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# Development Issues Surrounding the Local Community

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Last year's mayoral race polarized an issue that Winter Park residents had been relatively dormant about—development in their community. Anti-development concerns carried Mayor Strong to electoral victory and The Carlisle Project is on his hit list.

Prefacing that article with a quick explanation behind The Carlisle Project is needed especially as most students are unaware of local community issues. Many in campus were ignorant of the divisive issue before Will Graves '77/78, a past alum and community activist, approached students distressed about The National Trust for Historic Preservation's label of our Central Park as threatened, prompting a search into the development.

"We're too late to prevent future Winter Park development projects that haven't even been envisioned yet because the system is stacked in favor of the developers. It's a little like trying to rein in alcoholism with a city ordinance allowing unlimited drinks from six ounce glasses. Developers have been on a 'Happy Hour' in this small village with no end in sight," Graves said.

The Carlisle is a proposed 500-foot-long four-story condominium, post office and retail project on the edge of Central Park. The city's planning commission approved the original project in January 2005 but is concerned that significant changes were made since to the height and floor area.

Strolling down Park Avenue one may notice the lack of activity and green space in the park



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**DEVELOPING WINTER PARK:** In January 2005, the plan to develop a four-story condominium on the edge of Central Park was approved, but since then changes have occurred in the project.

officially known as Central Park. Railroad tracks bisect the park and a few benches around the perimeter allow students to absorb the views. Few actually seek out the park with the exception of those romantic movie-moment walks with a significant other. Recognizing this drawback, a few years ago, Winter Park sought to address the issues by creating a task force to develop a comprehensive plan detailing a future vision for Central Park. The result: overwhelming support for an "eyes on the park" concept that would enlarge the green space and spur activity in the area.

After speaking to a member of

the task force, Larry Adams, who also won the architectural bid for The Carlisle Project, several ideas to renovate the park were offered including a potential performing arts center, increased retail, office space and mixed-use development. Clearly the performing arts idea was put to the wayside, but the city immediately recognized that their lack of budgetary funds would require the involvement of the private sector if the reconstruction was to be a success.

Perhaps this is where the debates begin and have escalated the sensitive issue to a battle between new urbanists aligned with eager developers against

conservationists and a number of Winter Park residents. The latter claim to have been deceived by the proposed development project. Too often these issues remain outside the Rollins information bubble and thus outside the student domain. However, since students' lives at Rollins extend past the marbled gateways of the college and into the Spanish Mediterranean themed streets of Park Avenue, everyone should be curious about potential development projects as well.

Admissions tours boast about the tranquility and vistas of Rollins College and the surrounding city of Winter Park, students

take advantage of the fresh fruits at the Farmer's Market and stroll through the park yet very few have questioned what elements actually define the beauty behind Winter Park. For some, it is the naturalistic landscape and for others, the Mediterranean architecture. Perhaps it is a combination of both and the attractiveness of a 'walking city' in which there is mixed-use development. Baldwin Park is an example of a contemporary New Urbanist development; a higher density community that emphasizes both residential and retail within close distance.

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# The Cost of Convenience at Rollins C-Store

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Since its inception in the mid 1990's, students have been familiar with the C-Store, an on campus convenience store that supplies students with everything from potato chips to Tide laundry detergent. Students have also been familiar with something else: the high prices the C-Store charges.

"Some of the prices they charge are absolutely ridiculous," says Tom Alexander, a sophomore at Rollins College. "When I was younger, I would go grocery shopping with my mom, and we'd fill up the whole buggy, and it would only cost \$100. Now I get a few things at the C-Store and fill up one bag, and it's 35 bucks."

To see just how much more students were forced to pay on campus, I went to Publix, a local grocery store, and purchased nine items I thought were common to

the diet of Rollins students: a loaf of bread, gallon of milk, a bag of chips, cheese dip, bag of Oreo cookies, box of Honey Bunches of Oats cereal, box of Saltines, a bag of M&M's, and six apples. (None of the items I bought at Publix were on sale, as the C-Store never has special sales.)

After buying the same items at the school's C-Store, I found an astounding price difference. The products cost \$25.23 at Publix, while the total was \$47.04 on campus. The price at the C-Store was 73% higher than at the grocery store.

Why is there such a huge disparity in prices? Is it solely for want of profit or is there a reason for the gap? For the answer, I asked Heather Wilson, the retail manager for four of the five dining locations at Rollins.

"This is a convenience store, so you're not comparing apples to apples," said Ms. Wilson, who has

held her position for four years and has been with the college for 18. (Note: The prices at the C-Store compare closely to other local convenience stores, like 7-11 or Mobil on the Run.) "Grocery stores have a better purchasing power—they buy everything in bulk—which means they can sell it cheaper."

According to Ms. Wilson, the matter is out of her hands. Bosses of hers negotiate deals with businesses that act as middle men between the school and companies that produce food. One company may offer a good deal on Dasani water, for example, but charge a little bit more for Oreo cookies. However, if Rollins signs a contract to get Dasani for a cheap price, it may have to agree to pay a little more for Oreo cookies. Additionally, there isn't much competition in these discussions. The school purchases from Core Mart, a business based in Atlanta,

Georgia, but Ms. Wilson believes there are only two or three other reliable companies.

Not that that is the only reason for the high prices. If a student wants to purchase a bag of Oreos, he or she will pay \$5.10 on campus. Ms. Wilson says the final charge from Core Mart to the C-Store is \$3.85. That's a profit of \$1.25 for each package sold. The final price at the grocery store, for comparison's sake, is \$4.04.

The only thing keeping students from shopping at Publix is the inconvenience. However, the inconvenience may not be this drastic. The closest Publix grocery store is about 1 mile away from campus, located on Orange Avenue. The majority of upperclassmen have cars, and for those who don't have transportation, finding a ride is not too difficult of an endeavor. If worse comes to worse, a taxi ride would only cost \$3.85 each way, according to the

Mears Transportation website. Traveling off campus to buy food is not that inconvenient, and it saves a lot of money. The biggest question is why more students don't do it.

One possible answer is that students pay these prices because of a mandatory meal plan for everyone who lives on campus. The C-Store is the only place at Rollins that sells bags of potato chips, dip, and other snacks. In other words, it has a monopoly on these items that so many students consume. Because of that, they can charge a little extra, knowing students will be forced to pay them.

"The prices at the C-Store are way too high," said James Kilmartin, a junior Economics major at Rollins College. "You look at some of the items there, and you can't believe the price. A bag of Sun Chips costs \$3.49 before tax. That's insane."



## WORLD News



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**JAPAN:** Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao urged Japan's parliament not to forget Tokyo's wartime aggression, even as the two Asian powers mend their strained ties and bolster thriving business relations.

**IRAQ:** A suicide attack in Iraq's parliament building killed eight people, including two Iraqi lawmakers, and wounded 20.

**AFGHANISTAN:** Afghan officials say 35 suspected Taliban militants are dead following an airstrike and clashes with local security forces in southern Afghanistan.

**MOROCCO:** Moroccan police say they have arrested a fifth member of a suspected terror cell close to where three other suspects blew themselves up and one was shot dead.

**EL SALVADOR:** The bodies of four small children who were killed in their U.S. home and their father, who committed suicide in the same house, have arrived for burial in the family's Salvadoran hometown.

## NATIONAL News



**NEW YORK:** CBS has canceled Don Imus' radio show, effective immediately, after uproar over his racist and sexist comments about Rutgers women's basketball team.

**WASHINGTON D.C.:** A 43-year-old U.S. citizen was charged with providing material support to al Qaeda and plotting to set off bombs in Europe and the United States, according to a federal indictment unsealed in Columbus, Ohio.

**PENNSYLVANIA:** A toddler is home safe after wandering from home in Lancaster County overnight. A driver found the 3-year old boy around 3 a.m. walking along Route 462. He was three blocks from his home in West Hempfield Township.

**FLORIDA:** A police pursuit ended with an Orlando police officer's car submerged in a pond and the suspect's car didn't turn out any better. It crashed into a tree early in morning near the airport.

**OHIO:** Police said they have solved a series of break-ins at a local mall, where a homeless man allegedly set up shop.

# Sun Sets Earlier in Winter Park

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retail within close distance.

The original concern by residents against the project was that the Carlisle Project is the mutant by-product of an innovative development plan with overambitious developers aiming to maximize profit. After meeting with representatives from Friends of Winter Park, the architects (ACI), the developers (Grover Bryan), and Mayor Strong, a more holistic evaluation can now be made.

Ultimately residents are engaging in a tradeoff. The developers of The Carlisle will convert a previously paved parking lot into additional green space, bring activity to the park while also building a four-story condominium. Friends of Winter Park were outraged that the condominium creeps up on the public park, blocks the horizon and sunset while simultaneously adding noise pollution to a scenic and historical area, and that developers eliminated a proposal for affordable housing.

Paul Bryan, from Broad Street Partners and Larry Adams from ACI, dispelled those claims in our interview. First, the contract never included a proposal for "affordable" housing in the subsidized housing sense. It is affordable in comparison to purchasing a home in Winter Park. Second, sixty percent of the building is past the north park line. The forty percent that is within the park's range includes increased green area, a restaurant and post office. Third, the perimeter of the building never changed from the original plan, it is still lined with mixed use development. Thus the height and area adjustments were made to an interior courtyard for private residents. The original contract also allowed for up to

160 units. After studying the market, experts found that 60 larger units would be more attractive to potential buyers. When asked about reducing the height of the building to ease resident concerns, he said it was economically infeasible. Lastly, the company brought in a scholar from Univer-

Park," Bryan said, "No one was trying to ruin the park." The city could not afford to revamp the park alone and needed to seek private developers to front the funds. Aesthetically, the plans fit the Spanish Mediterranean architecture, and have the potential to contribute to the public good.

members of our Board who are involved in the issue. The developer of the project is Central Park Station Partners, a joint venture of The Keewin Real Property Co., Broad Street Partners LLC and Grover Bryan Inc. Alan Keen, chairman of the Rollins Board of Trustees, is also the principle of Keewin Real Property Company. Another development partner, Steve Walsh, is a member of the Entrepreneurship Board of Advisors at Crummer, and Hal Kantor serves on the Hamilton Holt Board.

Currently the development and hence renovations have come to a stalemate. The developers filed suit to pressure the committee to either approve or deny their proposal but at the very least to make headway and find a compromise. Mayor Strong began the task of raising funds to acquire the development rights to stop the Carlisle project from breaking ground. This option, however, was voted down by the city planning commission. The accrued development costs thus far, greater than \$5.5 million, will continue to rise as the negotiations continue. Paul Bryan confirmed that their company spends \$60-

70,000 monthly on fixed costs. The current stalemate is a lose-lose for all - the park will not be renovated, the Carlisle will not be constructed, and all remains in status quo. As students, we are taught to question everything and seek answers for ourselves. The facts are available, so walk through Central Park, observe the current conditions and make your own value judgment of whether the property should be built.



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**RESIDENTIAL SPACE:** An interior courtyard has been planned for private residents, the drawing above is a rendering of the possible courtyard.

sity of Florida to study how the sunlight affects the park. While it obviously blocks some views, The Carlisle will be built in between already established large buildings. "The dark shadows are a manufactured fear," Bryan said.

Despite having several open house meetings to discuss the plans for the project, few residents attended. When Mayor Strong brought the issue to light, attention quickly followed The Carlisle. "We became the poster-child to development in Winter

The upside: Central Park could use a facelift, including the additional green space and functional facilities for people to enjoy. The downside: it is a four-story building at the edge of the park.

Bruce Stephenson, of the Environmental Studies department agrees, "It is a tradeoff between more park space and a four-story building." Supportive of enhancing the park he suggests "what a great space for a library."

Debates have run rampant for the past several months including

## Playing With Fire: Fox Day Roulette

**Buck Snyder**  
*the sandspur*

Since he became president of Rollins two years ago, Lewis Duncan has held Fox Days on Tuesday in the second week of April. For those who are the gambling type, this means that the Monday before is often geared more towards celebration rather than studying. The formal name for this sort of assumptive tradition - that is nearly as old as Fox Day itself - is "Fox Day Roulette." All things considered, it's probably best not to play Fox Day Roulette, at least according to some teachers. However, if you must play - and it's very likely that you will at some point - you should play it with some degree of logic.

First of all, almost everyone is bound to the notion that Fox Day will never be on a Monday or Friday. This rumor doesn't carry much weight considering 6 out of the last 17 Fox Days have been on Mondays, and 2 have been on Fridays. However, the most pop-

ular predictions for this year put Fox Day on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday in the second week of April (the 10th, 11th, and 12th, respectively.)

I argue that Fox Day will definitely NOT be on any of these days, though Tuesday through Thursday in general may hold better odds. Check the 10 day weather forecast; there is a 30% chance of rain all week, not to mention the Nuclear Winter that has emerged in Florida giving us temperatures in the mid-50's, most likely resultant of Global Warming. How could President Duncan schedule Fox Day this week with pressing issues such as Global Warming, a Nuclear Winter, Rain, and 50 Degree Temperatures on his hands?

Probably with relative ease, but timing is everything. Veteran bureaucrat Duncan surely knows that if Fox Day is a cold and rainy event massive rioting and limitless violence are bound to occur from all parts of the student body. He must also be sure to appease the Teaching Gods; if he

proclaims Fox Day too late and interrupts their teaching schedules at an inopportune time... I shudder to think. President Duncan is tiptoeing through a mine field here. He's got to pull the Fox out on just the right day.

