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Faculty says day care facilities inadequate



Matilde, 3, plays outside at the WU Nursery School on Thursday, Oct. 11, 2007. The nursery school does not satisfy the demand for on-campus childcare because it does not offer full-day care.

BY ANDREA WINTER
NEWS EDITOR

This is the third in a series of articles examining that status of women in academia at Washington University.

According to a recent report on childcare availability, Washington University is lagging behind competing universities.

The University recognizes the demand for improved childcare options, but the problem is yet to be resolved.

"The University offers no on-campus childcare. That I think it is a really big problem and that it affects everyone on the Hilltop campus," said Andrea Friedman, professor of history. "If your kids are

sick or something, it's really a problem. It's really a hassle that there is no on-site child facility for everyone—faculty, staff, students."

The Washington University Nursery School, located in the Millbrook apartments, is not considered "on-site child care" because it does not offer full-day care.

Ingrid Borecki, professor of genetics at the medical school and the current President of the Academic Women's Network (AWN) agreed with Friedman that there is currently a demand for improved childcare.

"It is difficult to come to work and pay attention to what you're doing if you

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WU, Saint Louis University School of Public Health consider merger

Washington University and the St. Louis University School of Public Health may be merging in the near future.

In a joint statement, the two schools said they were in the preliminary stages of discussions to improve the quality of public health education and research that they provide.

"Washington University in St. Louis and Saint Louis University are open to exploring ways to further collaborate with our partners in research, education and community service programs," said the statement. "Leaders of both institutions are discussing whether there are mutually beneficial ways to advance public health research and education."

Representatives of both schools declined to comment further on the issue.

According to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, faculty members at the SLU School of Public Health were told that these discussions included merging the school with the Washington University.

The School of Public Health holds more than \$43 million in research grants, including several collaborative projects between the School of Public Health and the University.

The School of Public Health was established in 1991 and is one of only 38 public health schools in the country.

—SAM GUZIK

University endowment skyrockets to \$5.6 billion

BY PUNEET KOLLIPARA
SENIOR STAFF REPORTER

Washington University's endowment topped the \$5 billion mark for the first time in its history, marking a significant increase over the 2006 fiscal year.

According to the 2007 University Annual Report, the endowment increased by approximately \$900 million, from \$4.75 billion at the end of fiscal year 2006 to \$5.66 billion at the end of fiscal year 2007 on June 30.

The increase represents a 20.1 percent return, the largest return on the University's endowment since the endowment increased 23.1 percent, from \$2.8 billion to \$3.45 billion, in the 1998 fiscal year.

According to Chief Investment Officer Kimberly Walker, the large increase in the endowment occurred due to a good year for the University's portfolio and not due to any significant changes in its investments.

"We haven't made any major

changes in the portfolio over the past year. It just happened to benefit from its current positioning," said Walker.

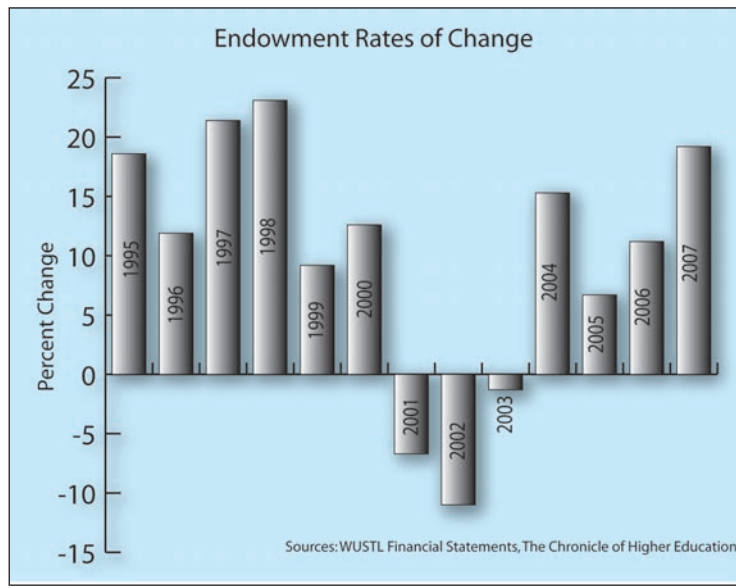
One year after Walker's arrival and the creation of the University's investment company, things have gone well, but the company is still in the process of hiring staff and qualified investment professionals.

"I can tell you that it's been a good experience in that my peers in the investment community understand there's a change being made in how we're managing the endowment," said Walker. "I've found it's been easy to interest potential candidates."

Chancellor Mark Wrighton was pleased with the endowment's strong performance.

"We did extremely well in this world of investments," said Wrighton. "In total, we did better than our financial benchmarks. We didn't do as well as Yale, but nearly the same as some of the other premier institutions."

Several of the University's



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other peer institutions fared very well with their endowments as well, with Northwestern University, Duke University, Amherst College, the University of Virginia and the University of Notre Dame all posting at least a 25 percent return in their endowments.

According to Gordon Winston, an expert on the econom-

ics of higher education and a professor at Williams College, endowments performed well because the 2007 fiscal year was generally a strong year for financial markets. However, with universities investing significantly in real estate and the looming problems in the

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Hillel loses money due to changes at Bon Appétit

BY PERRY STEIN
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

When students at Hillel sit down for Shabbat dinner every Friday evening, the organization will be paying for extra plates of food prepared by Bon Appétit, the catering company that serves Washington University.

According to Rebecca Leffel, vice president of the Jewish Student Union (JSU), the change represents a new policy between St. Louis Hillel, a chapter of the Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, and Dining Services that is costing Hillel a significant amount of money every week.

"Dining Services used to absorb the costs for all of the extra food," said Leffel. "Now Hillel is absorbing the cost."

Marilyn Pollack, vice chancellor for student service and director of Dining Services, said that in previous years Hillel submitted the exact number of reservations they received for Shabbat dinners to Bon Appétit, but this year it orders extra plates of food to account for those students who do not RSVP but rather decide to walk in.

"They've elected to buy the extra meal plates voluntarily; we're not forcing them," said Pollack.

According to JSU President Eitan Hochster, the additional plates are necessary because it is not reasonable to expect college students to RSVP on Wednesday for a Friday night event and Hillel hopes to include as many students as possible at Shabbat dinner.

After the dinner Hillel can keep any leftover food and can use it to best meet its needs.

"They can keep any leftover food. It's like going to the grocery store," said Pollack.

Asher Schlusberg, a senior who regularly attends Shabbat dinners at Hillel, said that mak-

ing Hillel pay for the extra food hurts other Hillel programming and does not benefit students.

"They are doing a disservice to the University because Hillel is losing money," said Schlusberg. "The goal needs to be; how can we serve the students who need this service?"

Both Dining Services and Hillel's Shabbat dinner participants acknowledge that kosher food is expensive, which consequently makes Friday night dinners costly for students.

The meal originally costs 8.75 meal points for students on a kosher meal plan and 13 points for students on a regular meal plan.

Hillel subsidizes the cost of the meal, however, to make the dinner more affordable for students. Students on the kosher meal plan actually pay eight meal points and on the regular meal plan students pay 10 meal points for dinner.

"It's not an issue of money, but the more expensive the meals are, the fewer students will attend [Friday night dinners], and that harms the community," said Leffel.

Hochster explained that due to a number of factors, including cost, attendance has dropped from about 100 attendees a week last year, to only 50 or 60 this year.

"Jewish Student Union and Hillel have to devote more of their time to get students to come," said Hochster. "We consider Friday nights at Hillel to be one of the main experiences for Jewish students on campus."

Hillel Rabbi Avi Katz Orlov said he hopes the University and Hillel will continue to work together and find a solution to this problem.

"We are committed to working with the University to maintain the vibrancy of student life on campus," said Orlov.

Campus tombstone display protests cost of war in Iraq



A woman examines the tombstone memorial last fall on campus. This year the tombstones will be displayed at other St. Louis schools as well. See "Tombstones," page 2.

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Racial slur written on black student's car

The n-word was written on a female black student's car while it was parked on the South 40 last week.

On October 1, the student returned to her car in the Lien Garage and found that someone had written the racial slur in the dirt on her back windshield, according to the Washington University Police Department (WUPD) incident report. The woman wiped away the word then realized her error and contacted WUPD. No damage or other effects were evident, either on her car or surrounding cars.

