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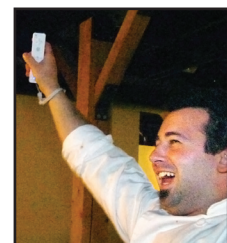
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# New Student Services Center on the way



Photo by Chanelle Stokes/Prospectus News

Signs lined up around the circle drive at Parkland on April 5, 2012, notifying students of upcoming construction. Groundbreaking for the new Student Services Center will take place in front of the L-wing steps Monday, April 16, at 4 p.m.

**PN** Mark Roughton  
Staff Writer

Parkland College has been busy over the course of the 2011-2012 school year with several construction projects across campus. Their latest one, a brand new Student Services Center, will begin construction within the next month.

Groundbreaking for the new facility is scheduled for Monday, April 16, and will take place in front of the L-Wing near the circle drive. Construction is expected to begin within the following weeks.

The new building will be an extension of the B, A, and L-Wings on the east side of campus in the area closest to the circle drive.

The idea behind the 113,000 square foot project is to create more space for admissions and records, counseling and advising and financial aid. The center will also house new offices for all student life functions and additional lounge space for students.

"We wanted someplace where there would be a central location that would be easy for incoming students to come in and do all their things they need to do to start their education

at Parkland," Physical Plant Director Jim Bustard explained. Bustard oversees all campus improvement projects.

This project, like the new fitness center, was on Parkland's list of desired improvements since the mid 1990's. Only recently have funds become available, which has enabled the college to begin work on this plan and the many others that are to come in the future.

The brand new student life activities offices will house the student government, Prospectus News and the student ID office and will be

on first floor near the L wing.

The plans also outline a brand new dining area that offers seating for up to 380 people. It will include a full service kitchen with a menu that offers twice the number of choices as the current food service. The college has yet to decide on a food service provider for the location.

The two current locations for ordering food will remain active although they may hold different food service venues than Food for Thought's Gulliver's and Mama Leone's Cafes which are there now.

The seating arrangements for this area will be like

nothing Parkland has seen before. "Their will be a mix of tables and chairs, there's some booths in there, some high bar seating in one side, plus an outside patio area," Bustard said.

There will even be television sets for students to enjoy while they eat or study.

Along sided the new dining area will be the brand new bookstore and a number of conference rooms. A collapsible wall will separate the meeting room and dining area.

The conference room area

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## Emily Strutner named Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholar



Photo courtesy of Parkland Marketing and Public Relations  
Parkland College sophomore Emily Strutner, who was recently named a Silver Scholar in the 2012 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Program. Strutner will receive a \$1,250 scholarship and a special medallion, along with recognition in USA TODAY for her honors.

**PN** Parkland Marketing and Public Relations

Parkland College sophomore Emily Strutner of Farmer City has been named a Silver Scholar in the 2012 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Program,

sponsored by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. Administered by Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for the two-year college, the academic program recognizes 50 Gold, 50 Silver, and 50 Bronze Scholars by providing nearly

\$187,500 in scholarships annually. As a Silver Scholar, Strutner will receive a \$1,250 scholarship and a special medallion; will be recognized as a member of the program's All-Illinois Academic Team during ceremonies in April; and will be listed along with other Coca-Cola scholars in the April 23rd issue of USA TODAY newspaper.

Strutner's selection was based on scores earned in the All-USA Community College Academic Team Competition, for which more than 1,700 applications were received this year. An independent panel of judges considered outstanding academic rigor, grade point average, academic and leadership awards, and engagement in college and community service in the selection process.

A Business Administration major who will be graduating from Parkland in May, Strutner plans to transfer to the University of Illinois in the fall to pursue a bachelor's degree

in finance. She has maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA and has been named to Parkland's dean's list each semester. She is president of Parkland's Business Club and is serving her second term as vice president of communications for Parkland's Alpha Psi Eta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Phi Theta Kappa Executive Director Dr. Rod Risley said Coca-Cola scholarships are "especially welcome during this challenging economic climate, as more and more community college students need additional resources to help them complete their degrees. We thank the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation for their vote of confidence in community college students by investing in their futures."

"The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation has a long history of providing financial assistance to outstanding students at community colleges," said J. Mark Davis,

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## 13th annual PC Motorsports Car Show scheduled

**PN** Parkland Marketing and Public Relations

Classic and late-model custom cars, stock cars, trucks, and other vehicles will be on display at the 13th annual Parkland Motorsports Car Show, Saturday May 5 at the M parking lots of Parkland College. The event is free to the public.

Community residents are invited to display their own vehicles at the car show. Registration before the event is \$10; registration on the day of the car show, between 10:30 a.m. and noon, is \$15. Judging begins at noon. Student choice awards will be announced at 3 p.m., with participant vote awards at 4 p.m.

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# News

## Colleges hiring more part-timers

**Tim Barker**  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS - When college administrators explain why they hire part-time faculty, instead of pricier full-timers, they often conjure images of instructors such as Kim Rensing, who teaches criminology at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

A lawyer who spent a decade in the St. Louis County prosecutor's office, Rensing has a wealth of real-world experiences not typically found among academics who spend their entire lives in and around classrooms.

"It gives me an advantage over someone who's never practiced," said Rensing, who's been an adjunct instructor at UMSL since 2007.

For a university without its own law school, Rensing represents an inexpensive way to add expertise to the faculty roster. She needs no office. No phone. Only a mailbox and a university email account. And best of all, she's paid just a small portion of what a full tenured professor would cost.

Part-timers such as Rensing have long been fixtures on college campuses. But cash-strapped schools are increasingly turning to such adjuncts - generally defined as instructors paid on a class-by-class basis - while looking for ways to educate record numbers of students.

And while most agree that adjuncts make fine teachers, some critics say the trend is hurting students by depriving them of the mentoring and stability provided by professional faculty. It doesn't help, they say, that the rise in adjuncts coincides with ever-rising higher education costs.

"Students are paying more



Kim Rensing, who teaches criminology at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, works with two of her students, Andrew Houska, left, and Scott Robben, right, on March 22, 2012.

and getting less," said Howard Bunsis, secretary treasurer of the American Association of University Professors.

A look at nine of the St. Louis region's top institutions shows that adjunct hiring soared from 2002 to 2011, with the ranks of these part-timers increasing by 10 percent to 50 percent at most of the schools. The University of Missouri-Columbia, for example, saw a 48.4 percent increase, while the University of Missouri-St. Louis recorded a 55.8 percent jump.

