

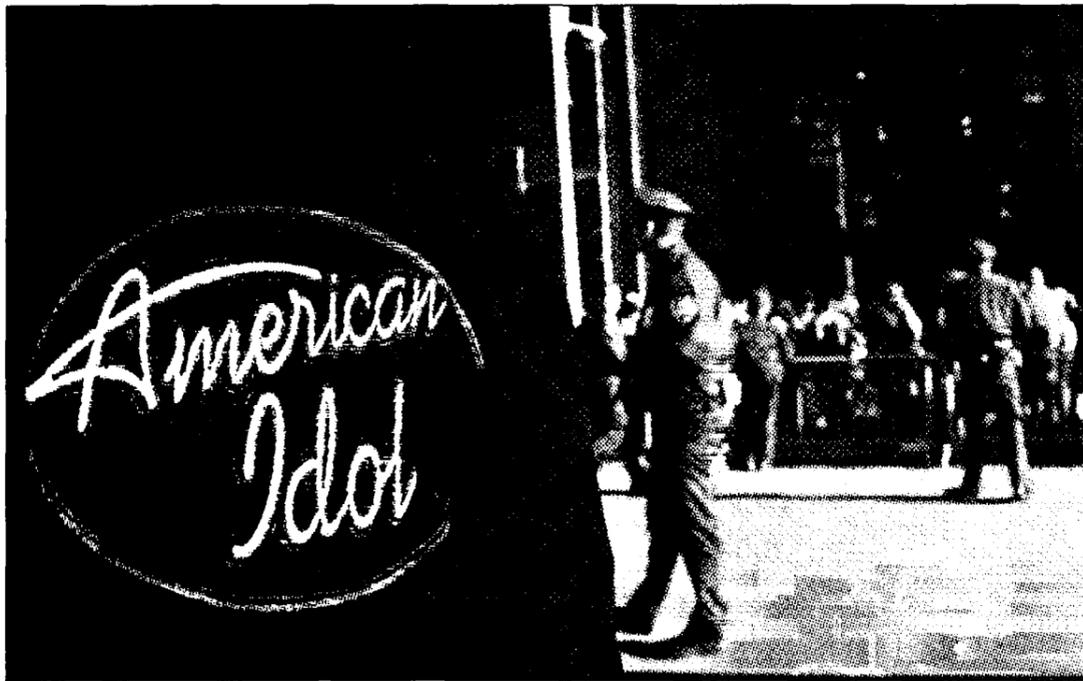
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NYPD officers stand guard outside the Regent Hotel, Wall Street, as hundreds wait to audition for "American Idol" in New York City in late October. Saint Mary's senior finance major Renee Tems made the preliminary set of auditions held in October in major cities throughout the U.S. and left for Los Angeles Monday for the second phase of auditions.

## Move over Kelly: Here comes Renee

### ◆ SMC senior auditions for second installment of "American Idol"

By ANDREW THAGARD  
Assistant News Editor

Move over Kelly Clarkson, Renee Tem's vying for a spot on "American Idol." Fox's second installment of the hit summer series that is part-reality T.V. and part-talent search.

The Saint Mary's senior finance major made the preliminary set of auditions held in October in major cities throughout the U.S. She left for Los Angeles Monday for the second phase in which the

group of 200 young adults will be narrowed down to 32 during a week of intensive try-outs.

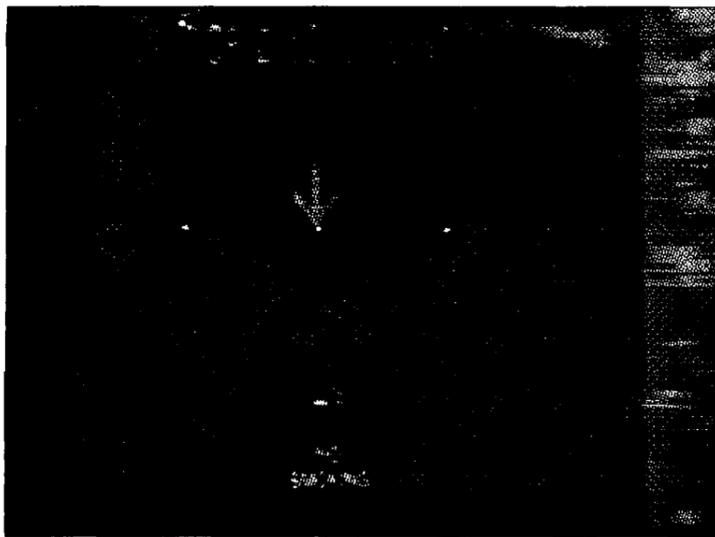
"It was crazy," Tem said of the auditions held in Detroit over fall break. "They said between 10,000 and 12,000 people came. God gave me a little place."

Tem, however, is not the stereotypical "American Idol" contender. The Chicago native, in fact, did not watch the first run of the show nor does she listen to pop music. Tem is unassuming at first glance and her speaking voice has a raspy sound to it. She never had voice lessons and waited until last year to join the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's Voices of

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## Students: TCEs could be more resourceful

### ◆ Evaluations help university and teachers, but work needed to aid students



CHIP MARKS/The Observer

Students will fill out over 40,000 TCEs this December. TCEs are important for measuring the professor's performance for tenure and to help them analyze how the professor can improve his teaching style. A TCE drop-off box is located inside of DeBartolo.

By MEGHANNE DOWNES  
Assistant News Editor

As the semester draws to a close, students will fill bubbles and answer questions for over 40,000 teacher-course evaluation surveys.

While some students fill out the scan sheet to make a pattern or scribble phrase responses to the short answers, the University uses TCEs in several ways to evaluate the professor and course.

"It's a measure of a professor's classroom performance. It's a measure of how well students feel they were taught," said Carol Mooney, vice presi-

dent and associate provost. "It's designed not simply to measure the professor's performance for tenure purposes but to help them analyze how the professor can improve his teaching style."

Institutional Research administers the TCEs and analyzes results. Copies of the analysis from the scan sheet are sent to the instructor, department chair, college dean and Provost's Office in January after grades are released. The short answer sheets are sent only to the instructor.

Mooney said the Office of the Provost uses TCEs when a pro-

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## CHRISTMAS ON CAMPUS



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Holiday spirit can be found all over campus in the form of festive decorations. Above, the Carroll Hall Christmas tree after its ceremonial lighting.

## Gator Bowl tickets go on sale

By LAURAN WILLIAMSON  
News Writer

It's official — the Irish are Gator Bowl bound. The only question now is how will students get tickets?

Junior John Dee plans on attending the bowl game. "Although I'm very confident we'll be going to

another bowl next year, you can never be too sure," the Colorado native said. "I want to make sure that I go while we've got the chance. I'd hate to graduate without ever having been to a bowl."

On Jan. 1, the Irish will face North Carolina State in Jacksonville, Florida's Alltel Stadium at 12:30 p.m. A student ticket sale will take

place Thursday at Gate 10 of the Joyce Center between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

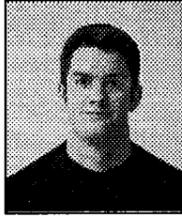
Student tickets are for personal use and there is a limit of one ticket per student. Each student may bring up to six student IDs, including their own, when purchasing tickets at Gate

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

# The big O

I was pretty excited a few weeks ago when I signed up for the last Inside Column of the semester. It was almost as exciting as when I got a gorgeous date for my formal. Oww!! I figure I just can't lose.



**Matt Lutz**

But then I quickly realized that no one reads this article. Ever.

However, what I can promise you is that I'll spare you any sob stories of my years here at Notre Dame or why my fall break was better than yours. Even though it was, I even won't

*Ad Manager*

talk about the alcohol policy which I can guarantee you will continue to change and parietals which I can guarantee you will continue to not change.

For lack of space I'll get to the point. There is a negative reputation associated with The Observer for a good number of people. Believe it or not, The Observer is not run by gremlins late into the night. Only part of that statement is true.

Editors, writers, and people that can't figure out which door really leads to the men's room spend their time in the basement of South Dining Hall into the early morning. A majority of these people spend six hours or more doing their jobs which often pay nothing. The point is the amount of work poured into every paper is amazing. I have the fortune of escaping hours before some people get to leave the office at 3 or 4 in the morning. These people usually have the paper as their first priority with classes and parties a distant second. I don't mean to say there aren't a large number of people on this campus that don't sacrifice for us, especially all those that represent Notre Dame in sports. Maybe it's just my point to say there is another group that is sometimes overlooked for their sacrifices of a different sort.

Sure, at the same time, there's a good amount of errors in the paper day in and day out. A lot of the things in the paper might appear to suck, including this article. On a completely different note, we all still lament the fact that there is no more Fourth & Inches or Befuddled and Bemused for that matter.

Maybe something you didn't know about The Observer is that it's completely student-run and won National Collegiate Newspaper of the year in 2001 and second place in 1999. We get to see a lot of other newspapers from other colleges, and they struggle sometimes to put out weekly editions. The overwhelming majority of people on campus probably don't complain about the paper as much as what we hear, but it just might be a good thing the next time you pick up an Observer to remember the pride a lot of people associate with every edition. And if we don't have a period somewhere, or if the Phillies weren't covered in the paper (talk to the sports guy) maybe try and let it go.

*The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Matt Lutz at mlutz@nd.edu*

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The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

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Circle K and the Management Club are sponsoring the annual Toys and Tales drive to aid local children.	Iraq accused the U.S. of taking the U.N. copy of Baghdad's arms declaration to tamper with it.	President Bush chose William Donaldson as the new leader of the SEC.	Viewpoint columnist Jacqueline Browder ponders whether friendship can occur after dating.	Garage rock returns to the music scene.	Womens basketball will meet the DePaul Blue Demons tonight.
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**WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND**

- ◆ Wednesday: UNICEF card and gift sale, Hesburgh Library Concourse, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Wednesday: National City Bank Excel Awards, McKenna Hall Auditorium, all day.
- ◆ Thursday: Remax Continuing Education Seminar, McKenna Hall 210-214, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ◆ Thursday: Arts and Letters Holiday Party, McKenna Hall Auditorium, 4 to 7 p.m.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC**

- ◆ Wednesday: Recital Forum-Non-Major Student Recital, Little Theatre, 12 to 1 p.m.
- ◆ Thursday: Residence Life Brown Bag Luncheon, Welsh Parlor 12 to 1 p.m.
- ◆ Saturday: ND Glee Club Holiday Concert, O'Laughlin Auditorium, 5:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- ◆ Monday: Conservatory of Dance, Regina Dance Studio, 4 to 9 p.m.

**WHAT'S GOING DOWN**

**Suspicious signs removed**  
Unapproved signs posted in DeBartolo Hall were removed and given to NDSP on Thursday.

**Liquor law violated in Fisher**  
NDSP identified and transported an intoxicated female student to her hall where she was released to her rector Saturday. The case was referred for administrative review.

**Drugs found in Keough**  
NDSP confiscated marijuana from a room in Keough Hall on Saturday. The case was referred for administrative review.

**Driver stopped for DUI**  
NDSP arrested a visitor for driving while intoxicated and a suspended driver's license Saturday.

*Compiled from the NDSP Crime Blotter.*

**WHAT'S COOKING**

**North Dining Hall**  
**Today Lunch:** Tortellini with basil cheese sauce, cioppino sauce, bianco pizza, breadsticks, honey-glazed pork chops, white beans with ham, collard greens, cherry crisp, baked lemon perch, vegetable rice pilaf, scrambled eggs, breakfast ham, buttermilk pancakes, chicken nuggets, seasoned fries  
**Today Dinner:** Buffalo chicken wings, macaroni and cheese, green beans, cherry crisp, cheddar-baked Pollock, tofu jerk, lentil and barley stew, Oriental vegetables, whole beets, BBQ rib sandwich, seasoned fries, pork fried rice, chicken tamale, fiesta corn and black beans

**South Dining Hall**  
**Today Lunch:** Manicotti, cacciatore sauce, chicken fajita pizza, quiche Lorraine, chicken cordon bleu, baked cod, delmonico potatoes, honey-glazed baked ham, Italian risotto, cut green beans, grilled vegetable plate, Szechuan beef and vegetable stir-fry, flame-roasted corn and black beans  
**Today Dinner:** Chicken fajita pizza, rice and black olives, baked chicken parmesan, roast pork tenderloin, sesame-baked pollock, corn cobbettes, Italian beef sandwich, potato skins, onion rings, Oriental shrimp with noodles, wet beef burrito

**Saint Mary's Dining Hall**  
**Today Lunch:** Italian loafer, mushroom and garlic pizza, potato bacon chowder, french dip sandwich, risotto with mushrooms, whole green beans, cilantro rice salad, bow tie pasta, broiled herb tomato, Japanese cucumber salad, marinated vegetable salad, chocolate chunk cookie  
**Today Dinner:** French onion soup with cheese, savory shepherd's pie, Caesar chicken breast, Italian meatballs, breaded fried pollock with dill sauce, macaroni and cheese, falafels, tumeric rice, yellow cake with mocha icing, sweet potato pie, chocolate chunk cookie, basic omelet

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	HIGH 41 LOW 26	HIGH 38 LOW 30	HIGH 45 LOW 30	HIGH 43 LOW 28	HIGH 37 LOW 28	HIGH 44 LOW 27

# Circle K collects tales and toys

By JESSICA DALSING  
News Writer

Circle K and the Marketing Club are co-sponsoring the fourth annual Toys and Tales Drive. The drive will be going on from now until Dec. 18.

The aim of the drive is to promote reading within underprivileged children between the ages of two and 13.

"I can't imagine what it would be like to be a child on Christmas and not get any presents," senior Jackie Jaskol said. "This is a small thing that we can do to make some-

one else's Christmas a little better."

The Marketing Club is co-sponsoring a contest which will award a prize to the academic class that brings in the most toys and books.

"You know that your donation is going to a local program possibly helping one of the children that many of us volunteer with every week,"

*"This is a small thing that we can do to make someone else's Christmas a little better."*

Jackie Jaskol  
student

said Elaine Ellis, vice president of service for the Marketing Club.

All the donations go to local charities such as the Center for the Homeless and the Rescue Mission. Toys

and books are collected in boxes located in all of the 27 dorms on campus.

Contact Jessica Dalsing at [jdalsing@nd.edu](mailto:jdalsing@nd.edu).

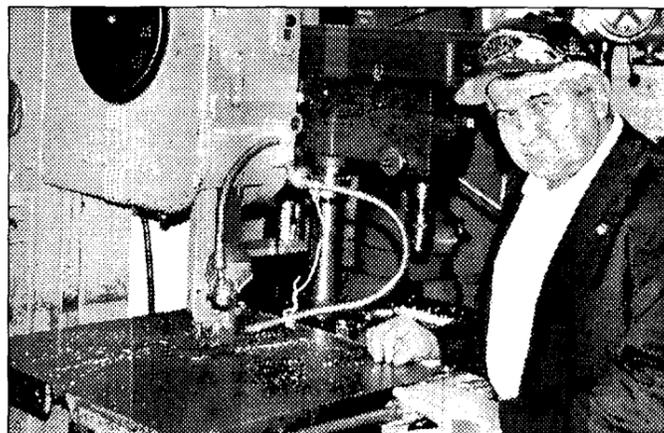


Photo submitted to The Observer

Frank Rzeszutek, a former machinist for the Notre Dame physics department, died of a heart attack on Nov. 26.

# Physics machinist remembered

By CAITLYN EARLY  
News Writer

Frank Rzeszutek, a former machinist from the Notre Dame Physics department, died on Nov. 26 at Memorial Hospital after suffering a heart attack.