Chief of Police Don Strom says that the event is being classified as a "hate incident" and is under investigation.

The woman, who pre-

ferred to remain anonymous and chose not to comment, said in the incident report that she did not know of anyone who could have done the act or anyone with malice towards her.

Strom said that he cannot remember a similar incident in the recent past, calling this "very disturbing."

"This is totally inconsistent with the sense of community [here at the University]," he said.

WUPD has no witnesses of the act and encourages anyone with information to contact them at 314-935-5555 or submit an anonymous tip on their Web site, police.wustl.edu.

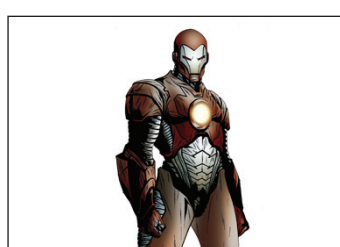
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The naked truth about mole rats

BY NICK HAWCO
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With an entirely hairless body, buckteeth and vast wrinkles, the naked mole rat is not winning the animal kingdom beauty pageant anytime soon.

But these bald rodents

serve a greater purpose than starring on the TV show "Kim Possible." Inside its eerie pink exterior may lie the key to better understanding how mammals age, according to biology lecturer Stan Braude. For the past 20 years, Braude has studied naked mole rat colonies in Kenya, tagging

and releasing almost 10,000 of them since his study began.

Naked mole rat aging studies have increased since 2002, when a mole rat in a lab in South Africa broke the record for longest lifetime of a rodent, living to age 28.

The increased focus on

how naked mole rats age has led scientists to reconsider current theories about aging.

"One of the biggest theories is that, during your life, you accumulate oxidative damage," said Braude. "This oxidative damage produces many of the effects of old age."

Recent attention to naked mole rats, however, contradicts this idea.

"If you look at the research on mole rats, they don't have any special mechanisms for avoiding oxidative damage," said Braude. "They suffer as badly as anyone else."

Braude uses this data to suggest that oxidative damage may not be the largest factor for aging, but acknowledges that much more research should be conducted before conclusions can be drawn.

"Oxidative damage is a whole industry," he said. "They're not going to be convinced by one little rodent."

He argues that the rodent's lifestyle is key to understanding the evolution of its longevity. Operating in a hive structure, most of the young naked mole rats leave their underground colony,

exposing them to predation. Those that survive dispersal will be very safe for the rest of their lives and can live to be very old.

The median age for mole rats is actually quite low, though they produce many offspring. The few who survive youth tend to live a very long life and this pattern resembles those found in organisms such as oak trees, clams and sea turtles.

"If we understand how these different species do it, then the next step is to figure out how we can get those benefits with either drug treatments or changing diet or changing lifestyle," said Braude.

For Braude, whose office is decorated with mole rat magnets, rubber toys and preserved remains of a queen mole rat, these hairless wonders have become a fascination. He is currently writing a book summarizing the phenomena he observed during his 20 years of field work in Africa, including mole rat longevity, colony behavior and rare instances where mole rats kidnap younger mole rats from neighboring colonies.



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Naked mole rats, as pictured above, are being used by WU researcher Stan Braude to investigate the ways in which mammals age.

TOMBSTONES ❖ FROM PAGE 1

BY DAVID SONG
NEWS EDITOR

Today, rows of tombstones will stand on the Danforth campus as part of a display by the Washington University Peace Coalition, in an effort to raise awareness over the cost of the on-going war in Iraq.

Although the display has been erected in previous years, this is the first year in which the display will be present at other Saint Louis universities, including the University of Missouri at Saint Louis (UMLS), Saint Louis University (SLU) and the nearby Fontbonne University.

While some students may see the tombstone display as a partisan statement, junior and Peace Coalition member Julia

Baskin asserted that the displays were intended to raise awareness and stimulate dialogue.

"The point of the tombstones is to emphasize the negative impact of the war," said Baskin. "It's not about politics, it's not about whom you support. It's about the fact that people have died. It's going to throw out some controversy but that's good because people need to talk about it."

The first year after the beginning of the War in Iraq, a similar display was created in Saint Louis by the Instead of War Coalition.

"In 2005, the tombstones were already made from the last year's display, so when I got here, myself and a couple of other students decided to do the display on campus," said Adam Shriver, a graduate student at the University and a member of the Coalition.

While the war remains a controversial topic, Shriver stated that the general response from individuals on the University has been favorable to the displays.

"We did it again last year, and we had a really positive reception from students and the faculty," he said. "The first

year we did it, a woman from SLU heard about it and she got off work early to find the tombstone for her son. This is a controversial thing, but a lot of people have been thankful for raising awareness."

Because of the positive response to the displays, the following year they were placed again on the Washington University campus and on the campuses of other schools.

While the tombstone display coincides with the first day of Parents Weekend, the display was not intended to specifically be on display during that time.

Senior Brett Burman, a mem-

ber of the Peace Coalition, noted that the displays are nonetheless aimed at as large an audience as possible.

"It would be a good time because we want as many people as possible to see it, and it's not just for Wash. U. students, though they are the primary target," said Burman. "The displays in general are really for anyone in the community at large to come and see it—it's a statement of the cost of war. Our idea is to get as many people as possible to come and see it, since we're not trying to convince [only] Wash. U. students of the costs of war."

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housing market, a slowdown in endowment performance could be ahead.

Despite the increase in the University endowments, Winston warned those trying to interpret the data that the endowments themselves do not tell the whole story.

"Endowments don't mean anything by themselves. What matters is the endowment per student," said Winston.

Winston said that schools with smaller student bodies are able to spend more per student than schools with larger student bodies.

Enrollment data for the

2007-2008 academic year was not available, but with enrollment holding relatively steady, the University's endowment per student is likely to have increased along with the endowment itself.

Winston said that private schools with large endowments generally spend around \$50,000 on a student's education out of the endowment's interest, with the remainder of the cost coming from tuition.

"Students and their parents are very aware of what they're paying, but they're often not aware of what they're getting," said Winston.



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don't have adequate childcare," said Borecki.

Several years ago, the University conducted a survey on childcare involving consultants and focus groups. The survey resulted in the University deciding to partner with the University City Child Care Center, an off campus service.

"The University ended up determining that there wasn't enough demand for on-campus childcare and also that insurance costs were prohibitive," said Friedman. "That seems like a big mistake to me that they made the decision that they could not provide this."

Although the University's decision to partner with the University City Child Care Center did alleviate the problem, there are still not a sufficient number of slots.

"It is a wonderful, wonderful childcare faculty that was just expanded with the help of the university. People struggle to find a place—it's almost to the point of conception," said Rebecca Messbarger, professor of romance languages. "You don't even have a name yet for your child and you put it on list."

The medical school does have two on-site facilities; however, as of last month the waiting list was 138 names long.

Last month, Tamara Hershey, professor of psychiatry, researched the childcare situations in place at similar universities. Her findings were printed in the Academic Women's Network fall newsletter.

According to Hershey's findings, while the Danforth Campus currently does not have on-site childcare, Harvard University has six childcare facilities on its campus. In 2003, Duke Univer-

sity invested two million dollars in the expansion of on-site childcare.

She also noted that Cornell University, Harvard and Stanford all offer subsidized childcare programs. In particular, Cornell offers up to \$5000 to subsidize families earning less than \$150,000

"I was pleasantly surprised that so many universities that are comparable to Wash. U. are really putting a lot of money in this," said Hershey.

Too few slots are not the only complaint made by faculty and staff. The University also needs to offer more childcare options, according to many faculty members. Unlike many institutions, the University does

not currently offer any sick child care.

Ann Gronowski, professor of pathology and immunology, said that sick days present a serious problem at the School of Medicine.

"You can't call in and say 'my kid is sick today so I can't do your heart surgery,'" she said.

The general consensus seems to be that the University does acknowledge the need for childcare.

"This issue is in the works. I think the administration acknowledges the need. The question is how to push it forward as a practical matter," said Borecki.

Last week the president of

the Association of Women Faculty, Sally Goldman, met with the Chancellor in regards to this issue, according to Diana Gray, associate dean for faculty affairs and professor of obstetrics and gynecology. Goldman's schedule, however, was unable to accommodate an interview.