Administrators can point out

several advantages offered by adjuncts, but it seems that much of the increase can be attributed - in one way or another - to nationwide cost-cutting efforts by schools coping with financial hardship.

"The shift away from full-time faculty is just something - except at the richest institutions - that is going to continue to occur," said Ronald Ehrenberg, director of the Cornell University Higher Education Research Institute. "That's a cost savings thing. It's as simple as that."

The world of higher

education teaching contains many layers and titles, including professors, assistant professors, associate professors, instructors and lecturers. Details can differ from school to school, but at the upper end of the faculty spectrum is the tenured professor - someone with a great deal of job security who divides her time between teaching, research and service activities such as student advising. Pay varies widely by school, but at the larger institutions, can easily exceed \$100,000 for full professors.

At the lower end of the spectrum are adjuncts, who gets paid a few thousand dollars each semester to teach a class. Even if the adjuncts teach a full load of four classes a semester, they are unlikely to get even half of the tenured professor's paycheck. And they generally work on one-semester or one-year contracts, giving them virtually no job security and, often, no benefits.

Their ranks include UMSL's Susan Crowe, who teaches a couple of courses on western art. She recently finished her master's degree in art history,

plans to pursue a doctorate next year and hopes to one day teach full time.

But with such jobs becoming harder to find, she knows it won't be easy. Already, she is preparing for the possibility that she'll have to pick up classes at other area schools in the fall.

For now, teaching two classes is workable, because her husband provides a second, stronger income.

"But this is not a model we'll be sustaining," Crowe said. "We don't get paid a lot of money, but I do enjoy what I do."

Administrators generally prefer not to dwell on the saving.

"I don't know that we have anybody hiring adjuncts just to save money," said Glen Hahn Cope, UMSL's provost. "It wouldn't be out of the realm of possibility that some departments would do it to save money. I'm just not aware of it."

Instead, they like to talk about the advantages of adjuncts at a time of unprecedented college enrollment.

At Mizzou, for example, enrollment has risen nearly 30 percent since 2002. That's created the demand for the sort of short-term flexibility offered by adjuncts, said Michael O'Brien, dean of the College of Arts and Science.

"When we get flooded with new students, it's a blessing," O'Brien said. "You certainly don't want to hire people and have to lay them off later."

Others say adjuncts are an important element of higher education, allowing instructors such as UMSL's Rensing to give students real-world insights.

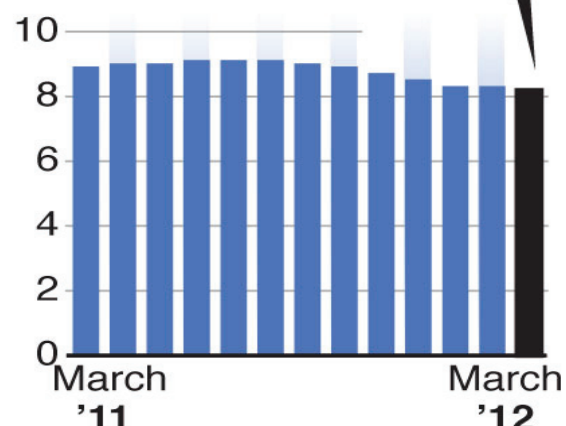
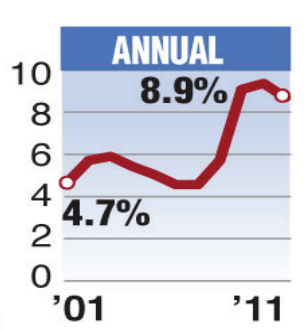
That's a key component

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## Job gains slow down in March

### Jobless rate

Percent of civilian labor force that is unemployed, by month, seasonally adjusted:



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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

with the decrease attributable to female workers.

The falling percentage takes Obama closer to an unemployment rate of 8 percent - an important political marker. Republicans, including likely November opponent Mitt Romney, have frequently criticized his policies and his one-time prediction that unemployment would fall below 8 percent.

Economists and political scientists warn against using any one economic barometer - let alone a single month's data - to predict electoral outcomes. But the latest report seemed to re-energize Romney, who declared the data "weak and troubling."

Obama made only a passing reference to the report Friday as he addressed a White House forum on women and the workforce. He said he welcomed the news of the decline in the unemployment rate. But, as in past months when job growth was much stronger, he struck a tone of cautious optimism.

"It's clear to every American that there will still be ups and downs along the way and that we've got a lot more work to do," he said.

Yet the latest report raises questions for the president as he nears a critical period in his campaign. Research suggests major economic reports for the three summer months will likely set the tone for voters' views on the economy, said Henry Brady, a political science professor at the University of California, Berkeley.

"That's when you really want to have good jobs numbers, when you really want voters to get a sense that things are going well," he said. "What he can't afford, I think, is a series of reports that looks like the economy is languishing and allows Republicans to reignite the argument on the economy."

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**Don Lee and Kathleen Hennessey**  
Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON - Job growth slowed sharply last month, raising fresh questions about the strength of the recovery and complicating, for the moment, President Barack Obama's ability to run for re-election on the wave of a resurgent economy.

Employers nationwide added a modest 120,000 new positions in March, only about half the job gains in each of the previous three months, the Labor Department reported Friday. Some of the falloff, analysts said, reflected the fact that payrolls had been inflated in the winter because

of unusually mild weather.

But the magnitude of the deceleration came as a disappointment to analysts, investors and politicians - and gave rise to the distinct possibility that hiring in the next few months could be relatively tepid.

"It raises the specter, 'Are we back to where we're just hanging on again?'" said Heidi Shierholz, a labor economist at the Economic Policy Institute, a liberal think tank in Washington.

The nation's jobless rate dipped to 8.2 percent last month from 8.3 percent in February, but economists said the decline reflected workers' dropping out of the labor force rather than a strengthening economy. Last month, the labor force shrank by 164,000,

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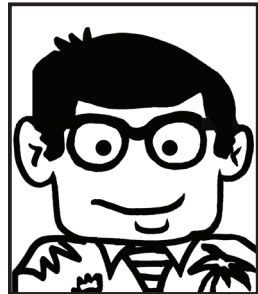
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# Lifestyle

## A guide to certificate programs at Parkland

**Buster Bytes**  
Tech Columnist



Did you know that Parkland College offers certificate programs in everything from 3D Software Development to Fire Service Technology?