Rzeszutek joined the Physics Department in 1969 after he emigrated from Poland, and retired in 1997.

He worked as an instrument maker for 28 years at the University and designed technical equipment for the Physics, Chemistry, and Engineering departments. He created machinery for Brookhaven and Argon National Laboratories.

"Frank was an interesting man, there wasn't much he couldn't fix," said Don Gard, Rzeszutek's co-worker. "I've been in this business for over 30 years and worked with lots of different people, and I've never seen a man quite as meticulous and as skilled as

Frank." When Rzeszutek was not in Niewland Science Hall, he fixed the ovens and coolers at his family's bakery, Baker's Dozen Bake Shop in South Bend. He was also an active fundraiser and organizer for a Catholic radio program broadcast out of Poland, known as Radio Marya.

"My dad was a very dedicated and generous man. He was even known to fix professors' cars in his free time," said his daughter, Lucy Rzeszutek, a junior FTT major at Notre Dame.

The memorial service for Rzeszutek was held Nov. 29 at St. Adalbert's Church, South Bend and he was buried at St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Rzeszutek is survived by his wife, Maria and their six children, Tony, Lisa, Margaret, Christopher, Donna and Lucy.

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# Tickets

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10. Only cash and checks will be accepted.

Along with the current students, many alumni will attend the game to support the Irish, said Chuck Lennon, the Executive Director of the Alumni.

Lennon, who went with the Alumni Association to every bowl game Notre Dame has played in over the last 22 years, said, "My favorite part of the trip is meeting alumni from all over the world, including Italy, Ireland and Saudi Arabia. It's fun to see the widespread support of the team and the coaches, especially this year being Coach Willingham's first year. He and the team have done a great job representing Notre Dame."

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# Professors warn of bio-terrorism

## ◆ More investment needed to prevent biological attacks

Special to The Observer

The Dec. 7 edition of the scientific journal The Proceedings of the Royal Society of London contains a paper in which a team of University of Notre Dame biologists offer a framework that merges ecology and economics to identify optimal strategies, acceptable risks and the economic consequences of invasive species.

David Lodge and Gary Lamberti, professors of biological sciences, and Brian Leung, research associate professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, write that invasive species, which are increasing rapidly world-

wide, are a major cause of extinctions and are economically expensive, costing the United States alone \$137 billion annually. Yet rigorous quantitative risk analysis frameworks for invasive species are lacking.

The researchers present a quantitative bio-economic modeling framework to analyze risks from invasive species to economic activity and the environment.

Lodge coauthored an article in October in the journal Science that suggested a method of identifying invasive species that are likely to become nuisances if introduced in the Great Lakes.

The Royal Society, founded in 1660, is the independent scientific academy of the United Kingdom and is dedicated to promoting excellence in science.



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## LET'S PADRE

# Idol

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Faith Gospel Choir.

But Tem has a secret weapon — a rich, captivating singing voice. She sings both alto and soprano.

"It's like ... perfect," said Dawn Hogue, Tem's best friend of 10 years.

That voice, in fact, brought a fellow contender to tears during the preliminary tryouts in Detroit. While Tem was warming up by singing "O Holy Night," the girl next to her began to cry, amazed at the sound of her voice.

"You should have seen her face," Tem said. "I've never had anything like that happen to me in my life. When I sing it's like God gives me a whole new voice. You don't realize how huge your blessings are until they're laid out before

you." Despite her talent, Tem is humble. Deeply religious, she regards her voice as a gift from God and plans to practice in a corner by herself to avoid a similar incident.

When Tem started college, the girl who had been singing since she could talk stopped performing in public, afraid that people wouldn't be impressed.

"I lost my confidence," she said. "I don't know why. I was too worried of what people would think of me. I couldn't hide it for very long. I think it's because God didn't want me to hide it."

Tem reentered the spotlight last year when she joined Voices of Faith. She said she enjoys the opportunity to perform and the friendships that the choir provides.

"I'm doing it; I'm loving it. It's like going to Church," Tem said. "They're really excited

[about American Idol]. They're encouraging me to go and be a witness.

Pop star Paula Abdul, BMG Record Executive Simon Cowell and former music company executive and industry expert Randy Jackson, the show's three judges, were also impressed during her tryout, Tem said.

"My voice was almost gone. I just prayed and got my song out," Tem recalled. "Randy and Paula were sitting there looking at me with these big smiles on their faces. They both threw their hands up in the air when I was finished."

Cowell, notorious for the bluntness of his criticism during the first season, had his arms crossed throughout the audition, Tem said. When she was finished, Tem said he said, "Fabulous," but warned the Saint Mary's student that her voice had a 1940s sound and her image "sucked."

Since October, Tem has been working on improving her image, shopping for a new style. Her love of God, however, is unchanging, she said.

"My faith in myself is zero, but my faith in God is 100," Tem said.

She described her feelings about the competition in Los Angeles as a mixture of happiness and nervousness. Tem isn't overly concerned about the selection process, however, because she knows the outcome will be part of God's plan, she said.

Tem attributes her success to God and to the support of her family and the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's communities.

It was Tem's mom who first suggested she try out for the show, and her mother and grandmother are more excited about the process than she is, she said.

Tem said that her professors have been very understanding

and that she thrives on the Christian atmosphere that Notre Dame and Saint Mary's offer.

"I love being surrounded by Christians," she said. "It makes it easier for me to pray."

If Tem is selected among the top 32, she will return to California and advance to the next level. She plans to put school on hold if this happens. If she doesn't make the cut, it's not the end of the world either, she said.

"It's just like last time, I'm going on faith," Tem said.

The two-part season premiere of "American Idol", based on the hit British T.V. series "Pop Idol" will air on Fox on Jan. 21 and 22. The show's winner will receive a record contract that could, according to Fox, be worth millions of dollars.

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# TCE

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professor applies for renewal, promotion or tenure, while other departments use them to evaluate the professor's ability.

A professor can use the TCE results to improve teaching styles and evaluate their course material. Spanish professor Kristine Ibsen said TCE's were useful because they allow every student to provide feedback.

When asked how TCE's were beneficial, political science professor Barbara Connolly said, "It depends how much time students take but when they give specific suggestions then they are helpful."

In spring 2002, the enrollment in TCE-evaluated sections for the University was 40,988 and the overall response rate was 75 percent, according to the 2002 University of Notre Dame Fact Book. The overall response rates for the College of Arts and Letters, School of Architecture, College of Business Administration, College of Engineering and College of Science were 80, 69, 78, 72 and 64 percents respectively.

Some students wonder how effective the TCEs are.

"I think they are worthless," junior Danielle Davis said. "Everyone rushes through them and everyone wants to get out of class. I think maybe two people out of every class take them seriously."

Student Senate's Academic Affairs committee submitted a letter to Faculty Senate earlier in the semester suggesting improvements for TCEs. Trip Foley, student body vice president, said making the TCE scantron results available to the public on a database would benefit students when registering for classes.

"Currently, there is some misinformation about professors out there and the current systems — word of mouth and

NDToday — are incomplete," said Foley.

Foley said a database would reflect the varied views of students and not just the positive or negative opinions that seem to be posted on NDToday, an independent student-run Web site.

Foley said Harvard, Northwestern and Stanford make their equivalent to TCEs public, and the trend in higher education seems to be moving to making information available to help people.

When Faculty Senate meets in January, Foley said the Student Senate will push to have the TCE issue on their agenda.

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Everyone is welcome and confidentiality is assured.



\*Lunch will be served\*

# WORLD & NATION

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## IRAQ

# U.S. takeover of U.N. arms declaration angers Iraq

Associated Press

### BAGHDAD

The Iraqi government accused Washington on Tuesday of taking control of a U.N. master copy of Baghdad's arms declaration in order to tamper with it and create a pretext for war.

In the United States, specialists at the CIA and other U.S. agencies began pouring over the 12,000-page declaration, in which Baghdad is supposed to "tell all" about its chemical, biological and nuclear programs. American officials said much of the material appeared to be recycled versions of earlier documents.

U.N. inspectors have said Iraq's earlier declarations were incomplete. The United Nations was beginning its own analysis of the mammoth declaration, a process officials say could take weeks.

Inspectors stepped up their search Tuesday, fanning across Iraq on surprise missions to 13 sites — the largest number of inspections since the U.N. operation resumed two weeks ago. One team moved in on a uranium mining site 250 miles west of Baghdad.

President Saddam Hussein, meanwhile, spoke of war and

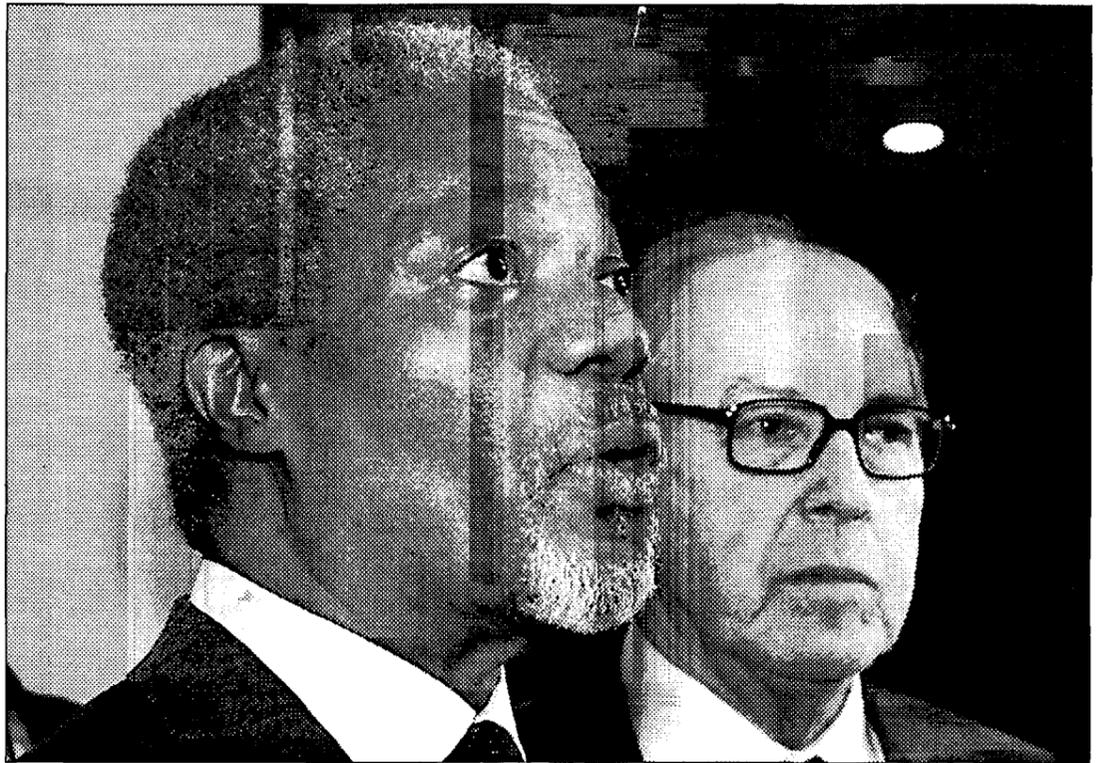
sacrifice in a meeting with top lieutenants, men U.S. strategists hope will abandon the Iraqi strongman in the event of war. If war comes, Saddam told them, "your heads will remain high with honor, God willing."

The U.S.-Iraqi tensions flared again in the southern "no-fly zone" Tuesday, when the U.S. command said its warplanes bombed an Iraqi anti-aircraft missile site 165 miles southeast of Baghdad. Just across Iraq's southeastern border in Kuwait, U.S. Army units were conducting desert exercises.

Iraq insists it no longer has weapons of mass destruction or programs to make them. The Bush administration says it's sure Baghdad does and has threatened war if, in the U.S. view, Saddam's government doesn't comply with U.N. disarmament demands.

Secretary of State Colin Powell denounced Saddam's claims, saying, "He's a liar."

"We'll see now whether he decides that the cost of lying is too great. The cost of lying now might result in his regime being destroyed by the armed forces of the international community," he said during a Dec. 5 interview with the French television station France 2. The State



Reuters Live Photo

United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan and chief arms inspector Hans Blix speak to the media after a luncheon meeting with the members of the Security Council at U.N. headquarters in New York on Tuesday about the Iraqi arms declaration.

Department released the transcript Tuesday.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the U.S. analysis of Iraq's declaration would be "deliberative" and "care-

ful" in order to "understand what it is that Iraq is purporting to declare, as well as what they have failed to declare."

Two copies of the Iraqi documents were delivered to U.N.

headquarters in New York late Sunday, one to the Security Council and the other to the U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission.

# Federal court opposes ruling against death penalty

Associated Press

### NEW YORK

A federal appeals court upheld the federal death penalty Tuesday, firmly rejecting a lower court's conclusion that it was unconstitutional and declaring that only the Supreme Court can change "well-settled" law.

The three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reached deep into history to show that Judge Jed Rakoff found no new legal territory when he ruled the death penalty amounted to the "state-sponsored murder of innocent human beings" because so many death row inmates are later exonerated.

Rakoff's July ruling was issued in a case involving two men charged in a

drug-murder conspiracy.

The appeals court noted that European nations from which the United States derived its laws recognized in the 1700s that capital punishment carries the risk that innocent people will be executed, which abolitionists have argued since the 1800s was a reason to shelve the death penalty.

Since then, the appeals court said, the Supreme Court has recognized that risk but repeatedly left the death penalty intact "because our judicial system — indeed, any judicial system — is fallible."

In its 35-page ruling, the appeals panel in New York said there was "no fundamental right to a continued opportunity for exoneration throughout the course of one's natural life."

Defense lawyer Kevin McNally promised to appeal.

"All the court said is that this is an old debate and while there is new evidence, the only court that can look at the new evidence is the Supreme Court, which is fine," he said. "If we were going to lose, then this is what you'd want them to say."

Prosecutors had no comment on the ruling, said Marvin Smilon, a spokesman for U.S. Attorney James Comey.

The ruling does not apply to state death penalty laws. Thirty-eight states allow capital punishment, although some have not executed anyone for many years. The governors of Illinois and Maryland have placed moratoriums on executions in their states.

In his ruling, Rakoff had said he based his findings on studies of state death penalty cases, because the number of federal death sentences — 31 — was too small to draw any conclusions.

Only two people, Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh and drug killer Juan Garza, have been executed under the federal law, enacted in 1994. Of the remaining 29, five were reversed. The government said none of the 31 defendants was later found to be innocent.

Rakoff's ruling came during the pre-trial phase of the case of Alan Quinones and Diego Rodriguez, alleged partners in a heroin ring. They are accused of torturing and killing informant Edwin Santiago in 1999 and have pleaded innocent.

## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

### Venezuelan Court protests pressure:

Nearly half the judges on Venezuela's Supreme Court suspended work Tuesday to protest what they called political harassment from the government during a violent opposition general strike against President Hugo Chavez. Eight of 20 magistrates plan to work only on urgent cases of national interest, said Magistrate Alberto Martinez. The protest — which would disrupt most court work — came after the pro-Chavez Congress fired court vice president Franklin Arriechi, saying he wasn't qualified.

### Sunken tanker in Spain leaking oil daily:

A tanker that spilled 5 million gallons of oil off northwestern Spain before it split in two and sank is leaking about 33,000 gallons of oil every day, officials said Tuesday. The leaks from the tanker Prestige said continue into 2006, said Emilio Lora Tamayo, who led a scientific commission studying the disaster.