Hershey agreed with Borecki that the University is addressing the issue, but also said that it is not easy to resolve because childcare centers require both space and money.

"It's not just the task force that is thinking hard about this," said Hershey. "We're kind of here as a lobbying force and information dispersing force to make sure attention stays on the top of everyone mind."

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86.1%	Changes to the Student Union Constitution	12.8%

Pulse



Compiled by Josh Hantz

Friday, October 12

Dance-In

Support Dance Marathon this weekend at its "Dance-In" to raise \$1,000 for Children's Miracle Network. You can dance, play games, buy costumes and eat all night. It lasts from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Bowles Plaza.

Saturday, October 13

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Enjoy a day market selling food, merchandise and carnival games from many different countries, hosted by the Annika Rodriguez Scholars and Association of Latin American Students. The sponsors hope to raise money for Mercy Corps, an organization devoted to ending global hunger. Tickets are available at the event on the Swamp from 1-4 p.m.

Hypnotist Comedy Show

World-class hypnotist Tom DeLuca comes to Wash. U. to provide a family crowd with nonstop laughter and entertainment. DeLuca has performed many times on TV and has been featured in People and Rolling Stone Magazine. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. in Graham Chapel and it starts at 8.

Sunday, October 14

Liederabend

Jennifer Jakob and Sandra Geary put on a singing program in German in Graham Chapel at 3 p.m. Jakob sang with the Opera Theatre of St. Louis last summer and Geary is a faculty member at Wash. U. Together, they will perform songs from the great composers—Schubert, Schumann, Wolf and Richard Strauss.

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Save the environment, adjust your thermostat

As we enter the middle of October, it bears keeping in mind that the fast approaching cold weather will prompt a substantial increase in energy consumption on campus. Buildings must be heated and the costs associated with regulating building temperatures have been steadily increasing. In fact, one of the reasons that Washington University always gives when it attempts to justify its annual tuition increase is the rising costs associated with energy consumption. According to the Commonfund Institute's Higher Education Price Index, the cost of utilities for universities has risen by 27.1 percent since 2005.

Understandably, this has led to substantial efforts within the field of higher

education to find ways to cut energy costs. But while increasing student tuition is often viewed as the easiest way to deal with rising utility prices, there are methods of energy conservation that can just as easily help solve the problem. For example, we propose lowering the building temperature in all campus buildings by two to three degrees during the winter and raising it by two to three degrees in the summer.

In September 2006, then-sophomore Ichiyo Yiye Zhang collaborated on a project with the Facilities Planning and Management department at the University about the environmental and monetary benefits of minor changes in building temperatures. According to Zhang, the University sets the temperature of all buildings on campus at 73

degrees throughout the year. By lowering this temperature set point to 70 degrees, energy consumption could be substantially reduced. To take an example, the study found that by adjusting the temperature by two to three degrees in the main Laboratory Sciences auditorium, the largest auditorium on campus, the University would save approximately \$7,000 in energy costs and 0.7 million kilobritish Thermal Units (kBTUs) annually. If this policy were applied to every single building on campus, the savings would be even more substantial.

But while the energy savings figures are certainly impressive enough, the best part about this plan is that it takes minimal effort to implement these procedures. Very few people would notice

the difference in building temperature, and those who did could easily remedy the situation by bringing a sweater to class. And more to the point, this is probably the most feasible and cost-effective plan available for achieving an environmentally friendly campus.

So far, we have been very pleased with the actions the University has taken towards helping the environment. But hiring Matthew Malten this year to serve as the assistant vice chancellor for environmental sustainability is only a start. The University should strongly consider implementing a plan that lowers the temperature in campus buildings. If it doesn't, then we must honestly question whether its resolve towards achieving environmental sustainability is genuine.

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The unheard sigh of a nation

BY ADRIAN TORRES
STAFF COLUMNIST

Overlooking the Caribbean Sea and situated on the outskirts of downtown Belize City in Central America, is the country's largest sporting facility; it is comprised of a basic two-lane, unlevelled asphalt track that encircles a football field primarily composed of muddy soil. (I would challenge any reader of this article to find a more underdeveloped sporting facility here in the United States). Yet, despite its lack of sophistication, children, families and individuals from all walks of life gather on most evenings at the complex to take a healthy jog around the track or to play a friendly pick-up game of football, the refined version of soccer. As these people enter the gate, a large, colorful billboard with a stylized font greets them at the entrance, almost serving as a contrast to the dilapidated facility, displaying the adopted name: THE MARION JONES SPORTING COMPLEX.

While she dazzled the world at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games by "capturing" five track and field medals, Marion Jones also did something that perhaps went unnoticed to the world, but which brought palpating excitement, ear-to-ear smiles and even tears to some of my fellow Belizeans. While taking her victory laps, she carried the American flag on her back. However, nestled snugly under her arm but still clearly visible, was the Belizean flag.

A small nation, almost one-tenth the population of St. Louis, Belize had never produced an international star like Jones, who immediately became a global icon. Marion Jones herself was not born in Belize, but her mother was, which technically only makes her a "half-Belizean." She wasn't even raised in Belize, but the immense joy she inspired only serves to show how much "third-world" countries, surrounded by world powers, yearn for their share of global recognition, and more importantly, illustrates their desperate need for role models. Only a year before, thousands of Belizeans lined the streets for a hopeful glimpse of Marion Jones as she toured the city. The government of Belize gave her the country's highest order and she humbly accepted the post as the country's first Sports Ambassador. Plans were also made to build that elusive world-class facility with synthetic grass and AstroTurf—a plan that still remains a dream today.

Marion Jones and her iconic relationship with a nation is only half the story. The reason why she is in court these days is the other half. We all by now

have seen or heard the plethora of ads and warnings about the physical and psychological effects of steroids. But not a single warning or ad could ever capture the deflated feeling and utter heartbreak many Belizeans suffered when Jones admitted to taking steroids. Her plight, however, serves as a poignant warning to athletes all around the world that their decision to cheat can not only harm their bodies and causes embarrassment, but it may also have far-reaching effects that affect an entire nation.

In America, this might be hard to fathom because of the vast array of talented sports superstars. However, there are still thousands of kids and lifelong fans who feel the same type of heartbreak that Belizeans felt when they see or hear stories about Mark McGwire, Barry Bonds and Jason Giambi—athletes who too have attained iconic status in America.

To non-sports fans this heartbreak may never be felt, but as the case with Marion Jones and Belize proves, sports may never be the issue. Just ask those Belizeans whose hearts sighed when Jones plead guilty last week to alleged doping charges. They could have cared less whether she won five medals or finished dead last. She cared enough, through a small action, to put them on a global stage. It was her glory and her shining moment, but it was also their fifteen seconds of fame on the global stage.