Some of these, such as the Nurse Assistants Certification (CNA), lead directly to eligibility for employment. Other courses prepare students for certification by industry-standardized examinations.

One example of these types of courses is the CSC 191 and CSC 192 series. These classes prepare students for the first and second Oracle certification examinations (IZ0-007 & IZ0-042), which are required for achievement of the title Oracle Certified Associate (OCA).

Other certificates are pursued for a number of reasons. Some, such as the Object-Oriented Programmer certificate, may either lead directly to a career in the field or be used to increase one's marketability.

Steven Griffith, who graduated in 2010, combined an Object Oriented Programming Certificate with a Web Programmer Certificate to go directly to his line of work. His certificate has enabled him to take on the responsibilities of a software engineer and begin designing computer programs.

The skills he learned at Parkland also prepared him to design and manage databases, develop for the web, administrate servers, network, handle tech support and process data for J.T. Smith & Associates.

People who are already employed in the field also seek these certifications. Computer Science & Information Technology Program Manager Jonas Dees explained their appeal.

"Parkland's certificate programs offer an inexpensive way for a wide range of hard working office professionals to acquire skills," he said.

"Especially in the



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technological fields, new skills are constantly in demand," Jonas continued. "These certificates offer a way for people that are already out in the field, people who already have their associate's or bachelor's, to come back and boost their abilities."

Other students may use certification to add value to the associate's degree they are currently pursuing. For example, someone with a degree in network administration may find him or herself much more marketable if they can also claim to be certified in microcomputer support.

Similarly, an applicant with an associate's degree in computer science would certainly be more marketable if they could add the skills of

a certified network security specialist or web programmer to their resume.

Degree seeking students may find that they can readily acquire a certificate in a related field. Often times, their degree requirements will overlap the requirements for the certificate. By assigning certain of their elective courses to those needed for certifications, these students can cross the stage at graduation and receive both an associate's degree and a certificate.

This may be a value to transfer students as well. Especially in the increasingly competitive fields of computer science and information technology, every edge should be utilized to ensure acceptance into a good school.

Transfer applicants that can boast of not only an associate's degree, but a certificate as well may find themselves afforded better access to desirable opportunities.

Certificates are also available for those wishing to enter an office environment. Students can become certified as an Office Assistant while developing the skills necessary in today's market.

These students will acquire a working knowledge of computers, including spreadsheet applications like Microsoft Excel, word processing programs like Microsoft Word, good keyboarding techniques, machine transcription and the ability to operate Microsoft Publisher.

Or you can become

a Microsoft Certified Application Specialist. This certificate is backed directly by Microsoft and is recognized throughout the industry all across the country.

Graduates in this program accumulate the knowledge necessary to create presentation graphics using MS PowerPoint, to manipulate spreadsheets with Excel, to use MS Word for word processing and even the ability to manage database applications like Microsoft Access.

And while many of these programs have been designed specifically by Parkland and may not be readily recognized away from the region, they are geared toward results.

As Dees explained, "These types of programs at Parkland are all about being able to do the

job. They focus less on theory and more on application. We are teaching people how to do stuff."

Dees also pointed out that in order to maximize the effectiveness of these certificates, students should focus on acquiring their associate's degrees as well.

Even with the pragmatic skills obtained through these programs, there is just no substitute when it comes to having an actual college degree on your resume.

For more information about Parkland's certification programs, contact your advisor or the office of the Dean of Career and Transfer Programs in X 210.

## 'Me' or 'We': A generational debate

**Stacey Burling**  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Now comes another skirmish in the generation wars, the fight about whether post-boomers are selfish, moneygrubbing fame seekers - the "Me" Generation - or confident, group-oriented volunteers - the "We" Generation.

The latest salvo comes from Jean Twenge, a psychologist at San Diego State University and author of *Generation Me* and *The Narcissism Epidemic*. Not surprisingly, she's still critical of her own generation, the Generation Xers born between 1962 and 1981, and the Millennials born after that.

In research published this month in the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, Twenge found that, over the last 40 years, young people have become increasingly focused on money and fame while caring less about politics, their communities, or the environment. Her team based its conclusions on analyses of surveys taken by nine million high school seniors and college freshmen.

"I think it's potentially problematic to have this generational decline in civic engagement and community involvement, and that's because these are the bedrock of a society," Twenge said.

Michael Hais and Morley Winograd, authors of *Millennial Momentum: How a New Generation Is Remaking America*, take a more favorable view of the younger generations and were quick to find fault with Twenge's study.

At 69, the pair are too old even to be boomers, who also were once known as the Me Generation. They said old-fashioned wording of the survey questions may have underestimated modern students' interest in the environment and community improvement. Hais said surveys that focus on actions rather than attitudes show Millennials "are actually a very participatory generation."

Twenge downplays survey results showing increased volunteerism because many high schools now require it. Hais and Winograd concede that's true, but say the volunteering continues into college and young adulthood. They're not so high on Gen Xers, whom Winograd described as mistrusting and skeptical of both younger and older generations, but compared Millennials favorably to the G.I. Generation that Tom Brokaw labeled the Greatest Generation. These "civic generations" tend to be raised by extremely loving and involved parents.

"Usually the impact of

raising a huge number of supremely confident, overachieving people is that the country does great things," Morley said.

At Clark University, Jeffrey Jensen Arnett studies "emerging adults," those aged about 18 to 25. He doesn't think change comes neatly packaged in generations, but said youth trends over the last 20 years have mainly been positive. Volunteerism and graduation rates are up, he said, while crime, drug use, and teen pregnancy are down. Today's young people are tolerant of differences in ethnicity, sexual orientation, and religion, he said. If anything, he said, this is a "generous generation."

Twenge stuck to her guns. Survey questions about what students did, rather than what they thought, she said, also supported her view.

You're part of Generation Me, Twenge said, if you did an "All About Me" project in school and saw posters on the classroom wall that said, "Believe in Yourself" or "Anything Is Possible."

According to the surveys she studied, the proportion of students who said it was very important to be wealthy increased from 45 percent for baby boomers to 70 percent for Gen Xers and 75 percent for Millennials. The percentage who thought it was important

to keep up with politics fell from 50 percent for boomers to 39 percent for Gen Xers and 35 percent for Millennials.

