcolm were alive today, there is a strong possibility he may feel the same way. America didn't necessarily deserve this, but earned it. We earned it in our involvement with Afghanistan when they fought Russia, then leaving them to be war torn, war torn and deadly from their rage.

It is useful to note that while Malcolm considered himself a member of the Nation of Islam, which was an American sect of Islam. Later in his life, he made a pilgrimage to Mecca and became more of a traditional Muslim.

Malcolm X may not have agreed with these so-called non-Islamic practices. I for one am not familiar with what is and isn't an Islamic practice. So whether he would take the Taliban's side or America's is undecided. Although some of the Taliban's other practices are extremely questionable, such as prohibiting any schooling for girls and women and requiring for no flesh to be shown under their long garments. In America, there are Muslim Girls Training classes, in which Malcolm was involved with. This is perhaps very well what Malcolm X might have thought about terrorism and the heightened state of alert our country is in. But I wonder what the Taliban thinks of Malcolm X. ◇



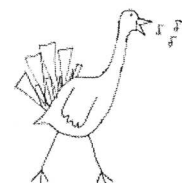
REUNION from 2

Celina's favorite friend in Open was Rhonda Boudie.

Michele Anderson is a graduate from year 2001 She was here for 12 years. Michele didn't go to college after High School. Michele was a punk rocker back when she was in about 10th grade here. Michele said "Open School is like lots of theater kids, punks, hooligans, and metal heads." Michele's favorite teachers were Elizabeth, Julie, Gary, Bridget, Wendell, and Don Von. Her favorite friends and ones she still sees today are her boyfriend Ted Howard, and her friend Emily Jacobson.

April (Canine) Kohler went to Open from 1978-1981, April didn't go to college after

High School but is a pretty much full time Mother to her 3 boys. April was loud, outgoing and fun back then. "Open School was willing to let students pursue the knowledge. The mainstream was not." April's favorite teacher was Lenni. Her favorite friends were: Lindy Felshiem And Mary Beth Harringer, friends she still sees today. I am sure everyone had a good time seeing all of their old friends and teachers, and seems to me, most of the people had fun. ◇



ANTHRAX From 1

access to Derham Hall (the admissions building) and Whitby Hall (the building where my classes are located). I thought this scene laid out before me was all very bizarre, like something snatched out of a movie and placed into my life.

As I made my way onto the campus I spotted some of my fellow classmates watching all the commotion standing on the outskirts of the caution tape. When I asked them what was going on I was, needless to say, surprised by the answer. Anthrax. Apparently the mail room in Derham had received a letter with white powder in it and some additional white powder was in a nursing classroom located in the basement of Whitby.

My first reaction was, 'What?' Followed shortly after by a 'why?' As I watched the scene from a movie play out before me, officials climbing into silver biohazard suits and strapping on gas masks were getting ready to make their way into the "contaminated" buildings, I kept thinking why? Who would want to send Anthrax to St. Kates? I

didn't really believe it. I don't think many people did, but still, under the circumstances, and with the recent anthrax cases in New York and Washington, extra precautions had to be taken. It all just seemed so surreal. Up until that point, the day I went to St. Kates, nothing from the "Attack on America" had really affected me directly. Not surprisingly the results from the tests came back negative, the white powder was not Anthrax, and my classes returned to normal that following Wednesday. But the whole experience got me thinking, what exactly is anthrax and how much do Americans actually have to fear from it?

Anthrax is a spore-forming bacterium that can arise in three different forms. Cutaneous, which is on the skin, inhalation and gastrointestinal. Of the three, inhalation is the most deadly, part of the reason for this being that at first the symptoms are much like that of a common cold. By the time one develops the acute symptoms such as severe breathing problems and shock it is too late

and death usually results 1 to 2 days after.

The thing is, the chances of inhaling Anthrax is very slim, and most of cases that have been reported of Anthrax have been cutaneous, which is easily treated with antibiotics. So if in fact it is the same terrorists involved in the World Trade Center incident, as many believe it to be, their intent of sending out anthrax is not to kill people. And if it is, it isn't a very effective method. "It is economic and psychological terrorism," said Dr. Frank E. Young, a former assistant secretary of Health and Human services.

Anthrax will not kill off thousands of Americans, but if we let the fear of what it might do take over, it does have the potential to cripple our society and effect our economy. The worst thing we could do for our country is live life differently than we normally do. In my opinion that is the intent of whoever is sending the Anthrax. To ignite fear in the hearts of Americans and upset the flow of our country. If we let them do that then they have won. ♦

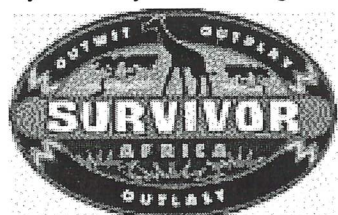
Turkey pizza would not taste good! But bamboo pizza would be delicious .
.. If you were a panda! However, if you were a panda, you might not celebrate Thanksgiving anyway, so none of this matters.