So, when is this day? Monday, April 16th. That's my guess at least; to each his own. No one can really be sure when Fox Day will be... except the campus squirrels, but that's another article. I do, however, have some method to my mentality. The first week in April is over (probably not going to be then), the second week's weather isn't favorable enough, and pushing Fox Day back any further than Friday, April 20th is edging a little close to exam time. Therefore, I am led to believe that Fox Day will fall in the third week of April. But why do I select Monday, a day that most say outright will not host Fox Day? It's because President Duncan is a sly old rascal and I think he's going to serve us something with some spin.

Cross-referencing my intu-

ition, I browsed the event calendar on the school's webpage. Monday the 16th is short on events and meetings. The only thing that's really scheduled is a couple of open-houses for newly accepted students. Why not clear out the campus and give the newbies a chance to look around uninterrupted? Kill two birds with one Fox Day... right?

Hopefully that will be the case, or otherwise I will be facing Monday's classes with stress and distress. Go ahead and learn from my likely mistake now, and don't play Fox Day Roulette. Better yet, try and create an elaborate hoax that fools everyone (teachers included in this one) into thinking it really is Fox Day. Cuz' that would be Ballin' fo sho.

(All predictions and speculations are just that: predictions and speculations. Please refrain from taking this article as unarguable fact.)



# Rollins Undergraduate Research Goes World Wide

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Sometimes it takes a while to figure out what is missing. For Fay Pappas and Clayton Ferrara, however, what Rollins has been missing became obvious. Each year students do a multitude of great research that finds itself shoved into the back corner of desks and forgotten. Rollins lacked a central publication or repository for excellent student research. The Rollins Undergraduate Journal of Research is the solution to this problem, but, in the beginning, it was just a good idea. Turning a good idea into a reality would require far more hard work and dedication than anyone could have possibly known.

Fay had kept up the idea of the research journal initially in the capacity of a collegiate

promoter. That is, she promoted the Journal on campus and really made the case that the Journal is something that Rollins needed. After getting in touch with numerous professors and students and hitting a number of dead-ends, the idea for the journal was set aside for the better part of a semester. Though the project seemed to be standing still, Fay did not get discouraged. "Because this idea was such an obvious solution to a clear problem, I had a strong belief that the right moment would come," Fay said. "That's why I pushed so hard to keep this idea alive even when I could only envision parts of how it might look and though I understood little about how in the world it could ever possibly come about." When Fay fell into the position of editor-in-chief with Brushing Literary Journal, things really got under way. It was here

that Clayton Ferrara, a Brushing editor and visionary, came on-board with the project. Together they created an official petition for the purpose of exposing interest and attracting funding for their project. There was a great response from students, faculty, and administration to the petition and, making a long story short, before the end of the semester, they had received a grant.

With the grant in hand, there was now the means with which to turn the Rollins Undergraduate Journal of Research into a reality, but there was still a long road to pave. They now had to build a staff of editors and create the entire structure of a professional caliber publication from scratch. Fay and Clayton joined with editors Austin Connors, James Bruner, Nicole Omat, Isaac Chiang, Jessica Drew, and Joseph Ribas. With a solid team in place,

the publication was finally ready for an inaugural publication set for the first of June. Finally, all the hard work was beginning to pay off.

When asked to explain what sort of step the journal was for research at Rollins, Clayton responded, "Rather than being a step in the right direction for Rollins, the research Journal is a necessary component for Rollins to have before any steps are even made. This is something that other schools (like UCF and UF) have always had and Rollins has always lacked. In 121 years, Rollins has never had a place to consolidate the work its students had worked on. Things were simply shelved and forgotten. Now with an online database, the work of students can be viewed anywhere on the earth by anyone who wants to know." The best part of the new journal

is students' work will be accessible around whole world via internet. All of the professional peer-referee articles accepted by the journal will not just be hidden away on the college's website either; they will in fact be accessible by a Google web search.

Students are encouraged to submit their independent research, student-led cooperative research, senior thesis, term paper, literary work, literary review or art portfolio. Places in the journal will be highly competitive; only the very best works will be eligible for publication. This year, the deadline for submissions is set for April 30. Submissions should be sent in the form of a hard copy to Campus Box 706.

Any further questions about the publication may be directed to fpappas@rollins.edu.

## Lake Virginia Closure

In the upcoming months you can expect Lake Virginia to be closed on certain days for a lake treatment project. The lake will be treated with aluminum sulfate (also known as alum) in order to reduce internal phosphorus cycling in the lake. By binding the phosphorus in the top layer of sediments, there will be a prevention of recycling the sediments back into the lake.

The treatments will not have any effect on the safety or recreational use of the lake. Boat use will not be allowed in order to guarantee the safety of the applicators. They will be towing large, heavily loaded barges which in the event of large boat wakes could be swamped.

No motor boats will be allowed on the lake during the following dates below. Signs will be posted on the boat ramps prior to the start of treatment.

The amount of time it will take for each treatment varies, but the improvements that will occur can last up to 15 years.

And also, with reductions in storm water inputs, it is possible that further treatments in the future will not be necessary to maintain water quality.

Closures will take place on the following dates between the hours of 8 AM and 6 PM:

April 16-20  
May 14-18  
June 11-15

## How was Fox Day 2007?

If you took pictures and would like to have them published in the upcoming issue of The Sandspur please email them to EDITOR@THESANDSPUR.org.

Also, make sure you let us know who is in each picture and who took the picture, so everyone can get credit.

If you would also like to have quotes about your Fox Day published, send them along with the pictures.

We want to know what Rollins students did on their day off, so share with us what you did.



## THE SANDSPUR WANTS YOU!

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## Holt News

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## Successful Job Search Tips

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If you can't find any promising jobs, here are some tips to consider from Forbes.com:

Keep busy. Do something besides looking for a job. Consider volunteering for a nonprofit, doing consulting or taking classes. If the activity is relevant to your profession, it's a big plus. Doing anything is better than doing nothing.

Expand your network. Chances are, you've already exhausted your existing network of friends and colleagues while looking for a job. Now expand your network or create a new one.

Tap into alumni organizations, get involved in community activities, join professional associations, connect with your house of worship or even take a wine-tasting class. You never know where you'll meet that person who will open a door for you.

Switch industries. An estimated 85 percent of people switched industries to land new jobs in the past year, according

to outplacement firm DBM. How do you pull it off? Obviously, you want to target those industries that are doing well and are hiring, such as health care or security.

Still, you have to convince companies that you can easily make the switch. Before applying, try to acquire more training specific to that industry. Then tailor your resume to that industry and particular job, in order to demonstrate that you won't require extensive training.

Ask for help. Career coaches can help improve job searches and tell you what you've been doing wrong, but they are expensive, especially for someone who hasn't been drawing a salary in months.

Still, there are affordable ways to get advice. Try to find a coaching and outplacement firm that does outreach sessions. Another low-cost idea: Find a job search buddy.

Try many tactics. If you've been answering ads or working through search firms, consider taking a different approach. According to The Five O'Clock Club,

a career-coaching firm, only 20 percent of jobs are found through search firms and ads.

Contact companies directly, even if there are no job postings. Focus on connecting with people at one to two levels above the position you'd seek. Not sure how to find the names? Look through professional association directories in your field. But be careful not to become a pest.

Address the gap. Don't leave a hole in your resume. It creates questions, not answers.

Stay positive. The most important thing is to stay upbeat and confident. If you are glum or despondent, interviewers will pick up on it. Take time off to recharge, and don't postpone having fun until you get a job. Be sure to exercise, eat right and take care of yourself.

Lower your expectations. Be ready to accept a lower salary or work for a company that's smaller than what you're accustomed to. Look in small towns or in the suburbs.

**the CAREER COACH**  
Marian Cacciatore

## THE IMPORTANCE OF NETWORKING

Dear Marian:

I have noticed that you often suggest that Holt students get involved in internships. I have to work full time and do not know how to make this happen. Any ideas?

For many Hamilton Holt students an internship may seem like an impossible dream, because they are already balancing work, class, homework and family. For some, it may not be realistic to participate in an internship.

However, if you are working on your degree to transition to a new field or industry I want to challenge you to find a way to get some hands on experience. Impossible? Let us look at three success stories from our Holt alumni:

Sharon worked full time as an administrative assistant but wanted desperately to get into special events and promotions. How did she do it? She volunteered to help a local radio station with occasional weekend promotions. This led to an ongoing part-time paid position with the station which allowed her to quit her full time job. With her new part-time job in promotions, she was able to obtain a "real" paid internship in her new field. She assumed some risk but it paid off! By the time she graduated, her resume reflected some significant experience in her new field.

Shannon put herself through college working in retail and wanted to get into the Counseling field. She knew that ultimately

she would have to get her Masters degree and needed some experience for her graduate school application. What did she do? She went through the training to become a Hospice volunteer and get involved with this outreach several times a month on the weekends. Then, in her last semester, she became involved with an agency that helped children who had suffered loss through the death of a loved one. Both were volunteer positions that only required an hour or two each week but made a significant difference on her resume to graduate school. Her volunteer work also confirmed her passion for her career choice.

Carole was a hairstylist who enrolled in the Holt school to transition into outside sales. Her flexible schedule allowed her to participate in an internship but she found real success by getting to know other Holt students. She heard about an opening for an account executive from another Holt student and ended up getting the job. Her advice? "Make sure that you add value to all of those team projects....you never know where your job lead may come from!"

Admittedly, for some Holt students, even volunteering an hour per week may be impossible. What to do? Consider joining a local professional association in your new field of interest, attend meetings whenever you can and join a committee. Finally, take Carole's advice and get to know your other Holt peers! Contact Marian at [mcacciatore@rollins.edu](mailto:mcacciatore@rollins.edu) for more strategies!

## Work Wear; Back to Business

Margarita Bauza  
mct campus

Soon after becoming a manager of Point A Luggage at Detroit's Twelve Oaks Mall, Joshua Lay instituted a formal dress code for his employees.

Khaki pants and polo shirts were replaced with button-down shirts, ties and jackets.

"It's helped with how we are portrayed," said Lay, 27, adding that some employees grumbled about having to buy new clothing. "It's much easier to sell a high-end item if we are dressed like the clientele we appeal to."

More companies are going that route, reversing the relaxed dress codes of the 1990s, when khakis overtook suits in the workplace.

In 2005, 41 percent of U.S. companies allowed casual dress, down from 51 percent in 2001, according to a survey by the Society for Human Resource Management.

This is good news for those who felt dress codes had gotten too lax and bad news for the people who dislike dealing with ties and nylons. "Not only did people become more casual in their clothing, but they also became casual in their work," said Sherry Day, immediate past president of National Association of Women Business Owners.

"The first impact you have is

that message you send when you are first seen. Then you have to either live up to it or overcome it," Day said.

Rod Brown has noticed the shift toward more formal attire among his customers at the Shirt Box, a Farmington Hills, Mich.,

That means no tennis shoes, halter tops, tank tops, shorts or flip flops.

"We switched from four days of formal dress and one day of business casual to a more casual setting about a year ago," Gutman said. "It has helped with employee retention. They're more productive and comfortable."

Despite the more relaxed rules, he hasn't embraced it himself.

"I wear a suit and tie and sport coat," he said. "I got tired of keeping an extra shirt behind the door if I suddenly needed one."

Brian Schubot, president of Jules R. Schubot Jewelers in Troy, Mich., said the store stuck with formal attire, bucking the industry trend to relax workers' threads.

"We consider ourselves a luxury

shopping experience and we feel that traditional dress adds to the atmosphere we provide at our salon," he said.

Judith Bowman, author of "Don't Take the Last Donut: New Rules of Business Etiquette," (Career Press, \$19.99), speaks to companies about how workers should dress.

Cowboy boots and jeans that were acceptable during the dot-com era have no place in today's business world, she said.

"Business casual is definitely a thing of the past in this most highly competitive business arena," Bowman said. "Lackadaisical attire looks like lackadaisical work performance."



**BID ADEU TO YOUR POLO AND KAKHIS:** Many companies are reversing relaxed dress codes, returning to traditional professional attire.

store that caters to businessmen.

"I'm glad it's swinging back," said Brown, the store's owner. "It's nice to see people with button-up shirts. It's so much more clean and professional looking."

"Even those who are still doing business casual are wearing things like wool slacks and sports coats," he said. Companies not requiring suits and ties are putting limits on how casual employees can be.

Andy Gutman, CFO of the Farmington Hills commercial real estate firm Farbman Group, said the company has a relaxed dressed code. However, Farbman also has rules about what is too casual.

## Communication Majors and Minors

LAMBDA PI ETA



National Communication Honor Society

-Lambda Pi Eta is the national honor society for undergraduate communication majors and minors and membership reflects the attainment of high academic goals.

-Lambda Pi Eta members are recognized at graduation by wearing the gold cords that signify academic achievement and success.

-Lambda Pi Eta is a great networking opportunity for career possibilities and graduate studies after graduation.

-Lambda Pi Eta at Rollins offers opportunities for leadership and participation in social and charitable events.

-Lambda Pi Eta at Rollins let's you decide your level of involvement.

There is no time commitment required to join.

Find out about membership requirements and get an application on the Rollins website at: <http://www.rollins.edu/holt/students/lph.shtml>



## New Study on Smoking

Jordan Lite  
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Smokers are taking time-outs from work besides cigarette breaks: They average more than 25 percent more sick days a year than their nonsmoking colleagues, a new study has found.

Employees who smoked took an average of 34 sick days a year, compared with nearly 20 by those who had never smoked and 25 by ex-smokers, according to a study of Swedish workers in the current issue of the journal *Tobacco Control*.