The biggest drop was in whether youths felt the need to develop a meaningful philosophy of life. Seventy-three percent of boomers thought that was important, compared with 45 percent of Millennials, but Millennials still thought it more important than money.

"You have these kind of shallow values being promoted of money, fame, and image," Twenge said. She thinks all of this says today's rising youth are not the next great generation.

Taken together, she said, the survey results point to an extrinsic or outward orientation rather than an intrinsic one. Extrinsic values are associated with more anxiety and depression, she said.

Neil Howe, a historian who, with his late coauthor William Strauss, coined the term Millennial Generation, agrees that Millennials are more outward looking, more into shame than guilt. He disagrees that that's bad. Like Hais and Winograd, he



# generation y

Illustration by James Herrera/MCT

said that generations are different, not better or worse. Millennials, he said, are good at getting along and forming communities, something their elders have found awfully challenging.

So what if Millennials think

they're extra-special, Howe said. Learn to work with it. Tell them: "I think you're all very special and we expect special things out of you."



# Opinions

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## Doyle McManus: Time for a presidential campaign experiment

**Doyle McManus**  
*Los Angeles Times*

We got our first real glimpse this week of how President Obama and his now-almost-certain Republican rival, Mitt Romney, intend to wage their campaigns in the lead-up to the general election.

In a speech Tuesday, Obama painted Romney as an out-of-touch patrician who doesn't care much about the troubles of hardworking people low on the income ladder. Romney soon fired back, painting Obama as an out-of-touch liberal who doesn't care much about the struggles of honest businessmen who want to create jobs.

Obama accused Romney and his party of pursuing "social Darwinism," of scheming to protect unscrupulous leaders from regulation. Romney accused Obama of "vilifying success" and of prolonging the recession with "an anti-business, anti-investment, anti-jobs agenda."

Romney blamed Obama for high gas prices. Obama accused Romney of being in the pocket of "Big Oil."

Obama accused Romney of plotting "to end Medicare as we know it." Romney accused Obama of "taking steps that would end Medicare as we know it."

So much for a bracing competition of ideas.

Both candidates clearly believe that the Republican primary campaign is over, and that the way to win in November is to go negative - early and often.

Until this week, Romney had to focus much of his attention on his flagging rivals for the nomination. No longer. Now, Romney wants to talk only about Obama. And Obama clearly intends to give as good as he gets.

Romney, not surprisingly, would like to make the election a referendum on Obama's performance during his first four years. He'll try to stay focused on the sluggish economic recovery, the swollen deficit and a healthcare law that few voters love.

The Obama campaign wants the election focused on the stark choice between two parties rather than on the record of the last four years. And that's why the president is jumping in early to try to define Romney as ultra-conservative in the eyes of independent and undecided voters before Romney can shake off the right-wing rigors of the primary campaign and redefine himself as a moderate.

The president's strategy is to tie Romney to some of the

empty they were of ideas for solving the nation's problems. Both men were passionate, but mostly about the mortal dangers of electing the other guy.

These were generic, partisan speeches designed to do one thing: energize each party's base. Obama cast himself as the defender of the social safety net against predatory plutocrats; Romney would have us believe he's the last line of defense against socialists determined to destroy free enterprise.

That suggests that we are heading toward a campaign that will take us right back to 2004, when then-President George W. Bush, his popularity sagging because of the war in Iraq, held off a challenge from Democrat John F. Kerry.

It was a campaign in which each party spent most of its energy trying to propel its bitterest partisans to the polls, and not much time trying to build a broader coalition that might span the center. The result in 2004 was a narrow reelection for Bush, but not much of a mandate for anything he wanted to do in his second term, as he quickly discovered in 2005, when he tried to reform Social Security and failed.

There is an alternative, though, and Obama and Romney both still have six months to try it: They could step out of their comfort zones and address issues that don't fit so neatly into partisan talking points.

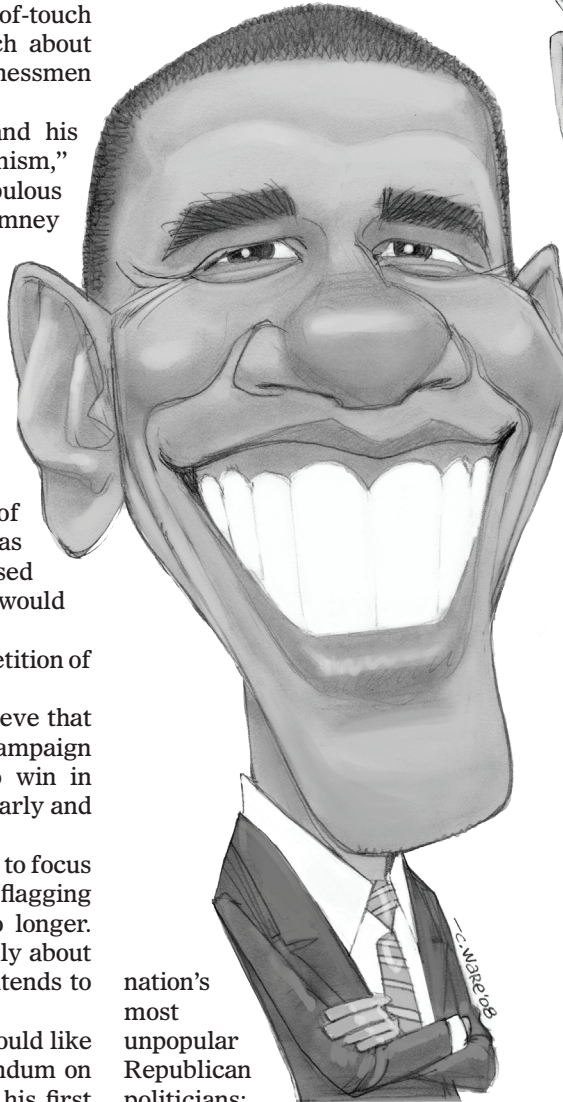
Obama could talk, for example, about how he might push his own party to get more serious about deficit reduction, including cuts in the growth of spending on Social Security and Medicare. Romney could explain which domestic programs he would cancel and which ones he would save and which tax breaks he would eliminate as part of tax reform. Rather than simply attacking Obamacare, he could propose a fleshed-out alternative.

It's a risky course for either one, because addressing those tough issues is unlikely to draw cheers from the party faithful. But it would give the next president - whoever he turns out to be - a head start toward actually getting something done.