SURVIVOR From 4

number one rated show the past three weeks, Friends. While Survivor 2 was able to beat Friends in the ratings during its season, Survivor 3 is getting beat badly.

I think if they want Survivor to last a long time they shouldn't try to compete with Friends for viewers because that is just a losing battle. I think they should change to a less competitive time slot.

I think if they keep it on at 7 p.m. Thursday they will maybe last though the third



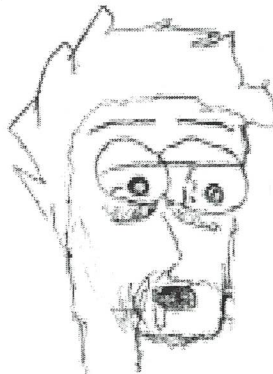
season and then die. If they change the time slot I think that they will make it into the fourth season then people will lose interest completely. Our principal Ruth Pechmann on the other hand, thinks it will last forever, "I think it will last forever," she said "My grandchildren will be watching it." Any way it goes, Survivor will come to an end soon♦

INSOMNIA From 4

Stay away from anything loud or action packed, so unless the M in MTV stands for Mellow, steer clear, penguin. Other major no-no's include vigorous exercise, demolition derbies, school work, and "Visiting Doc Swenson", if you know what I mean, wink wink, nudge nudge.

3. Make sure you're comfortable.

Obviously, if it's too hot or cold, it won't be as easy to sleep. Make sure the temperature is at a comfortable level, and have a fan around, as well as blankets of varying thickness. Also, make sure you have the right amount of pillows to be comfortable. Enough for proper support, but not too many, unless you want your spine out of shape!! That would be bad news. White noise can also contribute to making your sleep condi-



tions more comfortable. You could use a fan, or buy a noise machine and fall asleep to the sounds of nature. The possibilities are endless.

So, what if you try all these, and still can't get to sleep, you should remember these are just a few of many solutions. There are plenty of helpful internet sites like www.sleepfoundation.org out there, so check those out. If you've tried everything, and the problem still persists, it's likely a medical problem. If that's the case, go down to the shed and find a sledgehammer. Then, knock yourself over the "Noggin" and you'll be sailing your way to Kirby's Dreamland on a cotton candy boat. And that's a good thing.

In closing, let's see what the Cryptkeeper has to say about this.

"Hey everyone, it's your old pal, the Cryptkeeper! Sleep deprivation can be a real BEAST, no BONES about it. But wouldn't it be worse if you woke up in a COFFIN, like the man in this next story, SWEET DREAMS, or should I say, SWEET DEMONS! HEHAHAHAHEHA!"

Well said, friend. Well said. ♦

RUMORS From 5

news director. "You would have one agency reporting one thing and another agency reporting another."

The second wave of rumors came through the internet after about a week. E-mails told of a nationwide candlelight vigil in memorial for all those missing that would be photographed from space by NASA. Many Americans stood outside by candlelight, but NASA's picture was never taken. People were supposed to be on alert for a blue envelope sent by mail from the "Klingerman Foundation" that contained a bacteria-ridden sponge, fatal to the touch.

One of the most ridiculous e-rumors stated that the flight number of one of the high-jack planes contained a code that illustrated

BLOCK From 6

to write about. I decided on Weetzie Bat, I was a Teenage Fairy, and Missing Angel Juan.

Weetzie Bat, published in 1989, is the book you would need to read, in order for some of the other books to make sense. Weetzie Bat is about a spunky girl who drops out of high school to live with her best friend Dirk and to be a movie star.

Dirk meets the duck (sexy guy) of his dreams who's name is Duck, Weetzie falls in love with a movie director named My Secret Lover Agent Man, where she gets to be the star, and along the way many crazy things happen.

This book was very controversial; it was out of print for a while. You would really have to read the book to get an idea why. This book is wonderful because it is so open minded and unpredictable.

I was a Teenage Fairy published in 1998, is about a young girl whose mother was a beauty queen and she pushes her daughter into modeling. Her modeling agent molests her and she ends up getting her revenge later. Throughout the story she talks to her only friend, a fairy she calls Mab who talks dirty and is very aggressive. Mab helps her overcome her fears and speak up. This book is a good book to relate to or sympathize with, even if you haven't experienced what this girl goes through, it really makes you think about your own experiences from a new perspective.