That actually worked out to eight extra days after taking into account characteristics of workers' jobs that might put them at added risk of illness, wrote the authors, who analyzed insurance data from 14,000 Swedish workers.

"I don't think that's a surprise. I know it's not good for me," said Wayne Hampton, 37, who was taking a smoke break from his job as a customer service representative in New York.

Eliya Stein, 22, said he cuts back on cigarettes in the winter because he's more likely to get sick. But the media analyst said, "It's not like I get sick to the point where I can't go to work."

American workers average far fewer sick days than the Swedes who led the pack in sick days among eight countries examined in a 2002 report but studies have found U.S. smokers miss work more than nonsmokers, too. A 2001 study of 300 U.S. workers found that smokers averaged four sick days a year, compared with 1.3 days for nonsmokers.

Smoking also was associated with poorer work performance, according to a study of 5,500 female U.S. Navy enlistees reported in *Tobacco Control*.

Smokers were less likely to enlist for eight years than nonsmokers, and more likely to be discharged for medical reasons, drug abuse and bad behavior.

"There's some suggestion that people who smoke are less productive. They take more smoke breaks, but also tend to be non-conformist, sort of impulsive and higher risk takers, so they may do things to get themselves into more trouble and that might not be conducive to moving up in the workplace and being as productive as they could be," said Terry Conway of San Diego State University, author of the Navy study.



## Web Search: Is Your Number Up?

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A new Web site offers to help you find out if your Social Security or credit-card number has been stolen and is being used online. There's only one catch.

[www.stolenidsearch.com](http://www.stolenidsearch.com)

StolenID Search was set up recently by TrustedID "to give people a chance to understand if their personal information is safe," the site explains. "With data being lost everywhere around us, we all need a free consumer-empowering watchdog service to see if the bad guys have our information."

Then comes the clincher: "Enter your social security or credit card number in the box," and press the search button. So to see if your personal info is out there in cyberspace, you have to, well, send it out there in cyberspace.

TrustedID says not to worry: It doesn't save your info, the search is anonymous and secure, and your number has little value with no other data attached. And, hey, it says, if you like this free service, it has even better ID-theft services for \$8 a month.

CNET News (news.com) offers a good overview (see it at [www.startribune.com/a2452](http://www.startribune.com/a2452)) pointing out the advantages and pitfalls of StolenID Search. On one hand, the site can be a boon to consumers, its experts say. On the other hand, they point out, the site's database could actually be used to aid criminal activity.

Read through StolenID Search's material, the CNET article and other articles linked at TrustedID's site before deciding

if you feel comfortable seeing if your vital numbers have been compromised online.

[www.cockeyed.com/citizen/creditcard/application.shtml](http://www.cockeyed.com/citizen/creditcard/application.shtml)

Considering the stunt documented by Rob Cockerham at his humor site Cockeyed.com, it's no wonder that people get nervous about their credit cards and identity theft. He took a credit-card



Courtesy of MCT Campus

**STOLEN ID SEARCH:** Websites claim to offer secure and anonymous service but sites could aid criminal activity.

solicitation he received in the mail and tore it into bits. He then taped it back together, wrote in a new address (his parents'), added a cell-phone number and sent it in.

In a few weeks, he received the credit card at the altered address and activated it using his cell phone. A criminal should have it so easy. "You should probably buy a shredder today," Cockerham says.

His prankster pal John Hargave of Zug.com also demonstrated how insecure credit cards can be by using increasingly illegible and outlandish "signa-

tures" on purchases ([www.zug.com/pranks/credit](http://www.zug.com/pranks/credit) and [www.zug.com/pranks/credit\\_card](http://www.zug.com/pranks/credit_card)). In the blank where you normally sign for purchases, he drew a picture of Shamu, a diagram of the human digestive tract and musical notation for a little ditty he created called "The Poo Song." All were accepted as his signature without a challenge or request for ID. Scary.

[www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com)

As if identity theft isn't scary enough, there are all kinds of rumors and forwarded e-mails about things such as hotel key cards storing your personal info and Web sites and cell phones being used to steal your confidential info.

The myth-busting Web site Snopes has the lowdown on which are false and which are fact, which you can access using this search-result page: [www.startribune.com/a2451](http://www.startribune.com/a2451). And if you think you're being clever by writing "See ID" or "Check ID" on the back of your credit card instead of signing it, as a reminder to clerks to ask for your ID to verify a signature, Alex Boese of the Museum of Hoaxes found that it doesn't really work, after a clerk refused to accept his Visa card ([www.museumofhoaxes.com/comments/creditcard.html](http://www.museumofhoaxes.com/comments/creditcard.html)).

[www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft)

There's nothing funny about identity theft, especially for the estimated 9 million Americans who fall victim to it each year, according to the Federal Trade Commission. If you think your personal information has been stolen or want to take steps to ensure that it isn't, check out the FTC's Identity Theft site for everything you need to know. Then maybe you'll have no reason to use StolenID Search.

## Americans Facing Widening Income Gap

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Imagine a country with 100 people, whose economy generated \$1,000 in new income over the year. One guy at the top gets \$500, the next nine share \$250 and the 90 at the bottom get the rest, less than \$3 each, on average.

You would not call that country a fair one. But that's what our economy looks like, only on a much larger scale.

And this inequality is getting worse.

In 1975, the richest 1 percent received 8.4 percent of national income before taxes.

In 2005, they received more than double that share: 19.3 percent, according to economists Emmanuel Saez and Thomas Piketty.

The after-tax share of income that the top 1 percent gets each year has jumped even more dramatically, returning the country to

the level of inequality just before the Great Depression.

How did it happen?

During World War II, the government trimmed the income share of the rich with salary controls and progressive taxes. Even after the war, popular opinion helped keep executive salaries down, and the working and middle classes gained a growing share of income, spreading prosperity widely and stimulating growth.

In the early 1970s, as a new era of globalization unfolded and there was high inflation and low growth, workers stopped making gains in real income. The assault on unions and the social safety net accelerated in the 1980s, and workers lost even more ground.

That same decade, with more lax financial regulations and celebrations of the corporate chief executive as culture hero, the old restraints on exorbitant CEO sala-

ries came off.

The gulf between the rich and everyone else widened.

U.S. corporations have used the global economy to weaken workers and enrich themselves.

But other advanced countries are exposed to global pressures, and they haven't experienced the same redistribution of income to the rich, nor have workers lost ground the way they have in the United States.

Stronger unions, more expansive social policies such as national health insurance and better public pensions and cultural constraints on rampant inequality made a difference in those countries.

We should use the same tools to make our own economy more fair and prosperous.

## Naturalized Citizen No. Highest in 25 years

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The proportion of legal immigrants in the country who have become U.S. citizens has reached its highest mark in 25 years, according to a study released Wednesday by the Washington, D.C.-based Pew Hispanic Research Center.

The population of naturalized U.S. citizens reached 12.8 million in 2005, the latest year available, the Pew Hispanic Center's researchers found.

"Today's immigrants are naturalizing and do want to become U.S. citizens," said Jeffrey Passel, a demographer and a senior research associate with the organization. The findings reflect a rise in the number of legal migrants and an increasing number of eligible residents who pursue citizenship, he said.

The research also showed the number of Mexican immigrants naturalized in 2005 hit 1.6 million. That year there were 2 million naturalizations for people who traced their origins to nations in Europe, the report found. The numbers of immigrants from China who became naturalized citizens in 2005 reached 956,000, up from 421,000 a decade earlier.

Illinois, California, New York, Texas, Florida and New Jersey were listed as the "Big Six" for naturalizations. California lead the way with 3.47 million naturalized citizens in 2005, New York was second with 2 million naturalizations. Illinois was ranked sixth, posting 512,000 naturalizations, up from 378,000 in 1995.

Immigrants who are better educated, speak English fluently and own their homes tend to be more likely to become naturalized citizens, researchers concluded.

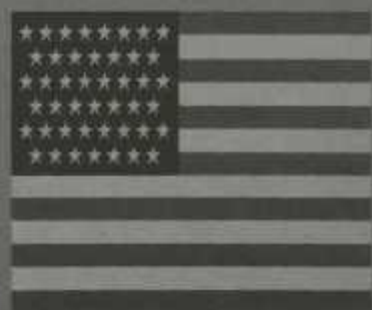
The report found that across the nation, Mexican immigrants were least likely to pursue U.S. citizenship.

The numbers show 20 percent of eligible U.S. permanent residents from Mexico became naturalized citizens in 1995. In 2005, that rose to 35 percent.

Carla Avila, a spokesperson with the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, said some Mexican immigrants harbor a dream to "one day go back to Mexico."

"Some feel like taking that step will jeopardize their Mexican status in some way," Avila said.

Among immigrants eligible to become citizens, 77 percent of those from the Middle East had done so by 2005, compared with 71 percent from Asia, 69 percent from Europe and Canada, and 46 percent from across Latin America, the research showed.







# The Truth about Cruises for College Students

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Cruise lines have offered good deals this year on Caribbean cruises because of weak demand since last summer. One group that seems to be taking advantage is the college crowd.

At Royal Caribbean International, about 12 percent of the reservations for March and April are from 18- to 24-year-olds, up from about 10 percent a year ago, spokesman Michael Sheehan said.

"We are seeing slightly more college-age kids," Sheehan said. Both Royal Caribbean and Carnival Cruise Lines run several ships that offer three-to five-day cruises, the most affordable packages to places such as the Bahamas, Mexico and the Caribbean.

A five-night cruise from Port Everglades, Fla., this month starts at \$399 per person, according to Royal's Web site. Some breakers are traveling in groups, while others go with their families.

David Wickliffe, of Alexandria, Va., turned 21 on the Carnival Cruise Lines ship *Imagination* this week. Sporting an Aeropostale T-shirt and several earrings as he disembarked at the Port of Miami on Thursday, Wickliffe said he was burned out.

"I needed a break, vacation time to relax," said Wickliffe, who was traveling with his family and studies music at Michigan Technological University. Carnival spokesman Tim Gallagher said that while Carnival carries lots of families at this time of year, there isn't a measurable rise in college-age passengers.

"We don't really take spring break groups," he said. Carnival requires guests under 21 who are not married or in the military to share their cabin with someone over 25. The policy was devised a number of years ago to cut down on groups of young people traveling on Carnival, especially during spring break, Gallagher said.

Jeff Sherota, senior vice president of cruise brands at CruisesOnly, a large travel agency, said the cruise lines fear that hordes of college students will scare off other types of passengers concerned about spring break excesses. "They will turn business away to make sure that the rest of the guests on board do not have an unpleasant experience," Sherota said.

Some collegiate cruisers do get wild. On a March 5 cruise of *Majesty of the Seas*, two spring breakers were kicked off the ship at the first port of call because of behavior related to alcohol consumption, Sheehan said.

Reports that there were 800 spring breakers on the ship were exaggerated, but there were "a fair number of 18 to 24 year olds on board," he said.

Royal Caribbean hired two extra security guards for the cruise and assigned 12 employees to full-time enforcement of its Guest Conduct Policy. "We're doing this on a number of ships this year," Sheehan said.

Both Carnival and Royal Caribbean bar guests from bringing their own supplies of alcohol on the ships. Sheehan said Royal Caribbean even X-rays checked luggage to enforce the ban.



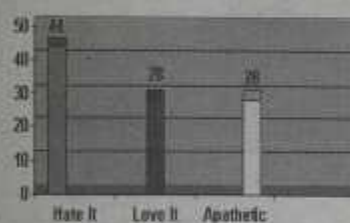
# Word on the Street: Rollins Critiques the New Art Piece

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the sandspur

The results are in! No, not for the SGA Elections, a recent "Word on the Street" survey of students and faculty alike has revealed Rollins' true thoughts about the new modern-art sculpture in front of the President's Office. Semi-reliable sources say that the statue has been won, in some form or the other, by Rollins, and will be on display for a full year. But how do we really feel about the towering blackness?

Survey says: "44% of those interviewed Hate the sculpture, 28% Love it, and another 28% were totally Apathetic towards its existence." Hate, love, apathy—

100 Student Survey: New Sculpture



some serious words. It seems like there are some serious emotions moving through campus, though the survey's limitations could play into that. Regardless, most found the monstrous metal assembly to be distasteful, displeasing, and "out of place."

But why do so many people have a problem with it? Well for starters, "The statue is quite possibly the most heinous, out of place thing I have ever seen," stood out among critiques. When the student, who wishes to remain anonymous, was probed further about her disapproval, a profound concept arose. "Why shouldn't I hate something that's so weird?" This is a deep rooted disgust. Just like X-Men the movie says, "Man fears what he does not understand, and hates what he fears." Night Gesture I, (the work's name) could metaphorically be the mutant of the art world. Ballin'.

Others felt the statue's grandeur and abstract appearance wasn't authentic to Rollins tradition. "We're trying to make Rollins something it's not. Like a north-eastern, ivy-league college. It just doesn't fit our campus look," said one particularly tall

and handsome, freshman soccer player.

Personally, I couldn't agree more. I found myself saying, "Modern-art and Spanish Architecture go about as well together as Modern-art and Spanish Architecture." The statue really doesn't compliment the campus' cobblestone roads, Spanish moss, and handsome squirrels. It seems that the biggest issue at hand with this abstract sculpture is its surrounding environment, or the other way around.

All hate aside, a portion of the campus' population found themselves enthralled by the Night Gesture I's message and beauty. Possibly, these students could be those who have a more profound appreciation for the arts and the artist. Though it's written on a plaque directly in front of the statue, few know that Louise Nevelson (1899-1988) is the artist responsible for the black monument. Maybe these students also know enough to respect the fact that it took her 10 years to cre-



ate Night Gesture I, and that it's no more modern than 1986.