House GOP spending plan. "He even called it 'marvelous,' which is a word you don't often hear when it comes to describing a budget," Obama said.

But that endorsement, in Obama's telling, meant that Romney also supported a parade of horrible consequences: less money for the FBI to fight crime, flight cancellations because of cuts in air traffic control, and no more Medicaid for middle-class children with Down's syndrome.

What was depressing about the two men's speeches this week was not only their hyperbolic negativity, but also how



nation's most unpopular Republican politicians: the tea party conservatives in the House of Representatives and their draconian budget, "a budget so far to the right it



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will be four feet above the dining floor where it can serve as a stage as well. Bands, speeches, and other events may take place in those new friendly confines.

The second floor will include a new assessment center, as well as the financial aid, counseling and advising, cashier business, deans' and admissions and records offices. The project plans also include a third floor.

The area on the third floor has not yet been allocated. "Right now it is only designed as an empty space," Bustard said. "We're not sure exactly what we're going to use the space for." Bustard is almost certain that administrative and classrooms are most likely to fill that space.

One important aspect of the new Student Services Center will be the smaller, more intimate study areas. These areas will hold groups of 4-5 students instead of being open like the large noisy seating areas currently found around campus. All furniture brought in for the new facility will be brand new.

As part of the renovation process, many classrooms in the B and L-Wings will be earmarked for relocation due to the loud noise levels associated with construction.

Bustard is not worried about the

construction affecting Parkland students. "Generally speaking, the contractors we've had on campus have been really good to work with," he said. "I've been able to go out and ask them to do something else for a while. They try to get their real noisy stuff done before 8 in the morning."

Steps will be taken to ensure that students in those areas of the school will still be able to do their schoolwork without having to hear the construction.

There will be three entrances to the new area from the rest of campus. "On the ground floor, the only way to get in to the student services center in an indoor connection is through the A wing," Bustard explained. "On the second floor, you'll get in through the B wing and the A wing."

There will also be brand new entrances for all three of those wings.

Some important things for students to know are that the D-Wing parking lot will be the new drop off and pick up location for the MTD buses. During construction, the B-1 parking lot will be closed, as will be the east entrances to the A, B, and L wings.

Parkland has two other projects already nearing completion. The Fitness Center and the Applied Technology Center are projected to be completed by the fall of 2012.

Check in on the progress of each of these new Parkland upgrade projects by visiting [www.parkland.edu](http://www.parkland.edu).



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An artist's rendering of the new Student Services Center at Parkland. Construction of the building is expected to be completed by Fall of 2013.



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# PT

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of the educational mission at Webster University, where adjuncts outnumber full-time instructors 700 to 200, said Julian Schuster, the school's provost.

The school is in the midst of a study of its adjuncts with a goal of offering many of them something more than course-by-course contracts. It's possible, he said, that some veterans could be offered annual or even multiyear contracts to solidify their positions with the school.

But he insists that adjuncts - and what they have to offer - will remain an important element at Webster.

"It's not just a simple formula of what's cheaper or what's more expensive," Schuster said. "You need to have a proper balance between the theory and the practice."

The problem, critics say, is that adjuncts don't necessarily approach their jobs in the same manner as full-time faculty members.

For the most part, they are quick to praise adjuncts as classroom instructors. And no one is calling for the abolition

of part-time faculty. They are seen as a key piece of the higher education structure, covering classes for busy researchers and handling the introductory courses shunned by many full-time professors.

"It's nice having three to four adjuncts to teach classes we don't want to touch," said Stephen Montgomery-Smith, professor of mathematics at Mizzou. "If I were doing day-to-day college algebra, I would get bored out of my mind."

Critics contend that schools are relying too heavily upon adjuncts, with some studies showing that more than half of the nation's college instructors are part-timers. And while adjuncts tend to be more heavily used at community colleges and smaller four-year schools, they are on the rise everywhere.

And that has veteran educators such as Bill Connett, professor emeritus in UMSL's math and computer science department, worried about the future.

"The university is sort of destroying itself by having so much of its content taught by adjuncts," Connett said. "It's a dangerous path to go down."

Interestingly, the criticism of adjuncts tends to revolve around

what happens outside, rather than inside, the classroom.

Some complain that adjuncts, essentially paid just to teach, don't have time to spend mentoring and advising their students. That's compounded by the fact that many of them work at two or three different schools in order to make ends meet. They also are not typically involved in cutting-edge research in their fields.

Others worry about academic freedom protections - or rather, the lack of it - for adjuncts. Academic freedom is what shields tenured professors from administrators unhappy with a particular piece of research or teaching technique. In theory, it protects the purity of the education process.

Because adjuncts don't have the same protections, they are more likely to tailor their teaching to the whims of the administrators who hired them. That makes them more vulnerable to questionable practices such as grade inflation, said Mizzou's Montgomery-Smith.

"The integrity of the teaching mission can get lost that way," he said.

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# JOBS

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Financial markets were closed Friday in observance of Good Friday, but stock futures traded sharply lower on the smaller-than-expected job gains. Many economists were forecasting job growth of 200,000 or slightly higher in March.

The unemployment figure has declined by 1.8 percentage points in the last 2 years, but other key labor market data suggest that much of the drop is not because people are finding work, but rather that "people are dropping out of the labor force," said Dean Baker, co-director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research in Washington.

"That's not a good story," he said.

Elaine Durson, a 48-year-old substitute teacher in San Diego, has struggled to find a permanent job in recent years. She said she has kept herself afloat financially by taking on side jobs in

housekeeping and yard work, and is in a long-term house-sitting arrangement that has allowed her to live rent-free.

"I just quit looking for a while because there was nothing out there," Durson said Friday. "It's highly discouraging because I'm never going to get a job as a teacher."

The drop in the number of women in the labor force last month reflects their greater difficulty in the job market.

Friday's report showed men garnered most of the job gains last month, as they have since the jobs recovery began in early 2010.

Manufacturing added 37,000 jobs in March - a third of them at auto companies.

Another big reason women have not fared as well is that the public sector has made huge cuts in the last two years, particularly in local education jobs. Women also are facing more competition from men for jobs in health care and other fields usually dominated by women.

Government payrolls were essentially flat in March, an encouraging sign that suggests greater stability in local and state finances.

Overall, the unemployment rate for working-age men 16 and older stood at 8.3 percent in March, unchanged from February but down from 9.5 percent in August. For women, the jobless figure was 8.1 percent in March, down from 8.2 percent in February and 8.5 percent last August.

The jobless rate, some analysts said, might bounce up a bit in the coming months as more people re-enter the job market, but that will be determined by the pace of hiring. The profit outlook for many big companies remains bright. At the same time, analysts are concerned about a slowdown in exports and high gas prices.

(Staff writer Ricardo Lopez contributed to this report.)

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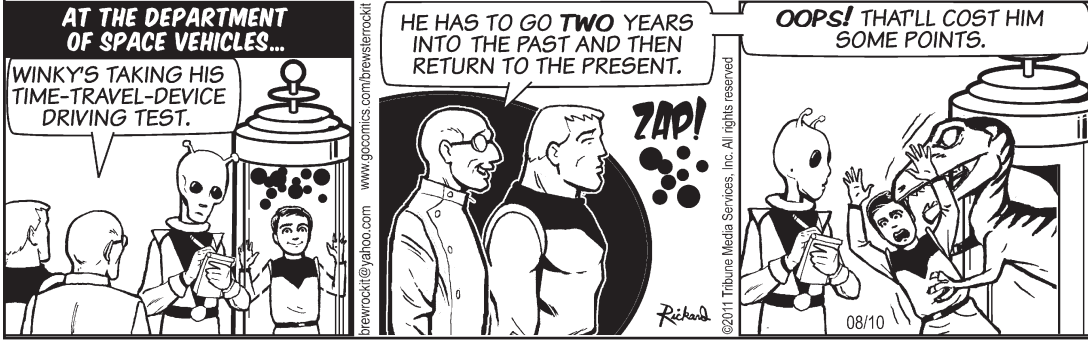
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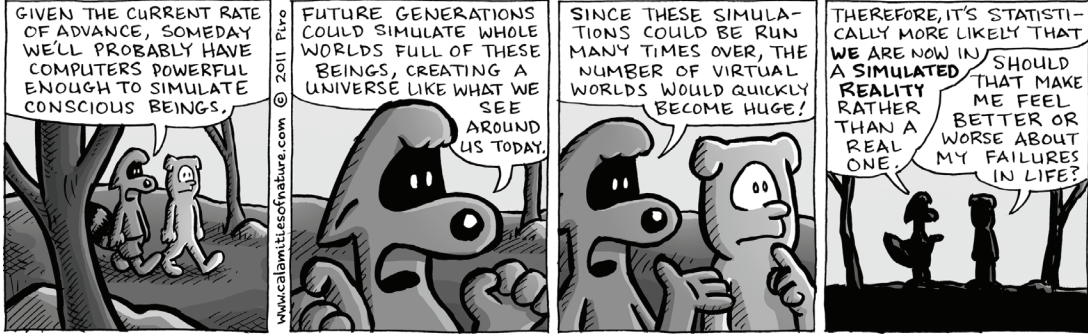
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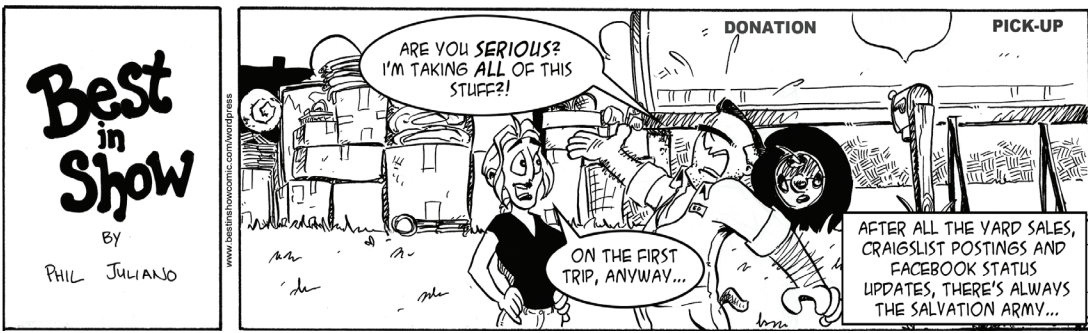
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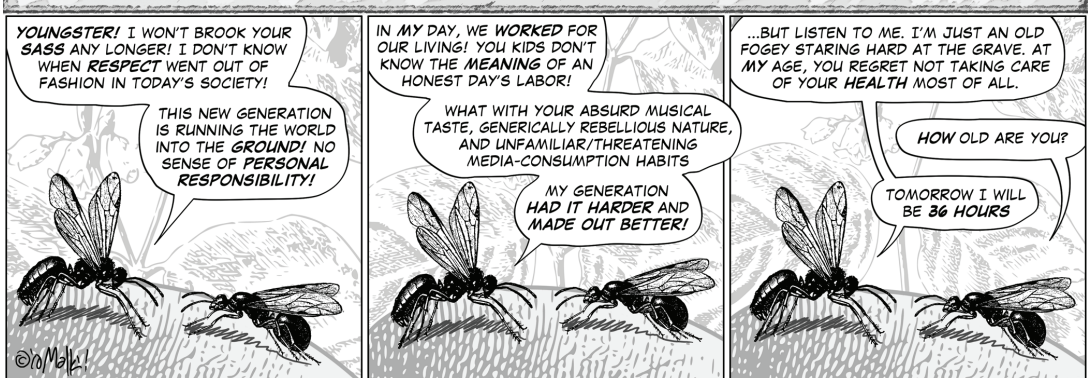
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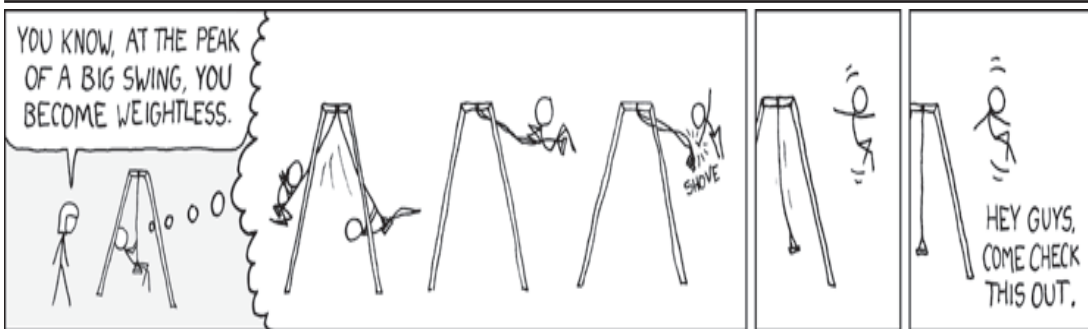
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### ACROSS

- Newhart or Hope
- "John Malkovich"; John Cusack movie
- Series for Paul Guilfoyle
- "Ventura: Pet Detective"; film for Jim Carrey
- Knight's steel coat
- "in the Family"
- Cleaning cloth
- In \_\_\_; furious
- Charge; payment
- Promo on a book jacket
- Diner
- Actress on "CSI: NY"
- Eriq La \_\_, once of "ER"
- "Given Sunday"; Al Pacino movie
- Selma's state: abbr.
- Layer of turf
- "Perry \_\_\_"
- "The Young and \_\_\_"
- HLN's "Nancy \_\_\_"
- \_\_\_ in; inhabit
- "... the ramparts we watched..."

- Zimbalist Jr.
- Actress \_\_\_ Thompson
- Arthur; star of "Maude"
- No longer fresh
- Guided
- "a Wonderful Life"
- Newscaster \_\_\_ Newman
- "I \_\_\_"; Bill Cosby/Robert Culp series

### DOWN

- Streisand, to friends, perhaps
- City in central Florida
- "We've Only Just \_\_\_"; signature song for The Carpenters
- \_\_\_, black sheep, have you..."
- Make a blunder
- "Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here!"
- Eggy holiday drink
- "My Big Fat \_\_\_ Wedding"
- Ankle-length robe
- One of the Seven Dwarfs
- Robert \_\_\_ of "The Sopranos"
- Some hosp. personnel
- Actress Ortiz of "Ugly Betty"
- "It on Rio"; Demi Moore film
- Singer Fitzgerald and others
- Smallest amount
- "Sesame \_\_\_"
- "Gone With the Wind" family
- Pg. 12 of the calendar
- "No Country for \_\_\_"
- "The \_\_\_ Adventures of Old Christine"
- Actress Della
- Convinces of an idea
- "The Big \_\_\_"; Humphrey Bogart/Lauren Bacall movie
- Desert in Mongolia and China
- \_\_\_ and the Tramp"
- Floral wire delivery service
- "Deal"; Scharzenegger movie
- Actor Marienthal

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## Parity appears in Major League Baseball

**Bob Klapisch**  
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If you detest dynasties, that is, if you prefer your baseball summers to be fully homogenized, you've come to the right place. In fact, it would be wise to wire the brain for a new experience, as any one of six American League teams could win the pennant. The National League's lottery features up to eight contenders.

We'll stop short of likening this to the NFL - there still are too many have-nots, notably the Astros, A's and Mets - but the era of Yankee dominance feels as if it happened a million years ago.

So who's hot, who's not, and who's in between? Think Tigers and Phillies as the last teams standing in October. We'll explain the rest in our 2012 prophecies, which are guaranteed to only burn brightly when taken to a match.

**AL champion, Tigers:** There's just too much firepower to ignore. So much, in fact, we're willing to overlook the obvious gaps in defense, especially since Justin Verlander and Max Scherzer generate so many strikeouts. The Tigers, who won the Central by 15 games last year, will wrap up things by late June, and thus have the easiest path to the postseason. The East and West will be war zones by comparison.

**NL champion, Phillies:** The potential career-ending injury to Chase Utley (knee) and lingering rehab for Ryan Howard (Achilles' tendon) are noted, but the

Phillies' rotation - coupled with Jonathan Papelbon as the new closer - makes it hard to envision anyone catching them. And that includes the Marlins, who'll make for great

theater throughout the summer and all the way into the second round of the playoffs.

**AL MVP, Miguel Cabrera:** We've got a strong hunch that Cabrera's demons finally have fled, although he'll have a monstrous time adjusting to third base. Barring a complete defensive breakdown, however, Cabrera will benefit from having Prince Fielder in the same lineup. Dark horse, Albert Pujols.

**NL MVP, Matt Kemp:** The Dodgers aren't going anywhere this year (even though Don Mattingly is evolving into a fairly skilled leader). The franchise finally might free itself from the dark age, now that Frank McCourt is being replaced by Magic Johnson's ownership group. In the meantime, Kemp keeps flourishing after nearly winning the triple crown in 2011. Don't be surprised if he reaches the 40-40 plateau, all while playing center field. Dark horse: Jose Reyes.

**AL Cy Young, Verlander:** No reason to pick against the game's best pitcher in the middle of his prime. Verlander is an opposing hitter's nightmare, brandishing speed (95-mph average on the fastball), control (2.04 walks per nine innings) and efficiency (0.92 WHIP). Verlander isn't even 30 yet, either. Dark horse: David Price.

**NL Cy Young, Cole Hamels:** It would've been just as logical to pick Roy Halladay or Cliff Lee, but something tells us Hamels will find another gear with free agency looming in the winter. Think he isn't motivated by the six-year, \$127 million deal Matt Cain just pulled down? Dark horse: Roy Halladay.

**AL Rookie of the Year, Matt Moore:** The 22-year-old lefty appeared in just three games



Photo by Luis Sinco/Los Angeles Times/MCT  
Los Angeles Dodgers center fielder Matt Kemp rounds the bases after hitting a home run against the San Diego Padres on Thursday, April 5, 2012, at Petco Field in San Diego, California.

with the Rays last year, but scouts think he'll be a Cy Young Award winner long before he's a free agent in six years - or maybe before he's arbitration-eligible in 2015. Moore has better stuff than Yu Darvish, and that's saying something for a newcomer. Dark horse: Addison Reed.

**NL Rookie of the Year, Bryce Harper:** The Nationals' 19-year-old right fielder is a long shot, but we're giving him the nod because he's playing for Davey Johnson - exactly the kind of manager needed for a brash, cocky kid with a huge ego. If Harper is going to destroy NL pitching, it'll

be because an '80s-era Mets manager knew better than to harness the kid. Dark horse: Devin Mesoraco.

**AL Manager of the Year, Joe Maddon:** Smart, engaging, creative - what's not to like about a guy who absolutely gets it? Maddon has a rare ability to motivate his players with his intelligence, a rare trait on the major league level. Dark horse: Jim Leyland.

**NL Manager of the Year, Ozzie Guillen:** OK, our necks are stretched thin on this one, too. Ozzie either decomposes on the spot in, say, July, or else finds that dog-whistle octave to reach Hanley Ramirez and

Carlos Zambrano, Miami's dual rogues. We're picking Door No. 2, which is why the Marlins will give the Phillies fits all season. Dark horse: Ron Roenicke.

**Player to watch, AL, Ryan Braun:** We're not here to discuss Braun's defense of his positive test for testosterone - which was disingenuous at best. Whether you think he was innocent or guilty or lucky enough to slither through a loophole, Braun will be taunted all summer, not to mention scrutinized one at-bat at a time from here to October. Let's see if he can handle the doubters without Fielder as his safety net.

**Player to watch, NL, Carlos Beltran:** It's impossible to replace Albert Pujols on a defending world champion team. In that sense, the odds are stacked against Beltran. But the real burden will be playing center field on a semiregular basis, which he avoided entirely in 2011. Beltran's bat and knees will be heavily taxed; how he holds up ultimately will decide the Cardinals' fate this summer.

**Team on the rise, AL, Blue Jays:** That 24-7 record in spring training isn't supposed to mean anything, of course, but the Jays have valuable assets in their starting rotation - notably Ricky Romero, Brandon Morrow and Henderson Alvarez. They should be ready to lean on the Yankees and Rays in 2013.

**Team on the rise, NL, Marlins:** They're less likely to surprise opponents than the Blue Jays, but there's still no ignoring the off-season makeover. If Ramirez and Reyes can happily coexist; if Josh Johnson can stay healthy; if Heath Bell can reverse his declining strikeout ratio in the ninth inning; the Marlins could be

formidable enough to topple the Phillies.

**Player to watch (Yankees), Ivan Nova:** The Yankees clearly were caught off guard by Michael Pineda's 10-pound paunch in February, followed by his shoulder tendinitis in March. But team execs coped with the setback, in part because they had another young pitcher, Nova, whose trend line figured to keep improving in 2012. Then came the 8.06 ERA this spring. What does it mean, exactly?

**Player to watch (Mets), David Wright:** The Mets sent the right signal to their fan base by agreeing to a long-term deal with Jon Niese (it'll be finalized shortly). But Wright's future is more complicated, especially if he benefits from Citi's redesigned outfield dimensions and starts hitting home runs again. Do the Wilpons dare make the same mistake with Wright as they did with Reyes, letting their best player leave via free agency with so much as an offer? Or do they bite the bullet and trade Wright in July?

**Team on the decline, AL, Red Sox:** Not even Bobby Valentine's energy and charisma is going to help, especially if Josh Beckett and Andrew Bailey join Carl Crawford on the DL to start the season. Valentine's honeymoon on Yawkey Way won't last long if his team struggles in April and May.

**Team on the decline, NL, Cardinals:** This isn't all Beltran's fault, of course. But think of losing the game's best hitter (Pujols), a Hall of Fame manager (Tony LaRussa) and a legendary pitching coach (Dave Duncan) in the same off-season. Where else to go but down?

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# Entertainment

## How motion controls have affected modern gaming

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Motion controls have had a lot of influence on this current generation of video game consoles. The Nintendo Wii was the best-selling console of this generation, and one of the best-selling consoles of all time. It's not hard to see that, at least for a time, motion controls were a technology that people wanted.

The appeal of motion controls is not difficult to see. By using them, players can feel like they are really swinging a sword or wielding a lightsaber.

In theory they could be the most accurate controllers yet for first person shooters. Yet despite their potential, motion controls have a divided audience.

The Wii was the first console of this generation to use motion controls and it paid off for Nintendo immensely, at least in the beginning. For the first two to three years of the console's life it was almost impossible to get hold of one.

Oddly enough, even as popular as the console was, people were complaining about the motion controls.

Complaints included claims that the motion controls were a gimmick in which you only had to use "waggle" controls to play any game, and that the controls were unresponsive and made it hard to get the game to do what you wanted it to do.

Developers who made games for the Wii all seemed to try to find a new way to implement the motion controls. This led to a host of games which were little more than just a compilation of mini-games.

Games such as "Rayman Raving Rabbids" and "Carnival Games" seemed less like actual attempts at making



Photo by Lui Kit Wong/Tacoma News Tribune/MCT  
Pete Weikel, right, celebrates finishing his dish before Chad Steggall as they play "Cooking Mama: Cook Off," a game in which players use motion controls to play.

video games and more like attempts to cash in on the new motion-control craze.

Nintendo responded to criticisms of the lack of good controls by announcing the Wii MotionPlus. An add-on to the Wii Remote, MotionPlus made the controller sense movement that was absolutely 1:1 instead of just recognizing jabs, swings, or "waggles."

But even so, some people think motion controls still aren't that great yet. Tony Ham, a computer science major said, "If used correctly, motion controls would be just fine. But currently they aren't really being used well"

Later on in the generation, Sony and Microsoft started to introduce their own motion controllers for their consoles.

Sony introduced their answer to the Wii Remote called the Move at E3 2010. The Move is a controller that looks similar to the Wii Remote all the way down to even having a nunchuk-like attachment.

Around the same time, Microsoft introduced its own version of motion controls which it called the Kinect. The Kinect was a controller-

less system of playing games on the 360.

These new peripherals showed a lot of potential for future games. The Kinect made promises to break the barrier between the games and players, while the Move promised 1:1 control of any future games they would release.

With all these new ways to

play games, a lot of people were excited. People who hadn't played video games much before or "casual gamers" were the main market for these peripherals and they sold very well.

Not everybody likes motion controls, though. Some people want to play games with a good normal controller. At the end of the day sometimes you just want to relax and play a fun game without having to move around.

Some people still like the classic mouse and keyboard combo for their games. "There are more options with a mouse and keyboard," engineering-major Daniel Albers explained. "You can customize how you play more than you could with any controller."

The future of controls is still not very clear at the moment. Nintendo revealed their Wii U console at last year's E3. It sported a tablet-like controller with a touchscreen, but the tech demos they showed indicated that Nintendo wasn't giving up on the Wii Remote just yet. It looks like the controller will still play a major role in their next console.

There is no telling if Sony and Microsoft will go a similar way and implement their controllers in the next generation of games. Microsoft has been trying their hardest to sell their Kinect and trying harder to implement it into more games at each E3. This makes it hard to imagine them just letting the controller die.

Whether you enjoy Motion controls or you hate them, they look like they're going to be a part of gaming culture for many more years to come.

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Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, D116

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