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Ship with N. Korean missiles stopped:

A ship carrying a dozen Scud-type missiles from North Korea was intercepted in the Arabian Sea on Tuesday, U.S. officials said. They said the missiles were believed to be headed for Yemen. The ship was stopped and boarded about 600 miles east of the Horn of Africa, the officials said. U.S. intelligence had been tracking the vessel closely, said U.S. officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

### Fed oversight blamed in Alaska crash:

Lax government oversight and shoddy maintenance practices by Alaska Airlines led to the crash of an airliner off the California coast that killed all 88 people aboard, federal investigators ruled Tuesday. The National Transportation Safety Board said insufficient lubrication led to safety wear and the eventual failure of the jet's jackscrew, a tail component that helps move the plane's stabilizer.

### 4 adults, 3 year-old shot dead in Arizona:

Five family members were shot to death Tuesday, and a victim's husband who said he was also attacked blamed the killings on one of the dead, authorities said. Police were interviewing the man, Kemp Crowley, who reported that his wife, her 3-year-old son and three other relatives had been killed. Crowley, 43, suffered a gash to the head. He was coming out of the house in this Phoenix suburb when deputies arrived and told police one of the dead people was responsible, said Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio.

### Gang bloodshed surging in some cities:

With law enforcement focused on terrorism, gang-related bloodshed on America's streets is rising to levels not seen since the mid-1990s, when the crack epidemic was still raging, authorities say. Homicides are up sharply this year in cities such as Los Angeles, Oakland, Calif., and Little Rock, Ark.

**NORWAY**

# Former President Jimmy Carter accepts Nobel Prize

Associated Press

OSLO  
Former President Jimmy Carter, in Oslo to collect his Nobel Peace Prize, said Monday that his support of President Bush is solid, provided he keeps working through the United Nations and weapons inspectors for a solution in Iraq.

The former president will accept his Nobel diploma and medal, and give a traditional lecture, at a gala ceremony Tuesday in the Oslo City Hall. The prize also includes a \$1 million cash award.

Carter said at a news conference he supports the stance of President Bush so long as he continues to work for a solution on Iraq through the United Nations.

The debate over Iraq is even more pertinent because Gunnar

Berge, chairman of Peace Prize committee, said that singling out Carter for the honor should be considered a "kick in the leg" to Bush.

Carter is being honored "for his decades of untiring effort to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts, to advance democracy and human rights, and to promote economic and social development."

Carter, a Democrat who said he gets along well with the Republican president, urged Bush to support the efforts of international inspectors now searching for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. He also urged Iraq to comply with U.N. demands.

"If Iraq does comply completely with the mandate of the United Nations Security Council ... I see no need for a conflict," Carter

said at the Norwegian Nobel Institute. "Otherwise, I think it is quite likely there will be an armed conflict."

Carter said he wasn't surprised by concern in Europe and elsewhere over possible military action in Iraq.

But he dismissed as "foolish" the sentiment that the main U.S. goal is to gain control of Iraq's vast oil reserves.

"There are many sources of oil in the world," he said. "I don't think any reasonable American

citizen, certainly not our leaders, would have that as a pre-eminent consideration, just getting oil. We can buy oil ... at a cost must less than invading a country."

Carter said the United Nations is the right forum for countries to solve their differences and called on the United States to work with the body to find a solution in Iraq.

Carter, president from 1977-1981, was selected for this year's prize for his efforts to promote peace during more than two

decades, including the 1978 Camp David Agreement for which he narrowly missed winning the prize because he wasn't nominated in time.

"I consider that the Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to me primarily because of the last 20 years of effort by the Carter Center," he said, referring to the Atlanta, Georgia-based center he founded in 1982 that is active in issues involving peace, human rights and health projects in 65 countries.

**SWEDEN**

# Three receive Nobel prizes for chemistry

Associated Press

STOCKHOLM  
American, Japanese and Swiss scientists won the Nobel Prize in chemistry Wednesday for inventing techniques used to identify and analyze proteins, advances that revolutionized the hunt for new medicines.

The techniques are also proving useful for diagnosing some cancers.

John B. Fenn, 85, of Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, and Koichi Tanaka, 43, of Shimadzu Corp. in Kyoto, Japan, will share half of the \$1 million prize. The other half of the prize goes to Kurt Wuethrich, 64, a scientist with the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich and the Scripps Research Institute in San Diego.

Because of their work, "chemists can now rapidly and reliably identify what proteins a sample contains," the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said.

"They can also produce three-dimensional images of protein molecules in solution. Hence, scientists can both 'see' the proteins and

understand how they function in the cells."

Fenn and Tanaka produced their breakthroughs in the latter half of the 1980s, transforming an analysis technique called mass spectrometry, which lets scientists rapidly identify a substance. Mass spectrometry is used in tests for doping and illegal drugs, for example.

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**IN BRIEF**

**WorldCom CEO payment criticized**

A federal judge on Tuesday criticized WorldCom Inc.'s proposed compensation plan for incoming CEO Michael Capellas, warning that he could still hand down a multibillion dollar fine if the company doesn't show it is truly "committed to reform."

Manhattan federal court Judge Jed Rakoff issued a four-page memorandum order calling on representatives of the company to come to his court on Dec. 16 to discuss the compensation package.

A WorldCom filing in bankruptcy court said Capellas would be paid a signing bonus of \$2 million, an annual salary of \$1.5 million and a \$1.5 million bonus guaranteed in 2003.

**Kmart launches new, sexier image**

Kmart Corp., known for basic apparel, showed off its next celebrity brand — Latina pop singer Thalia — Tuesday, in a bid to woo trendier customers with sexier, flirtier looks.

The line of clothes, lingerie, accessories and shoes for girls and women, bearing the Thalia label, will make its debut in 800 stores in July 2003. Eventually, the collection will expand to such categories as perfume, jewelry and cosmetics, she said.

"This represents an endless door of options," said Thalia, flanked by Kmart's chairman and chief executive James B. Adamson, at a media briefing.

**Northrop Grumman deal approved**

Defense giant Northrop Grumman Corp. said Tuesday the Justice Department has given the go-ahead for it to complete its \$7.8 billion acquisition of TRW Inc.

Shareholders of Los Angeles-based Northrop Grumman and TRW vote Wednesday on the deal, which would mean an end to the 101-year-old Cleveland company and bring its space electronics business into its former competitor.

On July 1, Northrop announced its plan to buy TRW.

**Bush selects new SEC leader**

◆ **Investment banker chosen for the job**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON  
 William H. Donaldson, an investment banker with ties to Wall Street and the Bush family, was chosen by President Bush on Tuesday as the new chairman of the besieged Securities and Exchange Commission. He pledged to work to restore confidence in the markets and corporate America.

At a White House ceremony, Bush said Donaldson's mission would be "to vigorously enforce our nation's laws against corporate corruption and to uphold the highest standards of integrity in the securities markets."

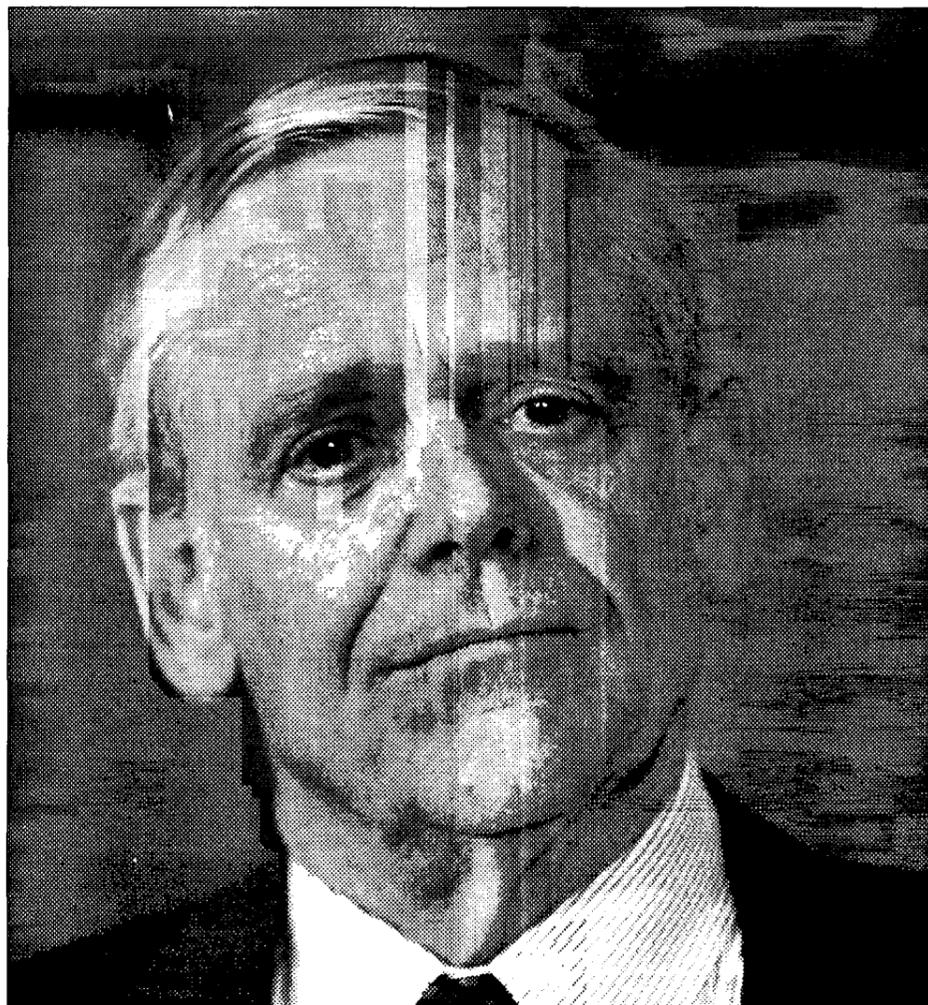
Bush said restoring confidence in the markets was essential to the country's economic well-being. Donaldson said, "It's time for all of us to pull up our socks."

He noted the numerous cases of corporate wrongdoing over the past year and said he would deal with them swiftly.

Amid uncertain markets and a shaky economy, Bush is moving to revamp his economic team in advance of the 2004 election campaign. On Monday, he named railroad executive John Snow to succeed Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill. Replacement for White House economic chief Larry Lindsey who, like O'Neill, was forced out.

Wall Street investment banker Stephen Friedman was said to be the leading candidate, but a final decision by Bush is awaiting the resolution of unspecified personal and professional issues that recently cropped up for Friedman.

Bush also is promising a new tax-cut package, which aides said could cost as much as \$300 billion



Reuters Photo

**Longtime Wall Street executive William H. Donaldson listens as President George W. Bush nominates him to head the Securities and Exchange Commission during an announcement at the White House on Tuesday.**

over 10 years, as the White House tries to control political damage from the ailing economy.

Democrats criticized Bush's economic team as well as his policies, and called for SEC Chairman Harvey Pitt's resignation. Pitt quit under pressure last month over his handling of the SEC's response to financial debacles at Enron and other big companies that wiped out investors' retirement savings, cost thousands of jobs and socked pension funds across the country.

Donaldson was chairman of the New York Stock Exchange from 1990-95 and a co-founder of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, a well-known

investment banking firms.

His appointment to the SEC requires Senate confirmation.

Democrats and consumer advocates appeared to be keeping an open mind on the question of whether a Wall Street figure should be named to police investment firms and corporate America.

Senate Banking Committee Chairman Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., who will lose that position next month when the Republicans regain control of the Senate, said he looked forward to "a thorough confirmation process in which Mr. Donaldson's record will be carefully examined and his views on the challenges facing the SEC fully reviewed."

Barbara Roper, director of investor protection for Consumer Federation of America, said Donaldson's background isn't in itself a problem. She noted that Arthur Levitt, the SEC chairman during the Clinton years, had come to the agency from Wall Street and became an activist chairman in pushing for investor protection.

Donaldson's Wall Street background is potentially helpful, suggested Georgetown University securities law professor Donald Langevoort, a former special counsel at the SEC. "The question is, is he going to distance himself from it?" Langevoort said. "Otherwise, he's going to be tarred with the insider label."

**United holds preparatory talks**

Associated Press

CHICAGO

A day into its bankruptcy reorganization, United Airlines held preparatory talks with its unions Tuesday on concessions while its CEO began a tour of United's U.S. hubs as part of a campaign to reassure passengers and employees.

The world's No. 2 airline stressed that it was business as usual for its daily flight operations in the wake of the largest bankruptcy filing in aviation history.

But its financial emergency, including daily losses as high as \$22 million, continues despite the

protection of U.S. Bankruptcy Court. United moved quickly to start addressing top priorities in bankruptcy: customers and cost cuts.

A team of United executives met with financial advisers for its unions in Boston. Company representatives said the meetings were intended to set the stage for broader talks with unions in the coming days about management's plans in bankruptcy. Union officials did not immediately comment.

United needs to make steep labor and other cutbacks soon to emerge healthy from bankruptcy sometime in 2004 as planned and to keep its

\$1.5 billion interim financing intact by meeting creditors' periodic benchmarks. But it also needs employees' support for the reductions, since labor turmoil could fatally damage its plans.

"We're trying to continue the consensual and collaborative approach that has been displayed over the last several months," United spokesman Joe Hopkins said of the preparatory talks.

Meanwhile, chief executive Glenn Tilton headed west on a tour of United's network at the same time as the airline ran full-page ads in major U.S. newspapers, urging passengers not to give up on United.

## Over 12.5 million watch 'The Sopranos' season finale show

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES  
The season finale of "The Sopranos" was the second most-watched episode of HBO's mob drama, with 12.5 million viewers tuning in as Carmela and Tony Soprano split.

The episode, which aired Sunday, drew a larger audience than any broadcast network show airing at the same time, according to Nielsen Media Research figures.

"This is a huge number by anyone's standards,"

David Baldwin, HBO's executive vice president for program planning, said Tuesday.

As last year, the finale proved a runner-up in ratings to the season premiere: "The Sopranos" drew its biggest-ever audience, 13.4 million, when it returned Sept. 15 for the fourth season.

Overall, the series was up 22 percent in viewership

compared to last season.

In the finale, mob boss Tony (James Gandolfini) crossed the marital infidelity line once too often.

Carmela (Edie Falco) threw him and his golf clubs out of their New Jersey home after hearing of a new indiscretion.

On the business front, Tony backed out of both a deal to buy a waterfront home and a plot to kill New

York boss Carmine — the latter decision leaving fellow co-conspirator Johnny Sack very unhappy.

The episode, which included high-volume blasts of Dean Martin's crooning used as a weapon, ended to the bittersweet strains of "I Have Dreamed," the Richard Rodgers' tune.

Series creator David Chase has said he intends to do just one more season of "The Sopranos," but noted that HBO holds the series' rights. HBO's Baldwin had no comment on its future.

*"This is a huge number by anyone's standards."*

**David Baldwin**  
HBO's executive assistant

## Complexity stalls CNN-ABC deal

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The complexity of merging two news operations has stalled any CNN/ABC deal, AOL Time Warner Inc. chief executive Richard Parsons said Tuesday.

Parsons, in a speech before the annual UBS Warburg Media Week conference, said such a merger would make good business sense because it would allow ABC to benefit from CNN's international reporting expertise, while CNN could expand its audience via ABC's stations and generally broad reach. CNN is owned by AOL Time Warner; ABC is owned by Disney.

But figuring out the logistics has been challenging.

"We've hit a pause ... because it's very, very complex," Parsons said, adding

that both news organizations would want to maintain full control of what appears on their airwaves.

ABC and CNN have been in discussions for months now about a possible merger. Last week, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution quoted CNN chairman Walter Isaacson as saying he and ABC News President David Westin had already worked out how to run their operations if they are merged. Isaacson said the deal had been delayed as AOL Time Warner takes care of other issues.