Many times, the difference between loving or hating is knowledge. As one student said, "That statue's dope fo' real tho', on the low-low." Sometimes it is best not to know anything about what you're topic you're critiquing.

The least interesting result was the nearly 30% apathetic attitude shown by the student body. It seems that democratic votes will always be plagued with this noto-

rious shortcoming of incentive. However, you can't really blame someone for taking a less opinionated route, or for entirely refusing to be surveyed, when their other options are as polarized as hate or love. Whether you've decided you hate the statue, that you love it, or that you're still not opinionated enough to choose, remember: It really doesn't matter...unless you do something more than answer a survey question about it.

## Check Your Horoscope!

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**Today's Birthday (04-16-07).** You're not only enthusiastic this year; you're also quite accurate. Add discipline and you'll set new records in areas you'll find important.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** \_ Today is a 10 \_ You can get farther faster than ever before under these conditions. Barriers that have stopped you in the past have been overcome.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** \_ Today is a 6 \_ You're up against a deadline again, which isn't entirely your fault. Circumstances beyond your control have increased the pressure. Better hurry up and do what you promised.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** \_ Today is an 8 \_ Confer with your team, and do your best to learn from their mistakes. Become more assertive under their coaching but don't get impetuous.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** \_ Today is an 8 \_ The quality of your work has made an excellent impression. It's also good that you're in the habit of solving your own problems.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** \_ Today is a 9 \_ This could be your lucky day. That part is pretty obvious. Whether or not you keep what you gain, however, is not as clear.

Avoid impetuous behavior, especially from yourself.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** \_ Today is a 5 \_ Count the money carefully, so you don't make any mistakes. The last thing you need is a lecture from people who can't do their own math.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** \_ Today is a 7 \_ Be ready to hear about every little violation of the rules. Passions have also been aroused, so stay out of the way of a zealot.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** \_ Today is a 9 \_ You're onto something good. Resist the urge to tell everybody. Use that energy to make sure all your paperwork is in order.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** \_ Today is a 7 \_ You are so very attractive now, it's hard to get a moment's peace. Some very assertive admirers are demanding your attention.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** \_ Today is a 5 \_ You don't have to explain yourself to anyone but you can. A private conversation with a loved one could do wonders for a drooping attitude.

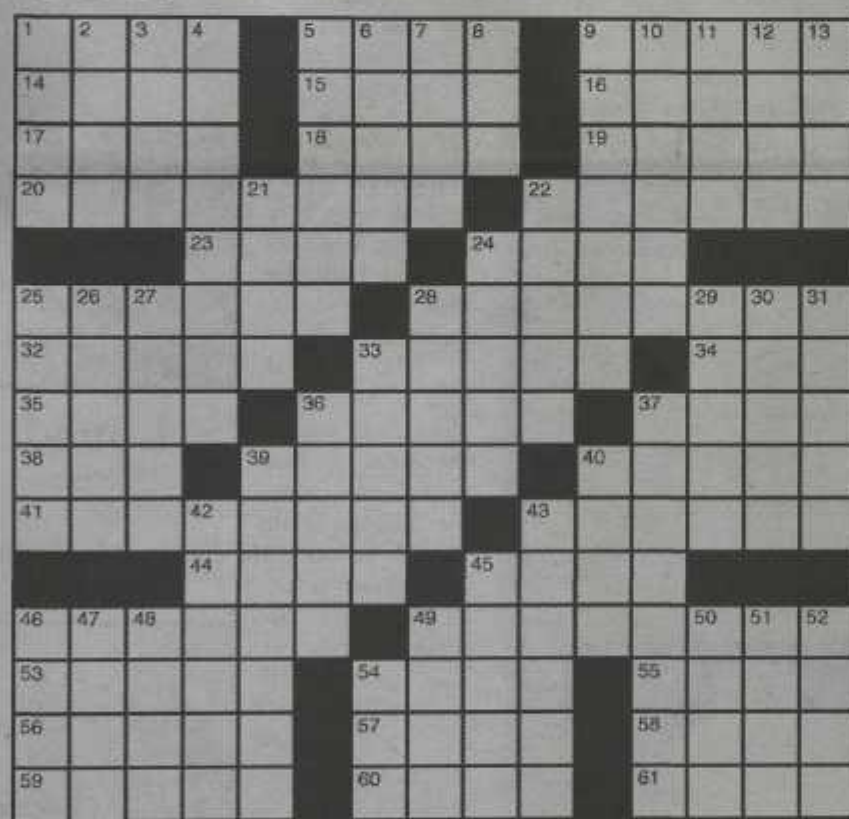
**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** \_ Today is a 6 \_ Your passion for learning is so intense, you could frighten casual observers. Don't worry about them, they'll turn out to be your greatest admirers.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** \_ Today is a 10 \_ Choose your words very carefully, while things are going well. If you have trouble with profit flow, shouting could clear the blockage.

## Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Racing circuits
  - 5 Skiers' ride
  - 9 Broom stroke
  - 14 Landed
  - 15 Seniors' grp.
  - 16 To the point
  - 17 One who performs
  - 18 Work on the hedges
  - 19 Bump in salary
  - 20 Left alone
  - 22 Ebert's former partner
  - 23 Feels poorly
  - 24 Fork part
  - 25 Burning food
  - 28 Twisting and turning
  - 32 Roof overhang
  - 33 Mends by reweaving
  - 34 Negative conjunction
  - 35 Hebrew month
  - 36 Entices
  - 37 Roll-call response
  - 38 "Kidnapped" auth.
  - 39 Contrasting strips
  - 40 Concentration gap
  - 41 Reversals
  - 43 Separated
  - 44 Pub offerings
  - 45 Installed, as carpet
  - 46 Souped-up car
  - 49 Deluges
  - 53 Hunter in the sky
  - 54 Peace lover
  - 55 Small recess
  - 56 Act part
  - 57 Idyllic place
  - 58 Needle case
  - 59 Pert
  - 60 Do a postal job
  - 61 "Wild at Heart" star Laura

- DOWN**
- 1 Alan or Cheryl
  - 2 vera
  - 3 Pizza orders
  - 4 Decorative strip



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## Solutions

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- 42 Some noblemen
- 43 Mom or dad
- 45 Paramour
- 46 "Bonanza" character
- 47 Puget Sound whale
- 48 Cravats
- 49 Hubbub
- 50 Observe with care
- 51 Junket
- 52 Body covering
- 54 Plaines, IL





# The Hot Spot BROADWAY PIZZA

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Tired of the same old Domino's pizza? The lame less than 15 topping choices for your pizza? Yea, me too. Maybe its time you check out Broadway Restaurant and Pizzeria. A local chain, offering both delivery and dine-in, this restaurant offers much more than just pizza. Broadway's vast menu includes everything from pizzas, calzones and strombolis, all the way to spaghetti dinners, wings, subs and several tasty desserts.

If you're looking for some wings, try the hot Thai peanut, or maybe some suicide oriental sesame. Which 13 different wing sauces, you're sure to find one to match what your tastes, plus they are always willing to mix up flavors for you.

I'd personally recommend the Romano encrusted chicken if you're looking for a dinner. A delicious chicken breast lightly breaded with romano cheese baked onto it, on a bed of penne pasta in a tomato cream sauce. It's delicious. Or if you're looking for something a little more simple, how about some spaghetti and meatballs or some fettuccine alfredo? All dinners come with bread, but can be upgraded to garlic or mozzarella bread, and you can add a salad for only \$1.50.

The pizzas come in three sizes, medium, large and extra large, and are hand tossed New York style crust. With over 30 different topping choices, you're bound to find several you like, including the classics, such as pepperoni, sausage and a wide range of veggies. Their specialty pizzas include a tasty BBQ bacon, cheddar cheeseburger pizza, white pies, or the deluxe (like a supreme). Looking for something different? Try a stuffed meat or veggie pizza, or maybe a Sicilian pizza.

Broadway offers both hot and cold subs, including chicken Parmesan subs, Italian subs and spicy chicken subs. My personal favorite was the meatball parm sub, all the way, with lettuce, tomatoes, onions, mayo and oil and vinegar, or the turkey and cheese sub, all the way with cheddar cheese.

Broadway both delivers and has a dining room. The delivery time is normally about 45 minutes to an hour, but is well worth the way. The waitresses are all friendly and the food is delicious. To check out the entire menu, look at their online menu at [www.broadwayFL.com](http://www.broadwayFL.com), or to order call 407-657-6161. Don't forget to tip!



## Movie picks

- ★ Outstanding
- Worthy effort
- ▼ So-so
- A bomb

New review

		Local critic	Chicago Tribune	Dallas Morning News	Detroit Free Press	Miami Herald	N.Y. Daily News	Philadelphia Inquirer	Sacramento Bee	Seattle Times
Are We Done Yet?	PG-13	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Blades of Glory	PG-13	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Grindhouse	R	■	■	■	■	★	■	■	■	★
The Hoax	R	■	■	■	■	■	★	■	■	■
The Lookout	R	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Meet the Robinsons	G	■	■	■	■	■	★	■	■	■
The Reaping	R	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Shooter	R	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

## Social Success: Love-drug, Boys Night Out, and Plain White T's!

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The egg hunts, brunches and church services of Easter Sunday transformed into a high-energy, punk filled show at The Social, downtown on Orange Ave., on April 8th. Dear and the Headlights, Lovedrug and Boys Night Out performed in the previously stated order, followed by the closing band and headliner, Plain White T's.

Neighbor to Tabu Night Club and across the way from The Lodge, The Social is a perfect setting for any performer and concert goer, as the venue is very intimate and small in nature and space.

Besides the obvious pitfall of the inability to host a large crowd, this limited space provided for excellent viewing on the audience's part and an easy way for each band to connect with the fans up close and personal.

The crowd was a variety of ages, from punk-wannabe pubescent boys under five feet tall, on up to high school girls, college kids, and wide array of older folk. In other words, it was not just all mohawks, piercings, skull sweat-shirts and black wearers.

The predominance of the younger crowd became a positive for viewing purposes, as a staggered stance made for an unobstructed view of the stage acts, and this large younger population also made for easy access to the bar.

The bands got underway around 6:45 pm, after doors opened a bit after the proposed 6:00 time, with Dear and the Headlights. This band was slightly awkward performing on the stage, perhaps due to lack of performance experience, but their effort was solid and their sound was certainly unique.

ously a crowd favorite, who really got the concert ball rolling. The band's lead singer's appearance was reminiscent of Jason Mraz, even if his vocals were not. Lovedrug provided some much needed energy in the first half of the concert.

Boys Night Out, a band from Ontario, performed longer than the previous acts and had a rougher, more grunge sound. Their music involved quite a bit more screaming and very hot drummer, I must interject.

Finally around 9:45 pm, Plain White T's came onstage to finish the show. For those of you that seem to have trouble recalling

the musical nuances of the band,

you might be familiar with their radio hits "Hey Delilah" and "Hate (I really don't like you)" and their breakthrough hit "Take Me Away."

All of the band members surged the stage with high energy pounding tunes and crowd-revving excitement.

The Plain White T's performed a number of their popular hits, including "A Lonely September," "You and Me," "Sad Story," "Revenge" and "Breakdown," to name a few.

It seemed unfathomable that their time was up by the end of the proceeding hour, since the band's act included great live vocals and a pleasing, altogether compilation of band instruments meshing, band members meshing well and band/audience meshing.

The concert was a long but extremely enjoyable four hours of punk, rock and indie bands. The show was also a great catalyst for newcomer band Dear and the Headlights, and not so well known band Lovedrug.

The concert certainly was an eventful way to spend an Easter evening.



Dear and the Headlights



Lovedrug



Boys Night Out



The Plain White T's



# Grindhouse Exceeds Expectations

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Grindhouse gives movie goers a unique experience; the three-plus hours are split into two movies with previews for nonexistent movies in between. The two directors (Robert Rodriguez and Quentin Tarantino) take viewers back 20 or 30 years ago to a low-budget Texas drive-in, but they go where no low budget action movie has gone before.

Gore ruled in Rodriguez's Planet Terror which gave the

story of people-eating zombies affected with a disturbing virus. The group of people fighting the zombies were the main characters led by a Go-Go dancer (definitely not stripper) named Cherry Darling and Wray or "El Ray" who viewers really don't know much about other than he never misses a shot.

Stars like Bruce Willis, who plays the main villain and Fergie pop-up in the movie at random times. By the end of the story viewers know Rodriguez accomplished what he set out to do, and with the help of "missing scenes," old action movie archetypes, and

modern technology Planet Terror entertained viewers more than any old action movie was ever able to do.

The intermediate fake movie trailers and fake advertisements added a very authentic feel, although the content in them was unbelievable. One trailer called Thanksgiving, a horror movie obviously parodied off John Carpenter's Halloween, depicted a pilgrim dressed in all black who went around and slice people's heads off. Everyone in the theatre though knew it was all for laughs. After one final advertisement Quentin Tarantino was ready to show his movie.

Deathproof was basically about a psychopath named Stuntman Mike (played by Kurt Russell) who kills his unsuspecting victims with his muscle car. Stuntman Mike's latest targets are a group of four girls who are just beginning a vacation.

The group is led by Zoe (Uma Thurman's actual stuntwoman from Kill Bill) a crazy girl from



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New Zealand who is looking to test drive a local man's 1970 Dodge Challenger (the same car from Vanishing Point). Tarantino adds his special touch and does a good job of putting together the chase scenes, but the story drags on in a very noticeable way.

