

THE AMERICANIST

"We hate staples"

LESS GOVERNMENT, MORE RESPONSIBILITY, AND - WITH GOD'S HELP, A BETTER WORLD

A Cranky Old Man

...and don't you forget it

More Polar Disappointment



by Mr. Hoderny,
Head
Counselor;
Cranky Old
Man

Okay, it was raining: I can understand not wanting to run in the rain, but not wanting to swim in the rain? Come on now, that's like not wanting to ski because it's snowing. Instead of swimming with the campers, I spent this morning sitting on the beach, drinking hot chocolate, talking to myself. If you don't go swimming, I will have Nurse Nasoni deny you medical care.

"What Drinking Can Do"

You walk out of your house
You trip and you stumble
Eventually, you will fall
To the ground you will tumble
Because you are highly intoxicated
you can't live your life
The only way you will realize
is if the pain hits you like a knife
A happy, crazy thought hits you
Take your beer and get into your car
To you it's happy, but you don't realize
that it will leave a scar
You lie on the ground
Broken and shattered
Not making a sound
But none of it mattered
You knew that drunk driving
would cause you to crash
you lie there, dying
The drinking left a gash
It affected your head
It caused you to drink even more
Now you lie here, broken and dying
And out your blood will pour

—Melanie Fiorino



For more
poetry, see
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SPORTS PAGES

Maybe the Greatest Game at Camp



by David Perloff,
Camper

On Tuesday, I experienced one of the most intense games of basketball ever. David Tomaso and I played with Brad Smart and Brad Wyatt. We played on the court behind the main hall in a close game with many lead changes. The end came when Brad's team was up by one, the score: 20-19. Our team was able to defend against their game point, which required a total defensive effort from both of us. Unfortunately, Brad's team won when they got the game point. In any case, this should be considered one of the greatest games of basketball this tournament, and possibly games of the week.

CURRENT STANDINGS

Basketball

Brads	1 Win
Valmir & Jaren	1 Win
Dauids	0 Wins
Mark & Mr. Nowak	0 Wins

Chess

Round 1

H. Smart	Adv. → Rd. 2
J. Smart	Adv. → Rd. 2
B. Wyatt	Adv. → Rd. 2

Round 2

B. Wyatt	Adv. → Finals
H. Smart	Awaiting Results

UPCOMING

Basketball

Katie & Elyse vs.
Keema & Melanie

Mark & Mr. Nowak vs.
Dauids

Brads vs.
Keema & Melanie

Mark & Mr. Nowak vs.
Katie & Elyse

Dauids vs.
Keema & Melanie

Valmir & Jaren vs.
Katie & Elyse

Valmir & Jaren vs.
Brads

This is the Title

Op-Ed
by Matthias
Galvin,
Contributing Editor-in-Chief



You know what's funny? How you're not reading this. It's also funny how you'll glance over it (without reading it), but you won't notice or care about the title of the window you are not reading, nor the picture of the person whose article you are not reading. But do you know why you're not reading? Lack of investment. You don't have some reason to compel you to do so. In short: you're not writing. If you did, then I wouldn't have to worry about your not reading, because you'd have to turn the pages to find whatever it is *you* wrote, and maybe you'd notice what you didn't read at first.

[Note: the faster you give me content, the faster I can publish, and the *faster* you get the paper.]

News and Announcements

Schedule for Wednesday, July 8th, 2009

6:30 Polar Bear Swim/Run –optional
7:00 Wake up!
7:50 Flag Raising & Devotions
8:00 Breakfast
8:30 Staff Meeting –Camp Director (Mr. Shurleff)
9:00 All-day **Field Trip** to Lexington and Concord.
Guided by guest Counselor, Pastor Garrett Lear.
Field Trip will last until Supertime

Schedule, cont'd (P.M.)

5:30 Dinner
6:30 – 7:00 (+/-) Evening Swim/Recreation/(Indoor activities possible)
7:20 Flag-lowering
7:45 *The Moral American* – Mr. Hoderny (boys) **AND** Mrs. Smart (girls)
8:35 **Break**
9:00 Campfire
10:00 **Break**
10:30 In Cabins
11:00 Lights out!

Note from Mr. Perloff:

Mr. Perloff is available to be interviewed by any interested camper. If interested, please contact Editor Mr. Galvin with tentative questions for approval.

Camp Pictures

Price: \$6. Size: 8 1/2" x 11"

Pictures can be ordered from your counselor.

Campfire Notice:

Mr. Childs would like you to be aware that we will be singing "Poisoning Pigeons in the Park" by Tom Lehrer tonight, and has had the lyrics attached on page 6

Upcoming Skits:

Tuesday: Two exciting skits by *Bethel 4*

Wednesday: A single scintillating skit by *Bethel 3*

Thursday: A pair of performances by *Dothan*

Volleyball Tournament

Date: Friday, July 10th

The Sign-Up sheet is in the antechamber of the mess hall, next to the signups and standings sheets of other ongoing sports tournaments.

Quick Quotes

"Maybe the Liberals are right... Maybe the Polar Bears *are* going extinct."
—Mr. Shurtleff

"Don't make eye contact!"
—Younger campers on Mr. Hoderny

"A myriad of bankers in a room alone cannot be planning to do the good of the Common Man"
—Adam Smith, *The Wealth of Nations*

"All it takes for Evil to flourish is for good men to stand by and do nothing"
—Unknown, (usu. misattrb. Edmund Burke)

"There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither work."
—Will Rodgers

"If you're reading this, than please think of a quote, and/or give me some content"
—The Mysterious Editor

"A nickel isn't worth a dime today"
—Yogi Berra

"I really, really love the song *My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean*."
—Kristen Piek

"I forgot I didn't go to Harvard."
—John Lakian

"Did [anyone] see anything symbolic in the camp being cut off from the Birch Society the same year a Birch tree gets cut in half from On High?"
—Mrs. Harper

The Critic's Notebook

Editorial Note: Yesterday, it was stated that there would be three inspectors, and each would grade any one cabin on a 1-10 scale. Due to a change by Mr. Hoderny, that rule must be modified: an indeterminate number of inspectors will grade each cabin, but the same number of same number of inspectors will inspect each cabin, on any one day. That way, the maximum (cumulative) number of points will be the same for each cabin.

There were four inspectors during the Tuesday round.

Bethel Cabins

Cabin 1: Disappearance of the USA Today towel was appreciated. NoVBV. Herr Inspektor was disturbed by the floral pillowcase. Though it is a boys' cabin, the toilet seat was improperly positioned skyward. Bad form: the mirror was nearly obscured by detritus and smudges.

Score 27 (out of 40)

Cumulative: 47 (out of 70)

Cabin 3: Patriotic ribbons are nice touch; thermostat festooned with patriotic garlands was also impressive. Patriotic star earring on stuffed animal was also noteworthy. Negatives: sand in the tub; lack of gratuity not appreciated. (We assumed the banana was not for us).

Score: 32

Cum.: 50

Cabin 4: Marshmallow snow man ensemble was entertaining. Artful pillow arrangement was nice touch! "Island Nectar" spray smelled wonderful, but tasted strange. Ventilation very good: bathroom vent fan left running, and door was open. In short, a model of perfection in air quality standards to be followed by all other cabins who hope to remain inoffensive to the Inspectors' olfactory senses.

Score: 32

Cum.: 51

Cabin 5: Minor VBV Artfully arranged cat fight on a pillow showed originality. Lack of decorations and tip were disappointment; as were the sandy bathtub and loose electrical cord dangling both threatening. PETA protests endangered pink zebra pelt.

Score: 25

Cum.: 40

Bethel 6:

One word – Paper Airplanes! Airplanes were quite fun. Flying dinosaur intimidation ineffective. Several infractions: Clock inaccurate by 1 hour; triplet of toothpaste tubes improperly positioned prone, also bland-tasting.

Score: 29

Cum.: 48¹

Cabin 7: Impressive library! Sink and bathroom area both immaculate save for errant hair. Lack of "gift" depressing to inspectors, resulting in lowered score.

Score: 27

Cum.: 42

Dothan Cabins

Population of 16 untraceable in kitchen/living room, though honey bear visibly embarrassed by lack of surrounding creativity. Consider decorations.

Cabin 1: Luggage denser than Logan Airport. Prolonged olfactory assault caused by errant Vans. Offending footwear moved outside.

Score: 27

Cum.: 43

Cabin 2: Indian statue unremarkable, though thought

appreciated: try harder. Excellent ventilation not enough against troglodytic ambience.

Score: 27

Cum.: 45

Cabin 3: Abandoned orange is insulting bribe, in otherwise greatly improved cabin. Before/After much like Titanic vs. Hindenburg: One has more humanity, the other more death.

Score: 25

Cum.: 50

Dothan 4: Much improved: Neat, orderly, well-ventilated. Decorations still needed. Inspectors' enthusiasm wanted due to visible lack of creativity: baseball cap does not equate decoration.

Score: 28

Cum.: 47

Mashal Cabin

Good camper behavior attributable to decorative and useful literature. Scented candle had pleasant aroma, if unpleasantly waxy aftertaste. Ted Kasinski signature should be sign to have mail held.

Score: 30

Cum.: 51

Ajalon Cabin

Nice improvement! Problems: Weathervane not pointing north; Orwellian eye no less unnerving. Impressive library offset by misplaced toilet paper roll on toilet seat, instead of dispenser.

Score: 25

Cum.: 39

Standings:

Bethel 1: 47	Dothan 1: 43
Bethel 3: 50	Dothan 2: 45
Bethel 4: 51	Dothan 3: 50
Bethel 5: 40	Dothan 4: 47
Bethel 6: 48	Mashal: 51
Bethel 7: 42	Ajalon: 39

¹ As per the proxy score (as outlined in Volume I of *The Americanist*) for yesterday, the score of one

FICTION

Untitled poem:

Change:

It's in the air.

This isn't the seasons

There's other reasons

Behind this here.

You really gotta sniff it out
Find out what it's all about
Cause something's going on
And they're not being open...

Change:

It's inevitable.

We can't stop the now

But we can change the show

To some thing real

You really need to wake your
brain

Go stand in the Rain

Get a feel for the air

And test your souls in the
shifting winds

So it's the start of something
new

And soon it's gonna be affectin'
me and you

We'd better involve ourselves
too.

Before a thing emerges

That we cannot undo.

--Libby Roberts

Errata

Editor's Note:

This is a new section in which misprints, misattributions, omissions, and all other general errors will (attempt) to be corrected.

In addition to errors, Editorial notes/comments will be released here if not imperative enough to warrant Front Page publication.

If you have found an error, *please* let the Editor (Mr. Galvin) know, so that he may fix it in the upcoming Errata section.

Omissions:

David Tomaso was omitted from inclusion in the Advanced Class listing on Page 2.

Editor's note for yesterday's Fiction section should read "...short stories, fictionalized (or serialized) narratives *will also be screened for publication.*"

Corrections:

Pg. 1 – "Sections" window: "Critics" not "Critic's"

Pg. 2 – "\$ and Sense" should read "Dollars and Sense"

Pg. 2 – "Note from Mr..." window: "*signers.*" instead of "singers"

All pages – The lower-left of the footer reads "2009"; it should read "Volume I"

Special Mention:

Apologies to Elyse Smith for her photo. (Also, pre-emptive apologies for the photo in this issue).

Closing Notes:

Thank you all very much for the good reception of yesterday's edition. From the feedback that

reached the staff, it was positive, despite the errors. We've tried to make this edition more successful than the last, so please bear with us as we settle into a routine that suits this camp's Fourth Estate.

From the Editor: While the newspaper welcomes all submissions, not only is there not always enough space to lay-out/fit each piece of content to *The Americanist*, but also, the Editor reserves the right to refuse content for any reason. All submissions are encouraged, but please look-over and revise each submission so that it may be its most presentable to all the campers, staff, and internet readers (c/o Mr. Everett).

Any reader who does not wish to write an article, or conduct an interview, etc... May also help the staff of *The Americanist* in the Newspaper Office, located in Bethel building.

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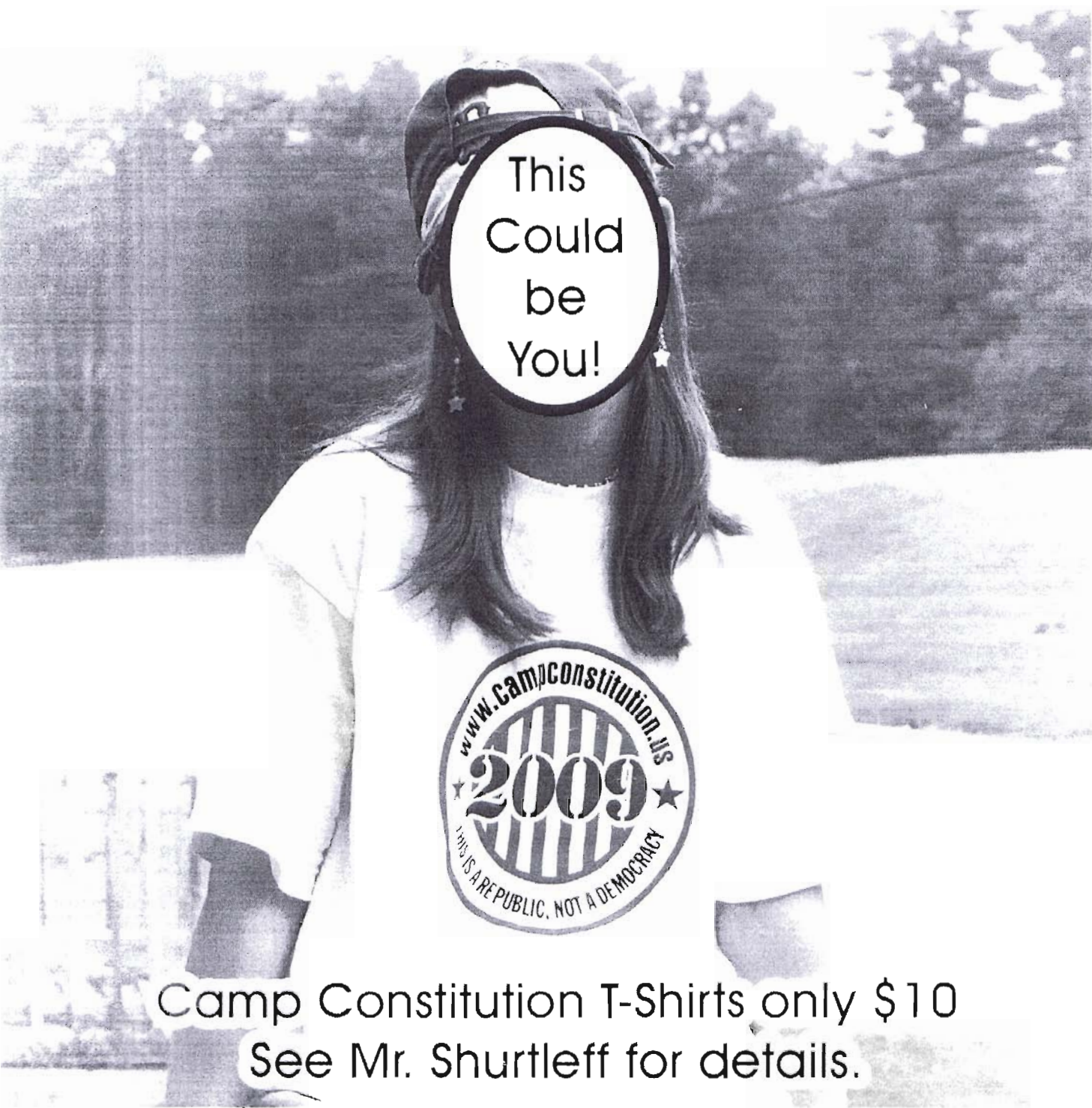
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Poisoning Pigeons in the Park

Spring is here, a-suh-puh-ring is here.
Life is skittles and life is beer.
I think the loveliest time of the year is the
spring.
I do, don't you? 'Course you do.
But there's one thing that makes spring
complete for me,
And makes ev'ry Sunday a treat for me.

All the world seems in tune
On a spring afternoon,
When we're poisoning pigeons in the park.
Ev'ry Sunday you'll see
My sweetheart and me,
As we poison the pigeons in the park.

When they see us coming, the birdies all try
an' hide.
But they still go for peanuts when coated
with cyanide.
The sun's shining bright,
Ev'rything seems all right,
When we're poisoning pigeons in the park.

We've gained notoriety,
And caused much anxiety
In the Audubon Society
With our games.
They call it impiety,
And lack of propriety,
And quite a variety
Of unpleasant names.
But it's not against any religion
To want to dispose of a pigeon.

So if Sunday you're free,
Why don't you come with me,
And we'll poison the pigeons in the park.
And maybe we'll do
In a squirrel or two,
While we're poisoning pigeons in the park.

We'll murder them{ all }amid laughter and
merriment.
Except for the few we take home to
experiment.
My pulse will be quickenin'
With each drop of strychnine
We feed to a pigeon.
It just takes a smidgen!
To poison a pigeon in the park.