Indeed, Parsons indicated that the media conglomerate's plate remains quite full, as it sorts out problems at its America Online unit ranging from questions about the viability of its business to government investigations into its accounting practices.

But Parsons reiterated that the company is committed to restoring investor confidence and improving the health of its balance sheet.

He said the company is looking into the possible sale of some assets as a way to simplify and focus the business, although no final decisions have been reached.

"We have looked at some assets like our sports teams" and assets that don't contribute to earnings before interest, depreciation, taxes and amortization, because they are owned jointly, he said. But "we haven't come to any kind of formalized decision."

There are also no plans for what he called "transforming deals" saying the company will instead work to extract value out of its current holdings, including the America Online division.

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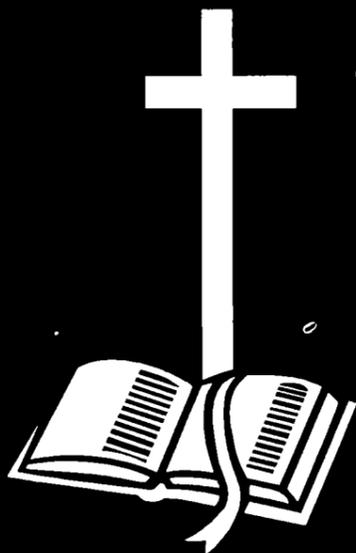
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# Celebrities write letter urging President to avoid war

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES  
Celebrities mobilized against a possible war in Iraq on Tuesday, gathering to publicize a letter urging President Bush to avoid military action.

More than 100 entertainers signed the missive, which says a war with Iraq will "increase the likelihood of terrorist attacks, damage the economy and undermine our moral standing in the world."

"This notion of pre-emptive war is setting a precedent ... and we must ask ourselves,

where does this end?" said Tony Shalhoub, star of the ABC detective show "Monk." "Where is the next pre-emptive strike?"

Shalhoub, Martin Sheen and Mike Farrell were among nearly a dozen performers who got together to draw attention to their cause.

Farrell, who's co-starred in the television series "M-A-S-H" and "Providence," said Hollywood was speaking out to show average citizens that it's OK to voice dissent. He also said he did not believe that Bush has proven Iraq is a danger to America.

"It is inappropriate for the administration to trump up a case in which we are ballyhooed into war," Farrell said.

Among those signing the letter were Academy Award winners Kim Basinger, Helen Hunt, Olympia Dukakis, Susan Sarandon and director Jonathan Demme.

Other names included former "X-Files" stars Gillian Anderson and David Duchovny; "The West Wing" cast members Sheen, Janel Moloney, Bradley Whitford and Lily Tomlin; "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" actors Marg Helgenberger and

Robert David Hall; and "Ocean's Eleven"

co-stars Matt Damon, Don Cheadle, Elliott Gould and Carl Reiner.

R.E.M.'s Michael Stipe, Peter Buck and Mike Mills joined fellow musicians Peter Dinklage and Bonnie Raitt.

Bush has threatened military force against Saddam, saying the dictator has amassed weapons of mass destruction that pose a danger to the United States. U.N. weapons inspectors are searching the Middle Eastern country for such devices but have turned up little so far.

Sheen, who plays the president on "The West Wing," said he believed Bush was eager to go to war with Iraq because he wanted to settle a personal score with Saddam Hussein.

When Bush's father was president, he ended Saddam's invasion of Kuwait but did not eliminate him in the Gulf War.

"I think he'd like to hand his father Saddam Hussein's head and win his approval for what happened after the Gulf War. That's my own personal opinion — I don't know if that's true. I hope it's not, but I suspect it is," Sheen said.

# Houston back in the spotlight, faces big career test

Associated Press

NEW YORK  
Whitney Houston, who released her first album in four years this week, has succeeded in getting the public's attention — but not for her music.

Instead, the buzz is about Houston's admissions of drug use, her erratic behavior and

her frail appearance.

"I think Whitney's lost it a little bit," says Delia Pena, of Bayonne, N.J., one of thousands of fans who waited outside Lincoln Center on Sunday to see the Grammy-winning star in a mini-concert that aired on Good Morning America on Tuesday.

"I like her music. I hope she's doing better."

"Just Whitney" comes a little

more than a year after Houston, now 39, signed a reported \$100 million contract to stay at Arista Records. When she was 22, she released her self-titled debut album, which has sold more than 13 million copies in the United States; she went on to have hits like "Saving All My Love for You," "The Greatest Love of All" and "I Will Always Love You," and starred in movies

such as "The Bodyguard" and "Waiting to Exhale."

Those glory days, however, seem far away. Over the past few years, the singer has been dogged by controversy, from her tumultuous 10-year marriage to bad boy singer Bobby Brown to her missed concert appearances.

She looked so emaciated at a concert for Michael Jackson last year that there were rumors she was dying. And in 2000, Houston was charged with marijuana possession

when an airport security guard found the drug in her purse; the misdemeanor count was dismissed when a counselor said Houston did not need treatment for drug abuse.

Brown has a history of drug and alcohol arrests, including an arrest last month in Atlanta on drug and traffic charges.

After years denying drug use, Houston confirmed in an interview last week with Diane Sawyer on ABC's "Primetime Live" that she had used cocaine, marijuana and pills.

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## Make TCE responses public

As the semester ends, the University will allow students to share their suggestions, complaints, and praises about professors and classes through Teacher Course Evaluations.

Many students, though, will rush through the TCEs to get out of class early, failing to seriously evaluate their instructors and thus either allowing poor teaching practices to continue or neglecting to commend professors for a job well done.

Students, however, are not entirely to blame. They cannot be expected to take TCEs seriously when they do not see significant benefits to completing them.

Students are in the best position to judge the fairness of exams, the professor's ability to communicate with their class, the usefulness of texts and the overall quality of the professor and class.

But it is evident that the TCEs are not used appropriately. The evaluations may not be perfect, but their imperfections fail to rationalize the University's refusal to release the results.

Students should be allowed access to the statistics com-

plied from scan sheets, as well as the written responses, which paint a more accurate and complete picture of the course and a professor.

Furthermore, making evaluations public would benefit professors by rewarding outstanding teaching. At the same time, less favorable evaluations would bring about improvements to those courses by holding professors more accountable to their students.

TCEs could be much more valuable tools. If the University made the information they received public, students would be better informed when selecting classes. Students could seek out popular courses and professors and avoid those rated poorly by their peers.

Once the University begins to make students' opinions available to other students, it will generate more thoughtful and honest responses. Once it shares information about the merits and downfalls of certain classes and professors, it will prompt students to give careful evaluations that will aid their peers in choosing courses. And once it makes TCE results public, it will improve the quality of a Notre Dame education for all.

### Editorial

## Can you ever really be 'just friends?'

After a breakup, once the relationship has officially ended, when the tears are dried and the issue discussed to an eye-rolling death, can we ever maintain a normal relationship with the person we've shared much more than chemistry notes with?



Jacqueline Browder

*Happily Ever After*

This really is the eternal question, one that has never had a simple black and white answer. It's not as if we can click our heels together three times and make the transition from dating to friends in a few short minutes. It's often as complicated and circumstantial a situation as the break up itself and involves a great deal of communication and effort by both parties to even attempt to make it work. However, sometimes, even if the effort is made, it's not always an easy trip down the yellow brick road to friendship.

Attempting a friendship after dating can be as different a transition as black-and-white Kansas was to Technicolor Oz. And depending on the circumstances of the actual dissolution of the relationship, whether it be a complete annihilation of romantic association or a resigned parting of ways, the first meeting post-breakup is always unavoidably awkward.

Of course, the easiest path to take in this initial ex-change is complete and utter denial of the situation. This usually involves avoidance of eye contact, recognition and in general, our ex's entire existence. For some people this can go on forever, to the point where, as far as we're concerned, they fall off

the face of the earth (or at our permanently deleted from our cell phone books). However, as most relationships end with the classic, "Let's be friends" approach, it's not so easy to just call it a day and move on. Rather, we are brought into a strange, complex arrangement known as post-dating friendship.

The initial problem with post-dating friendship is where we draw the line. When is it OK to call? If we've gone to lunch every Tuesday and Thursday with our ex, are we still obligated to go and make small talk over pasta and a panini? Or, is it better to make a clean break and only give our exes a tight, contrived smile when we run into them in between classes, rather than wading through the murky waters of post-dating friendship?

Being friends after a breakup involves a great deal of mutual communication and understanding and requires honesty and candor from one ex to another. There's also a difference between being friends and being on good terms. Simply tolerating our ex and not wishing that a house falls directly on top of them doesn't exactly make for friendship, although it can be a start.

Often one person is faking the initial friendship in hopes of getting his or her ex back, while that same ex is faking friendship to simply make nice and avoid the tension and unease that accompanies a breakup. This isn't friendship, it's fake-ship and this type of relationship is more doomed than the Wicked Witch of the East.

Unfortunately, being friends with an ex can hurt, especially when one person moves on and begins a relationship with someone else. Sometimes we feel like we're more likely to go over the rainbow than get over an ex. We think, "If only they had a brain," or "If only we didn't have the heart." Of course,

letting go can be the best relief. It frees that same heart for much more satisfying pursuits than an ex.

If there was no initial friendship pre-dating, it's a little easier. We don't know what it's like to have our ex as a buddy and there's no comparison to pre-relationship behavior. However, if we were friends first, things can be tricky, as that friendship usually involves mutual friends made along the way. Sharing the same circle of friends means that sooner or later we're forced to hang out with our ex, which can certainly be a lesson in grace. However, it's important not to let our social circle run circles around our relationships, even when our own world feels like it's caught up in a cyclone.

Our exes are people who we've shared meals, conversations and an amazing amount of free time with. Getting over them isn't always easy and feelings aren't as easily changed as accepting to them that the "Let's be friends" agreement sets for us.

Maybe we can never really just "be friends," although it is possible to maintain a good terms relationship with an ex, if we really make an effort and are honest with them. Things are never going to be the same as they were when we were dating that person and the definition of normal often takes on a different meaning in a post-dating friendship. However, we may not be in Kansas anymore post-dating, but Oz isn't so bad — and the shoes are fabulous.

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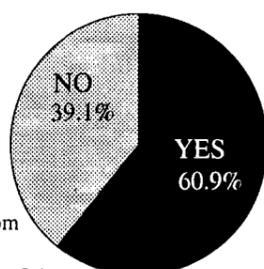
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Is Notre Dame going to the right bowl game?



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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It's not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything."*

**Muhammed Ali**  
boxer

## VIEWPOINT

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## Makes a great gift?

'Tis the season once again: time for annoying holiday commercials!

I won't use this space to protest the over-commercialism of "Xmas" — not "Christ," just "X." Though "X" knows I could: department stores routinely put up "Xmas" decorations when they take down their Halloween stuff and start pumping in "Xmas" music (no "Christ" allowed there, either) by Nov. 15 at the latest.

But at the same time, I realize that businesses and retailers depend on holiday spending dollars and as such have a right to purchase advertising time for that purpose. Really, only two kinds of holiday commercials grate on my nerves any more than that God-awful "Feliz Navidad" song.

The first group is car companies. Buy a car for Christmas? Yeah, right, whatever. And it's always a luxury car company, like Jaguar. Even if I could buy a Jaguar as a gift, I'd get two Chevys instead, one being for me. Right now, I drive a 1990 Honda Accord with no right turn signal, shoddy brakes and an exhaust system that would make Al Gore froth at the mouth. I couldn't afford a Jaguar hood ornament to put on my Christmas tree (I'm too poor for a tree). The only way I'd get \$60,000 for a Jag is to sell two or three internal organs, or get my own reality show. "X" only knows which would be more invasive.

But the real fly in my eggnog is all the commercials that get slapped with the slo-

gan "Makes a great gift!" They're all for worthless junk. Things that actually are great gifts don't need such a ridiculous tagline, but the overpriced doohickeys nobody would be caught dead buying for themselves always have "Makes a great gift!" at the end of their commercials.

I honestly don't know who would be dumb enough to fall for this. Have you ever been watching TV, seen a commercial for a Garden Weasel, ignored it at first, but then heard "Makes a great gift!" and thought, "Wow, you know, that would make a great gift for my roommate/SYR date/grandma!?" But somebody buys them or else the corporations that made them would be out of business.

On second thought, the fact that nobody buys them is probably why the commercials are still on. Somewhere there's a warehouse with six million of those hamsters that sing "Kung Fu Fighting," and they advertise just so people will take the damn things off their hands.

Luckily, I've never been the recipient of a gift so inane. Mostly this is because people

who know me realize that if they get me a Ch-Ch-Ch-Chia, I'll ch-ch-ch-choke them. Call me a Grinch all you want, but if someone even tries to get me the Clapper, I'll grab the first secular holiday decoration I can find and cram it into their nearest convenient orifice.

I don't include infomercial products because some of them actually have practical uses and also require spending at least more than the sum total of pocket change in the fountains at the mall. I got a George Foreman Lean Mean Fat-Burning Grilling Machine last year. It cost \$40 or \$50, and I use it fairly often. But if you buy me a Flowbee, I don't care how easy the payments are — Frosty is going somewhere where he'll melt real quick. Get me something good or Rudolph's next, and those antlers will sting a little.

I'm being facetious here, of course; despite my lack of chintzy novelty gifts, I've been hit with some real goober presents. And I've smiled, suppressed the urge to bludgeon the giver to death with a plastic Santa and worked up the most honest-looking expression of surprised gratitude I could muster.

Once, some members of my extended

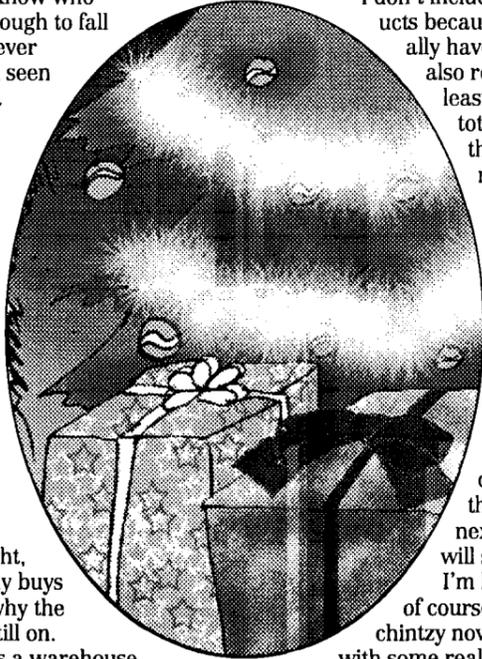
family bought me jumbo packs of microwave popcorn and flavored peanuts. I understand that since I don't see them very often, they were probably clueless as to what to get me. But popcorn and peanuts signal that the only thought they put into those gifts was "Hey, Mike likes food. Let's buy him that. I have a coupon." They knew I was an English major at Notre Dame; they could have walked into Barnes & Noble and bought the first random thing they saw, and I would have at least appreciated the effort.

If you've suffered from meaningless trash gifts, might I suggest this gem of wisdom from a song called "Stop Giving Me Crap For Christmas" by comedian Bobby Gaylor: "They say it's the thought that counts. So instead of making me cringe every year with what you bought, let's call it even forever and stop at the thought." If you don't know what to get me, a simple heartfelt card will do with possibly a gift certificate from Borders or MediaPlay inside.

A Jaguar would be nice, though. Just no more popcorn, for the love of "X."