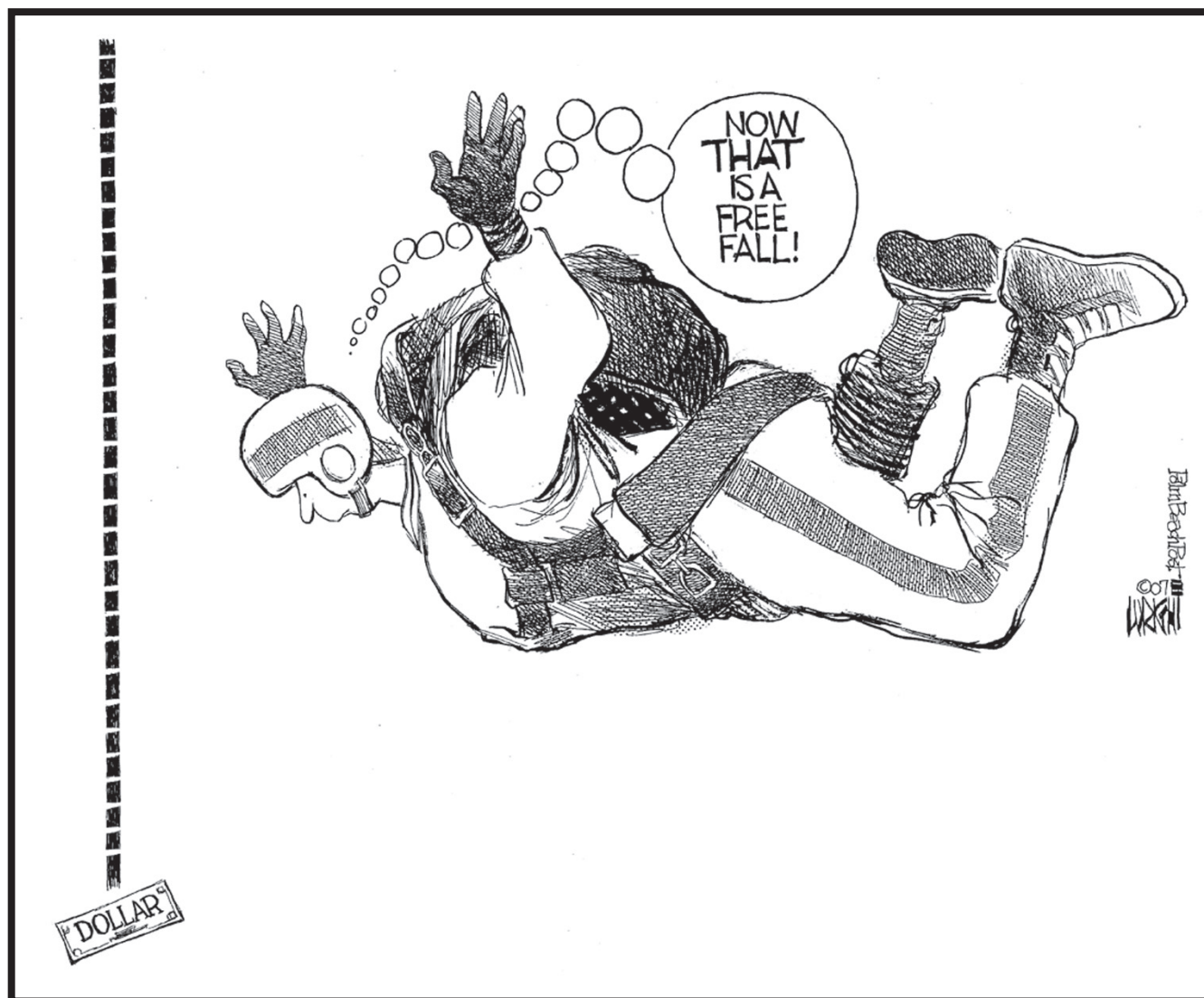
Clearly, successful athletes have the ability to unite a people and sometimes an entire nation. But those guided by self-interest, the ones who illegitimately seek fame through subversive methods, must always remember that their actions may have indescribable repercussions, like the heartache of disappointment felt by their loyal fans and followers when that intimate connection is disrupted or tainted.

On the same night when the news of Jones' admission broke, a news station in Belize solemnly announced: "For many Belizeans, Marion Jones represented the very and absolute best that is Belize. And when she carried that flag at the Sydney games, our hearts swelled with something more than pride—it seemed like she made being Belizean into something otherworldly. But tonight, all across Belize, heads hang low."

Today, the only track Marion Jones walks is the one leading to a courthouse. Despite this, the people of Belize cannot help but tune in as they continue to hold on to their 15 seconds of joy.

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I want it now, now, now!

I now declare myself a stalwart supporter of instant gratification. All this waiting and worrying and wondering has got to go. If something good is coming to me, I'd like to know when, where and how I should dress for the occasion. I'm done believing that good things come to those who wait; they come, I've now decided, to the people who pester and whine and demand until others appease them. It's true. Don't take my word for



Tess Croner

it. Ask any small child—our shoe size may change, but the rules don't. So, I'd like to know why everyone keeps asking me to wait, to plan for the long haul and to put aside the "now" pleasures for a brighter, more blissful future. What's with you people? Frankly, I've been waiting for a long time. Sometimes it feels like that's all I do. And you know, I'm getting kind of sick of working so hard, plodding along that winding path to self-discovery. I'm a junior in college now, I've

been trudging down this road for a while, and I'm ready for some big pay-offs. I'd like some answers: I'd like to know where I'm going and when I'm going to get there.

It's irritating how murky life is. Sure, you're supposed to do your best with what you know and follow your gut when you haven't got a clue, but I'd like a little more direction. I'd like a plan. I'd like it all mapped out with reward stations marked along my route. How about a guarantee that if I work 'x' hard, my life will be 'y' great? That would be awesome. But so far there are no guarantees,

only a bunch of people telling you to keep your nose to the grindstone and wait for the rest of the world to notice.

And then there's the big dilemma: the choice between instant gratification and a (possibly) better alternative in the not too near future. It's a problem I've been wrestling with recently. How can I be expected to pass up on a sure thing that's good and "now" for some intangible something that may or may not come to be? That takes a lot of discipline and a lot of faith—neither of which I have in spades.

I hate to boil it all down

like this, but say you have a major sweet tooth (like me). And I mean major. You are offered some so-so yet still pretty delectable cupcakes from Schnucks. Would you pass them up (and save the space in your gut) in the hopes of amazing chocolate cake later that night at Lorenzo's Trattoria? You know you don't get that kind of really, really good chocolate cake that often (thanks, Dad). The cake is a long shot. You can dream about Lorenzo's cake, but you may never get there. The cupcakes are definitely the safer bet and still pretty damn good. Do you

start munching or keep dreaming?

Go on, fess up—you want it now, just like me. So, unless I stumble into some great reservoir of patience, I say, "screw waiting." I'm done. Finished. I'm ready to be five years old again and throw a temper tantrum until I get some real answers to all my big questions. I'm going to eat the cupcakes, and, hell, if the chocolate cake shows up, I'll eat that too.

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Political correctness isn't gay

BY KATE GAERTNER
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During my senior year in high school, my best friend started a game in which she slapped me every time I used the word "gay" as a synonym for stupid. It was a natural part of my lexicon and had been for a long time; my family and I routinely called things gay at the dinner table. It was funny; it was an exercise

"In controlling our language, we begin to control the hatred we know it can spawn."

in ironic understatement to call the War in Iraq gay, an exercise in catharsis to exclaim the homosexuality of a recent physics test.

As in all things, I was stubborn. It took me a long time to realize how hurtful that simple choice of words could be, and I'd be lying if I said I didn't initially try to justify it. My brother partitioned the word into three meanings: gay meaning happy, gay meaning homosexual and what he referred to as "gay-shoes gay"—something completely unrelated to sexual orientation, a cross between lameness and stupidity. In this way, he said that gay was simply a word that meant a lot of things. Our use of it was nothing political, just simple slang. We would be thwarting the natural evolution of lan-

guage to refrain from saying it.

And then I realized that it is in these blanket justifications, these petty acts of naiveté, that hatred is spawned. I realized it on the national day of silence, when my school's Republican Club made stickers to wear that said, "I won't be silenced." The clash of the political and the personal that day made me realize it, when the single gay student in my biology class asked to go to the library because he felt uncomfortable. I paused, wondering how many times I'd referred to assignments as "gay" in his presence. I realized that language is characteristically more powerful than we know.

There are those who say that political correctness is intellectual fascism, and their point is well taken. In censoring our words, we censor the interpretation of our opinions, driving our language further away from our thoughts, our intentions. In censoring our ideas, we thwart intellectual progress. We keep ourselves from a common ground that would otherwise be cathartic. But this is a blanket statement, one that does not justify the unintentional hatred that comes with a slang we find amusing. I doubt that there is much intellectual progress to be made from an honest usage of "gay-shoes gay." Conversely, it is my belief that, in keeping ourselves from using the word, we remind ourselves that it is a foundation of intolerance, that we make the conscious decision to remain open-minded and accepting.



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In controlling our language, we begin to control the hatred we know it can spawn.

Like all things, political correctness comes on a spectrum. A small dose of it is both healthy and necessary. As my violent best friend would say, no one could imagine using "black" as a synonym for stupid.

Many people say that using the word "gay" from time to time is simply not that big of a deal. Granted, it's not. But that also means that it's not that hard to stop saying; it's not that hard to convey stupidity or lameness with another word.

To most of us, the use of "gay" is second nature. To

some homosexuals, it has become mild and inoffensive. However, if we look back to its origins, hate is at the forefront. Who decided, at first usage, to call a pair of lame shoes gay? Who decided that being gay was synonymous with lameness, with stupidity? Thinking about it takes me back to

middle school, when "fag" was the insult of choice and everything was "gay." Our culture here is more tolerant than that, and our language should reflect that tolerance.