After watching Planet Terror the audience is ready for another cool action parody. They know that the next movie is by Quentin Tarantino, but they are disappointed when Tarantino doesn't live up to his name. Sure the movie had great action scenes, but the audience needed more. The parts of the movie leading up to the ac-

tion were long and riddled with boring dialogue. Not what one would expect from a Tarantino movie.

Planet Terror makes up for what Deathproof lacks. Viewers are in such a good mood by the time they get to Deathproof that they barely mind a little dialogue. Both Rodriguez and Tarantino deserve a pat on the back for this production; the two men had a goal to make a movie fit for Texas drive-in, and they far exceeded it. Grindhouse is a must see.

## You Might be an Armchair Sailor If...

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You are an armchair sailor. Your mediocre skills could not "jibe" with the well-seasoned Rollins College sailing team; your spring break Bahamas soiree didn't quench your island fever any more than that second round of Habaneros' margaritas did. You may not know Topsiders from Reefs, but luckily you know a good old-fashioned sailing yarn when you read it, and so do I. It is called *Sailing Alone Around the World* by Captain Joshua Slocum, the first man to circumnavigate single-handedly.

Sitting with sea-legs curled beneath you, in a dorm overlooking a lake that you wish was an ocean, you will feel the value of escapism and its literature hit like a hurricane gale as you read

this engrossing true-life account of Captain Slocum's historical sea adventure. I promise you this book is a must-have for any "son-of-a-son-of-a-sailor's" bookshelf; it is one I will be passing along to every family member and friend I know, and I count it among my all-time favorite stories.

Captain Slocum was a Massachusetts sailor, born in Newfoundland, Canada, where he completed a third-grade education and developed an almost religious inclination toward the ocean, sailing small craft with other local boys until he ran away from home at age sixteen to join the merchant marine.

Slocum spent his entire life cruising back and forth between boatyards and high seas, splashing nautical miles by the thousands onto his impressive sailing and boatbuilding resume.

When the *Spray*, a 34-foot decaying carcass of a sloop is offered

to him by a friend and fellow seamen, it seems the perfect moment to consummate his years of restoration and navigation experience with the feat of a lifetime: sailing around the world—alone.

In this primary source account, written entirely by Slocum himself, he chronicles the adventures, fears and pleasures he experienced in every port of call, from Tierra del Fuego and Cape Horn to Samoa and Australia, all the way around to the Cape of Good Hope and finally, back to Fairhaven, Massachusetts three years and 48,000 miles later.

He describes in stunning detail every destination and native tribe he encounters, and offers the reader an intimate look into every moment of the voyage.

An invaluable source for students of all concentrations, this nonfiction gem reads like a poem, and informs like a nautical dictionary or atlas.

The reader learns about the presiding political and economic conditions, the indigenous tribes, and the oceanographic and meteorological phenomena in every part of the globe.

In addition to the trove of educational tidbits kneaded into the narrative, *The Barnes & Noble Classics* edition includes an insightful introduction and notes by scholar Dennis Berthold, and is replete with maps and drawings in every chapter, and an appendix stocked with deck plans and diagrams of the sloop's rigging—essentially a "how-to" guide to replicating *The Spray*.

The nautical terminology and late-nineteenth century colloquialisms can be cumbersome, as can be the constant need to flip-flop between the literature itself and the frequent footnotes that send the reader to the back of the book, but to the patient reader it is an easy book to fall fast in love with

and learn a lot from all at once. So informative and precise is

Slocum, in fact, that this novel has been used in primary school geography lessons across the country! *Sailing Alone Around the World* is not a sentimentalized rags-to-riches story of a poor, uneducated man who traveled the world in search of wealth, nor is it simply the base self-aggrandizement of a man who knows he made history.

A unique tone of humility and awe pervades the story, and unassumingly inspires within the reader the reader truly becomes part of the voyage and somewhat of a companion to Slocum. A week after having finished the book, I am still trying in vain to peel the salty, seaborne crust off my imagination, though I am sure it will remain there until another ocean swell tides new tales of adventure into my lap.



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## Does Rollins Support Religion?

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"I think religion is an important factor toward faith and peace in the mind," said a sophomore John Watson. Religion is a crucial part to many people's lives but should it be a part of campus life? Should organizations be allowed to pass out flyers and have lectures about their particular religion? Should we have special events on campus for different religions? I have only been too two religious events at Rollins College and those were freshmen year for my RCC: Visions of the Apocalypse and for Ancient His-

tory. We received extra credit if we heard a fellow peer of ours speak about the Bahai faith. The only other time I went to a religious event that was associated with Rollins was when my professor said we would get extra credit if we drove to this church and heard a professor speak. I also know that there are a few organizations at Rollins aimed towards religion such as The Hillel, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, and the Rollins College Religion Club. I am sorry if I missed a group but that is all the names I have heard on campus. The question is should Rollins be more involved in religious events and be more open or should people just keep their beliefs to themselves.

This debate has all been brought up because of two gentlemen handing out New Testaments at the Campus Center after Salman Rushdie spoke about different aspects of religion.

After seeing people handing out the Bible at the Campus Center, many people had mixed reactions to religion on campus. One Holt student, Michael Maples, believes that, "Religion is an important part of campus life, but should be left for students to pursue and not be pursued by it." While Dean Hoyt Edge said that, "[he] saw the two gentlemen handing out New Testaments. They were not pushy, they did not try to engage students or faculty in conversations;

they simply offered the bibles. We have had representatives of the Bahai and other religions setting up tables there. As a matter of offering students alternative points of view on a whole range of subjects, it seems to be appropriate to allow these groups on campus in public places so long as they adhere to certain rules of conduct—as well as a range of other organizations." Dr. Scott Rubarth, a professor of classical philosophy, believes that we should, "let everyone (Christians, Muslims, Atheists, Mormons, Pagans, Hindus, Satanists, etc.) pass out material or limit access to outsiders. Since we are presently trying to build community, I favor limiting access to people

not specifically invited by recognized student groups in recognized venues." There are various opinions on this subject and can be debated for hours but here are just some views of some of the people on campus.

If you have a strong belief about this subject make a stand, write an article for the Sandspur or get a lecture together with a professor and some students. Gandhi said, "To be the change you wish to see in the world." Take his advice and make a change if you feel the campus needs it! What should religious life be like at Rollins, you decide

## Return of Stem Cell Research Platform

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March was a lawyers, guns and money kind of month for the new Democratic Congress. All but one of the 70 votes cast in the Senate concerned federal prosecutors or judges, national security, the budget, or, above all, Iraq.

On Tuesday, Senate leaders steered their agenda back toward the home front and a series of issues many Democrats believe won over middle-class voters — and won control of Congress for their party — last November.

The renewed domestic push follows a barrage of similar measures that the House passed earlier in the year. The Senate began with an emotional debate over stem cell research and Democrats say it will eventually include such campaign-trail staples as legislation to improve health care, revise trade deals and revamp tax codes.

"The American people think (Iraq) is the most important thing for us to work on, and they're right," said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., the Senate majority whip. But, he added, "it's not the only important issue for us to work on."

The question facing Democrats is whether all their domestic-themed efforts will in the end mirror their months-long attempt to wind down the Iraq war — managing to win narrow legislative victories, only to see their bills vetoed by President Bush.

Even as he battles Congress in a veto showdown over its attempt to tie additional funding for troops in Iraq to a timeline to withdraw them from combat, the president signaled Tuesday that he would again reject any bill resembling the measure expanding federal funding for stem cell research that he vetoed last year.

"It is incumbent upon the president to balance both the moral and the ethical boundaries for new scientific research," White House spokeswoman

Dana Perino said, adding later that Bush "believes that that clear moral line that he established back in August of 2001 is a good place for the country to be."

Exit polls showed Iraq played heavily on voters' minds last fall, when they gave Democrats a 31-vote majority in the House and what amounts to a 51-49 margin in the Senate.

But in the races that decided the Senate, Democratic candi-

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~Dana Perino,

White House spokeswoman

dates often focused as much on middle-class paychecks as they did the war, criticizing Republicans for the cost of health care, the layoffs that follow expanded international trade and the rising burden of college tuition payments.

Now the victors say they have to follow through.

"Iraq is obviously on everybody's mind," said freshman Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio. "We need to do everything we can to push the president to change his position on Iraq... at the same time, we need to make progress on these issues that matter to middle-class Americans: jobs, health care, stem cell research."

Durbin and other Democrats acknowledge they don't expect to overhaul the health care system in a matter of months. But the party set six early legislative goals for this Congress, including increasing the minimum wage and re-passing the stem cell bill with hopes of overriding another Bush veto.

Foes and advocates of stem cell research massed for the de-

bate this week, blanketing reporters with fact sheets, petitions and scores of experts to pan or praise the Democratic bill, which would expand federal funding for embryonic stem cell research, and a GOP alternative that would allow new research on embryos that have died naturally.

As with the war, Democrats cite public opinion polls to boost their stance on expanding stem cell research. Brown said expanded embryonic research is "something the public clearly wants" and the second-most popular Democratic position behind the withdrawal of troops from Iraq.

Both sides appealed to emotions in Tuesday's debate on the Senate floor.

Democrats talked about children suffering from terrible diseases. Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., invoked the case of a young diabetic denied the chance to sleep over at friends' houses and suggested stem cell research holds the promise of cures that could end untold misery.

Republicans, including presidential hopeful Sen. Sam Brownback of Kansas, extolled the value of embryonic life and the promise of research on adult stem cells, saying they provide an alternative that could make the use of embryonic stem cell research, which they consider morally objectionable, unnecessary.

The House passed a stem cell bill in January and has run more quickly through the Democratic domestic agenda. (Both chambers have passed versions of a minimum-wage increase.)

Democrats don't have a domestic issue lock on the House, even with their new majority. Illinois House members from both parties have spent their two-week spring recess touting home-front issues.

Tuesday, for example, freshman Republican Rep. Peter Roskam celebrated the use of alternative energy by helping to open the state's first publicly accessible hydrogen fueling station, in Des Plaines. Democratic Rep. Phil Hare called for fairer trade poli-

cies after touring the Titan Wheel Corp. in Quincy, Ill.

**"[Embryonic stem cell research is] something the public clearly wants."**

~ Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio

Rep. Rahm Emanuel, the chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, promoted tax breaks for higher education in Chicago — and managed time for a press release tweaking Bush on Iraq funding.

It's the nature of the Senate to move more slowly than the House — Durbin likens it to turning an aircraft carrier — but Dem-

ocrats there hope to pass a bill soon that would allow the government to negotiate bulk prices for prescriptions under the new Medicare Part D drug benefit which Republicans have resisted in the past.

Democrats could tussle again with the White House whenever the president forwards a new proposed trade agreement to Congress, Durbin said.

Perhaps the best chance for a compromise with Bush, he said, would be on immigration, one of the nation's most volatile issues. After a war-focused press conference before Easter, the president renewed his call for comprehensive immigration reform in Arizona this week. Durbin said he hopes to pass an immigration bill by July 4.

## Stem cell possibilities

Amniotic fluid-derived stem cells, a research breakthrough, could rival embryonic stem cells without the controversy.

## Embryonic stem cells



From embryo three to five days after fertilization when it's a hollow ball of cells called a blastocyst

## Pros

Can become any cell type in the body

## Cons

Embryo destruction causes ethical concerns; limits federal funding

## Amniotic stem cells



From fluid surrounding a developing embryo; researchers are working to determine the full range of cells they could become

Easily obtained through amniocentesis

Adaptations of the cells are not known, but promising

## Cord blood stem cells



Saved from umbilical cord at childbirth; similar to cells found in adult bone marrow

Obtained without harm

Are not adaptable for treating anything but blood diseases

## Adult stem cells



Obtained from bone marrow, other cell-producing tissues; research continuing to see if they can be as versatile as embryonic stem cells

Federal research funding not restricted

Can only produce the same type of cell from which they came

Source: U.S. National Institutes of Health, International Society for Stem Cell Research, Wake Forest University  
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# Peace In Africa Week

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Most college students claim they know what's going on in the world, whether it be the slowly heating up presidential campaigns, the war in Iraq, nuclear weapons in North Korea, or who Nicole Richie's baby daddy is. But, not all college students know a lot about what's going on in Africa, and there is a lot going on. Starting April 23rd through April 27, Rollins will be host to the first annual "Peace in Africa Week". This campaign is being held to help teach college students learn

**In Northern Uganda many children are forced to fight in the Lord's Resistance Army and miss out on any sort of education or childhood.**

more about the war, poverty, and other issues in Africa.

The event is being coordinated and run by a number of organizations: LEAD, JUMP, CAC, IMPACT, ACE, NCM, XCLUB, Amnesty International, Philosophy and Debate Club, CRAFT, and ECO-Rollins will all be involved. The initiative for the program came from Amanda Williamson who was inspired by an event called Invisible Children's Global Night Commute which helped highlight some of the effects the war in Uganda has on women, children and families of the country. Williamson is the chair of Join Us in Making Progress (a.k.a. Jump) and she decided Rollins could benefit from an event that helped raise awareness of the Ugandan conflict among Rollins College students.

Invisible Children, is a group dedicated to helping the children of war-torn countries who are not receiving the attention or support they deserve. In Northern Ugan-



**PEACE AGREEMENT DISCUSSIONS:** Locals meet in the rebel-occupied village of Hashaba in Sudan to discuss the peace-agreement with the Sudanese Government. Many believe the agreement will fail owing to lack of support.

da many children are forced to fight in the Lord's Resistance Army and miss out on any sort of education or childhood. Invisible Children wants to provide education and a better schooling structure for the youngsters of Uganda. They will be coming to campus on April 26th to show a documentary about the children in Uganda. This documentary is

**This campaign is being held to help teach college students learn more about the war, poverty, and other issues in Africa.**

used to raise awareness and rally support for the organization.