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## GOP gains do not suggest dissatisfaction with Democrats

Michael Derocher's Dec. 3 letter, "Democrats act like sore losers," is filled with so many errors that it will be impossible to stick to The Observer's 350-word limit for letters.

First of all, the media is not liberally biased as Derocher states. He is correct in his comment that "[p]olls reveal that 89 percent of the media voted for Bill Clinton in 1992, and upwards of 93 percent voted for him in 1996. Need I say more?"

Yes, you need to say more Mike. For starters, how does this translate to a liberal bias? Just because someone has a more liberal stance on the issues, as most journalists do, does not mean their coverage will reflect this. In 2000, more negative publicity was given to Al Gore than to George W. Bush. Also, newspaper endorsements have almost always gone disproportionately to the Republicans. The truth is that the media will print whoever has the juicier stories. If a candidate is scandalous (Clinton) or does something dumb (can't spell potatoe), it will get headlines.

The funniest part about Derocher's article was how he pushed his conservative sentiments — by using quotes from Tom Daschle and Gore about how terrible the Republicans are. But all candidates bash each other, not just Democrats. This is how our political system works. Mrs. Soandso says something bad about Mr. Whatshisface in order to sway the public. Negative press has a greater impact on the populace than anything positive. A candidate can volunteer for the homeless every day, donate money to various foundations and adopt 15 whales and it still wouldn't have as great of an effect on people as he or she smoking up in the girls or boys room in

high school. It's absurd, but that's how it works.

And why are we using Alec Baldwin as the poster child for the Democratic party?

A couple more points I would like to make: Election of more Republicans does not necessarily translate to action. Republicans gaining a few seats in the House or the Senate will not pass bills that would have otherwise been rejected in a bipartisan Congress. If a representative wants to keep his or her job, his or her voting had better reflect the constituency.

When the country is in an economic rut, people are looking for a change. This means out with the old and in with the new. The reason more Republicans were elected is because they are more likely to support a war effort. And one of the reasons Bush is constantly looking for a reason to go to war is because he knows it will help pull us out of a hole. The loss of Democratic seats has nothing to do with "the state of leadership (or lack thereof) currently within the party." Good Lord, use your brain.

And finally, in response to Derocher's "Why is Rush Limbaugh so popular with 20 million listeners daily," in addition to his incredible talent "on loan from God" (his words), it is because radio is the one news outlet that liberals have not conquered? By God, you're right. I don't know how many times I've picked up a paper and read "The Indianapolis Colts lost to the Tennessee (abortion is good!) Titans this weekend 27 to (gun control, gun control!) 17? Those liberal newspapers ... ha!

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## Supporting affirmative action implies racism

Like many of you, I've been keeping up with the debate that has been going on in The Observer for the past several days about race and discrimination. There have been suggestions for a redefinition of the term "racism" and a wave of indignant dictionary-waving responses. Most of the articles have been highly opinionated, and expend large amounts of energy trying to sound authoritative, so I think I'll break the trend.

I am not at all sure about the proper way to think about racism and I have no authority to lay down the law regarding such a complex and sensitive issue, but what I do have are questions that no article has yet answered for me. For instance, what is the ultimate goal in striving for a new definition of the term "racism" if we still acknowledge, as Tona Boyd and Shamus Rohn do, that "all racial discrimination is wrong?" I would be interested to know the views of both authors regarding affirmative action, because if discrimination based on race is wrong under all circumstances, then doesn't it follow that all forms of affirmative action are wrong?

It seems to me that if someone supports affirmative action, he or she must believe that discrimination based on race is in fact permissible under certain circumstances, but Boyd and Rohn apparently do not believe this. If "racism" were redefined to account for social factors, it would become impossible to label admissions committees who use race as a factor for discriminating between college applicants as "racist" groups, but it would not stop anyone from labeling their actions as wrong.

If we all agree, as surprisingly it seems we all do, that racial discrimination is always wrong, then would it really make a difference if people were forced to stop applying the word "racist" to affirmative action programs and other institutions and individuals who discriminate based on race, and substitute "racially discriminatory" in its place? This debate would seem a waste of paper if it ultimately boils down to the substitution of a two-word label for a one-word label. Of course, I would be happy to hear any suggestions from anyone who can clarify this matter for me.

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*A rash of new bands compete*By MARIA SMITH  
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On December 15, VH1's Big in 2002 award show will hand out prizes for the best groups, artists and shows in a variety of creatively named categories, including the "I Believe I Can Spy" award for best movie spy and the "Rockin' and Rulin'" award for rock artists who have gone on the longest and the strongest. The more unusual "Garage Sale Award" will take a look at a musical movement that has been hailed as a revival of the dying art of rock and roll. The Hives, The Vines, The Strokes, and The White Stripes will compete to be the biggest name in the new to 2002 category of Garage Rock.

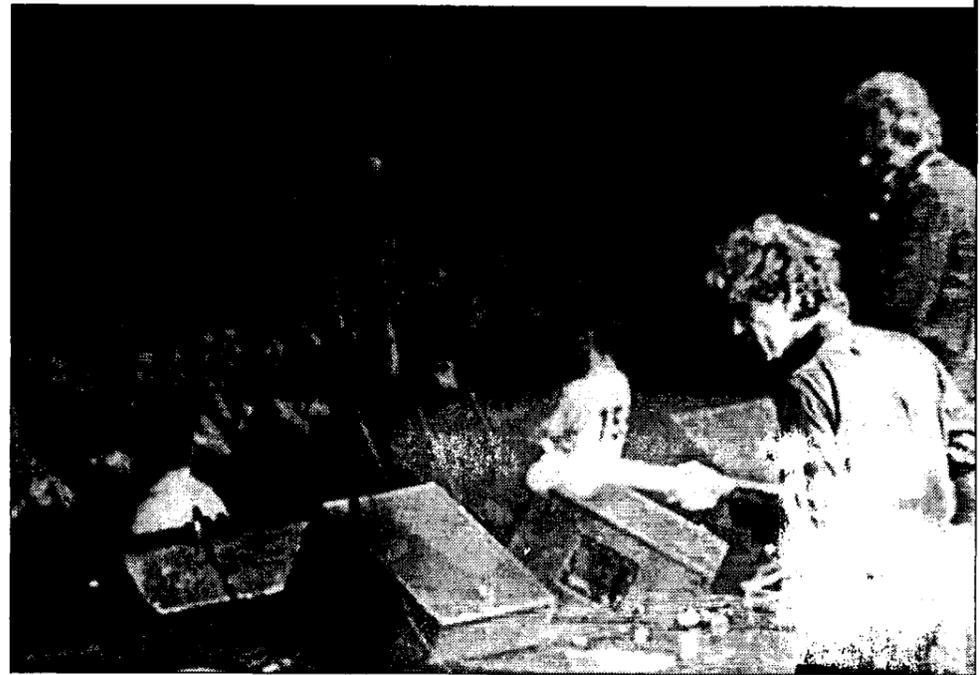
Recently, MTV and hit radio stations have been playing a lot of this new sound — or is it an old one? The gritty guitar riffs, rough vocals and unpolished recordings of the new revivalist rock bands are reminiscent of classic rock sounds from the '60s and '70s. All emerging around the same time, with similar sounds and similar names, the groups are easy to confuse not only with each other but with older bands. Rock names used to be simple and plucky — The Hives, The Vines, The Strokes or The White Stripes could eas-

ily fit in with The Kinks, The Doors or The Rolling Stones.

As novel as the whining amps and rough-edged drum beats sound in the midst of synthesizers and teen pop divas, garage rock has a long and sometimes illustrious history. Garage rock was first performed in the '60s by younger people with a lot of energy, if not always a lot of talent. The genre could include a lot of different sounds, but all the bands had a certain straightforward energy in common. Garage rock became popular because it was widely accessible and easy to play. The chords weren't too hard, the lyrics were down to Earth and musicians could be good or bad and still play together.

Though garage rock bands were numerous, few got significant popular exposure at the time. The Kingsmen were the first to introduce garage rock to the popular scene, scoring a hit with their still famous "Louie Louie." Some garage rock groups did gain more lasting fame — The Kinks, The Ramones and The Velvet Underground remain famous today. Bands still use garage rock as a meeting point — "Louie Louie" is played by more cover bands than almost any other song.

While the new garage rock bands have much in common with the original



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movement, they have a better shot at wide popularity and fame than many of their predecessors. The musicians are

more talented, the music is more sophisticated, and their fame has already spread wider and faster than the bands of the '60s and '70s. If the groups are willing to work for a following, they can do big things.

Some rock fans are offended not only by the hype surrounding the garage-rock revival, but by the insinuation that rock could be or needed to be revived at all. But as popular music styles have diversified and sometimes disintegrated in the '80s and '90s, rock and roll has lost its power and drive. Perhaps for loyal fans of old rock movements the groups are merely an imitation of their predecessors. But for many listeners, new or old, garage rock is a breath of fresh air. The sounds may be classic, but certainly not stagnant, and however far back they go are still far ahead of some of today's ranker music trends. A period of Lifeshouse, Christina Aguilera and Backstreet Boys could use an infusion of real back-to-basics rock.

With names and sounds so easily confused, are the bands riding to fame on each other's shoulders? Certainly they are more unique than their pop peers, who are more distinctive for what trashy outfits they wore to the last awards show than for the quality of their music. To discriminating listeners, the bands are clearly not copycats. They come from different backgrounds and opposite ends of the world, with The Hives and The Vines earning their fame outside U.S. borders before venturing into the states. As The Strokes, The White Stripes, The Vines and The Hives compete for the VH1 award, their particular strengths will come to the foreground.

**The Strokes**

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on VH1's Big in 2002 Awards



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more metropolitan than most groups that lay claim to the title of garage rock. At times, their sound is almost suited to swing dancing.

Vocalist Julian Casablancas, guitarists Albert Hammond Jr. and Nick Valensi, bassist Nikolai Fraiture and drummer Fabrizio Moretti met and began playing together in 1998. They call their fast paced music "the result of frantic living, and the late nights and early mornings they're spent making their music in New York City." Whatever this is supposed to mean, their fast beats and forward energy are reminiscent of busy city streets.

The Strokes hit the national music scene with their 2001 release *Is This It?* Their signature single "Last Nite" is characteristic of much of their music. While the group is talented, they occasionally risk becoming mundane by not creating enough variety in their sound. This may or may not put off listeners.

#### The White Stripes

Listen closely when you hear a gritty single — if all you can hear are powerful guitar riffs and straightforward drum beats behind the vocalist, you're listening to The White Stripes. Guitarist and vocalist John White and drummer Meg White don't need a bassist to give their music definition or another guitarist to flesh it out. They are as minimalist as the red and white striped peppermint candy motif of their clothes and album artwork.

The White Stripes have been the most active of the new bands to emerge on the music scene by playing numerous shows around the country and a special free concert sponsored by Nissan in New York. Their popularity is largely due to their sheer originality and simplicity. Few rock guitarists attempt to perform with nothing but drums to back them up and Jack White needs all his talent to make the effort work.

Stars of Detroit's rock scene, the

Whites have a darker sound than The Strokes. Their music video for *Dead Leaves and the Dirty Ground* is characteristically haunting, with ghostly images behind the lyrics: "Soft hair and a velvet tongue, I want to give you what you give to me, and every breath that is in your lungs is a tiny little gift to me." Whatever else they might be, The White Stripes are not music for the upbeat.

While The White Stripes sound original at their best, their numbers can sometimes drag. Keeping drums and a single electric guitar rocking instead of grating at a slow tempo proves too difficult on some of the songs off their 2002 release *White Blood Cells*.

The White Stripes fared well at the MTV Video Music Awards, taking away the awards for Breakthrough Video, Best Editing and Best Special Effects for *Fell in Love With a Girl*. The duo has been ahead in the VH1 polls, and may soon be hailed as the top band in garage rock.

#### The Vines

Where The Strokes are smooth and The White Stripes are simple, The Vines are dark and complex. The group released *Highly Evolved*, their first album, in July 2002. Fast tempos, complicated instrumentals and half-tuneless shouting vocals characterize their higher energy numbers like "Get Free" and "Outtatheway," but they're more diverse than that. The mellow "Maryjane" is reminiscent of the Grateful Dead's "Rosemary," well other songs seem to have a bit of Nirvana or even the Beatles thrown in. The title of the album is more than appropriate for such a complicated group. While music that is too basic or too stereotypical can quickly become boring, The Vines remain engaging with time.

Rock may thrive in America, but some of the best sounds come from

abroad. The Beatles, The Sex Pistols and more modern groups like U2 began their careers abroad before coming to the U.S. This rock ranges from even farther afield. Vocalist and guitarist Craig Nichols, guitarist Ryan Griffiths, vocalist and bassist Patrick Matthews and drummer Harnish Rosser first hailed from down under, and were popular in their native Australia long before making it big in the states.

Though The Vines are undeniably talented, they have not yet gained as much popularity in the United States as many of their peers. Although "Get Free" won them the award for Best Single in Australia's Aria Awards, they have been behind in the VH1 polls.

#### The Hives

Emerging from Sweden in impeccable black suits with shiny white ties and shoes, The Hives sound like a raucous party in full swing. They are best when they are upbeat, rocking at a high tempo with all the energy of old garage rock but more complicated melodies and harmonies.

Vocalist Howlin' Pelle Almqvist, guitarist Vigilante Carlstrom, guitarist Nicholas Almqvist, bassist Matt Destruction and drummer Chris

Dangerous, as they are known onstage, have played together since 1993. Though their first two albums, *Barely Legal* and a.k.a. *I.D.I.O.T.* failed to break into the international scene, the group gained attention with their 2000 release "Veni Vidi Vicious."

"Main Offender" and "Hate to Say I Told You So," two of the group's earliest releases off the new album, are fairly typical of the group's music. Though The Hives would fit in with their '70s predecessors, they show the influence of intervening years. Their music caters to the louder and rougher tastes of '90s rock fans who might put up with mellow rock in their oldies but not in their new releases. "Knock Knock" is almost frantically fast.

Though The Hives are talented, they can lapse too far into the gritty sound of their genre. The howling of Pelle Almqvist is refreshing at first, but can become tuneless and grating after too long. Still, the group has done well abroad and is gaining popularity in the United States as well. Walking away as the top band in VH1's poll could boost them even higher in the music world.

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## NHL

# Prusek makes 26 saves as Senators slash Sabres

Associated Press

## BUFFALO

Martin Prusek made 26 saves in only his fifth career start, and Marian Hossa scored twice to lead the Ottawa Senators to a 4-2 victory Tuesday night over the Buffalo Sabres.

Todd White and Brad Smyth also scored for Ottawa, which won for the first time in Buffalo since Dec. 30, 1998 and snapped an eight-game winless streak (0-7-1) at HSBC Arena.

Prusek is 4-0 this season as a backup for the Senators, who are 10-1-3 since Nov. 12. Hossa, with 18 goals, tied Minnesota's Marian Gaborik for the league lead.

Henrik Tallinder and Ales Kotalik scored for Buffalo, whose season-best three-game winning streak was halted.

Martin Biron made 26 stops for the Sabres.

White put Ottawa ahead 9:02 into the game with his seventh goal. He was parked in the slot and converted a feed from Martin Havlat.

Tallinder scored the first goal of his NHL career on the power play to tie the game with 5:26 remaining in the period. He pinched into the slot and one-timed a pass from Curtis Brown.

Smyth regained the lead for Ottawa on the power play four minutes later, deflecting a slap shot by Anton Volchenkov.

Hossa made it 3-1 with 8:03 left in the second period. He went in alone on Biron after Tallinder mishandled the puck near the Buffalo blue line.