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Barack Obama, a pin, patriotism and a new style of politics

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On October 4, a local news station in Cedar Rapids, Iowa asked Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama why he hadn't been wearing the American flag lapel pin that has become customary in American politics. Obama said that he felt that the pin, for many politicians, had become a substitute for "true patriotism."

As one might expect in today's controversy-driven media culture, Obama's statement that he consciously made a decision not to wear a pin of the American flag on his lapel set off a firestorm that has continued throughout the week. Headlines such as "Obama won't wear U.S. flag pin" and "Obama stops wearing flag pin" were all over the news. Political blogs and online message boards were filled with discussion. FOX News dedicated endless coverage and discussion to the controversy. Ann Coulter said

that Obama's decision wasn't surprising because "liberals hate the flag." Peter Johnson, Jr., FOX News' legal analyst, said that by not wearing the pin, Obama was saying that he was "embarrassed by this pin that represents, out of all the things it represents, civil rights and America's pre-eminence in the field of civil rights."

These criticisms are completely ridiculous, of course. In fact, as Coulter discussed liberals' hatred for the flag, a clip of Obama giving a recent campaign speech with a giant American flag as his backdrop was being shown. Johnson's claim that Obama is embarrassed by civil rights is so utterly insane that it isn't even worthy of the effort to type a rebuttal.

The criticisms are only emblematic of the simplicity of contemporary political discourse. Wearing a pin has become a litmus test for patriotism. It should be noted that Hillary Clinton, Mitt Romney, Mike Huckabee, John Edwards and John McCain (whose patriotism is pretty unquestionable)

are all presidential candidates who do not wear the flag pin regularly. But the claims that Barack Obama is embarrassed by his country or hates the flag aren't concerned with that reality. It's easier to call someone unpatriotic, and it makes for a better story.

The critics don't devote much time to discussing Obama's explanation for not wearing the pin. After the interview, Obama expanded upon his defense during a campaign stop. He said, "I'm less concerned about what you're wearing on your lapel than what's in your heart. You show your patriotism by how you treat your fellow Americans, especially those who serve."

This is the real story to be discussed. Instead of labeling a politician "patriotic" or "unpatriotic," we should be asking what patriotism really is. Does a lapel pin denote patriotism? Is a politician who wears a pin of the American flag but doesn't provide troops in Iraq with necessary body armor patriotic? Barack Obama isn't anti-flag; he's

anti-pin. He's against cookie-cutter politicians, and that's a good thing.

That message, though, may be pretty hard for him to get across to the American public, as Robert Thompson of Syracuse University told the New York Daily News on October 5. Thompson said that Obama's attempt to explain his decision could ironically make the issue bigger and harder for people to understand. Unfortunately, it looks like he may be right judging by the lack of positive reaction and Hillary Clinton's increasing lead in the polls. Perhaps it was a simply bad political move on Obama's part. On October 5, the Chicago Sun-Times ran an editorial advising Obama to "pin the darn American flag to your chest and tell people you're as patriotic as anyone." That would certainly be easier for him, but Barack Obama has never been concerned with what's easy.

The pin incident is representative of Obama's candidacy. He's running a campaign that has, in many

ways, run against the grain of the traditional campaign. He's rejected lobbyist money. He's spoken his true beliefs in front of groups that don't want to hear them and he's said that he would be willing to talk with foreign leaders whom the United States has thus far refused to deal with diplomatically. So far, these tactics haven't translated

"Ann Coulter said that Obama's decision wasn't surprising because 'liberals hate the flag.'"

into great success and they have largely been viewed as evidence of his inexperience in national politics.

Instead, though, his campaign should be viewed as a welcome relief from the demeaning style of modern politics. Other campaigns, by both Democrats and Republicans, have treated the American people as simple and incapable of understand-

ing issues. They've resorted to simple slogans, images and cheap-shot criticisms of their opponents. Obama has instead decided not to talk down to voters. He's chosen to treat them as people who are intellectually capable of understanding his thinking.

Many opponents, pundits and political commentators haven't yet endorsed his unorthodox approach to politics, claiming that political campaigns function the way they do because it's the only way to be successful. Maybe they have gotten it right. Maybe the American people aren't able to fully understand issues and who they're voting for. Maybe Barack Obama is on a fool's errand, and his discussion of true patriotism will go right over the heads of voters.

But let's all hope that's not the case, otherwise we'll have a much bigger problem than the wearing or not-wearing of a pin to deal with.

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Ché Guevara Russian dolls

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My friend Barbara worked in a research lab in Budapest this summer, and from her travels she brought me back Ché Guevara Russian dolls. Last Christmas, while shopping on the Loop, I picked up a Ché Guevara finger puppet for my friend Katharine. Melanie, another friend, cherishes her mock history book because it prominently features this dashing communist.

We all aspire to someday own the Ché "Big Thinkers" doll.

And why, you ask, are we so enamored of this radical communist revolutionary?

Why do we covet the memorabilia of a man who killed so many, and who was hell-bent on spreading political unrest throughout Latin America?

For the irony, of course. In 12th grade, our history teacher made a habit of pulling aside any student she came across wearing the infamous red Ché shirt, and demanding to know if the student knew who Ché really was and what, consequently, the shirt was advocating. If the student was well-informed, he got a slightly easier time of it, although still a tongue lashing; if he "just liked the shirt" or had mistakenly idealistic/nationalistic views on Ché... good luck. Making an icon out of a "mass murderer" was quite the sore spot with my

teacher.

My friends and I, of course, took her class and knew better. We had, if not a perfectly informed opinion, at least a better-than-average informed opinion of "el Ché." We knew all the historical

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inaccuracies of "The Motorcycle Diaries"—in fact, we wrote presentations on them—and we could recite at will all the conspiracy theories surrounding his death (for example, and most prominently, that Castro set him up).

We knew that Ché internalized Marx after witnessing the unbelievable poverty and oppression in the then-fledgling capitalist economies of South America, and that he then learned of Lenin's "vanguard of the revolution" and went, "oh hell yes!"

Incidentally, in one of my political theory courses last fall a student argued vehemently against that very "vanguard" while wearing a Ché Guevara T-shirt. That, in a nutshell, is my point. Oh, the irony.

I personally feel that it is an unsurpassed testament to capitalist consumerism, and unmistakable evidence of why pure communism could never really work, that the image of someone whose

entire existence was oriented against consumerism, greed and waste has been taken up and turned into a pop-culture icon that many people wear "because they like the shirt." Talk about a slap in the face. What Karl Marx must think.

Arguably the strongest argument in the communist critique is the idea that the egoist, materialist nature of capitalism exploits the working class (um, sweat shops? Nike?) and "brainwashes" them into wanting things that really have no use (Furbies, for example). How then would this deeply communist man, this beacon of ideology, feel about his face having become one of the most popular (and marketable) images ever—even/especially in the

communist world?!

I read an article in the New York Times yesterday acknowledging the 63rd anniversary of Ché's death, which was my inspiration for this editorial. The article quoted Ché's daughter, who "tolerates" the commercialization of her father's image, and it also refers to the abundance of shops in Cuba devoted to selling Ché memorabilia. It's funny—hysterical, actually, in that perversely ironic kind of way—how far the mighty have fallen.

I thank capitalism, Budapest and Barbara for my dolls. My apologies to el Ché.

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SPORTS

FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Bears hope to thrash Chicago for Founder's Cup

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The scent of war will be in the air on Saturday when Washington University football welcomes its archrival, the University of Chicago, to Francis Field. The Bears and Maroons will clash for the 21st Founder's Cup, which has been held by Wash. U. for 15-20 years, including five of the last six.

"This game would be just as intense if it were played for a paperweight. It's all about pride," stated senior offensive lineman and captain Scott Reigle.

The Founder's Cup commemorates the very first UAA game, a game won by the Red and Green 17-15 over its nemesis from Chicago in 1987. The game begins UAA play, and Wash. U. is searching for its first UAA championship since 2004.

"You learn two things very early in your time as a member of our football team: We are a program that respects, values and honors its seniors and we hate Chicago. There is no game that has generated more emotional hype over the last four years and I am truly excited to walk off Francis Field for the last time with a victory over Chicago," stated senior defensive lineman Christopher Rhodes.

