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A failing grade for *BusinessWeek* . . . and lawmakers logging on.

On “[Dateline: RIT – The Podcast](#)” this week, RIT economics professor [Thomas Hopkins](#) gives a lesson in Economics 101 about supply-and-demand price elasticity pertaining to healthcare costs. Dr. Hopkins wrote a [letter](#), appearing in the Jan. 29 edition of *BusinessWeek*, taking the magazine to task for oversimplifying the issue of healthcare pricing. Hear more on the [pod](#).

Paul Ferber, professor of political science, ponders the impact of politicians’ increasing use of Web sites, blogs and e-mail to stay in touch with their constituents. When led to a trough of information, do most citizens partake, or are political junkies the only ones taking the drink? Read Dr. Ferber’s remarks in an Associated Press wire-service [story](#) about lawmakers who ‘log on and blog on,’ and hear more on the [pod](#).

Also, **Will Dube** gives details about an *Entrepreneur* magazine [article](#) quoting [Nabil Nasr](#), director of the [Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies](#), about the resurgence of city centers.

Plus, as always, **Bob Finnerty** and **Vienna Carvalho** share campus news and [News & Events](#) highlights.

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