With 7:59 to go in the game,

Hossa took the puck at his own blue line and slipped it between the legs of Buffalo defenseman Brian Campbell on his way to Biron. Hossa has six goals in the last six games.

Kotalik drew Buffalo within 4-2 with 5:42 to play. He scooped up a loose puck in the high slot and wristed a shot past Prusek.

## Canadiens 4, Bruins 2

Goalie Jeff Hackett stopped the NHL's top team as the Montreal Canadiens beat Boston Tuesday night and ended the Bruins' three-game winning streak.

The Canadiens took a 4-0 lead on goals by Jan Bulis in the first period and Yanic Perreault, Oleg Petrov and Randy McKay in the second. Boston cut it to 4-2 when Joe Thornton scored his 15th goal at 10:53 of the second and Mike Knuble got his fifth at 19:16.

Hackett, 3-1 in his last four games, stopped 31 shots, including all 14 he faced in the third period.

Montreal also knocked off a strong Boston team in last season's playoffs. The Bruins had the best record in the Eastern Conference but lost in the first round to the eighth-seeded Canadiens.

Tuesday's win was the Canadiens' second straight after a four-game losing streak. They beat Phoenix 4-2 on Saturday. Despite the loss, the Bruins are 8-2 in their last 10 games and have the league's best record.

John Grahame, who played every game of Boston's three-

game winning streak, allowed Bulis' fifth goal just 5:10 into the game. It came on a pass from Andreas Dackell from behind the net.

Perreault scored his 12th at 3:06 of the second on an unassisted breakthrough, and Petrov added his fifth at 6:42 when Grahame dived to the ice too soon, leaving half the net unguarded.

Montreal made it 4-0 on a power play at 10:18 when McKay scored his fifth, pushing a 10-footer through a crowd and past Grahame.

Boston's comeback began less than a minute later as Thornton, the NHL's second leading scorer, knocked a pass from Knuble out of the air and bounced it into the net.

Then it was Knuble's turn as he scored on a deflection of Bryan Berard's shot from 45 feet.

The loss dropped the Bruins' record against Eastern Conference teams to 14-2-2-0 and ended their five-game winning streak against Montreal in Boston, including a 4-2 victory Nov. 29.

## Blackhawks 3, Islanders 2

Tyler Arnason scored the go-ahead goal and also assisted on the tying score in the third period as the Chicago Blackhawks beat the New York Islanders Tuesday night.

Arnason picked off a pass from Islanders forward Jason Wiemer at the Islanders blue line, moved to the high slot, and beat goalie Chris Osgood with a slap shot.

Chicago is 11-1-5 in its last 17 meetings with the Islanders.

The Blackhawks' only loss was the night New York honored former coach Al Arbour on Jan. 25, 1997.

Steve Sullivan and Eric Daze also scored for Chicago, which got 29 saves from Jocelyn Thibault.

Roman Hamrlik and Dave Scatchard scored for New York. Osgood made 31 saves, but it wasn't enough to keep the Islanders from having their three-game winning streak snapped.

The teams skated to a scoreless first period, as the Islanders wasted a two-man advantage that lasted 1:38. Thibault made two of his seven saves of the period during that stretch. Osgood made a nice stick save on Phil Housley in the first minute of the game, and then — along with defenseman Kenny Jonsson — managed to snuff a breakthrough by Theo Fleury at 15:15.

The Blackhawks took the lead at 7:52 of the middle period when Sullivan, at the top of the crease, managed to tip Daze's centering pass past Osgood.

Hamrlik tied it off a faceoff at 12:51. He cut in from the left point, accepted a cross-ice feed from Jason Wiemer in the left circle, and wristed a short side shot past Thibault.

Scatchard put the Islanders ahead 3:52 into the final period. Wiemer's clear-in took a strange bounce off the back boards, and Scatchard, by the left post, put a backhander in off Thibault's pad.

Daze made it 2-2 at 7:49 when his slap shot from the top of the left circle trickled

past Osgood.

## Devils 2, Blues 0

Jim McKenzie and Turner Stevenson scored, and Martin Brodeur made 28 saves for his third shutout this season as the New Jersey Devils beat the depleted St. Louis Blues on Tuesday night.

Brodeur earned his 58th career shutout for the Atlantic Division-leading Devils, who have lost in regulation only once in eight games (5-1-0-2).

Brodeur preserved the shutout with a great glove save on Barret Jackman with just under nine minutes remaining. He also survived a hard slam when Blues forward Tyson Nash was checked into him by Devils defenseman Colin White.

The Blues played two men short as they dressed only 18. The team was hit by widespread food poisoning which affected Dallas Drake and Scott Mellanby.

McKenzie scored the only goal of the first period at 13:14. Brian Gionta set the score in motion when he intercepted the puck just inside the St. Louis blue line. Gionta carried wide down the right wing deep into the Blues zone. He fed a centering pass back to the slot where McKenzie tipped it in for his first goal of the season.

Stevenson made it 2-0 at 10:52 of the second period. Joe Nieuwendyk dug the puck out of the corner and fed it to the slot where Sergei Brylin and Stevenson had cracks at it. Stevenson got the score as he put in his own rebound.

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# Snow to resign from Augusta

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Treasury Secretary nominee John W. Snow will resign his membership in Augusta National Golf Club, which has been under fire for not allowing women to join.

Snow, chairman of the transportation and railroad conglomerate CSX, was nominated Monday by President Bush and must be confirmed by the Senate.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer told reporters Monday morning before Bush's announcement that such a membership would not be a "disqualification" for a nominee.

Three hours later, Fleischer announced Snow is leaving the club. But, he added: "The president does not judge that to be a disqualifying factor."

White House spokesman Claire Buchan said Snow "is in the process of resigning. It's all part of the process of filling out papers and making courtesy calls."

Augusta National spokesman Glenn Greenspan said the club would have no comment.

"Mr. Snow has done exactly

what he should do. No one in the public eye ... should be willing to be identified with sex discrimination," said Martha Burk, head of the National Council of Women's Organizations, which has been leading the fight against Augusta National. "I think he's done exactly the right thing."

She added that Bush should consider potential nominees' club memberships as a factor.

"They would never put forward a candidate of an all-white club and they should never put forward a member of an all-male club," she said.

Last month, former CBS chief executive Thomas H. Wyman resigned from Augusta National after 25 years, calling the club's stand on female members "pigheaded" and saying up to a quarter of its 300 members feel the same way he does. He was the first member to resign in protest.

Augusta National officials took Wyman's resignation in stride and said it would not change the club's position that it will decide when to admit women on its own and that there will be none by the Masters in April.

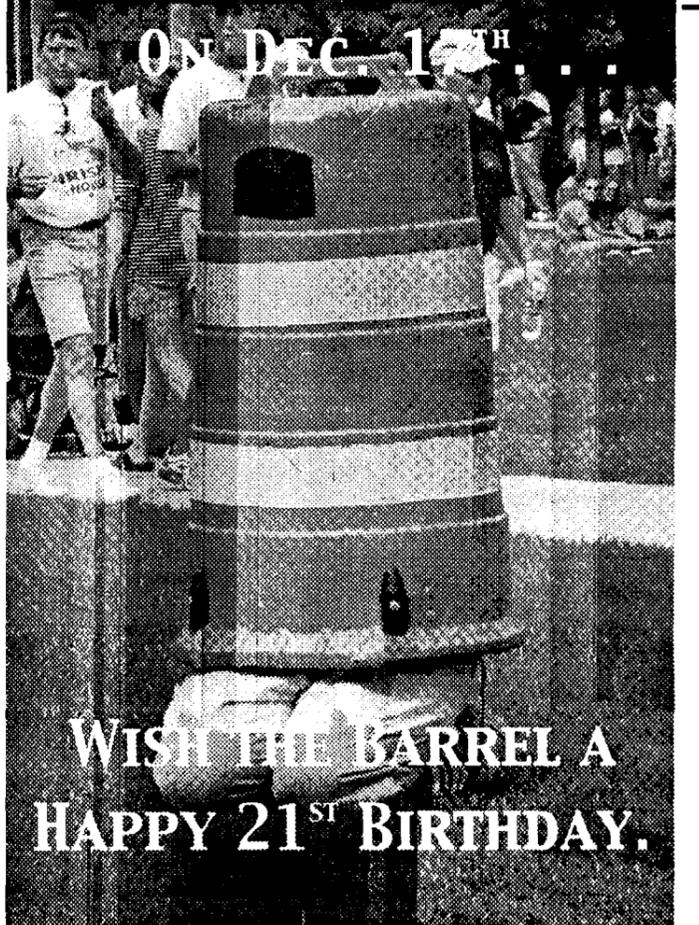
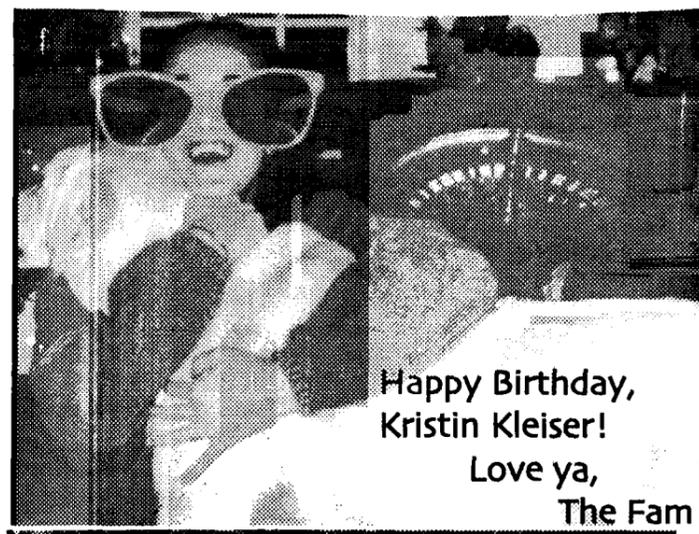
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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

# Rose may get second chance at glory

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Pete Rose may finally be getting his second chance.

Baseball's career hits leader could know by the end of the year if baseball will agree to end his lifetime ban — which would make him eligible for the Hall of Fame.

Rose and commissioner Bud Selig met secretly in Milwaukee on Nov. 25 and their lawyers have been exchanging draft proposals that could end the ban, a baseball executive said Tuesday on the condition he not be identified.

A 17-time All-Star and former National League MVP, Rose agreed to the lifetime ban in

August 1989 following an investigation of his gambling but has maintained he never bet on baseball. None of the 14 men previously banned for life by the commissioner's office was ever reinstated.

"It's a first hopeful sign," said Cincinnati Mayor Charlie Luken, who wrote twice to Selig last month urging reinstatement. Luken said he spoke to Bob DuPuy, Selig's top aide, on Nov. 27 and DuPuy said he would get back to him in about 30 days.

Baseball wants Rose to admit misdeeds as part of any agreement ending the ban, the executive said. Rose cannot appear on the ballot for the Hall of Fame as long as he is on the

permanently ineligible list. Baseball officials already have held meetings to discuss the implications of a possible reinstatement, the executive said.

Selig did not return a telephone call seeking comment and DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, issued a statement that did not confirm or deny the meeting.

Rose's lawyers, S. Gary Spicer and Roger Makley, did not immediately comment.

Rose took a Delta flight to Milwaukee from Cincinnati on Nov. 24 and chatted with members of Marquette's women's basketball team, which was returning home from a game in Dayton, Ohio, according to the school.

ESPN.com and WXIX-TV in Cincinnati reported Monday night that Selig and Rose had met two weeks ago.

Joe Morgan, a Hall of Fame second baseman who was Rose's teammate on the Big Red Machine teams of the 1970s, has pushed for Selig and Rose to compromise, the executive said.

Morgan spoke about the situation at the World Series, after Rose was given the longest ovation among the stars who appeared in a promotion before Game 4. Morgan said he detected increasing support for allowing Rose into the Hall of Fame. The Hall adopted a rule in February 1991 that excludes membership to those on the

permanently banned list.

"But it all starts with Pete," Morgan had said. "He's got to come clean. I'm sure he liked hearing the fans cheering for him. But that ovation isn't going to get him into the Hall of Fame. He's got to make it right. It's up to him."

The executive said Selig wanted a resolution "sooner rather than later." Rose recently approached a person involved in baseball's investigation and said, "Give me a second chance," another baseball executive said, also on the condition of anonymity.

Rose applied for reinstatement in September 1997 but Selig hasn't ruled on it, saying he hasn't seen a reason to alter the ban. Still, he has twice allowed Rose to participate in pregame on-field promotions at World Series games. Other than that, Rose may not be in areas not accessible to fans.

When the Reds asked for permission this year to allow him to appear in the final game at Cinergy Field, Selig turned them down.

"I knew there's been conversations going on," John Allen, the team's chief operating officer, said Tuesday. "It was a difficult situation for the Reds to be put in when we requested permission for the final game at Cinergy. We were denied, then two weeks later at the World Series — that was a very difficult situation. Whether that

prompted some conversations, I don't know."

Luken wrote to Selig on Nov. 13 and Nov. 20, asking for a meeting on Rose. Luken wants Rose reinstated in time for the April opening of The Great American Ball Park, the Reds' new home.

"Whatever the crime, time has been served," Luken wrote. "Whatever agreements were signed years ago are irrelevant today."

Asked about his letters Tuesday, Luken said, "It seemed unfair that Pete Rose was allowed to participate in the World Series but not to come to his home town to participate in ballpark activities."

Rose was investigated by baseball starting in February 1989 while manager of the Reds. John Dowd, who headed the inquiry for commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti, wrote a report that detailed 412 baseball wagers between April 8 and July 5, 1987, including 52 on Cincinnati to win. Dowd cited evidence that included betting slips alleged to be in Rose's handwriting, and telephone and bank records.

After a legal challenge, Rose agreed to the lifetime ban Aug. 23.

"One of the game's greatest players has engaged in a variety of acts which have stained the game, and he must now live with the consequences of those acts," Giamatti said.

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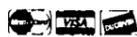
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## NFL

# Maddox won't be warming Steelers' bench



Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Tommy Maddox throws a pass past the Texans' Jamle Sharper during the Steelers 24-6 loss on Saturday.

Associated Press

## PITTSBURGH

Pittsburgh Steelers coach Bill Cowher held class Tuesday on the subject of what separates good NFL quarterbacks from mediocre ones and, just as significantly, those who play from those who sit.

He can only hope Tommy Maddox was sitting at home on his day off, listening intently and taking notes. Cowher won't bench Maddox despite one of the most peculiar days ever by an NFL quarterback during the Steelers' baffling 24-6 loss Sunday to Houston. Maddox effectively drove the offense to a 422-yard day, only to hand the Texans' defense three touchdowns with two interceptions and a fumble.

"It's hard to explain a game like that ... in my 23 years in the league as a player and a coach, I've never experienced a game like that," Cowher said.

Still, Cowher made it clear Maddox won't stay on the field Sunday against Carolina (5-8) if he keeps turning the ball over. The Steelers (7-5-1) have eight turnovers in Maddox's last two starts, and are 0-2-1 in his last three starts.

"How do you explain Tommy running and the ball falls out of his hands ... the ball falling out of Antwaan Randle El's hands?" Cowher said. "It's not a lack of effort, but you can't do it. I'm not going to tolerate a continuing of that and they understand that."

Perhaps that's why Maddox will start Sunday, but hasn't been assured he will finish. Kordell Stewart won his two

most recent starts while replacing an injured Maddox. "It will be monitored, and we'll go from there," Cowher said.

