



"Payroll isn't the key to success, and winning doesn't matter, either."

BOB NUTTING
PIRATES OWNER, STATING TEAM PHILOSOPHY

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**Ump shouts 'Play ball';
Bucs fans respond
'Must we watch?'**

**Emergency Broadcast
System reactivated to
carry Pirates' games**

**Bucs plan 3rd-inning
escape through
North Shore tunnel**

**Bucs' 1st round draft pick
tears elbow ligaments
signing contract**

COUNTDOWN



2009 Pirates Promotions

10. Fireworks after every at-bat
9. The Jonas Brothers Start in the Outfield Night
8. Losing pierogies cooked and served to fans
7. Pigeon Shoot Night, featuring the Pirate Parrot
6. "Throw Out 1st Ball, Get a Strike, and You're the Starting Pitcher" Night
5. Penguins playoff games shown on the JumboTron
4. "Favorite Players We Traded Away" Bobblehead Nights
3. Catch a foul ball, win two Steelers tickets
2. When Pirates are losing by 4 or more runs, beer is free
1. Instead of hot dogs, Nuttings will be shot into the stands

Bucs demand new stadium

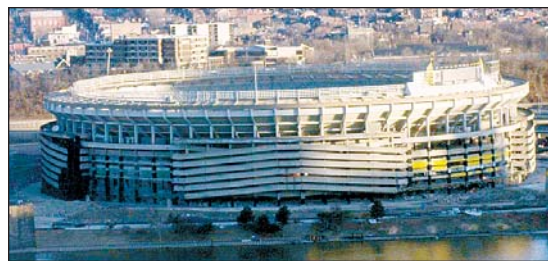
Team suggests new park be modeled after Three Rivers

Pirates' owner Bob Nutting said today that PNC Park is "outmoded," and that if the team doesn't get a new publicly funded ballpark modeled after Three Rivers Stadium, it will leave town.

"I really miss sitting in a cavernous, multi-purpose sports venue with artificial turf, where the fans are far away from the action and there are no distracting views of the city's skyline," Nutting said.

Nutting added that he "really doesn't care" if the fans like PNC Park. "Since when do we listen to the fans?"

"I can't wait for the implosion party when we tear down that dump [PNC Park]."



NBC unveils 'To Catch a Pirate Fan'

NBC's Chris Hansen will host a show modeled after "To Catch a Predator" called "To Catch a Pirates Fan."

Hansen will capture on video unsuspecting fans in the act of buying tickets for a Pirates game. He'll confront them and ask why they would do such a horrible thing.

"We need to expose these losers for what they are," said Hansen.

Bucs broadcaster Greg Brown punctures waitress' eardrum



While having breakfast this morning at Palmers in the Gulf Tower, Greg Brown punctured a waitress' eardrum when he became excited over the "outstanding" way she served him coffee.

"AND HERE COMES THE COFFEE!" Brown shouted. "WHAT AN ABSOLUTELY SPECTACULAR JOB OF POURING!"

The waitress said she will sue the Pirates.

BASEBALL CRACKS DOWN ON BAD HABITS

"Nose picking first, then steroids," Commissioner Bud Selig said.



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JUDGE*

By the *Hon. Rufus Peckham*
Editor of Carbolic Smoke Ball

Dear Readers: Play ball! I've consulted a fortune teller about the Pirates' season, and here's what she said: On May 1, General Manager Neal Huntington will be replaced in favor of zombie filmmaker George Romero, given the latter's track record for raising the dead. Manager John Russell will be replaced by ex-manager Danny Murtaugh. Danny has been deceased since 1976.

Starting June 1, Homeland Security will elevate the terror alert level to "severe" before the start of every Pirates game. On June 25, Bob Nutting will order the Parrot to fire on fans during the hot dog shoot, killing sixteen.

On July 1, Steve Blass will struggle throwing out the first pitch and will be taken out of the game. On August 19, the FDA will order tons of rancid beef to be added to the Bucs' roster, greatly improving the team. On September 15, the team will be traded for a 1909 Honus Wagner baseball card.

Go Bucs!