"We have a strong, healthy rivalry with the University of Chicago. This game has always had some player from either team who has not received much attention before step up and impact the

game," added Head Coach Larry Kindbom.

Aside from being a battle for the coveted Founder's Cup, Saturday's game is also Senior Day, when Wash. U. seniors

will play football at Francis Field for the last time.

"Senior Day is about honoring not only the players who have made the commitment over the last four years to the

program, but also the parents who supported us and made it possible to be a part of something as great as Wash. U. football," said Reigle.

After the noon showdown with the Maroons, the Red and Green will play its final three

games on the road against Carnegie Mellon University, Case Western Reserve University and Greenville College.

Washington University was picked to finish tied with Case Western Reserve and second to Carnegie Mellon in

the UAA preseason coaches' poll.

However, of the UAA schools, Wash. U. is the only program to receive votes in the current D3football.com top 25 poll, in which the Bears are currently ranked 34th.



Senior Matt Koenigsknecht breaks a tackle and barrels down field during a game against LaGrange on Oct. 6. The Bears won that game, 33-10.

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Some thoughts on coming out

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College is a time to figure yourself out. You get a better idea of what academic fields interest you. You get a better idea of what kind of career you want to have when you grow up. And you also get a better idea of whom you are interested in romantically and sexually.

For most of you, gender is not a factor you have to think much about to determine to whom you are attracted. But for some of you, figuring out romantic interests involves realizing that you are attracted to people of the same sex. Learning that you may be gay, lesbian or bisexual could possibly come as a surprise, or it could be something that makes past thoughts a lot more sensible. Either way, such a realization brings with it the need to be reflective about your identity. In turn, this reflection brings thoughts about how the people who mean the most to you will take the news.

Before discussing your realization with other people, the first step is to come out to yourself. That almost seems like an oxymoron, since coming out is usually interpreted as a public acknowledgment that you are not straight. Nevertheless, it is an important step. Before you can present a genuine picture of yourself to anyone else, you have to have a realistic picture of yourself in your own mind.

Think about your history of dating, your history of sexual attractions and your feelings towards other people. It is especially important at this stage not to let labels define

or drive your assessment of your sexual preferences. You can choose a label for your identity later if you find that there is one that fits, but your own clear and intimate knowledge of your sexuality is much more important than any specific word you can use to describe it.

During the process of coming out to yourself, it may be helpful to involve someone else. As stressful as the idea of letting someone else know may be, going alone through the process of coming out gets very lonely. Talk to a close friend who has known you for a long time, someone you trust not to judge you or pull away from you when you tell them what you have discovered about your sexuality.

It may also be more comfortable to talk first to a friend of yours who has already gone through the process of coming out. They can provide you with advice about coming out, based on personal experiences. It will not be a conclusive guide, of course, but it will feel good to talk to someone who has gone through the same kind of journey you are now going through.

Once you have a secure handle on your idea of your sexuality, it will be time to consider coming out to other people. Do it at a pace that feels comfortable: don't feel pressured to come out all at once. Some people do, either because they are comfortable knowing that the people around them will all react positively, or because they are sure that they would rather deal with possible negative reactions than deal with hiding their sexuality any longer. But, it's hard, so don't feel bad if you don't feel comfort-

able coming out to everyone you know right off the bat. It can be daunting and it is difficult not to take it personally if people you value do not embrace or accept something as important as your sexual preferences. It may feel better to come out to closer friends before coming out to strangers. On the other hand, it may feel easier to come out to people who do not know you as well before you come out to people who have known you for a long time. There is no universal right answer for who to tell first, but start with the people you find most comfortable telling. Once you start, you will eventually gain the confidence to tell more people, until being up-front about your sexuality becomes natural. No one can guarantee that everyone you know will react positively, and there may be some people who disappoint you by not being as supportive as you hoped. However, you will also have friends who will be just as supportive as you hoped, or even more so, and you will be able to depend on them to help you adjust to being out and proud.

Coming out of the closet is an important step if you find that you are gay, lesbian or bisexual. It's not an easy thing to do—being able to come out takes time and self-assessment, though. Still, it is effort well spent. Your sexual orientation is an important part of your life and your identity. Being confident enough to be open about it will build your self-esteem and make it easier to live your life genuinely and honestly.

Health Beat

Could antibacterial soaps be doing more harm than good?

Antibacterials. They stock our shelves and line our countertops. They are our best friends; they are our worst enemies.

It is so common to find products with antibacterial properties that many consumers are unaware they are even purchasing items with antibacterial traits. A majority of soaps sold in the United States today—over two-thirds of all liquid hand soaps and one-third of all bar soaps—contain antibacterial agents.

So accustomed to the antibacterial way of life, it is hard for us to imagine using cleaning products that aren't loaded with antibacterial chemicals. Still, we need to be careful in using these products, especially over prolonged periods of time.

Antibacterial agents such as Triclosan, the leading germ-fighting compound in antimicrobial soaps, act by destroying enzymes within the bacterial cell walls so that they are unable to replicate. Unfortunately, Triclosan and other similar compounds act on good bacteria as well as the bad. The benign bacteria covering

the surfaces of our bodies and our homes die, while many dangerous bacteria are left and continue to thrive.

Numerous scientists also believe that continued use of any antibacterial/antibiotic agents encourage bacteria to mutate and develop a resistance to antibacterial chemicals. This resistance is becoming such a concern that the World Health Organization and the Alliance for the Prudent Use of Antibiotics have launched global campaigns to educate health care workers and individuals about the risks involved in overusing antibacterial agents.

There is also some concern that young children who have grown up in an antibacterial world will not develop the proper immunities to certain bacteria. The belief is that by being exposed to fewer environmental bacteria, these children will not develop proper antigens and antibodies.

According to studies by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), this deficiency in immunity could very well have a significant impact on the health of individuals later in life, as they may

encounter bacteria that their bodies are not able to sufficiently fight.

Experts say that hand washing, even without antibacterial soap, is still the best way to get rid of bacteria. The CDC recommends that people stick to regular liquid and bar soaps and use warm water to create a healthy lather before rinsing again. Washing with non-antibacterial soap is probably your safest bet.

While prolonged use of antibacterial soaps may have implications for society as a whole, the daily use of these soaps has not been explicitly linked to an increase or decrease in risks associated with contracting diseases.

So don't throw your Dial out just yet, but do consider looking for non-antibacterial products the next time you hit the drug store aisles.

For more information, please see www.cdc.gov.

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Stepping Out

Liluma
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 Price Range: \$20-30

Rating:



BY KATE GALLAGHER
 SCENE REPORTER

Liluma is a classy bistro, serving French and Italian-influenced fare. In general, I found the food to be both delicious and inventive. Each item was presented beautifully. However, I was unimpressed by the service, which was certainly not on par with the food's quality.

Liluma's dinner menu offers the option of ordering small plates or full entrées. As one would expect, the small plates are less expensive than the entrées. Since these smaller dishes looked quite appealing, my friends and I decided to order two small plates each instead of one large entrée per person.

On a Saturday night the Central West End was hopping

and the restaurant's hip atmosphere was a major attraction. Although the restaurant was chic, the diners were mostly people somewhere between 30 and 60 years old, which easily made my friends and I the youngest people in the establishment. As we sipped our glasses of water, one of the waiters approached us and asked if we could switch tables to help accommodate a large party. We agreed to move, but we couldn't help but wonder if we'd been elected to swap tables because of our age. Another service blunder occurred when we took our seats and a member of our dining party asked for a glass of water. Unfortunately, our waiter couldn't seem to remember the request, and we had to keep reminding him. The water did not end up arriving until after we received our salads.

Once the food arrived, however, we forgot about my general frustration with the restaurant's service. I had opted to try the romaine salad, which included blue cheese, sweetened pecans and mysterious white strings of some unidentified substance. As I ate my salad, I struggled to pinpoint exactly what these white strings were. Then it hit me: they were shredded pears. Each of the flavors complemented each other to create a robust, yet sweet salad.

I also ordered the tagliatelle pasta with crab and tomatoes. Tagliatelle are long, flat ribbon-like noodles similar in shape to fettuccine. The crab and tomatoes were fresh and the pasta was cooked to perfection. Be that as it may, I was not particularly impressed by the sauce. Although it had an appealing, creamy consistency, I found the flavor lacking. I thought it could have benefited from a sprinkle or two of parmesan cheese, which our waiter never offered to me (he also failed to come by to ask

how our food tasted or if we needed anything).