Cowher seems concerned one of the most bizarre losses in team history might adversely affect the Steelers' confidence and state of mind going into their final three games. They lead Cleveland (7-6) by a half game and Baltimore (6-7) by 1 1/2 games in an AFC North race they figured to have wrapped up by now.

"Oh, there's no doubt," said

Cowher, who didn't watch the game tape with his players Monday. "This was a game that can affect your mind-set. That's why I didn't want to look at it, and we didn't look at it. It would

just make you madder and madder, as it did me.

"We've got to get it out of our minds."

Getting rid of the turnovers might be more difficult. Maddox may have become too willing to gamble during his recent run of big-yardage games and, Cowher said, might be pressing to get big yardage when he should accept an incompletion or a short gain.

"You feel like you can get the ball in there, but there's a fine line and you have to be smart and know whom you're playing against," Cowher said in a reference to Texans cornerback Aaron Glenn, who scored twice

off Maddox-thrown interceptions.

Those were the kind of mistakes that a quarterback can get away with in the high-scoring Arena League, where Maddox rebuilt his game a couple of years ago, but not in the NFL.

"You don't want to take away from a guy's decisiveness or a guy's confidence, but at the same time you've got to be smart," Cowher said. "That's what separates the good ones from guys who keep making the same mistakes over and over."

"The other day, where the ball falls out of his hands? Just put the ball away and recognize on (third-and-15) you're going to punt. It's not a problem. ... You're going to have interceptions, but you can't continue to make bad

decisions that put your team in situations they can't overcome.

"The more he plays, the more experience he gathers and, hopefully, he'll learn from it."

Meanwhile, left tackle Wayne Gandy is wearing a protection boot on his injured calf and is listed as questionable, as are wide receiver Hines Ward (hamstring) and linebacker James Farrior (sternum).

Suddenly thin at tight end with Mark Bruener (knee) and John Allred (concussion) injured, the Steelers signed former Tampa Bay tight end Marco Battaglia. They also released center Jeff Smith.

*"It's hard to explain a game like that ... in my 23 years as a player and a coach, I've never experienced a game like that."*

**Bill Cowher**  
Steelers coach

## How to Avoid Computer Lockout

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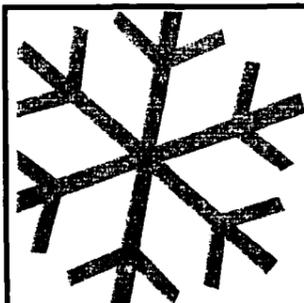
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NBA

# Police allegedly toasted Iverson felony

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

A former hotel security guard says he overheard a police detective make a toast to Allen Iverson's "next felony" last summer, days before the NBA star was charged with threatening two men with a gun.

Wesley Gregg told Iverson's lawyers he was working a late-evening shift at a Philadelphia hotel July 8 when he spotted the lead detective in the investigation dining with other officers at the hotel's bar and heard him boast "he is going down" when a news story about the 76ers player appeared on TV.

When the detectives got up to leave, Lt. Michael Chitwood made a toast: "This is for Iverson's next felony," Gregg said in a signed statement he gave Iverson's attorneys on July 24.

The lawyers never used the statement in court.

Prosecutors dropped all charges against Iverson after the two men he was accused of threatening said they were unwilling to testify.

But the tale was passed along to Iverson, and his attorneys said Tuesday it formed the basis for comments the star made about Philadelphia police last month.

"I've heard about police officers toasting to Allen Iverson's next felony conviction," Iverson said during an interview with

The Philadelphia Inquirer and the Daily News. "I'm hearing about them saying I'm involved with one thing or another, and it scares me. I know that if there's a crooked cop out there, they could do anything to me. He could do anything. Allen Iverson could wind up dead tomorrow if a crooked cop wants him dead."

After the interview, police commanders said such behavior by officers would not be tolerated. Some officers said they were offended by Iverson's remarks and considered them baseless. Several dozen said they would boycott a 76ers law enforcement appreciation night unless Iverson apologized.

Later, Iverson said he had intended to direct his criticisms at "just a very few individuals" on the force.

One of his attorneys, Larry Woodward, said Tuesday the guard's signed statement proves that "Allen didn't just go out and make this thing up."

"There was skepticism, or people were wondering where all that came from. Well, now they know," he said. He declined to provide Gregg's statement to The Associated Press, but a copy was printed in Tuesday's editions of the Daily News.

Chitwood, a decorated officer well known in the city for his involvement in high-profile cases, did not immediately return a phone call Tuesday.

He told the Daily News he was at a steak house in the Sheraton on the night in question, but denied making a toast involving Iverson.

"It's positively, undeniably false," he said.

Attempts to locate Gregg, who no longer works at the hotel, were not immediately successful. Iverson, one of the league's most popular players, was unavailable

after the 76ers' practice Tuesday.

Police Commissioner Sylvester Johnson defended the department's handling of the case and said any suggestion that officers may have been overzealous is false.

"As far as I am concerned, it is over. I am not going to do another investigation on Chitwood or anyone," he said.

"Hypothetically, even if true, it didn't involve any sort of violation of the law, or police rules or procedure," Johnson said. "He is off duty. He has First Amendment rights, just like anyone else has."

*"I've heard about police officers toasting to Allen Iverson's next felony conviction."*

**Allen Iverson  
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A hotel security guard alleged that a police detective proposed a toast to 76ers guard Allen Iverson, pictured above, after he was charged with threatening two men with a gun.



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# Franck joins 15 hall of fame inductees

Associated Press

**NEW YORK**  
George "Sonny" Franck never thought he'd live to see this day. The former All-America tailback at Minnesota from 1938-40 didn't know whether he would ever make the College Football Hall of Fame — despite his accomplishments with the Golden Gophers.

"I thought maybe I'd die first," Franck said.

He was wrong. The 84-year-old Franck is one of 15 former greats set to be inducted into the Hall of Fame on Tuesday night. The other players are Auburn split end Terry Beasley, Princeton running back Cosmo Iacavazzi, Arizona State receiver John Jefferson, Southern California safety Ronnie Lott, Pittsburgh quarterback Dan Marino, Navy tailback Napoleon McCallum, Michigan offensive guard Reggie McKenzie, Georgia Tech defensive back Randy Rhino, Texas offensive tackle Jerry Sisemore, Kansas State linebacker Gary Spani, Tennessee defensive tackle Reggie White and Missouri tight end Kellen Winslow.

The coaches to be inducted are Carmen Cozza, who spent 32 seasons at Yale, and Earle Bruce, who coached at Tampa, Iowa State, Ohio State, Northern Iowa and Colorado State.

"For the class of 2000, thank you very much," said Marino, who made the acceptance speech for the inductees. "This is something we will cherish for the rest of our lives."

"I had the opportunity to play on great teams for four years for the Pitt Panthers and I could walk from my front door to Pitt Stadium in 10 minutes," Marino said. "To be here with my family and to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, this is just a great honor."

Franck, the oldest of this year's inductees, also played quarterback, safety, and was a punt and kickoff returner. In 1940, he finished third in voting for the Heisman Trophy, was an All-American and helped the Golden Gophers win the national championship with an 8-0 record.

He played alongside Bruce Smith, another College Hall of Fame member, and the two combined for more than 60 percent of Minnesota's touchdowns.

Franck said he never worried about making the Hall of Fame.

"I thought, if they miss me, they miss me," Franck said. "Maybe I'm too old to worry about those types of things. ... Sometimes when you're in your 80s, people forget about you."

One of the games he remembers most vividly was in the season finale against Wisconsin in 1940. He returned an interception for a touchdown in Minnesota's 22-13 win, which sealed the national championship.

After college, Franck signed up with the Navy and served time as a World War II captain USMCR/Fighter Pilot. He won nine battle stars and survived his plane being shot down in the South Pacific in 1945.

He returned to the United States after the war and spent a few seasons with the New York Giants. Franck went on to coach

high school football and is retired and living in Rock Island, Ill.

"I'm so happy to be here," Franck said. "The guys worked so hard to get me in. They pushed and pushed and pulled the right buttons."

Another player surprised with his selection was Spani, the first player to be honored from Kansas State. Spani was the school's first consensus All-America in 1977 and is the Wildcats' career leader in tackles (543) and assists (343), playing during a time when Kansas State was not nearly as good as it is now.

Spani credits Kansas State's turnaround to coach Bill Snyder. He was on the hiring committee when the job came open and knew Snyder was the perfect fit.

"Kansas State has done a lot in the last 10 years," Spani said. "It's an honor to represent the old-timers. Kansas State struggled so much prior to me getting there and after I left. It's a miracle what coach Snyder pulled off."

McCallum is hoping for a miracle for Navy. The Midshipmen have struggled recently, going 2-10 this season, and McCallum said it's been frustrating to see what has happened to the program.

"They have a very unique situation, they can be as good as they want to be," said McCallum, who played from 1981-85 and set 26 school rushing and return records. "I get mad. They have potential. I know it. Because of the standards the administration set for themselves, it's difficult."

Also honored Tuesday were the National Scholar Athletes, selected from all NCAA divisions. The Division I-A winners are offensive tackle Kyle Eaton of Oklahoma State, linebacker Hunter Hillenmeyer of Vanderbilt, linebacker Bradie James of LSU, end Chris Kelsay of Nebraska, quarterback Kliff Kingsbury of Texas Tech and offensive tackle Jon Stinchcomb of Georgia.

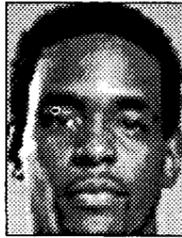
**NBA**

# Webber trial set after season

Associated Press

**DETROIT**  
Sacramento Kings star Chris Webber's federal perjury trial can wait until after the NBA season ends, a federal judge ruled.

Webber, father M a y c e Webber Jr. and aunt Charlene Johnson are charged with obstruction of justice and perjury. They are accused of lying to a federal grand jury about their dealings with ex-University of Michigan basketball booster Eddie Martin.



Webber

Martin says he gave \$616,000 to Webber and four other Wolverines players while they were amateurs. Martin, who pleaded guilty to illegal gambling, said he gave Webber and his family \$280,000.

On Monday, U.S. District Judge Nancy G. Edmunds set the Webber family's trial for July 8.

Edmunds initially suggested the trial be held in May or June, before agreeing to a request from Webber's lawyer, Steven Fishman, to set it after the NBA playoffs end in June.

"There is no reason I can think of," said Fishman, to hold the trial in the middle of the season. He said that would be a hardship on the NBA, the Sacramento Kings and their

fans.

A federal prosecutor strongly objected to the delay.

"Frankly, it is obscene," Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Convertino said. He said Martin's age of 68 could present a problem and said a delay might indefinitely postpone the trial.

Edmunds said the court often agrees to work around the schedule of "seasonal" employees, like Webber.

"I'm surprised you would use the word obscene,"

Edmunds replied. "We accommodate people, in the court, for all kinds of reasons ... and we would be hard-pressed to hold this trial before July."

Webber has denied taking all but pocket money from Martin. He told the grand jury in August 2000 that he took money from Martin in high school, but could not remember if he took money in college.

His father also admitted taking gifts from Martin when he testified before the grand jury.

Edmunds seemed inclined to

issue a subpoena ordering the University of Michigan to turn over an edited copy of its report into Martin's associations with its players that it supplied to the NCAA, along with interviews with former Wolverines players.

The subpoena is being requested by Johnson's attorney, Steven Levy.

Michigan refused to turn over the documents in a Nov. 20 letter to Levy, citing a federal law that bars the disclosure of student records.

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**Nancy G. Edmunds  
U.S. District Judge**

The next hearing in the Webber case is Feb. 5 for defense motions seeking the dismissal of the indictment on a variety of grounds.

On Nov. 7, the university punished its men's basketball program for the NCAA rule violations linked to Martin. It said it would prohibit the team from playing in either the NCAA tournament or the NIT after the upcoming season.

The team also forfeited 112 regular-season and tournament victories from five seasons.

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# AROUND THE NATION

## NFL

### AFC East

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Miami	8-5	.615	24.2	18.2
New England	8-5	.615	25.4	20.6
NY Jets	7-6	.538	21.1	21.7
Buffalo	6-7	.462	25.5	26.1

### AFC North

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Pittsburgh	7-5-1	.577	23.8	22.5
Cleveland	7-6	.538	21.8	20.2
Baltimore	6-7	.462	19.2	22.1
Cincinnati	1-12	.077	18.1	29.8

### AFC South

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Indianapolis	8-5	.615	21.1	17.9
Tennessee	8-5	.615	23.2	23.4
Jacksonville	5-8	.385	21.2	19.4
Houston	4-9	.308	13.9	22.6

### AFC West

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Oakland	9-4	.692	29.3	20.4
San Diego	8-5	.615	20.8	22.6
Denver	7-6	.538	23.7	21.9
Kansas City	7-6	.538	32.2	24.8

### NFC East

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Philadelphia	10-3	.769	26.7	15.9
NY Giants	7-6	.538	17.6	18.3
Dallas	5-8	.385	14.8	16.8
Washington	5-8	.385	18.5	23.6

### NFC North

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Green Bay	10-3	.769	27.0	20.9
Detroit	3-10	.231	18.1	27.2
Minnesota	3-10	.231	23.1	27.5
Chicago	3-10	.231	19.0	25.2

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Tampa Bay	10-3	.769	23.2	12.2
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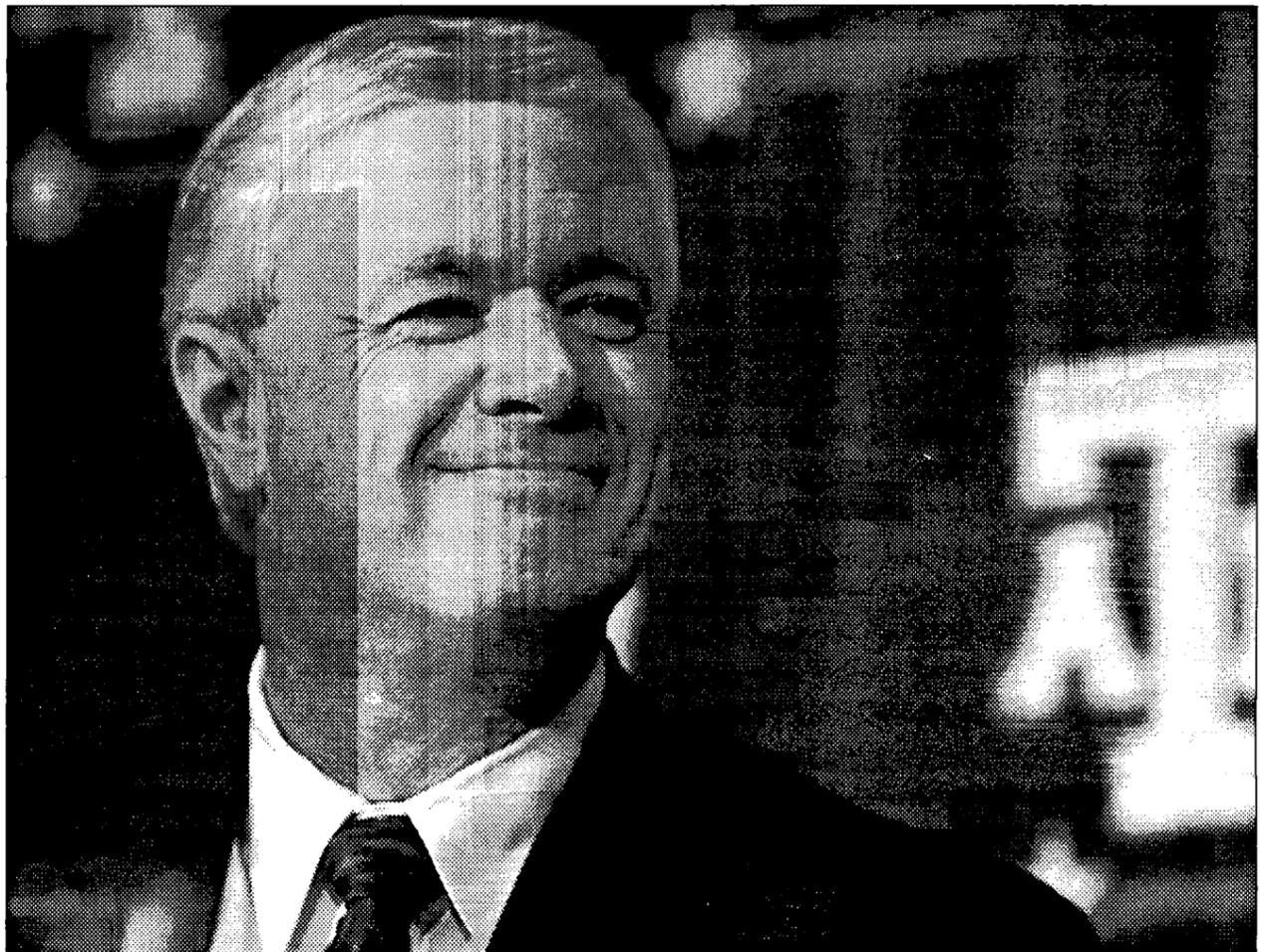
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## Eye on Irish Opponents