Missing Angel Juan is a story about a girl Weetzie had adopted, who is also part Lanka witch. She falls in love with a boy named Angel Juan. Angel Juan is in a band and he wants to go travel around Califor-

the attacks. The number, “Q33NY,” when changed into the Microsoft Word font “Wingdings,” shows a plane, two twin towers, a skull and crossbones and the Star of David. The only flaw in this theory is that the “flight number” is completely fake. No U.S. civilian aircraft match the number and none begin with the letter “Q.”

At Open School, some students found these hoaxes offensive. “I think it’s kind of sick that people don’t respect the situation enough not to make fun of it,” said eleventh grader Jenny Murray.

Tenth grader Brittany Schwanke thinks things are too chaotic, "People should calm down about it, but still be cautious."

Rumors have surrounded many other tragedies in the past. Nostradamus, 16th cen-

nia and go play his music.

Witch Baby (Weetzie's adopted daughter) freaks out and goes on a mission searching for him in San Francisco, staying in an old abandoned apartment where Weetzie's father once lived and died of a drug overdose. She meets his ghost and he helps her realize that she is only pushing Angel Juan away by trying to keep him in LA with her. This story has an important message behind it. Francesca is currently working on a new book called THE ROSE AND THE BEAST: fairy tales retold. I have never once been unsatisfied with anything I've read by her, so I can't wait to read this new book. ♡

HMONG NEW YEAR *From I*

don't care about the pageant or whatever goes on," said Jillian. "This year, Kashia, Sia, and I are looking forward to compete in the contest too. Yeah! So show up and support us!" she adds.

"I think the event is great, says Chai Her, a junior. "You meet a lot of new people."

Mai Thao, also a junior, will be performing with her dance team this year. "It took the whole year to decorate and prepare my costumes so I'm very excited that it's coming up," she says.

So, don't sit all day during Thanksgiving weekend. Come and celebrate the "Hmong New Year of 2001-02!" ♦

***The Purple
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tury French astrologer and prophet, is said to have predicted almost every major catastrophe; President Kennedy's assassination, Princess Diana's death and course, the attacks on and collapse of the twin towers. In 1995, only a short time after the Oklahoma City bombing, it was rumored that explosives had actually gone off *inside* the Murrah building. Some said the damage was too extensive to have been done by only a truck bomb.

Hoaxes and rumors are nothing new to national and world disasters, but with a tragedy of this magnitude and the recent progression of mass media through the internet, these rumors are more widespread now than ever. $\diamond$

KEEBLE *From 7*

are like today. The girl who likes him is two feet taller than him and about 15, yet she plays a seventh grader in the movie and dresses like Britney Spears. Not to mention that every time you see her in the movie you hear “Hit me baby, one more time,” one of Britney’s hit songs.

There were cameos by Lil' Romeo (rapper Master P's son, and Lil' Bow Wow rip off) and Tony Hawk and his nine-year-old son Riley. Lil' Romeo's character is basically the same as his Dad's: stupid, right on down to the gold-plated teeth. Riley Hawk is portrayed as a little boy who is famous because he is 9 and can ollie on a skateboard, much like the way he is in real life.

In conclusion I would like to say that this movie was worth the money, but they need to know that this kind of stuff just doesn't happen in real life.

What works: the way the kids make a group and rebel against the staff at their school. It's such a traditional plot.

What doesn't: the way that the school works, there is no way that any of this could happen at a real junior high, even now. But then again, it is Disney. ****◇

ONION From 6

Nebraska to plan the next move. A news report revealed that the terrorists had planned to strike Air Force One. At any moment, it seemed a squadron of alien warships would materialize and begin to menace Jeff Goldblum."

The Onion is a good source of humor, and I thought it was good to have a newscast group that wasn't so focused on being grim and serious. It's nice to have the Onion do what they're doing, and I hope they keep it up.◊

STRIKE From 12

MAPE was asking for a 4.5 percent increase each year, said Julien Carter, commissioner of employee relations.

Another sore point is a proposed change in health benefits, which would reduce insurance premiums for most by asking people who use the services to take on higher co-payments and deductibles. Well wait a minute, I don't remember anyone saying anything about raising health care costs in '93.

So basically, stop me if I go off topic, but the government raises health care costs yet keeps the rate of pay the same, they expect people to be alright with this? And on top of that, if you continue to strike, you're at risk of getting laid off? So hard working state employees have to pay for the government's bad budgeting? That sounds pretty unfair to me.

At last, strikes ended Sunday October 14.

"We got part way toward our wage goals," said Peter Benner, executive director of AFSCME Council 6. "We got all the way toward our insurance goals." Jim Monroe, MAPE's executive director, said employees with high health care costs may come out ahead over the two-year contract because the state lowered its proposed increased co-payments and deductibles.

The state's final pre-strike offer to AFSCME, the state's biggest public-employee union, was for a 3 percent across-the-board raise in each year of the two-year contract. The negotiated settlement now awaiting ratification by AFSCME members bumped that raise up to 3.5 percent a year. And the state's last offer before the strike to MAPE was a onetime raise of 4 percent over 18 months.

The negotiated settlement calls for MAPE members to get 3 percent this year and 3

ADULT SWIM From 7

slots and being doubled up. "The Brak Show," "Sealab 2021," and "Aqua Teen Hunger Force," are a trio of short cut ups.

The veteran "Space Ghost Coast To Coast" shows the rookies who's boss in this game of comedy. This silly, sassy show has been airing since 1995 and has been a straight up hit ever since. Then to put some action packed icing on the three hour triple chocolate cake of comedy the baker brings out an hour long tube of "Cowboy Bebop." This is originally made in Japan (Anime) and thank the sweet lord it didn't stay there. This is not a comedy but you will be rolling on the floor with excitement and pure action-

percent next year. Hurrah? Unfortunately, not everyone agrees with my views (not yet, at least.)

Surprisingly, a number of people believe that the strike was too early. America was just beginning to heal, the strikers were whiny, so many people were laid off by Northwest Airlines and these people had the audacity to strike at a time like this? Those greedy bastards want MORE money? Unbelievable.

State employees made not only the state look bad but the nation as well. A fresh wound on the face of our nation salted by a disgraceful, inappropriately-timed strike.

Too often our society treats grief like a motto, just do it, get over it. We get over tragedies so quickly. Shed a tear, bottle it up, lock it away, board it up, don't look at, or talk about it. Forget it. Pretend like it never happened and return to the longest work week in the world. Work 40 hours a week at 5.50 an hour put your nose to the grind stone only to buy more cheap plastic crap made by Disney, Burger King, Philip Morris they'll tell you that their product fills the void they can make you look away.

Look away from a never ending stream of tragedy, pain, and depression. Make the perfect society one that fears change, and confrontation, don't strike it doesn't solve anything, and once you can't speak up, you'll look around your cubicle shaped prison and notice that your unhappy existence was sponsored by Coke.

Without political unrest there is no liberty. I believe those people had every right to strike and you may not, but if they didn't, what do you think the future would look like for not only them but for the entire nation? Or the world? ♦

packed joy.

Adult Swim has no comparison. It is a compilation of the best modern day television shows in existence. Yes, "Simpsons" is a cartoon classic and cannot be out done, but "Adult Swim" is most definitely the next best thing (because "Family Guy" was stolen from us.) So Kit-Katz, munch on some serious comedy and jamming' action with "Adult Swim." Catch it from 9:00 p.m. to midnight and brace yourself for big laughs. Also check out the web site at AdultSwim.com.♦

HELL From 6

though it provides an interesting plot. The main difference in the movie Ripper is found and the real one was never caught. Also, the movie murders were all connected and the real ones were not.

However, despite the tainted truth, it's an incredibly well-acted movie. Heather Graham didn't add much, but Johnny Depp played an excellent stylized role.

This movie has something for everyone. There's love for the mushy types, gore for whatever those people call themselves, and a slow sex scene to get you all hot and bothered.

I believe this is either a movie that you will like or hate. You should definitely see it to create you own opinion on it. I give it four out of five stars.♦

MARBLES From 8

and then it gave me some valuable advice. I didn't really talk to a sea gull, but I have been talking about the bathroom doors, and I'll bet -- so have **you**.

They were removed quickly. The doors came off the bathroom faster than nightcrawler (or gambit) attacking magneto. So, we all complained -- I thought someone might sneak in quietly and throw **marbles** at me while I was using the bathroom, and I'd yell, "We need the flippin' doors back!" This scenario may be frightening, but it's all **too** possible.

Something has been done; students have met with Ruth. An anonymous source said to me shyly, "Ruth might put the doors back on." And if she does, just blame the newspaper staff for being slow. They're the only ones that read this paper anyway. Just kidding. And hey, Open School is still playing its monster guitar, high-flying and screaming loud!

So, If you think there's a problem with this school, you can try to change it. And if the gloom of Open School attacks you and yells in your face, "Open School is going down, you're through!" don't throw **marbles** at it, yell back, "That should be the title of your book!". And so you may hear "Numbers up! Mon'ami," said behind your back, and you say, "Gambit..." and he'll throw his awesome playing cards at the problems of the school, shattering them. You too, can shatter them! So go at it.

I'm graduating this year, and Lenni is also leaving, but hopefully Open School won't be leaving as well, and letting Central move in. Because those would be some bad **marbles**.♦