Throughout the rest of "Peace in Africa Week" different organizations will be putting on various events. T-shirts will be sold and profits will go to either Invisible Children or Safe Darfur, or split between the two. Various debates and Forums will take place and professor will be encouraged to

discuss the events and the issues being raised with their students. Ace will show "Blood Diamond". All of these events will hopefully force people to recognize the severity of the issues in Africa.

Anyone can participate in the events, and donations will be accepted all week. If the event is a success it will be repeated in future years and continue to educate students about the atrocities and harsh living conditions that exist in Africa.

## Tear Drop Campaign

April 23-27, 2007

This daily event will be hosted by X Club & NCM

Mon.-Fri. 8-9am at Chase Hall

12-2pm at Campus Center

**Monday: Black for Sorrow**

**Tuesday: Orange for Hunger**

**Wednesday: Yellow for Disease and Sickness**

**Thursday: Red for War**

**Friday: White for Hope**

## Tara's summer. What's yours?

KIM...IM me. I'm at the beach going over psych notes. Have you heard from Joe? I can post my assignment from his house if I don't go home first. -TARA  
ps: going to school this summer is AWESOME!



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## Continuing crisis in Darfur

Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir has refused to accept U.N. peacekeepers for Darfur, where conflict has raged since 2003.

### Behind the crisis

**2003:** Darfur's ethnic African tribes began revolting against Sudan's Arab-led government

**May 2006:** Government signs accord with one rebel group; plan backfires; causes fighting between rival rebel factions

**August:** Government launches offensive against rebels

### Peacekeepers

■ 7,000 from African Union in region until Sept. 30; U.N. wants to send about 20,000

### Crisis' toll

■ More than 200,000 killed, 2 million displaced





# Internet Radio Soon To Be Extinct?

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The Web site's font is large and vibrant. And in case a visitor's eyes somehow still gloss over it, it's set in boldface and italics to boot:

"Welcome to Wild West Radio

"Quite Possibly The Best Damn Streaming Internet Radio Station On Planet Earth!"

Scroll down a bit, past the

I don't like the greed with which they are pursuing the maximum amount possible from Internet radio," ~Goldsmith, Online Radio Station

caricature of a wizened cowpoke, beyond the name of the song playing and a link to buy the album, and you see another cheeky, mock-boastful declaration:

"Warning: If you're looking for mainstream Vanilla Flavored, Homogenized, Corporate Country Music, you've come to the wrong place."

Well, now, that's enticement enough to double-click and check out the site, owned and operated by Jeff Scammon of Roseville, Calif.

Listen to a set of Scammon's commercial-free music and you're bound to come away convinced that the guy makes no idle boasts.

A sample set: alt-country's "Bottle Rockets," followed by Steve Earle and then Todd Snider. Then, after a station ID \_

Scammon, with a slight drawl, saying, "You're tuned into Wild West Radio, playing fewer hits more often" \_ on comes a James McMurtry ballad.

The odds of hearing any of the above artists on Sacramento's commercial country radio stations, KNCL FM and the Wolf (KNTY FM), are, well, pert-near impossible, podner.

That's the beauty of Internet radio, supporters say, thanks to some computer-savvy users with a couple hundred bucks to spare on software who go online and create a station: The range of music options is broadened, and emerging artists are given a boost.

And folks are obviously listening. About 70 million people are said to listen to an estimated 10,000 online stations worldwide, according to Edison Media Research. Digital music streams are provided by the big boys (Clear Channel and CBS Radio, for example), as well as the little guys (Scammon's [www.wildwestradio.com](http://www.wildwestradio.com)).

But a ruling in March by the U.S. Copyright Royalty Board could change all that. The board is proposing to raise the royalty rates paid by Internet stations, which could put smaller operators out of business and dissuade the larger ones from paying the hefty fee.

At least, that's the doom-day scenario being put forth by Internet radio providers, who are mobilizing online petition drives and planning to appeal the ruling before the new regulations take effect in May.

Both broadcast radio and online stations pay royalties to publishers of the music, but over-the-airwaves radio is exempt from paying "performance fees" to artists and record companies. Internet radio has no such exemption.

The music industry is applauding the idea of increased rates for online music use. A statement released by Sound-

Exchange, created by the record industry to collect royalties from Internet streaming, called the board's proposed action a "fair and reasonable decision."

But guys such as Scammon say it casts doubt on their future.

"I'm not sure how it's going to affect me," says Scammon, who's been online for less than a year and reports 200,000 total "hits" for his streaming audio.

To support his online operation \_ which he views essentially as a hobby \_ he accepts donor contributions, which he uses only to pay royalties to music publishers (currently \$22.50 a month) and for Web site maintenance.

"If what I hear is (accurate)," Scammon says, "you'll see genres like my music disappear. And that would be awful. Great for corporate radio, but not for the consumer or artists who need exposure."

Other small Internet broadcasters agree.

"This would totally put me out of business," says Bill Goldsmith, operator of the rock-music Web site Radio Paradise, based in Paradise, Calif. "We'd be paying significantly more than we plan to make this year."

Under the proposed ruling, Goldsmith estimates, he would pay \$650,000 in royalties in 2007. "And that would come out well over 100 percent of our gross income," he says. "I can't afford that."

Even one of the largest online radio operators says he would be forced to shut down. Kurt Hanson, a Chicago businessman who runs AccuRadio, says the station gets more than a million listeners a month and that he accepts advertising.

He writes in a newsletter that he currently pays \$50,000 in royalty fees out of the \$500,000 he makes a year. Under the new system, he says, he would pay \$600,000 annually in royalties.

"Internet radio is in danger of becoming extinct," he writes.

It's all a matter of fairness, argue the folks at SoundExchange.

"Artists have earned the right to be fairly compensated for the performance of their work by webcasters who benefit \_ financially or otherwise \_ from their talent," the organization's statement says. "Without these royalty payments, these artists would, in many cases, be unable to continue contributing to the music world."

But Scammon, a real estate agent in his "real" life, and others counter that Internet radio gives voice to artists.

"Ninety-nine percent of the stuff I play, there's no way that'd be on KNCL," Scammon says. "A couple of the big stations have been approached about playing people like (Earle and Snider), but they say, 'Oh, no, our conservative listeners wouldn't approve of this.'"

"So the corporate broadcasters just play the regurgitated (music) day after day, year after year, that you can hear on five different stations in any given market. How does that help emerging artists?"

Indeed, the Internet has helped propel some artists to stardom. Rock groups such as the Shins and Arcade Fire credit play on the Internet stream of "Morning Becomes Eclectic" (on Los Angeles public radio station KCRW) for helping them reach wider audiences.

In addition, Scammon, Goldsmith and most other Internet radio sites provide one-click links to Amazon.com, allowing listeners to purchase the CD from the artist they are hearing.

But John L. Simson, executive director of SoundExchange, apparently isn't buying it. He told the Washington Post in March that he believes Internet radio providers are exploiting musicians.

"The attitude that really has to change is the idea that the people playing this music on the Web are somehow doing artists a

favor," he told the paper.

Goldsmith calls Simson's stance "disingenuous."

He charges that the record industry is pushing for the royalty increase because it made a mistake years ago by letting commercial radio stations pay significantly less in fees. (Several decades ago, radio lobbyists had argued that commercial broadcasting constituted free promotion for artists and record companies, and Congress agreed.)

Broadcast radio, therefore, has a huge advantage over online competition, Goldsmith says.

"I don't like the greed with which they are pursuing the maximum amount possible from Internet radio," Goldsmith says.

Of course, commercial radio may not be exempt for long. Simson says SoundExchange and the record industry might be going there next, also telling the Washington Post: "There's really no justification for broadcast radio not paying, and we're going to address that."

Congress will step in \_ as it did to a limited extent in 2002 for the same reasons \_ to help webcasters.

Last month, the House panel on telecommunications and the Internet met to discuss the issue. And the panel's chairman, Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., said the royalty board's ruling "represents a body blow to many nascent Internet radio broadcasters and further exacerbates the marketplace imbalance between what different industries pay. It makes little sense to me for the smallest players to pay proportionately the largest royalty fee."

In the meantime, Scammon says, he will continue streaming his curious mix of alt-country, bluegrass, folk and blues until he no longer can afford to do so. He says it serves listeners who log on from as far away as Argentina, Taiwan and Sweden \_ "places," he adds, "where you wouldn't think they'd understand country music."

# Yoga: A Non-Caffeine Energy Boost

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You don't have to work at a physically demanding job to come home feeling completely exhausted. The demands and stress encountered by the millions of Americans who don suits to work each day are major energy zappers that send many to the coffee shop or machine by midday for a dose of caffeine for a temporary boost.

Caffeine, however, can leave you drained when its effects wear off. A healthier, more revitalizing way to boost your mood and energy while lowering your blood pressure and heart rate is yoga, says New York City yoga instructor Edward Vilga.

"Nonsense," you say to the idea of striking a few power poses in your office or cubicle?

It's anything but nonsense, says Vilga, whose clients are primarily "suits \_ corporate types who have climbed the ladder of success brilliantly," but are usu-

ally in desperate need of the balance that can be obtained through an orchestrated combination of breathing and easy stretches.

"It's when you're in the thick of things \_ navigating the corporate jungle, negotiating with clients or stuck in traffic on your way to a major meeting \_ that you need the calming benefits of yoga the most," says Vilga, who has assembled a "yogic tool kit" for corporate types in his new book "Yoga for Suits: 30 No-Sweat Poses to Do in Pinstripes" (Running Press, \$14.95).

From "Upward Spiral" and "Attitude Elevator" to "Rat Race Release" and "Climbing

the Corporate Ladder," Vilga's cleverly named poses can be accomplished by just about anyone who's healthy. The more high-

pressured your life, the more you need to weave a little yoga into it, he says.

Yoga in the workplace, Vilga says, improves attitude, reduces stress and allows greater focus.

You don't need a mat, change of clothes, props or a shower afterward for Vilga's "Yoga for Suits" poses. All can be accomplished with minimal effort right at your desk. They are designed to bring peace of mind as they release tensions in the body. The end result: revitalization.

The next time you start crumbling to the stress of multitasking, why not give it a try. Here's an easy pose for starting your day:

**KEYBOARD WARM-UP**

Interlace your fingers into a soft fist. Stretch the fist above your head. Keep fingers together,

but turn wrists up and open the palms to the sky. Lengthen the arms even further skyward, keeping your gaze where there's no strain, either upward or straight ahead.

Lengthen your breath in and out as you stretch.

Add movement by bringing your soft-fisted hands behind your head as you exhale. Breathing through your nose as you exhale again, lengthen your arms up. When they are straight up, draw your shoulders blades down the back. If you notice your shoulders coming up by your ears, relax them as you exhale. On the next inhale, re-straighten arms upward, then relax them behind your head on the exhale.

Benefits: Stretches fingers, hands and wrists for daylong keyboard work. Also warms up shoulders and releases tensions in the front of the body. Repeat throughout the day to prevent tightening from stress.



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## Widening Income Gap

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Imagine a country with 100 people, whose economy generated \$1,000 in new income over the year. One guy at the top get \$500, the next nine share \$250 and the 90 at the bottom get the rest — less than \$3 each, on average.

You would not call that country a fair one. But that's what our economy looks like, only on a much larger scale.

And this inequality is getting worse.

In 1975, the richest 1 percent received 8.4 percent of national income before taxes.

In 2005, they received more than double that share 19.3 percent, according to economists Emmanuel Saez and Thomas Piketty.

The after-tax share of income that the top 1 percent gets each year has jumped even more dramatically, returning the country to the level of inequality just before the Great Depression.

How did it happen?

During World War II, the government trimmed the income share of the rich with salary controls and progressive taxes. Even after the war, popular opinion helped keep executive salaries down, and the working and middle classes gained a growing share of income, spreading prosperity widely and stimulating growth.

In the early 1970s, as a new era of globalization unfolded and there was high inflation and low growth, workers stopped making gains in real income. The assault on unions and the social safety net accelerated in the 1980s, and workers lost even more ground.

That same decade, with more lax financial regulations and celebrations of the corporate chief executive as culture hero, the old

restraints on exorbitant CEO salaries came off.

The gulf between the rich and everyone else widened.

U.S. corporations have used the global economy to weaken workers and enrich themselves.

But other advanced countries are exposed to global pressures, and they haven't experienced the same redistribution of income to the rich, nor have workers lost ground the way they have in the United States.

Stronger unions, more expansive social policies — such as national health insurance and better public pensions — and cultural constraints on rampant inequality made a difference in those countries.

We should use the same tools to make our own economy more fair and prosperous.

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## Tips for Roommate Success

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To make a roommate arrangement work, "it has to be handled like any other business transaction," says Sylvia Bergthold, who wrote a book on the subject. She and other experts recommend:

Run a credit check on prospective roommates. Bergthold recommends a company called *citycredit.net*, which charges \$9.95 for a tenant credit report; a number of other companies also do this for about the same amount. Some experts also recommend asking to see the last several pay stubs and a copy of the driver's license, to verify the roommate's income and identity.

Ask the prospective roommate to co-sign the lease.

Agree on how utility bills are to be split. Some people recommend that every roommate just use his or her own cell phone, and don't bother with a land line for the apartment. This way you don't have to worry about splitting phone bills.

Ask for references, and check them.

Ask prospective roommates why they are moving, how many

times they have moved in the last five years, how long have they have been working at their present job and how many jobs they have had in the last five years.