### Bowl Games

- Motor City Bowl — Dec. 26**  
BOSTON COLLEGE (8-4) vs. Toledo (9-4)
- Insight.com Bowl — Dec. 26**  
PITTSBURGH (6-4) vs. Oregon State (8-4)
- Wells Fargo Sun Bowl — Dec. 31**  
PURDUE (6-6) vs. Washington (7-5)
- Chick-fil-A-Peach Bowl — Dec. 31**  
Tennessee (8-4) vs. MARYLAND (10-3)
- San Francisco Bowl — Dec. 31**  
AIR FORCE (8-4) vs. Virginia Tech (9-4)
- Outback Bowl — Jan. 1**  
Florida (8-4) vs. MICHIGAN (9-3)

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL



Alabama head coach Dennis Franchione left the Crimson Tide last week to coach the Texas A&M Aggies. In reaction to this decision Alabama fans have been buying up bobbleheads of Franchione and breaking them. KRT

# Alabama fans abuse bobbleheads

Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. Coach Fran's bobbling head may be rolling for some Alabama fans.

More than 4,000 bobblehead dolls of former Alabama coach Dennis Franchione, who left abruptly for Texas A&M last week, remain unsold. Joseph Turner, president of Yell Crew, the Crimson Tide's football fan association, says some students are getting the little statues and breaking them.

"They don't have a lot of sentimental value any more," said Turner, 21. "Me and my girlfriend are going

to get a little rope and hang it down from the side of her balcony with a sign that says, 'Sell out.'"

Eleven thousand Coach Fran bobblehead dolls with a white shirt were given out and sold as part of a fast-food restaurant promotion. Another 5,000 dolls, with Crimson Tide red shirts, were bought by the university this fall for sale as part of a limited edition series.

Only a couple hundred sold, leaving university officials looking for new options now that Franchione has left and is viewed by some fans in a negative light for not telling his players in person about his decision to

leave.

Paul Isom, director of the university's Office of Student Media, said the office was offered 4,000 of the dolls at \$3 apiece, but the university withdrew the idea and the office decided against it, too.

"We considered all sorts of things, like giving people a driver, yelling 'fore!' and letting them tee off on them for five bucks a pop, but we had a couple of reservations about it," he told the Birmingham Post-Herald in a story Tuesday.

He said the student newspaper, The Crimson-White, has finished publishing for the semester, making bobblehead bashing hard to

promote.

"And it might come across as being too mean-spirited," Isom said.

One thousand of the dolls are being auctioned on one of the university's Web sites, www.rolltideauction.com, but interest has been minimal. Alabama officials have even asked Texas A&M's marketing department about buying some of the dolls, but eventually any dolls still around will probably be destroyed.

Daniel Hopper, director of the university's athletic marketing department, said that might make a winner of those who got a red-shirted Fran bobblehead.

## IN BRIEF

### Bulger to start for the Rams on Sunday

Marc Bulger received medical clearance to play Tuesday as the St. Louis Rams' quarterback carousel turned again.

Bulger, who has been at quarterback for all five Rams victories this season, has been out since Nov. 18 with a sprained ligament between his index and third finger. He's made progress the last several days and will replace Jamie Martin, who was ineffective in Sunday's 49-10 loss at Kansas City, for this week's game against the Cardinals.

Bulger has a 106.0 passer rating, which would lead the NFL by a wide margin if he had enough attempts to qualify. He has 12 touchdown passes and four interceptions and played well in the first game against the Cardinals.

In a 27-14 victory Nov. 3 in Phoenix, Bulger was 20-for-29 for 245 yards with two touchdown passes and two interceptions.

Martin lost a fumble that was returned for a touchdown and threw two interceptions in his third career start. Coach Mike Martz indicated some of Martin's problems were due to inactivity.

### Vince Carter out two weeks with knee injury

Vince Carter of the Toronto Raptors will miss two weeks with a strained right knee after colliding with a teammate during practice on Tuesday.

Carter missed 10 games earlier this season because of an injured left knee. The latest injury was diagnosed as a mild strain of his patella tendon.

The All-Star guard has averaged 19.2 points in 10 games.

Forward Antonio Davis also didn't make the trip to Cleveland for Wednesday's game because of a swollen right knee. Davis, averaging 13.5 points and 8.3 rebounds, left a game against Chicago on Friday

night in the second quarter with the injury and didn't return. He missed Sunday's game against Portland.

The Raptors, who have lost nine of their last 12 games, have been undermanned all season, and are still without Lamond Murray, Eric Montross and Mamadou N'diaye. Lindsey Hunter is expected to return on Wednesday night after missing 11 games with an injured right knee.

### Playstation named new sponsor of Rose Bowl

Sony Playstation has replaced AT&T as the sponsor of the Rose Bowl.

Monday's announcement came nearly eight months after AT&T said it would not be renewing its contract, leaving the nation's oldest bowl without a major corporate backer.

Washington State will play Oklahoma at the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day.

## around the dial

### NBA BASKETBALL

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### WOMEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL

Notre Dame at DePaul 8:30 p.m., 11 WHME

# Demons

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victory.

The road wins have been a vast improvement from a year ago when it took Notre Dame until Feb. 3 to get their third road win. McGraw said the team has already gotten over that hump this season.

"I think we're over the hurdle of winning on the road," McGraw said. "I think we've proven that and we've played well on the road. So I think now its just going to be a question of just looking at each game and come out and play hard. That's all were worried about. It's not the wins or losses at this time, its whether or not we're improving."

After DePaul, Notre Dame will play its second home game of the regular season when they face Temple Dec. 14 at 1p.m.

The Irish then have two more home games before traveling to Tennessee Dec. 28.

The Vols beat Notre Dame in the second round of the NCAA tournament last season.

**Note:**

With their 4-0 start, the womens basketball team is ranked eighth in the Associated Press poll, joining the Irish mens team in the Top 10. That makes Notre Dame one of only three schools with two basketball teams ranked in the Top 10.

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## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

# Nakamura meets with Mets' Phillips

Associated Press

NEW YORK Free-agent third baseman Norihiro Nakamura met Tuesday with New York Mets general manager Steve Phillips, who is seeking a replacement for Edgardo Alfonzo.

"We had a good meeting. We got to know each other," Phillips said after the session at Shea Stadium.

"I told him we'd be back to him in a couple of days. The player is going back to Japan tomorrow. He's got to assess what he wants to do. He has decisions to make."

Nakamura hit .294 with 42 homers and 115 RBI last season for Kintetsu of the Pacific League. In Japan, he has been courted by the Buffaloes, Yomiuri Giants and Hanshin Tigers.

Nakamura visited Los Angeles and New York during his trip to the United States.

He brought along Masami Shigeta, his Japanese agent, Greg McAleenan,

Nakamura's American agent, also was at Tuesday's meeting, as was Mets senior assistant general manager Jim Duquette.

"It was a good exchange of information," McAleenan said.

"We were quite pleased with the homework the Mets' organization had done on him."

McAleenan will get in touch with the Mets and other teams at the winter meetings, which start Friday in

Nashville, Tenn.

"I think the timing certainly is becoming an issue," McAleenan said.

"What we talked about today was putting Mr. Nakamura in a position in the very

near future to decide his options."

New York severed ties with Alfonzo on Saturday when the Mets didn't offer salary arbitration. Alfonzo cannot re-sign the Mets until May 1.

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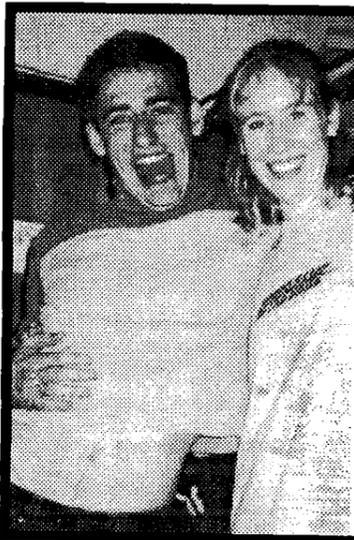
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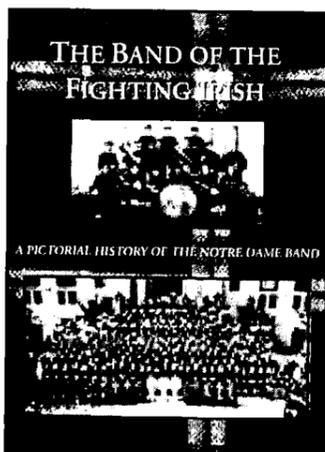
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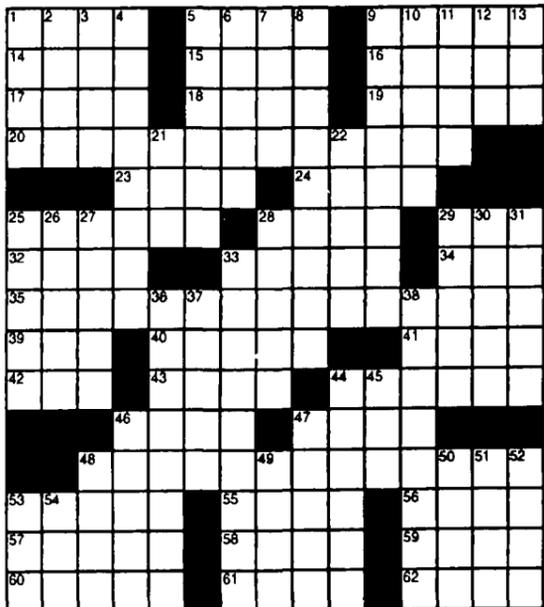
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# SPORTS

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## WOMENS BASKETBALL

# Irish try to freeze out Blue Demons tonight

By JOE HETTLER  
Associate Sports Editor

To say DePaul likes to shoot 3-pointers is more than a slight understatement — especially considering that Blue Demon guard Ashley Luke has shot 55 herself, while Notre Dame has only attempted 30 3-pointers as a team.

Stopping the DePaul's outside shooting will be the major challenge for the Irish Wednesday night at the DePaul Athletic Center when they face the 5-2 Blue Demons. Notre Dame (4-0) will be going for its fourth straight road victory of the season.

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**Muffet McGraw**  
Irish coach

Luke leads DePaul with a 41.8 3-point percentage, while teammate Sarah Kustok has drilled 40.9 percent.

Sophomore guard Jenni Dant leads the Blue Demons in scoring and minutes played averaging 13.1 points per game and clocking 28 minutes per contest. She was also named to the All-Tournament team when DePaul played in

the Rainbow Wahine Classic.

However, the Irish counter with an array of scorers. Notre Dame has all five starters, including three sophomores averaging double figures in scoring, led by Jacqueline Batteast's 17.5 points per game. The Irish have also shot 50 percent or better from the field in all four games this season.

"We have great balance," McGraw said.

"I think seven people are capable of leading the team in scoring, so we really expect at least five of them in double figures every game."

Another pleasant surprise for Notre Dame has been the play of Katy Flecky, who's 14.5 points per game is nearly three times her production last year. Additionally, fellow sophomore Teresa Borton has averaged 12.8 points, while last year's leading scorer, Alicia Ratay has added 12.5 points per outing.

Notre Dame is also finishing up a four-game road trip that saw the Irish defeat USC, Valparaiso and Arizona State. The Irish defense completely shut down the high-powered Sun Devil offense Saturday, as Notre Dame held Arizona State to only 16 first half points, en route to an 81-52

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ADAM MIGLORE/The Observer

Notre Dame forward Jacqueline Batteast gets ready to pass the ball during last week's Irish victory over Valparaiso. The Irish close out its four-game road trip at DePaul tonight.

## SMC BASKETBALL

# Belles look to deck the halls of Angela with a win

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN  
Sports Writer

The Belles of Saint Mary's have been playing well this season despite a record of 2-3. They took second place last weekend in their own tournament, losing in overtime to the University of Chicago. However, the Belles have had some time off are ready to bounce back against Goshen College (5-3).

Goshen, meanwhile, comes off a championship weekend, as they won their own tournament, defeating Purdue

Calumet in the championship game. The Leafs have started strong thus far, as they have already played eight games. They are a new team with a first-year coach in Steve Wiktorowski. Goshen has had to adjust this season after losing a four-year starting point guard and a NAIA All-American forward. However, they look to present a challenge for the Belles.

Goshen is an experienced team with three seniors and four juniors. These players have looked to help their four freshmen through the adjust-

ment to the college game. They have had more games than the Saint Mary's freshmen to learn the college game and look to take advantage of this experience.

Saint Mary's enters Wednesday's game hungry for a win. The Belles would love to avenge last season's 73-54 loss to the Leafs. It is their last home game until Jan. 11 and they would like a win before they go on the road for two weeks.

Leading the Belles is sophomore forward Emily Creachbaum and senior guard

Shaun Russell. Both were named to the all-tournament team in the SMC Roundball Classic over the weekend.

Russell is the only senior on a relatively young squad and she is the true leader of the team, contributing not only points, rebounds, assists and steals, but invaluable leadership as well.

"I feel as though it is my job to make sure that everyone, especially the freshman, is very confident. We need them just as much as everyone else. On this team, everyone is very important," said Russell.

Creachbaum leads the Belles in scoring, with 16.2 points per game and freshman guard Bridget Boyce is averaging 9.2 points. These two lead a balanced scoring attack that confuses defenses, as there is no one player to key on. Boyce leads a corps of 3-point shooters, and Creachbaum is joined by Anne Hogan and Maureen Bush underneath.

The Belles face the Leafs tonight at 7 at the Angela Athletic Facility.

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AT A GLANCE

### FOOTBALL

**Gator Bowl**  
Jan. 1, 12:30 p.m.

The Observer will publish a special 12-page issue on Monday previewing Notre Dame's first trip to the Gator Bowl since 1998.

### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Lawyers for both Pete Rose and Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig are exchanging drafts that could possibly end Rose's lifetime ban from the sport, thus making him eligible for entry into the Hall of Fame.

### MENS BASKETBALL

**Irish vs. DePaul**  
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

The time of Saturday's game is different from the time listed on the tickets for the game. The correct time (5:00 p.m., rather than 7:30 p.m.) is published above.