My friend's mother ordered two small plates as well: the okra and the crab cake. As an Alabaman, she had high expectations for the okra. She was quite satisfied with the small, crispy okra balls accompanied by a ranch dressing. We found that the okra were tasty with or without the dip. The crab cake was also excellent. It was on the spicy side and filled with fresh crab.

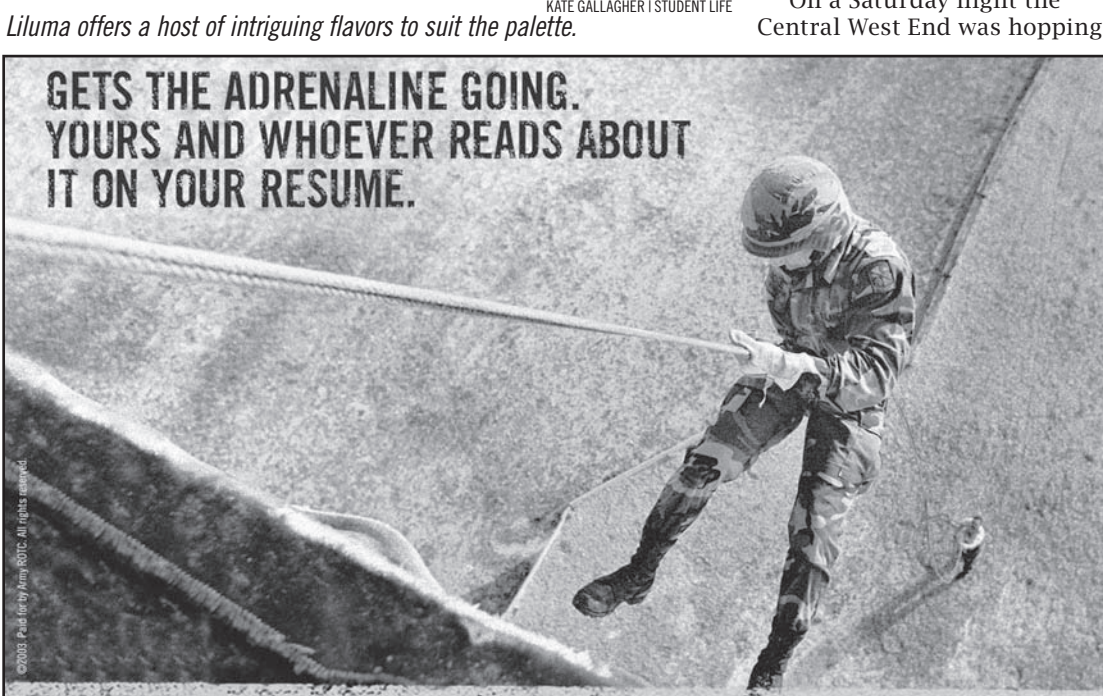
Our vegetarian friend had some difficulty with the menu, considering that none of the entrées were meatless. She eventually decided to try the vegetable spring rolls, which proved to be delicious. Crispy, flaky and light, they were accompanied by a spicy soy sauce.

When we were done eating our food, our waiter came by to ask if we'd like dessert. We all agreed to try some without much hesitation, since our meals had been quite light. I think that our decision to order two small plates rather than one large entrée was good in that it allowed room for dessert, but for those with big appetites, I'd recommend ordering an entrée.

Eventually, we settled upon ordering the lemon semi-freddo, the homemade vanilla ice cream and the lemon tart.

Again, we were disappointed by the service, seeing as it took our waiter a considerable amount of time to bring out our desserts. Yet, once the delectable creations arrived, we were quite content. The lemon semi-freddo may very well have been the highlight of my meal. It was full of contrasting, delicious tastes. The lemon offered a tangy zing, which was balanced by a smooth, creamy flavor. Semi-frozen, the dessert's consistency was similar to that of ice cream, but perhaps more comparable to a fudgesickle. It was sprinkled with a beautiful red berry coulis, a thick sauce made from pureed berries, which added bright color to the otherwise white dessert. The lemon tart was also beautifully presented. Topped with sliced, bright red strawberries, black berries, red berry coulis and whipped cream, the tart was filled with lemon curd. The sharp lemon flavor complimented the sweet, buttery crust. We enjoyed the vanilla ice cream as well; it was packed with vanilla beans and had a smooth, creamy texture.

In summary, Liluma offers outstanding presentation and overall excellent flavors, but sub-par service. We can only hope that the service will improve and rise to match the high quality of the food.



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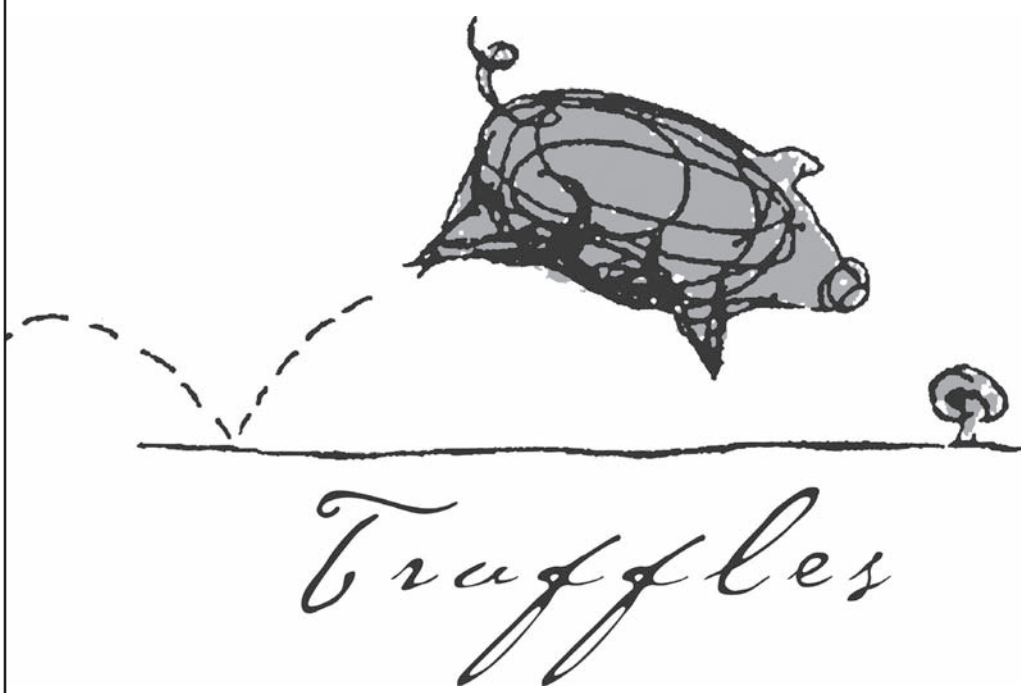
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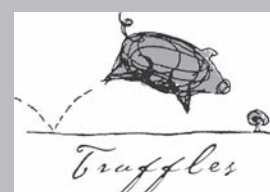


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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

