

Do we have too many pizza sales on campus?  
Why or why not?



**Andrew**—  
No, because it's good money maker and good for organizations.



**Becky**—  
No, because it's a lot cheaper.



**Jessica**—No. It's cheaper and good pizza, better than what they offer at the cafeteria.



**Laquisha**—  
Yes, because eventually the students will get tired of it.



**Marlaina**—  
No. It's nice, not expensive and it helps organizations.



**Omeka**—  
No. They are simple to do.

Photos by Nicole Simmons



Parkland's Agriculture Club won this year's Pumpkin Carving Contest with their ingenious "Chick Or Treat" entry on Wednesday, October 27. The winner was determined by number of votes cast by visitors to the displays.

Prospectus Photo by Nicole Simmons

## Lawsuit settlement brings more music to Parkland's Library

By Ashley Page

COM 105 Student

Everybody loves a good song or a catchy tune. How many times have you walked around Parkland College, and heard someone singing your favorite song, or humming the latest popular tune? We love music so much that we download it as a ringer to our latest cell phone. Now Parkland's Library is getting more "tunes" to add to the music craze.

In August of 2000, a lawsuit was filed by 43 states that claimed the music industry and retailers unlawfully planned to keep the price of CDs unusually high. Under this plan, major record labels would subsidize advertising if retailers agreed not to sell CDs below a certain price. Five major record labels and three large music retailers were involved. The record industry defendants were Bertelsmann Music Group, EMI Music Distribution, the Warner-Elektra-Atlantic Corporation, Sony Music Entertainment, and Universal Music Group. The retail defendants were Trans World Entertainment, Tower Records, and

Musicland stores.

After the settlement was approved last year, libraries were one of the beneficiaries. Even though the companies admitted to no wrong doing, they did decide to settle by distributing CDs. The companies agreed to give \$75.7 million worth of CDs to schools, libraries, government organizations, and other nonprofit groups. In Illinois, the CDs are being distributed to libraries at public institutions and private nonprofit groups. They also agreed to refund \$67.4 million to consumers who purchased CDs from 1995-2000.

The number of CDs distributed to each state depends on its percentage of the overall population. Illinois will receive around 243,500 CDs, of which 158,500 will go to library systems. There are 1,900 titles in various amounts. It will be broken up into 60% popular (from 50's to current) and the remaining 40% split among classical, jazz, world, holiday, and so on.

Parkland College's library received 200 CDs. These CDs are currently being cataloged and will be added to the collection in the Media Viewing Area soon. Check them out.

## International Film Festival starts Nov. 5

By Oscar Schlenker

COM 105 Student

It has been one whole year since the last International Movie Festival here at Parkland College. This year the International Student Association (ISA) has a great selection of movies from all around the world and for the whole family to enjoy. The movies will be shown in L111 Friday November 5 and Saturday November 6. This year's selections are *Monsoon Wedding* (India), *Emotions—My Heart* (China), *Vovochka* (Russia), *Baran* (Iran), *Marooned in Iraq* (Iraq) and *Real Women Have Curves* (Mexican/American).

*Monsoon Wedding* is set in the Punjabi culture, where tradition and contemporary times are knitted in a unique harmony. This movie tells five intersect-

ing stories that meet as the extended Verma family comes together from around the world for a last-minute arranged wedding in New Delhi. The five stories deal with love as it crosses the margins of morality, class and continent. *Monsoon Wedding* explores a modern India never before examined on screen.

The endearing love story of the Chinese feature film *Emotions—My Heart* is one you cannot miss. This film depicts how modern Chinese romantic relations come together and the ordeals Chinese couples go through to be happy.

*Vovochka* is a 10-year-old boy who has a god giving talent to stir up trouble and an inventive daredevil mind. The boy is no match for his enemies that prowl his village in the suburbs of Moscow. *Vovochka* is a somewhat Russian take on the movie

*Home Alone*. This is certainly a movie you can't say *nyet* to.

*Baran* explores the intense love that develops between a Kurdish worker in Iran, Lateef, and an illegal Afghan woman, "Baran," disguising as a man named Rahmat to keep a job. Jeopardizing social standing and endangering his own well-being, Lateef stops at nothing to save his love from government inspectors. This is an interesting story where love, family and conflict depict the every day ordeals of the Middle East.