Talk honestly about all sorts of lifestyle issues: What time do you go to sleep on weeknights and weekends? How neat are you? Will you bring home dates (or one-night stands) for sleepovers? Do you smoke? Do you drink or use drugs? Do you have pets?

Only you know which of these behaviors is a deal-breaker for you.

Agree on house rules about guests, quiet hours, smoking, cleaning and other chores, whether to share food and household supplies, etc. It's a good idea to put all this in writing and have it signed by all roommates.



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**SUCCESSFUL LIVING:** When it comes to roommates you never know how compatible personalities will be.

## How to Survive the Real World

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Entering the real world? Here's some advice on navigating the working world from the book *"How to Survive the Real World"* (Hundreds of Heads Books, [www.hundredsofheads.com](http://www.hundredsofheads.com), 13.95), straight from people who've done it.

"Don't be afraid to turn down a promotion if it means working for someone who will make your life miserable. I had the opportunity for a promotion that would pay a lot more per hour. I was clearly the best person for the job, but I didn't respect the person I'd be working for, so I turned it down."

"Be in touch with what's going on in the world. You'd be surprised how many conversations you can start with your boss. I had a boss who I didn't have any-

thing in common with and didn't know anything about. Talking about the news gave me ways to stay away from the less-than-pleasing small talk."

"The key to keeping a job and advancing in the workplace is doing more than is asked of you and more than is expected of you. Work more hours than the next guy; volunteer to do the jobs that nobody wants to do; ask your boss if you can attend training seminars in your field. All that stuff is priceless. They say that water finds its own level, and it's true. But make sure your level is higher than that of the other people who work with you."

"Bosses like the employee who goes the extra mile. For instance, I noticed a glitch in our company's online ordering system and I pointed it out to my boss, who then called the people above him. It turned out that no one had noticed this before. The problem was fixed, and now my boss always mentions it to me."

If you see something that could help the business down the line, take the extra step. Your boss will be glad that you helped him or her look good."

"Never leave a current job on bad terms, no matter how bad it is; you never know what will happen later. There were times where I was really frustrated with my job and I could've left it on bad terms. I didn't. The job I have now is because my former boss made a call. Meanwhile, my colleague left on really bad terms and can never use our last firm as a reference again."

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# Response to Global Warming Incomprehensible

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Despite the release last week of two white-hot warnings about global warming, the Bush administration kept right on fiddling.

First the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the federal government can regulate carbon dioxide and other gases that cause global warming. President Bush's response? The nation's already doing enough, thank you very much.

Then came what should have been the definitive ice-breaker: the second U.N. report from more than 200 scientists on global warming, this time detailing the effects of the heat-trapping gases. Its dire account of a 3- to 5-degree increase in temperatures expected in the next century should nations fail to curb carbon-based emissions? The extinction of nearly one-third of the Earth's species and a spike in droughts and flooding that could bring famine to millions,

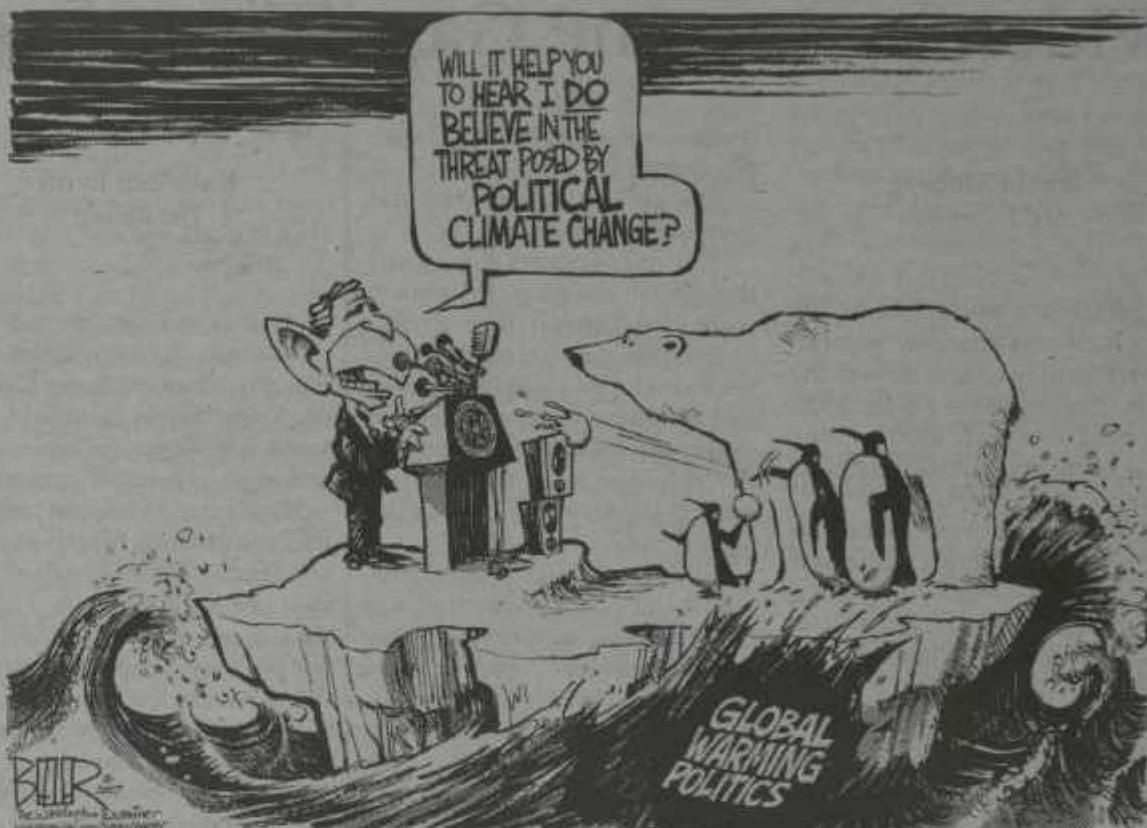
especially in poor countries.

The administration's response? Damage from rising seas is a cause for high concern, but it's not exactly the apocalypse. The report, after all, mentions benefits to agriculture in temperate regions.

The administration added that it's important for industrialized countries to foster economic growth in poorer countries so they can react better to climate change.

But the responsible reaction among many nations greeting the U.N. findings didn't include highlighting silver linings. And it didn't focus on making investments in countries so they can better weather climate change once it takes hold.

It included calls for greater reductions in the gases that cause global warming. The administration's refusal to join that chorus isn't just embarrassing; it's tragic.



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driving more, not less. According to the EEA, miles driven and driving-related carbon emissions are on the rise.

Why? Joel Schwartz of the American Enterprise Institute believes that "despite the costs of owning and operating an automobile, people choose automobiles the world over because no other form of transportation comes anywhere close to providing comparable speed, flexibility, privacy and convenience." Even at \$6 per gallon, many Europeans — whose per capita incomes are lower than those in the U.S. — are willing to cut back on other things rather than cut back on driving.

Most EU nations aren't on track to meet their Kyoto targets because of increasing CO2 emissions, and "the main reason for increases between 1990 and 2004 was growing road transport demand," notes the EEA. It expects the upward trend in driving to continue.

But sharp declines would be needed for the Europeans to have any chance of coming into compliance with Kyoto. In other words, the taxes that have pushed the price up above \$6 a gallon are still not nearly enough to comply with Europe's global-warming agenda.

Although the U.S. isn't party to the Kyoto Protocol, several bills introduced in Congress seek to replicate Europe's strategy of setting limits on CO2 emissions. Proponents of these bills are big on bluster about saving the earth but are sketchy as to the cost, especially the price per gallon it would take to get vehicle emissions in line with their emissions targets. But in order to meet their stringent targets, gasoline usage will have to decline substantially, and if \$6 per gallon isn't high enough to accomplish that in Europe, what would it take in the U.S.?

Supporters of congressional efforts to restrict CO2 emissions should come clean with the American public about the price tag. Given the failure of \$6 gas to help Europe's global-warming agenda, that price tag is likely to be astronomical.



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It's hard to say which is scarier — apocalyptic global warming scenarios or the economic impact of some of the proposals designed to prevent them.

A recent European Environment Agency (EEA) study reported that greenhouse-gas emissions from motor vehicles continue to rise due to increased driving, despite heavy fuel taxes that boost prices there above \$6 per gallon. Even with gas prices more than two times what we have in the U.S., Europe is falling short of its global-warming goals.

If \$6 a gallon gas isn't high enough to discourage European drivers, then what would it take to make U.S. drivers cut back? Those who support legislative efforts like increased gas taxes to combat global warming should come clean to the American people about their proposals' likely impacts on Americans' wallets.

The nations comprising the European Union (EU) signed on to the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, the multilateral treaty to combat global warming by reducing carbon-dioxide emissions. Under this agreement, they're required to reduce their emissions 8 percent below 1990 levels by 2008. The U.S. hasn't ratified the treaty, due to concerns over compliance costs and the exemptions granted to China, India and other developing nations.

Gasoline taxes were higher in Europe than the U.S. even before Kyoto and currently average nearly \$4 per gallon, bringing the pump price well above \$6. In comparison, gasoline in the U.S. is subject to federal taxes of 18.4 cents per gallon and varying state and local taxes, for a total of 42 cents per gallon on average — putting the price for regular gas in the U.S. around \$2.58 per gallon.

The British, Germans, French, Belgians, Dutch and Italians are now shelling out \$6.55, \$6.45, \$6.21, \$6.44, \$7.09 and \$6.24 per gallon, respectively, for premium gas. Yet they are



# National League Game Over for Pacman Jones

## West Preview

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While there isn't a lot of offensive firepower in the National League's Western division, there's plenty of pitching. And as the old saying goes, "Pitching and defense wins championships." Because no team is extremely well-rounded, whoever comes out of this division probably won't win the World Series or even travel deep into the postseason. However, this race features a lot of evenly talented teams, and that parity will make for an interesting race into October.

**Los Angeles Dodgers**

**The Reason for Hope:** Last year, the Dodgers' starting rotation was both deep and talented. And then general manager Ned Colletti went out and added Jason Schmidt, a power pitcher who adds even more to this starting rotation. There's just too much talent in their starting five, along with potential starter Chad Billingsley and the injured Hong-Chih Kuo.

**The Cause for Concern:** For much of the recent past, offense has been a problem for the Dodgers. Now that JD Drew, the team's leading home run hitter last year, left town for more money, the problem has become even more exacerbated. The Dodgers don't boast a cleanup hitter that isn't past his prime or years from it.

**Prediction:** 1st place, with 91 wins

**San Diego Padres**

**The Reason for Hope:** The Padres feature the best starting pitcher in the division in Jake Peavy. Sure, his ERA was a little high last year, but check out his strikeout numbers. He'll regain his 2005 form. After him, Chris Young features no hit stuff, while Greg Maddux and David Wells are good for a lot of quality innings.

**The Cause for Concern:** Who is going to provide the offense? Mike Cameron and Adrian Gonzalez can provide 60 homers combined, but there's got to be more pop somewhere. If Brian Giles regains his power stroke and Marcus Giles learns how to lead off, then this ballclub will be all right.

**Prediction:** 2nd place, with 89 wins

**Arizona Diamondbacks**

**The Reason for Hope:** Their starting rotation features four guys who were Opening Day starters for their respective teams last season: Brandon Webb (Diamondbacks), Randy Johnson (Yankees), Doug Davis (Brewers), and Livan Hernandez (Nationals). The four above guys could combine for 800 innings, which take a lot of stress off the number five spot and bullpen.

**The Cause for Concern:** The Diamondbacks are in a unique position where they can contend

while featuring a ton of young players. Only Orlando Hudson, Eric Byrnes, and Chad Tracy have spent more than two years in the major leagues and are starting. With this many youngsters, expect a roller coaster ride for the Diamondbacks.

**Prediction:** 3rd place, with 85 wins

**Colorado Rockies**

**The Reason for Hope:** There's a ton of great talent here, with left fielder Matt Holliday (.326/34/114), third baseman Garrett Atkins (.329/29/120), and right fielder Brad Hawpe (.293/22/84). On the pitching side, Jeff Francis (4.16 ERA in 199 IP) and Aaron Cook (4.23 ERA in 212.2 IP) are both standouts.

**The Cause for Concern:** The Rockies lack depth. Outside of Holliday, Atkins, and Hawpe, Todd Helton is the only other hitter who can contribute much. The rotation has a few journeymen types, and closer Brian Fuentes is the only reliever many teams would love to have.

**Prediction:** 4th place, with 82 wins

**San Francisco Giants**

**The Reason for Hope:** There shouldn't be much hope for this season, but the future is looking really, really bright. Right handers Matt Cain and Tim Lincecum and left handers Barry Zito and Noah Lowry will form the core of a strong rotation in two or three years. Throw in Brian Wilson as the closer, and this is looking like a respectable team in 2010.

**The Cause for Concern:** The Giants are an ancient team as currently constructed, one that can only be measured utilizing carbon dating. The youngest starter, third baseman Pedro Feliz, is 31. There are four players in the everyday lineup older than 35. If things weren't bad enough, the farm system is years away from producing a legitimate position playing prospect.

**Prediction:** 5th place, with 76 wins

**Danny Travis**  
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I am livid. Not only did I fail a test miserably because I was anticipating fox day to be on Tuesday, but also on that same day Pacman Jones was suspended from the NFL for an entire season. You probably don't understand my anger because you probably don't hail from Tennessee. Here is a comparison. Let's say Roger Goodell, the NFL commissioner who is responsible for levying this sanction on Pacman, is a serial pet murderer who eats puppies alive, and he just got his dirty mitts on your beloved Fluffy.

Roger Goodell claims that he wants to "clean up" the NFL by coming down hard on players with a "gangster" image. He is trying to abolish personality: he wants these players to become his personal robots that are programmed to play football on Sundays and clean up yards with the United Way during the week.

Let us review what Pacman has done to warrant this gangster image. Since being drafted by the Tennessee Titans two seasons ago, our friend has been arrested ten times. Most of these problems occur at strip clubs. His first run in with the law came after a night of clubbin'. One of his ladies got smart with him so he took matters into his own hands. A few months later he was at a ceremonial luncheon. After the luncheon, the valet service insisted that he stand in line like the rest of the people, but Pacman knows he is better than some valet line. It just so happened that Pacman wouldn't even need his car because he got a ride home with the police.

Again, Pacman found trouble outside of a club when a woman tried to steal his wallet. Pacman reacted like any logical human, he spat on her and erupted into a profanity laced tirade. About a month later he was taken into custody for spitting in a different woman's face outside of a different night club.

Then he caps off his rap sheet



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Miami Dolphins' Ricky Williams beats Tennessee Titans' Pacman Jones into the endzone.

with one of the more ridiculous crimes ever committed. Pacman was chilling with his posse, which included Jermaine Dupri and Nelly, at a strip club in Las Vegas during the NBA All Star Weekend. Pacman came prepared for the evening with a bag full of \$81,000. He was going to make it rain and no one was going to stop him. Pacman began the rain storm and the strippers had the explicit instructions to not touch the rain until Pacman gave them the green light. Of course, one of the strippers got greedy. Pacman's crew then revolted against the bodyguards of the strippers. In the melee, shots were fired and Pacman ended up biting a stripper's leg.

After that rap sheet, you would probably think Pacman deserves to be behind bars or even banished from passing on his genes.

Now for the amazing fact: Pacman has not been charged for any of these crimes.

So Pacman gets suspended for a season for merely talking to police officers a few times. The

last time a player was suspended for a season was Ricky Williams. Ricky Williams didn't cause any trouble at strip clubs, he enjoyed spending his weekends on a couch with a fat bleezy and an ice filled PHX. Pacman is the first player to get suspended for off field conduct.

Flashback to last season: San Diego Chargers linebacker Shawne Merriman gets caught using steroids. The NFL suspended him four games and the media only gave this issue cursory coverage. He was then allowed to play in the pro bowl at the end of the season.

Pacman Jones is a victim of the NFL and Roger Goodell. Goodell made mistakes earlier in the season, so he is trying to gain the praise of the media and make a name for himself by changing the image of the league. This cannot be accomplished by suspending innocent men who are great players. The NFL has major problems when steroid use warrants a four game suspension, and making it rain will sideline a player for a year.

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# A Look at the National League Central

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The National League Central has produced three of the last pennant winners in the senior circuit, including the 2006 World Champion St. Louis Cardinals. It's not only top heavy. Less than nine games separated the top four teams last year. While many people look at this division as one of the weakest in baseball, there's a chance of drastic improvement from all of the entrants in 2007.

St. Louis Cardinals

**The Reason for Hope:** Any lineup that features the triumvirate of Albert Pujols, Jim Edmonds, and Scott Rolen has a very good chance at being productive. Making their lineup even stronger is the fact that guys like Chris Duncan and Juan Encarnacion add more power, while David Eckstein (a Sanford, Fla., native) and Adam Kennedy are both scrappy guys.

**The Cause for Concern:** Chris Carpenter, the best pitcher in the National League, is the only constant from last year's opening day rotation. Kip Wells spent 2006 recovering from a blood clot surgery, but pitching coach Dave Duncan seems to be working his magic on the right hander this spring. The trouble comes from Braden Loper attempting to make the switch to the rotation from the bullpen and Adam Wainwright learning how to use all of his pitches for strikes.

**Prediction:** First place, with 95 wins

Chicago Cubs

**The Reason for Hope:** Last year was last year, while this year is this year. Derrek Lee is fully recovered from wrist surgery, while Alfonso Soriano has been added to the lineup. This is more than enough to push their offense

into the upper portions of the National League. Switching from Dusty Baker to Lou Pinella should add a couple of wins, too.

**The Cause for Concern:** Carlos Zambrano and Ted Lilly are known commodities. The Cubs are just wondering how every one else in their rotation will fare. Will Mark Prior actually stay healthy this year and throw harder than the 84 mph he's posting this spring? Is Rich Hill going to control his curveball? And is Jason Marquis, who finished with a 6.02 ERA last year, ready to lower his WHIP?

**Prediction:** Second place, with 89 wins

Houston Astros

**The Reason for Hope:** After dumping Jeff Bagwell's albatross of a contract and realizing they need offense, general manager Tim Lincecum added Carlos Lee. While his contract was for too long and too much money, Lee brings a very powerful bat to give the Astros perhaps the best 3-4 punch in the division with Lance Berkman.

**The Cause for Concern:** The Astros replaced Andy Pettitte with Jason Jennings in the starting rotation, which is a lateral move. However, the remainder of their starting five looks worse than last year. Woody Williams is going to get lit now that he's away from the spacious PETCO Park, while Wandy Rodriguez and Fernando Nieve are no one's ideas of good pitchers. They better pray Roger Clemens returns to Houston.

**Prediction:** Third place, with 85 wins

Milwaukee Brewers

**The Reason for Hope:** Mike Maddux remains one of the most underrated pitching coaches in the major leagues. The rotation assembled could prove to be very valuable, with veteran Jeff Suppan assuming a leadership role behind Ben Sheets. Dave Bush threw much better last season than his

numbers indicate, and his bad luck should even out.

**The Cause for Concern:** All around the diamond, there's going to be a lot of questions about who is playing where. Rickie Weeks needs to move to an outfield position from second base due to questions about his defense. Corey Koskie, suffering from post-concussion syndrome, and Ryan Braun, a future star, are battling it out for the third base job, while the outfield is muddled with Kevin Mench, Geoff Jenkins, Brady Clark, and Billy Hall. There needs to be more stability going into the season.

**Prediction:** Fourth place, with 84 wins

Cincinnati Reds

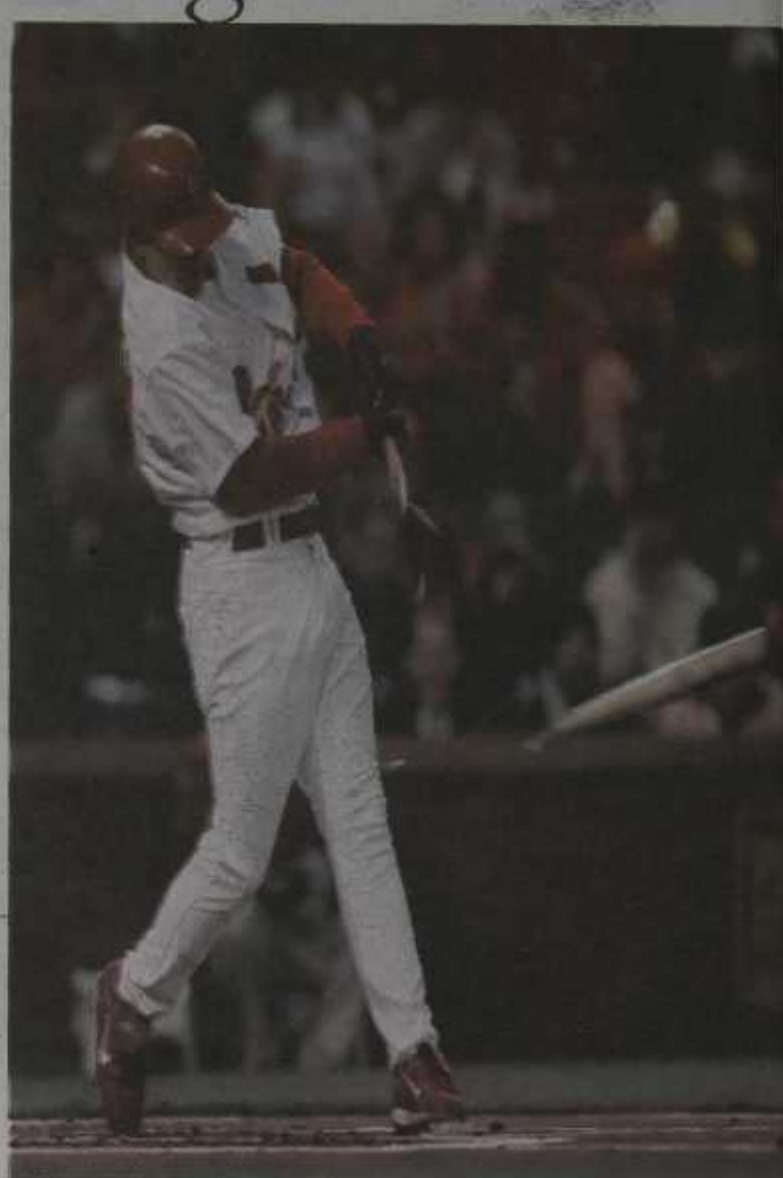
**The Reason for Hope:** If there was a reason to hope for the Cincinnati Reds, it may their starting outfield. Adam Dunn in left field carries one of the most powerful bats in the major leagues. Ken Griffey Jr. is a very good complementary player at this stage in his career. In right is Josh Hamilton, a Rule V draft pick from the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. Hamilton has been trying to kick a cocaine addiction and it seems as if he has been successful. Also, he's tearing the cover off the ball in spring training. Throw in the speedy Ryan Freel to spell these three, and you've got a talented outfield.

**The Cause for Concern:** Aaron Harang led the NL in strikeouts last year and has been underappreciated for a few more seasons than that. After him, the rotation is not pretty. Was Bronson Arroyo's 2006 season a fluke? The remainder of the starting five is filled out by journeymen or unknowns.

**Prediction:** Fifth place, with 78 wins

Pittsburgh Pirates

**The Reason for Hope:** With the addition of Adam LaRoche, the Pirates' lineup is that much



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St. Louis Cardinals' David Eckstein breaks his bat.

stronger. Now Jason Bay has some protection, and pitchers will be forced to face him. We'll find out just how talented he really is. Also, there's batting champion Freddy Sanchez at second base and power bat Brad Eldred will be waiting for a corner outfield spot to open up.

**The Cause for Concern:** The Pirates are trying to break in a lot of young pitchers at the same time, but they are failing to give their youngsters some sort of

veteran presence to help them adjust to the majors. Ian Snell and Zach Duke will get onto the radars of fans this year, while guys like Paul Maholm and Tom Gorzelanny slowly learn the ins and outs of pitching.

**Prediction:** Sixth place, with 70 wins

## Dice-K Debuts With More Puns Than K's

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Daisuke Matsuzaka, better known as Dice-K, made his MLB debut on April 5, 2007 in front of 23,000 fans in Kansas City, Missouri as his Boston Red Sox took on the Kansas City Royals. Dice-K struck out ten Royals in seven innings on his way to a 'W' in his first MLB game. Then something else special happened...

The writers used more puns than Dice-K had K's. ESPN's headline is "Dice-K, a-OK," "Matsuzaka Leaves Striking Impression" was MLB.com's pun, and Yahoo had "Not Bad, For Starters." I even saw "Rolling the Dice-K" somewhere. Guys... it needs to stop.

That being said, Dice-K surrendered one earned run on a David DeJesus solo home run. The home run was DeJesus's twenty-fifth of his career. Matsuzaka's ERA is a measly 1.29, which will be blown out of proportion for five more games until he starts again. Let Matsuzaka-Mania enter full swing.

The Sox bought the rights to Dice-K for six billion yen back in November of 2006 after watching the Japanese all-star dominate the World Baseball Classic and lead Japan to the tournament win on the shoulders of his 3-0 record and MVP performance. Many around the baseball world wonder if that performance, and Dice-K's Japanese domination in Nippon Professional Baseball will translate to the major leagues.

Translate could be the key term in all of this. Red Sox Captain and Catcher, Jason Varitek, will wear a Quarterback-like wristband with key translations on it so that he can communicate with Matsuzaka during mound-meetings. Many wonder if a relationship so necessary, like one between a pitcher and catcher, can be possible without use of the same language.

I believe it is definitely possible, just look to Hideo Nomo's Rookie of the Year performance back in 1995. Nomo and Catcher Mike Piazza worked well enough together that Nomo posted a 2.54 ERA and a 13-6 record in 28 starts. Nomo, who last pitched in 2005, eventually lost the golden touch he started with in 1995. After two consecutive strong years, Nomo's stats entered a drastic decline,

which many fear could be the fate of Dice-K.

"Outside The Beltway," a baseball web site that projected statistics for the upcoming MLB season, projected Dice-K to register a 14-9 record with 3.88 ERA and 179. Dice-K Mania and \$50 million would say he needs to have a much more Hideo Nomo-like performance, especially if Boston plans to make it to the World Series. Does Dice-K have the stuff to lead the Red Sox back to the promise land?

If his WBC performance indicates his potential, then yes. He was the MVP in a tournament which featured sluggers like David Ortiz, Mike Piazza, Miguel Cabrera, and many more all-stars. Not to mention the Cuban National team they faced which probably has 5 or 6 more all-stars on it, once they manage to defect that is.

So if you're asking for my opinion, yes, Dice-K can lead the Red Sox back to the playoffs, and even the World Series. If Dice-K was a Yankee, I would guarantee a World Series birth, but the Red Sox have much more to worry about than just one pitching slot in their rotation.



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Boston Red Sox pitcher Daisuke Matsuzaka.