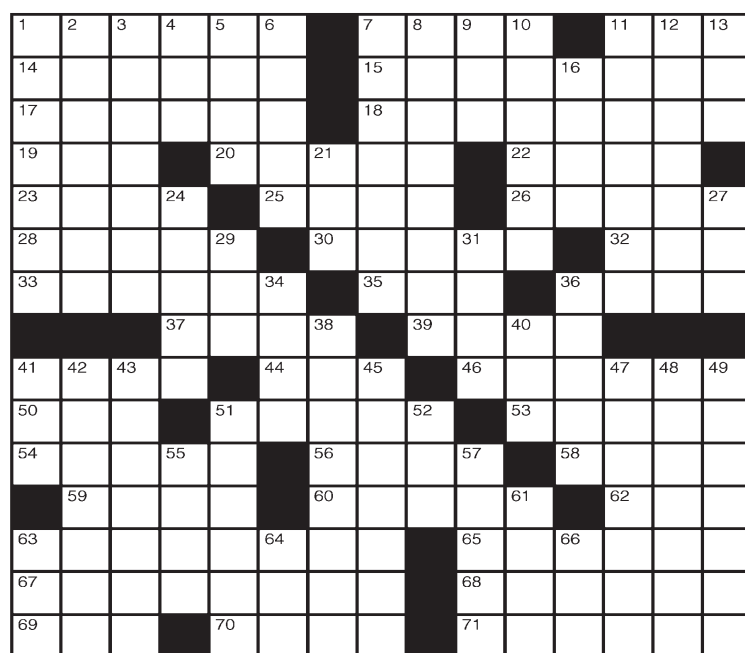
Solution to Wednesday's puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- Hog talk
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 - Greek letter
 - Do over
 - Blandly urbane
 - Chant
 - Constrictor snake
 - Sea of France
 - Type of radiation
 - Sky box?
 - Filled with wonder
 - Confound it!
 - Novelist Segal
 - Walking sticks
 - Sound of contempt
 - Scot's negative
 - First-born
 - Do one's best
 - Baddie of lore
 - Stern section
 - Sodium chloride
 - Deep mud
 - Caviar
 - Observe
 - Purpose
 - Sticky substances
 - Embarkation point for Columbus
 - Word before oil or mouth
 - Tasty pastry
 - Some HDTVs
 - Gray wolf
 - Does assistant waitering
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 - Merry-go-round
 - Black: Fr.
 - Good name
 - Party guest
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 - "Haw"
 - Compass dir.
 - Strikeout ace Nolan
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 - Carbonated soft drink
 - Captain's journal
 - Not talking
 - Set apart
 - Comebacks
- DOWN**
- Contorted facial expression
 - Replenishment
 - Good economic sign
 - Romantic prefix
 - Piquancy
 - Stand one in good
 - Standing firm
 - 100 lawmakers
 - Attys.' org.
 - Small pouch
 - Gasping for breath
 - Brandy cocktail
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SCENE

better than stamp collecting

STEVE HARDY
SCENE REPORTER

Now, my apologies to stamp enthusiasts, but I just can't get excited about postage. However, there are tons of folks in St. Louis practicing other hobbies that are just like stamp collecting—except they're really, really cool. If, for example, you want to see mariottes perform an ode to oral health on the world's largest cast-model lower jaw (and why wouldn't you?), then St. Louis is the only city to sate you.

So have you exhausted the quaint pleasures of the Loop? Maybe you need new friends? Or perhaps you just have a penchant for the bizarre? If you answered yes to any of these questions, take advantage of the fact that St. Louis is teeming with venues that pay homage to the wacky, the offbeat and the strange. The following are just a few of the many crazy (and cheap) activities that our fine city has to offer.

ARRG Roller Derby

Sweaty girls, check. Full contact, check. Dominatrix overtones, check. All this, and

roller-skates, too. In a roller derby "bout," one player on each team (the "jammer") tries to score points by skating past opposing "blockers." These blockers may use everything except their heads and hands to impede the jammer. If it sounds fast and violent, that's because it is.

St. Louis' roller derby league, Arch Rival Rolle Girls, boasts three teams: the Smashinistas, the M-80s and the Stunt Devils. Head on out to the rink to cheer on some colorful characters like Shank Knife Shelly, Pee-Wee Hurt'em and The Fraulein. The last monthly bout of the regular season is Oct. 27 at the All American Sports Mall and the championship game will be held there on Nov. 24. Tickets are cheap and can be bought at Fifi's on the Loop.

Museum of Transportation

Gearheads rejoice. 150 acres of automotive history lay just west of the city, close to the first railroad tunnels west of the Mississippi. Nearly 75 locomotive engines dominate the museum's outdoor collection. They are joined by riverboats, a streetcar, buses, even aircraft.

Step into the Earl C. Lind-

burg Automotive Center and check out a Model T, a 1964 Ford Mustang and other famous rides. Restoration and maintenance projects are always going on, so anyone with an interest in classic cars and especially in trains should give the folks at the museum a call and see what's currently being fixed up.

Miniature Museum of Greater St. Louis

Think your Barbie Dream House was cool? The miniatures here beat the pants off anything Mattel ever produced. A replica of the St. Louis IX Basilica took 3,800 hours to complete and is scaled to precisely 3/8 of an inch to the foot. A reproduction of August Busch's Bevo Mill is also on display. Most miniatures are actual houses that are intricately and painstakingly decorated and furnished using the same materials as their real-life counterparts. A special fall exhibit, "School Days, School Days" is on display until Nov. 25. Anyone stirred by the truly awe-inspiring world of miniatures is invited to participate in a number of workshops demystifying the craft.



The International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame

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National Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame

Did you know that forms of bowling can be sourced back to 3200 B.C. in Egypt? It's true. A trip to the National Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, conveniently located within walking distance of Busch Stadium, will give any visitor a whole new perspective to the game. Learn about the modern game's roots in America and famous players. Before

you leave, make sure you go down to the basement and bowl a few frames in the museum's retro lane. It might not compare to the Chancellor's alley, but you can pretend to be Dick Orf, local bowling legend. The same building houses the Cardinals Hall of Fame as well, so go buy your game tickets and drop in to escape the heat and get pumped for a Cards win.



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Chickadee, a bronze statue of a Great Dane by Louise Peterson, is an example of the art found at the AKC Museum of the Dog.

The AKC Museum of the Dog

Puppy love takes on a whole new meaning at this museum, founded by the American Kennel Club. Over 500 works of art in media such as watercolor, oil painting, photography and sculpture depict the loyal, industrious, loveable dog. Two special exhibits, "The Dogs Came Dancing" and "The Art of Harry Carl Weber," are on display until Oct. 14 and 18, respectively. The former includes dogs as

portrayed in pre-Columbian Native American artwork, while the latter is a collection of bronze sculptures depicting man's best friend in action. Additionally, the museum's library is available for research about the histories of various breeds of dog. Some days, it is even possible to bring your dog to the museum, so call ahead and see if Fido can tag along and revel in his awesomeness.

The Dental Health Theatre



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Dental Health Theatre

The "Riverfront Times" dubs this site "The Best Place for a Last Date." Besides the fact that the museum is free, the idea, I gather, is to convince your soon-to-be ex that you're so insane that she will be relieved when you dump her. To get a feel for this museum-performing arts center-thing, imagine the Muppets explaining tooth decay inside

a lower jaw, complete with 16 anatomically correct teeth, each roughly the size of a small child. If you prefer cinematic oral education, check out the 45-minute movies such as "Dudley the Dinosaur goes to the Dentist" and "The Haunted Mouth." Whatever it is about teeth that gets you going, head to Laclede's Landing and discover the magic that has kept this theater open for the past 30 years.

Student to Parent

What the student says: I've been slaving away at the library all day, swamped with work.

What the student means: I'm really hung over—please do my laundry.

What the student says: I'd love to have dinner Friday night.

What the student means: Let's catch the early bird special: I want to party, you want to watch Wheel of Fortune.

What the student says: I don't think any of my friends' parents are coming to class.

What the student means: You can watch me sleep for an hour at home.

What the student says: Of course we can hang out at your hotel.

What the student means: I'm bringing my shower caddy.

What the student says: Let's spend some quality time together. We can catch up...

What the student means: ...at the Galleria.

What the student says: You know, paying for all those books added up really fast.

What the student means: Yeah, I'm going to need some cash.

What the student says: I've made good friends with the closing staff at the library.

What the student means: This one time I dropped in to use the bathroom. And to get a muffin.

Parent to Student

What the parent says: Honey, show us where the Athletic Complex is.

What the parent means: And start using it. Seriously.

What the parent says: I'm glad you have so many friends...

What the parent means: ...but I didn't take out a second mortgage just to facilitate your social life.

What the parent says: Sweetie, how was the W.I.L.D., with—who was it—that Loopy Fiasco?

What the parent means: I really don't want to know, I just hope you can remember.

What the parent says: How are classes going?

What the parent means: Assuming that you are going...

What the parent says: Is there a special someone in your life?

What the parent means: I just hope you're being safe.

What the parent says: If you choose to drink, please be responsible.

What the parent means: Because I sure wasn't.

What the parent says: Here's some money for shampoo and laundry.

What the parent means: Just don't spend ALL of it on alcohol.

Parents Weekend Translation Manual

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Parents Weekend is here, and after spending some time apart, you might find that some things are lost in translation. Here are a few handy phrases that help bridge the generation gap: