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"I'm already bored with Texas — what do you say I come up and give you a hand?"

FORMER PRES. GEORGE W. BUSH
IN PHONE CALL TO PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA



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New Treasury head Geithner sworn using Bible of tax cheat Al Capone

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Obama meets with Mary Worth over coffee to discuss reviving the economy

READERS RESPOND:
What Kinds of Jobs Should President Obama Create?



- Teachers
- Movie Critics
- Magicians
- Heroic Pilots
- CEOs Who Know What They're Doing

Asteroid likely to destroy all life on Earth

Pittsburgh is delirious — "drunk with ecstasy," as one eyewitness put it — because the Steelers have won an unprecedented sixth Super Bowl.

"Now I can die in peace," said 88-year-old Noah Swayne, "because my Steelers are back on top!"

Mr. Swayne might just get his wish later today when Asteroid 433 Eros is expected to crash in Utah and destroy



all life on earth as we know it. People around the world, except Pittsburgh, are preparing for the collision by gathering with loved ones and attending prayer services.

But in Western Pennsylvania, the asteroid

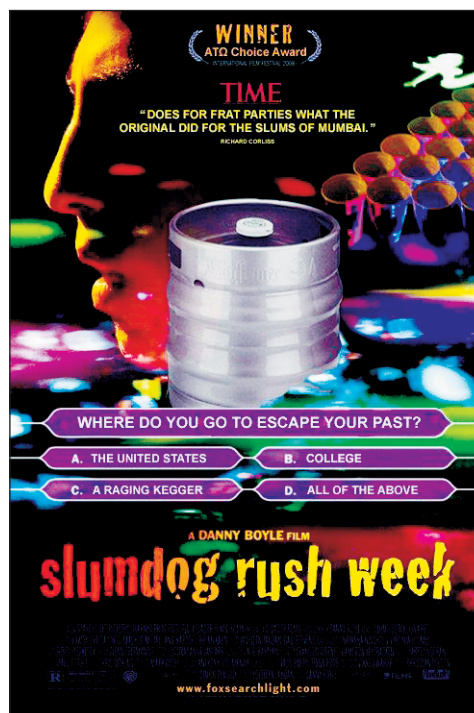
will just have to wait while hung-over fans run to stores to buy up anything that says "Steelers" to celebrate the big win.



Al Gore subs for Groundhog

PUNXSUTAWNEY — Groundhog Day revelers waiting to learn if Punxsutawney Phil would see his shadow were shocked this morning when the famous rodent's handlers reached into his burrow and pulled out Al Gore, instead.

Mr. Gore, who declared Phil's prognostications "obsolete," promptly declared that he could see his shadow, and that "there will only be six more weeks of winter — ever."



Light-Hearted Sequel to Best Picture Nominee Coming This Summer:

"He's left the slums of Mumbai and has come to the one place where a young man can find fulfillment — an American frat house!"

Hear da JUDGE



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

Dear readers: A lot of our readers who went to Tampa for the Super Bowl are staying over for a few days, and they've asked me what there is to do in Florida.

First, in case you can't read the license plates through all the rain, they say "The Sunshine State." So, buy an umbrella. Next, drive out to Orlando. For millions of years this was swampland, but last I heard, some Hollywood bigshot is thinking of building an amusement park. I don't know what ever happened to that plan.

Next, drive east to Cape Canaveral. Avoid booking a flight home on the Space Shuttle. Sure, it's fast, but I hear they make you work while you fly, and who needs that?

Then it's south to Miami. Stop at Little Havana, or as we call it, La Pequeña Habana. Like other retirees, Fidel Castro recently moved to an assisted living facility there.

Then, head up to St. Augustine, the oldest city in America. Most of the original inhabitants are still there — and they're still complaining about one thing or another while they wait in line for the early bird special.

Enjoy!

Shocker: Road to Hell is paved by PennDOT

An interfaith committee of prominent theologians has released the findings of a three-year study that determined the composition of the road to hell: It was paved by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

The committee also found that the road is riddled with potholes and that orange barrels are strewn across its entire length.

"The committee has concluded that PennDOT and the devil are a match made in heaven," said a committee spokeswoman.