*Marooned in Iraq* is a drama based on the Iran-Iraq plight of the Kurdish people through the border in the early 1990's. It is a true film that doesn't step into political issues, but does show the massacre of Iraqi Kurds while giving images of the lively Kurdish amid genocide, deaths and harsh weather conditions. A film to watch in order to experience the realities occurring outside of our borders.

*Real Women Have Curves* is a heartwarming story about a Mexican-American girl living in east Los Angeles. In this film Ana is on the verge of becoming a woman and during this time she must deal with the pressures of her mother, her

weight, her background and adolescence. This film is a wonderful representation of what first generation Mexican-American teens go through in trying to adapt to two cultures, espe-

cially with a pop cultured L.A. Don't forget that the International Student Association and Student Life will be giving out free popcorn for this event, and enjoy your movie.

### International Film Fest Schedule

Friday, November 5, 2004

5:45 p.m.—opening remarks

6:00 p.m.—*Monsoon Wedding* (India, 2001, 114 minutes; romance/drama)

8:15 p.m.—*Emotions—My Heart* (China, romance)

Saturday, November 6, 2004

2:00 p.m.—*Vovochka* (Russia, 2002, 95 minutes; comedy)

4:00 p.m.—*Baran* (Iran, 2001, 94 minutes; romance/drama)

5:30 p.m.—*Marooned in Iraq* (Kurdish/Iranian, 2002, 97 minutes; comedy/drama)

T.B.A. — *Real Women Have Curves* (Mexican/American, 2003, Drama/Comedy)

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# On Campus

## Scholarship listings for Spring 2005

All applications are available at the Parkland Financial Aid Office. The deadline for spring scholarships is November 15, 2004. More scholarship information is available upon request.

**Scott Alender Memorial Scholarship (Broadcasting)**—Established in memory of Scott Alender, a Parkland broadcasting major who died of leukemia in 1984. The award assists students in Broadcasting curriculum and is made possible through contributions of Scott's family, Parkland faculty, and staff. Award: \$100

**Roby Gregory Barnes Memorial Scholarship (Teaching)**—Established by the family of Roby Gregory Barnes, this award is given to a student who has completed the Education 101 course with at least a B grade, has an overall GPA of 2.8 or above, and submits a one-page essay on why the student wants to become a teacher. Award: \$500

**Mary Elizabeth Bash Memorial Nursing Scholarship (Nursing)**—Established by Homer Bash in memory of his wife, Mary Elizabeth, this scholarship is awarded to a second-year Nursing student who has a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0, demonstrates financial need, and submits an essay. Award: \$1,200

**Floyd T. Bauman Scholarship (Business)**—This award was established by The Credit Bureau of Champaign County, Inc. to honor the late Floyd T. Bauman, Parkland College Treasurer for thirty years. Recipient of the scholarship will be a resident of Champaign, Ford, Piatt, or Douglas county; be full-time with a minimum GPA of 2.5; demonstrate financial need, and be enrolled in a curriculum leading to a degree in business. Award: \$400

**Jodi Brandon Scholarship (Blue Ridge H.S. & Agribusiness or Information Technology)**—This award is for a graduate of Blue Ridge High School who is enrolled in Agri-Business or Information Technology curriculum. Financial need will be considered. Award: \$125

**Julia F. Burnham Scholarship (Human Health Programs)**—Created by the Burnham Hospital Auxiliary to assist students enrolled in the Human Health programs at Parkland. The applicant must have completed his/her first semester at Parkland College, must have a GPA of 3.0 or better at Parkland, and must have completed at least 6 semester hours of credit at the time of application. Student must have financial need and be a permanent resident of Parkland College District 505. Award: \$200

**Community Scholarship Program (Douglas, Ford, Piatt County, or Rantoul)**—Funded from county resident donations, scholarships are available to students who graduated from a high school in Douglas County, Ford County, Piatt County, or graduated from Rantoul. Each recipient is selected from a committee consisting of residents in the student's county or village. Student must have evidence of financial need and complete Parkland's financial aid application. Amount: Varies

**Computer Science and Information Technology Department Scholarship (Computer)**—Established by Maria Mobasser, Computer Science and Information Technology Department Chair. The recipient of

this award must have completed at least 12 credit hours with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, be enrolled as a degree-seeking student in a CSIT Career Program. Applicants must submit a one-page essay explaining interests, ambitions and career goals, unofficial transcripts and if applicable, a portfolio of their work. Award: \$500

**Department Chair, Room B-116A Donald Dodds, Jr. Scholarship (Top 10% of high school class)**—This award is for students who graduated in the top 10% of their high school class. Award: Varies

**Sam Erwin Memorial Scholarship (Top 10% of high school class)**—This award is for students who graduated in the top 10% of their high school class. Award: Varies

**The Joyce and Dale Ewen Family Scholarship (General)**—The recipient of this scholarship will be a resident of Parkland College District 505; have completed at least 12 credit hours with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 scale); write an essay on his/her motivation and commitment to earning a post-secondary education; answer the question, "If you were to give a student scholarship to a deserving student, what criteria would you use to select the recipient?"; and have financial need but not be grant eligible. Award: \$500

**Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Helper Nursing Scholarship (Nursing)**—Established in honor of Mrs. Jean Helper, a former faculty member of the Parkland Nursing staff. Student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0. Preference is given to a second-year nursing student with pre-school children at home. Award: Varies

**JoAnna Tenneh Diggs Hoff Memorial Scholarship (Integrated Studies Community/Single-Parent)**—Student must demonstrate financial need, and have a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, or a 3.5 on a 5.0 scale. Preference will be given to a single parent student, as well as to a student accepted into the Integrated Studies Community II or III, or students considered at-risk according to College guidelines. Award: Varies

**Illinois Association of Fire Protection District (Fire Protection)**—Applicant must show proof of firefighter eligibility (volunteer, paid-on-call, or full-time). Employing agency must be a member in good standing of the "Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts" organization. Student must be a resident of Illinois, attending either on a "full-time" or "part-time" basis at the respective community college, and complete the course(s) with a passing grade. Selection will be made by a committee of faculty members within each local college's staff and a representative of the Fire Science faculty. Award: \$350

**Illini District Dental Society Doug Ramus Memorial Scholarship (Dental Hygiene)**—Available to students in Dental Hygiene program. The scholarships are matched by Parkland College Career Grant/Matching Tuition and Fee Waiver. Based on financial need. Award: \$500

**Illinois Health Improvement Foundation Scholarship Program (Health Careers)**—Awarded to students in a Human Health field. Must be an Illinois resident, have a commitment to practice in Illinois, plus have emotional and intellectual assets nec-

essary to become a credit to their chosen field. Award: \$500

**The Lykins Family Art Scholarship (Art)**—Awarded to students pursuing a four-year degree in Art with Associate in Fine Arts, majoring in Art from Parkland College. Student must have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 or better at Parkland College, and demonstrate financial need. Award: \$125

**McGrain-Huff Scholarship (Nursing)**—Established by JoAnn McGrain and Joanne M. Huff, this scholarship is awarded to a student enrolled in second-year Clinical Nursing courses at the time of the award, who has a 2.5 GPA in all Nursing courses, and demonstrates financial need. Award: \$500

**August C. Meyer, Sr. Scholarship (Business)**—Established by BankIllinois in 1990 to honor the 90th birthday of the Chairman, August C. Meyer, Sr. Awarded to full-time and part-time students enrolled in a Business department curriculum who have graduated from a high school in Champaign County. The selection is based on the student's need and academic promise. Award: \$500

**Jerry Monigold Memorial Scholarship (Organization)**—Applicant must be a member of a department in good standing in Champaign County Fire Chiefs' Association. Applicant must not be eligible for aid from any other source, and must be taking a Fire Science course (FST prefix). The scholarship is to be used for tuition while enrolled in Parkland College. Award: \$50

Applications available: CCFs Scholarship Program, Michael Forest, Fire Chief, Savoy, P. O. Box 703, Savoy, IL 61874

**Thomas and Lynn May Rice Neal Scholarship (Business Administration)**—Established by the estate of Lynn May Rice Neal and Thomas James Neal, retired Lieutenant Colonel with the U. S. Air Force and Parkland's first Assistant Dean for Admissions and Records. Given to a student enrolled in a Business and Agri-Industries Department program. Must have cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5 or better at Parkland, if currently enrolled, or in high school, if incoming freshman; must write an essay on reason for applying for scholarship; provide one letter of reference. Award: \$500

**CDR Leonard H. Nettin Memorial Scholarship (Veterans)**—Established in memory of CDR Leonard H. Nettin, USN (Ret.) a former counselor and veteran's coordinator at Parkland College. Awarded to a veteran who has completed at least 12 credit hours at Parkland with a minimum GPA of 2.5. Preference given to a Navy or Air Force veteran. Award: \$200 per semester

**Parkland College Faculty and Staff Scholarship (Degree-Seeking)**—Established by the Parkland College faculty and staff for students pursuing an A.S., A.A., A.F.A., A.E.S., or A.A.S. at Parkland College. Must have completed a minimum of 29 credit hours with a cumulative GPA of 3.0. Award: \$500

**Sandra W. Reifsteck Scholarship (Nursing)**—Established in 1998 by the Carle Clinic and Foundation in honor of Sandra W. Reifsteck upon her 28 year retirement from the Carle organizations. Sandra W. Reifsteck was a 1970 graduate of

the first Parkland College nursing class and the class president. The scholarship is awarded in the spring to a senior Nursing student who has a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 and possesses both excellent nursing practice and leadership skills. Award: \$150

**Kristine Rotzoll Memorial Scholarship (Education)**—Established in memory of Kristi Rotzoll by family and friends. Awarded to sophomore students enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program who have earned a minimum GPA of 3.0 and have financial need. Award: \$250. Application available: Parkland Financial Aid Office

**Herb Seto Scholarship (Chemistry)**—Established in memory of Herbert Seto, who was an innovative and well-liked chemistry instructor at Parkland. Recipient must have earned at least 12 credit hours with a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.25. Must be enrolled in CHE 102, CHE 201, or CHE 202. Recipient is selected by the Chemistry faculty. Award: Varies. Applications available: Department of Natural Sciences, Parkland College, Room L-117

**Ted Silver Scholarship (Male/Nursing)**—Established in memory of Ted Silver, a former male Nursing student. Candidate must be a male, sophomore Nursing student who has a satisfactory G.P.A. and a good moral character. Recipient is chosen by the Nursing faculty. Award: \$300. Applications available: Parkland Financial Aid Office or Parkland College Nursing Department, Room L-120

**Veterinary Technology Scholarship (Veterinary Technology)**—Awarded to second-year Veterinary Technology student who has a 3.25 G.P.A. and is active in the Veterinary Technology Club. Award: Varies. Applications available: Parkland Financial Aid Office

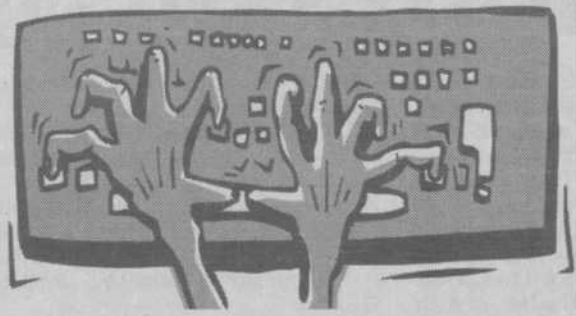
**Vitoux Family Agriculture Scholarship (Agriculture)**—Established to assist first-year students who are residents of Parkland District 505, have good high school academic and character records, and are studying Agricultural business. Award: \$700. Application available: Parkland Financial Aid office

**Vitoux Family Music Scholarship (Music/University of Illinois)**—For Parkland sophomore who is a resident of District 505, has good academic and character records, is enrolled in either Music Performance or Music Education (classical or music appreciation), and plans to continue at the University of Illinois in the School of Music. Award: \$700. Applications available: Parkland Financial Aid office

**Judi Davis Weatherall Memorial Scholarship (Nursing)**—Established in memory of Judi Davis Weatherall, a former Parkland Nursing instructor. Students must be currently enrolled in the Nursing curriculum and have a G.P.A. of 3.5 or above in all completed Nursing classes. Consideration is given to students active in SNAP and/or other student organizations and/or is a member of SNAI. Award: \$500. Applications available: Parkland Financial Aid Office or Nursing Department, Room L-120

## keyboard chatter

by Larry V. Gilbert



**T**HE FIRST PRESIDENTIAL election I remember was in 1952. My 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Gladys Clapper (her name has appeared in my columns many, many times), was quite a history buff. And a little bit of it must have rubbed off on me.

One of the national conventions was being held the same week I was in summer camp on Lake Springfield, near Chatham, Illinois. During the afternoon sessions of the convention, I was supposed to be in some class or activity of the camp, but instead I "camped" under the window of the mess hall kitchen. Apparently one of the cooks was very interested in who would win the nomination and had the radio blasting the proceedings.

Back in those days, several politicians were being considered as the party's candidate, unlike today when the convention merely approves the candidate who has already declared himself to carry the party's banner. I listened to both conventions in 1952, but this particular week, it was the Republican convention. I can still hear a state's delegate moving to the microphone to say, "The great state of ——— casts its 27 votes for Dwight D. Eisenhower, the next President of the United States." And then the bands played, the crowd cheered, and delegates marched about holding high their banners.

Of course, sitting on the ground, hovering beneath large bushes, I was unable to see the conventions on TV. In fact, back in 1952, we did not have television in East Central Illinois. Television came in 1953 and in 1954. But I could see in my mind's eye what was happening.

Back in grade school a few weeks later, we all followed the campaigns by reading our *Weekly Reader*. That weekly publication was used by all our teachers; and if I recall correctly, we had a test every week on what we read in that paper. I wonder if the *Weekly Reader* is still being printed. I'll have to check up on that. If any you know and have a copy, I would like to see it again.

I don't think the camp counselors ever found out where I was those afternoons, but I did get caught by one of the cooks as she was bringing items to the trash barrel. She laughed when I told her I was going to be a politician one day and that my 5th grade teacher had told me I should! The cook promised not to tell anyone about my skipping out. The cook me Eisenhower was going to win, and he did.

**H**ALLOWEEN HAS COME and gone already. And it just "ain't like it used to be when I was in grade school." Really, it isn't. I don't believe many grade schools have Halloween parties now. They may call it a Fall Festival or something like that.

Anyway, back in my grade school days, there were no classes on Halloween afternoon. The town kids all went home for lunch so they could

change into their costumes. The "country kids" who rode the school bus brought their costumes in brown grocery sacks and changed in a room set aside for them.

Upon returning to the classroom after lunch, most students sat in someone else's seat. Some forgot and went to their assigned seat. The teacher would see this happen and say, "Tommy, don't sit in Bill's seat; move to another seat please." Of course Tommy was sitting in his own seat, and the teacher was helping him to maintain his disguise. And it usually worked.

Many of the costumes were "homemade." Only the kids from wealthy families went "to town" (Champaign) to buy their costumes. And our masks were not the fancy, rubber masks that we see today. I'm trying to think of a way to describe those masks. They appeared to be made of cheese-cloth that had been heavily starched. They covered the entire face and were finished in many colors. The main thing I remember about those masks is that they were very hot; and when they got wet, the smell wasn't very pleasant. And they tasted even worse. Anyone remember that?

Prizes were awarded in many categories. The teacher made sure everyone got an award of some kind.

And then everyone, from all 8 grades, formed a line on the front walk of the school and marched "uptown" for the annual Halloween parade. Moms and dads, grandparents, and aunts and uncles lined the streets as we marched by. Store owners had invited students to paint their windows with Halloween scenes. The local newspaper took pictures that appear in the next week's edition of the *Sucker State*.

But that was then, and this is now. I did not have one trick or treat at my door this year. Not one. Only 4 or 5 last year. It just "ain't like it used to be."

**M**Y GRANDFATHER TOLD me one time, "If you can't find something good to say to someone, don't say anything." And he was a very wise man, indeed.

Recently, I lost my temper with a very good friend. I said my piece and slammed the telephone receiver. My grandfather's adage rang in my ears for three weeks before I had a chance to apologize face-to-face to my friend.

During this three-week period, I was surfing the TV channels and found an outstanding speaker. He suggested that we all find those good things about our friends and our family and tell them how much we appreciate them, emphasizing those strong points.

Saturday my friend and I spent over two hours with a priceless conversation. It was not difficult citing good points to convey. Those two hours were two of the best we have spent since we became friends. Again—sorry, my friend, sorry.

## My first time: voter anxiety

By Jon Volkman  
*Prospectus Staff Writer*

Who would think that voting would bring about anxiety? Yet on Monday, November 1, I readied myself for bed, thinking about Tuesday's election. I had been looking around on the Internet, checking up on the most recent stories on the election. I talked to my mother as well, hearing how the election was being covered down in Richmond, Virginia.

Indeed, as Monday came to a close, I thought more about the elections. I thought about the media's coverage and the various slants they gave in their coverage. I thought about the stories I have been reading about the tactics being used to deter voters. Finally, I realized how in regard to the upcoming elections I had become overwhelmed with information.

I knew my vote Tuesday was important. Not just my vote for President, but every vote I cast. I realized the responsibility that comes with voting as well. Also, I wondered what I would encounter on Tuesday, as I ven-

tered down to Sunnycrest Plaza in Urbana to cast my vote. This year was the first time I had registered as a voter, and at the age of 25, I was getting ready for my first voting experience.

So on Tuesday I awoke early, in order to vote before heading to work at 9 a.m. I was unsure of how long it would take, so I gave myself plenty of time. I double-checked the information I had been mailed, and brought the required identification with me.

As I began my voting experience, I quickly began to realize where the problems within our system began. First of all, I was not asked to present identification. I merely stated my name, was checked off the voter roster, and handed a ballot. As a first-time voter, I had at least expected them to check my identification.

Once in the voting booth, I experienced firsthand the punch card ballot. While actually not that difficult to figure out, I was surprised. After all, banks use ATMs with very little error involved, yet we can't figure out how to have people vote elec-

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## Completely Uncensored: the final four of Censored 2005

Compiled by Jon Volkman

Prospectus Staff Writer

This week, we wrap up our coverage of Project Censored's Censored 2005 with the final four stories. This is a compilation of the year's 25 most significant news stories that were overlooked or under-reported by the country's major national news media, as well as chapters on the grass roots media democracy, media ownership maps, real news about US involvement in Palestine, Haiti, Iraq, and more. Project Censored is Sonoma State University's student run media research group, and the complete list as well as the full stories can be found on their website at: <http://project-censored.org/>.

### #4 High Uranium Levels Found in Troops and Civilians

Uranium Medical Research Center, January 2003

Title: "UMRC's Preliminary Findings from Afghanistan and Operation Enduring Freedom" and "Afghan Field Trip #2 Report: Precision Destruction - Indiscriminate Effects"

Author: Tedd Weyman, UMRC Research Team  
*Awakened Woman*, January 2004

Title: "Scientists Uncover Radioactive Trail in Afghanistan"  
Author: Stephanie Hiller

*Dissident Voice*, March 2004

Title: "There Are No Words... Radiation in Iraq equals 250,000 Nagasaki Bombs"

Author: Bob Nichols  
*New York Daily News*, April 5, 2004

Title: "Poisoned?"

Author: Juan Gonzales  
*Information Clearing House*, March 2004

Title: "International Criminal Tribunal for Afghanistan At Tokyo, The People Vs. George Bush"

Author: Professor Ms. Niloufer Bhagwat J.

Civilian populations in Afghanistan and Iraq and occupying troops have been contaminated with astounding levels of radioactive uranium as a result of post-9/11 United States' use of tons of uranium munitions. Four million pounds of radioactive uranium were dropped on Iraq in 2003 alone.

Most American weapons (missiles, smart bombs, bullets, tank shells, cruise missiles, etc.) contain high amounts of uranium that on detonation, release a radioactive dust. Once ingested, these subatomic particles slice through DNA. With a half-life of 4.5 billion years, it is a permanent contaminant distributed throughout the environment.

Scientists from around the world testify to the huge in-

crease in birth deformities and cancers wherever uranium munitions have been used. The effects of the U.S. deployment will be felt in all the neighboring countries in the Middle East and Asia, as well as in our returning troops.

### #3 Bush Administration Manipulates Science and Censors Scientists

*The Nation*, March 8, 2004

Title: "The Junk Science of George W. Bush"  
Author: Robert F. Kennedy Jr.  
*Censorship News: The National Coalition Against Censorship Newsletter*, Fall 2003, #91

Title: "Censoring Scientific Information"

Author: The National Coalition Against Censorship staff  
*Environment News Service and OneWorld.Net*, February 20, 2004

Title: "Ranking Scientists Warn Bush Science Policy Lacks Integrity"

Author: Sunny Lewis  
*Office of U.S. Representative Henry A. Waxman*, August 2003  
Title: "Politics and Science in the Bush Administration"  
Prepared by: Committee on Government Reform - Minority Staff

(Updated November 13, 2003)

In Washington D.C. more than 60 of the nation's top sci-

entists, including 20 Nobel laureates, medical experts, and former federal agency directors, issued a statement February 18, 2004 accusing the Bush Administration of deliberately distorting scientific results for political ends. They are calling for regulatory and legislative action to restore scientific integrity to federal policymaking. Under the current administration, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has blacklisted scientists who pose a threat to pro-business ideology, and many unqualified scientists with close industry ties have been appointed to advisory boards.

### #2 Ashcroft vs. the Human Rights Law that Holds Corporations Accountable

*One World.Net* and *Asheville Global Report*, May 19, 2003

Title: "Ashcroft goes after 200-year-old Human Rights Law"  
Author: Jim Lobe

Attorney General John Ashcroft is seeking to strike down one of the world's oldest human rights laws, the Alien Torts Claim Act (ATCA) which holds government leaders, corporations, and senior military officials liable for human rights abuses taking place in foreign countries. Organizations such as Human Rights Watch (HRW) vehemently oppose the removal of this law, as it is one of the few legal defenses victims of human rights violations can claim against powerful organizations such as governments or multinational corporations. By attempting to throw out this law, the Bush Administration is effectively opening the door for human rights abuses to continue under the veil of foreign relations diplomacy.

### #1 Wealth Inequity in 21st Century Threatens Economy and

Democracy

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Title: "The Wealth Divide" (An interview with Edward Wolff)  
Author: Robert Weissman  
*Buzzflash*, March 26 and 19, 2004

Title: "A Buzzflash Interview, Parts I and II" (with David Cay Johnston)

Author: Mark Karlin  
*London Guardian*, October 4, 2004


Title: "Every third person will be a slum dweller within 30 years, UN agency warns"

Author: John Vidal  
*Multinational Monitor*, July/August, 2003

Title: "Grotesque Inequality"  
Author: Robert Weissman

Wealth inequality increased dramatically in the United States in the late 1990s. The top 5% is now capturing an increasingly greater portion of the pie while the bottom 95% is clearly losing ground, resulting in the rapidly vanishing middle class. This trend is the product of legislative policies carefully crafted and lobbied for by corporations and the ultra-wealthy over the past 25 years. America's economic trends have a global footprint, and today, the top 400 income earners in the U.S. make as much in a year as the entire population of the 20 poorest countries in Africa. A series of reports released in 2003 by the UN warn that further increases in the imbalance in wealth throughout the world will have catastrophic effects if left unchecked, such as the collapse of the entire global economy.

This concludes the list for Censored 2005. For previous lists, as well as more information about Project Censored, please visit their website at <http://project-censored.org>.



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## Slow Motion Reign: A five-song intro

By Jon Volkman

Prospectus Staff Writer

Hailing from Los Angeles, California, Slow Motion Reign's self-titled debut EP was recently released. The album consists of five songs, giving its listener a small sample of the band's ability. It was produced by Serj Tankian of the band System of a Down.

Slow Motion Reign was "discovered" by an influential radio host who overheard two of the band members talking. After an impromptu concert using a hotel's electronic organ, the radio host helped the band land a record deal.

The resulting album lingers with the listener long after they've finished listening to the EP. It starts slowly, building up through a chant-like first song entitled "Embryonic [Underworld]." The second track, "Isn't It Time [Rats]," draws the listener in further, presenting a far catchier sound.

The band's sound is within the bounds of the alternative/modern rock genre. The sound is largely upbeat, the lyrics complex, and the vocal work appealing. Overall, the album has a very dark atmosphere, mixed into smooth melodies and envel-

oping lyrics.

Indeed, as an EP, the album shines. The first two tracks draw the listener in, and with "No Way No How," the band's seduction of its listeners is complete. Within the song, the band celebrates this fact with the chorus, singing "No way no how! No ones gonna bring us down."

By far, my favorite track on the EP is the last one. The song, titled "Life Simulator," starts with a fast-paced, piano-laden introduction. As the lyrics begin, so does their commentary on consumerism. The song slowly unravels, and the listener is presented with a society that is force-fed worthless swag in near sterile malls.

As just a sample of their sound, this self-titled EP showcases Slow Motion Reign and their abilities. While in many ways they could seem just another rock band added to the mix, their unique sound sets them apart. The mix of vocals and music on this EP captures the listener, and makes this listener curious as to how their first full-length album, due out in early 2005, will sound.

## Wait for the video of *I Heart Huckabees*

By Sarah Trusty

Prospectus Staff Writer

*I Heart Huckabees* is a comedy that was written and directed by David O. Russell. It is about a man named Albert, played by Jason Schwartzman, who is having an existential crisis. Albert works for Huckabees, a department store chain that is also trying to save a local forest area.

Albert finds a card in the pocket of a jacket that he had to borrow at a fancy restaurant. The business card is for a couple that investigates people's lives in order to solve their existential questions. He meets with the Jaffs, played by Dustin Hoffman and Lily Tomlin, and tells them that he saw a very tall African-American man three times in three different places, and that he feels that the coincidence may have greater meaning. He hires the Jaffs to investigate his coincidence, and they end up investigating his entire life.

While investigating, the Jaffs begin to believe that Albert's main problem is his job at Huckabees. While Albert wants to save the forest area by writing poems about it, Albert's coworker Brad (Jude Law,) wants to have a big benefit with Shania Twain singing.

After meeting Brad at Huckabees, the Jaffs take on his case as well, also investigating his girlfriend Dawn (Naomi Watts,) the Huckabees spokesmodel. Albert then begins to feel that they aren't solving his case. He teams up with a local firefighter (Mark Wahlberg) who also has existen-

tial issues. They meet a French woman who has a different view on existentialism, and hire her.

With two groups of people trying to find answers to the meaning of their existence, and all with different opinions on what the answer is, the movie becomes more and more twisted. The Jaffs feel that everything in the universe is connected, and they are trying to show how, while the French woman feels that nothing is connected and everyone is just here.

The movie is supposed to be a comedy, but with a serious feel to it, as it is trying to answer the existential questions that many people may have. With everything that was going on in the movie, I was able to figure out that it was a comedy, but I didn't find it very amusing. Throughout the entire movie people are going to ridiculous lengths just to find out what their purpose is.

The acting, though, was good, seeing as how everyone was supposed to be acting ridiculous in order to try and add humor to the movie. I just think that the story got completely out of hand. It was confusing in some parts and hard to follow, possibly because existentialism can be confusing, but also maybe because the movie was so ridiculous that I kept losing interest.

If you find humor in movies that tell somewhat serious stories in a cheesy way, then by all means go see it. If not, I strongly recommend that you don't waste your money. If you are really curious as to what happens in the movie and how it turns out, wait until it comes out on video.

## Voting

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tronically without corruption.

The experience overall left a somewhat bittersweet memory. While voting is a responsibility I am glad to have, the experience left me feeling empty. Sure I cast my vote, and made my voice heard, but to what end?

As we look back at our elections, everyone seems to forget that as voters we're making our vote count, not just deciding who we find tolerable or don't hate as much. It isn't about who an individual voted for, but that they actually voted.

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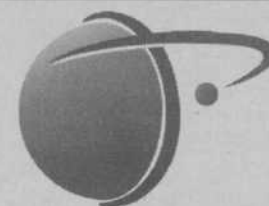
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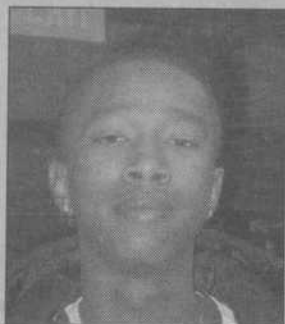
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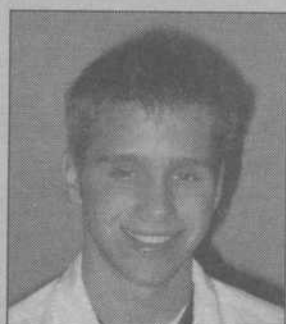
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**Paville**—No, because even a coach can have a bad season. They should give him a chance.



The 2004-2005 Parkland Basketball team poses for a publicity photo. The next home game is Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. against Malcolm X.

## Boston sweeps World Series

By Ryan Zerrusen  
Prospectus Staff Writer

The Boston Red Sox have reversed the curse of Babe Ruth. They did this by sweeping the St. Louis Cardinals in four games to clinch the World Series title. The Red Sox won by great pitching from their two aces Curt Shilling and Pedro Martinez and from hitting from David Ortiz.

It has been since 1918 that the Red Sox won their last World Series; and after this year's victory, the city of Boston was in complete pandemonium.

The parade held on Saturday to honor the Sox was wound around the city with an esti-

mated 3.2 million people there to greet the team. Many fans held signs that said "Thank You."

This World Series was long overdue for the Red Sox and the fans are finally repaid for their struggles and dedication through the years.

The Cardinals fell short on a World Series Championship be-

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