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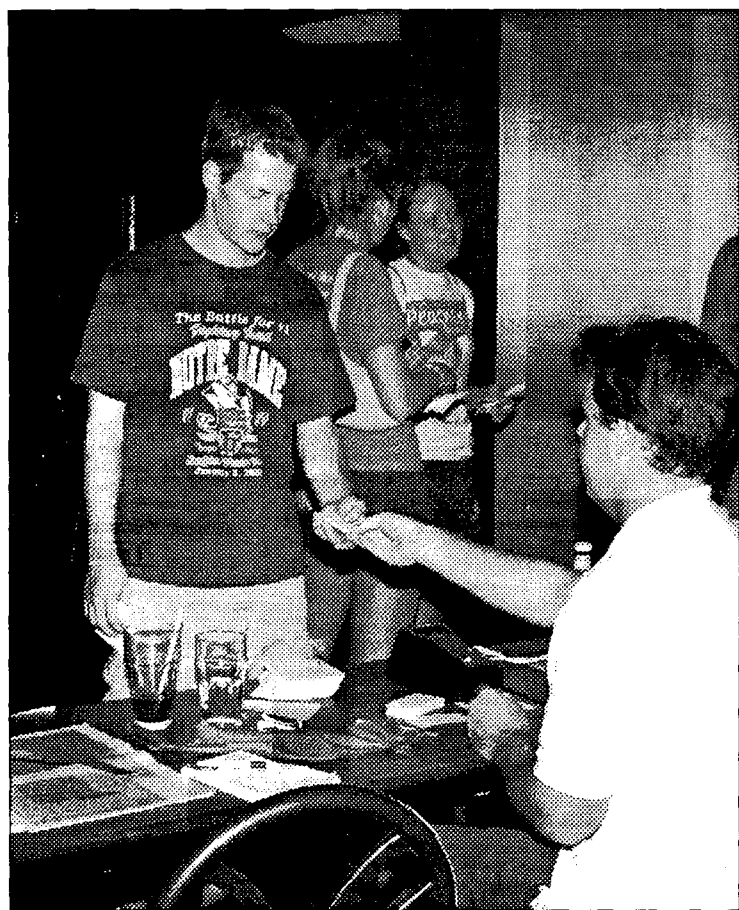
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SUB expects well-run lottery



Students line up to purchase tickets for last year's Purdue game. Measures have been taken to improve this year's lotteries.

Student organizers say ticket lottery will not repeat previous mistakes

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Associate News Editor

Keeping in mind last year's debacle — when 1,500 students lined up for tickets, leading to confusion, long lines and outrage — the Student Union Board said it is prepared to handle the rush of students expected to queue up for the Michigan State away game ticket lottery today.

The event, plagued in the past by fraud, organization and hundreds of irate students left with nothing after hours in line, is well in hand this year, said SUB president Jimmy Flaherty.

Over 1,500 students lined up for tickets to the University of Michigan away game last September — the second largest crowd in the lottery's history.

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State alcohol board to decide Boat's fate

By TERESA FRALISH
Associate News Editor

More than 19 months after a major police raid on The Boat Club, the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission is expected to decide today whether the popular student bar will ultimately sink or sail.

Though the bar managed to bounce back after suffering the largest raid in South Bend his-

tory — citing 213 underage patrons on Jan. 24, 2003 — today's decision could finally force The Boat Club to go under.

If the August recommendation of the local South Bend alcohol and tobacco board is any indication, the state commission will not renew The Boat Club's license. Typically,

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Indiana Excise Police raided The Boat Club, located at 106 North Hill Street, in January 2003.

Campus gambling affects ND community

University adds section to health class for freshmen students

By PAUL SPADAFORA
News Writer

The University has added a new segment on gambling to the health and fitness class, Contemporary Topics, which all freshmen must take.

According to physical education instructor Diane Scherzer, this addition on gambling is designed to raise student awareness of the hazards of gambling.

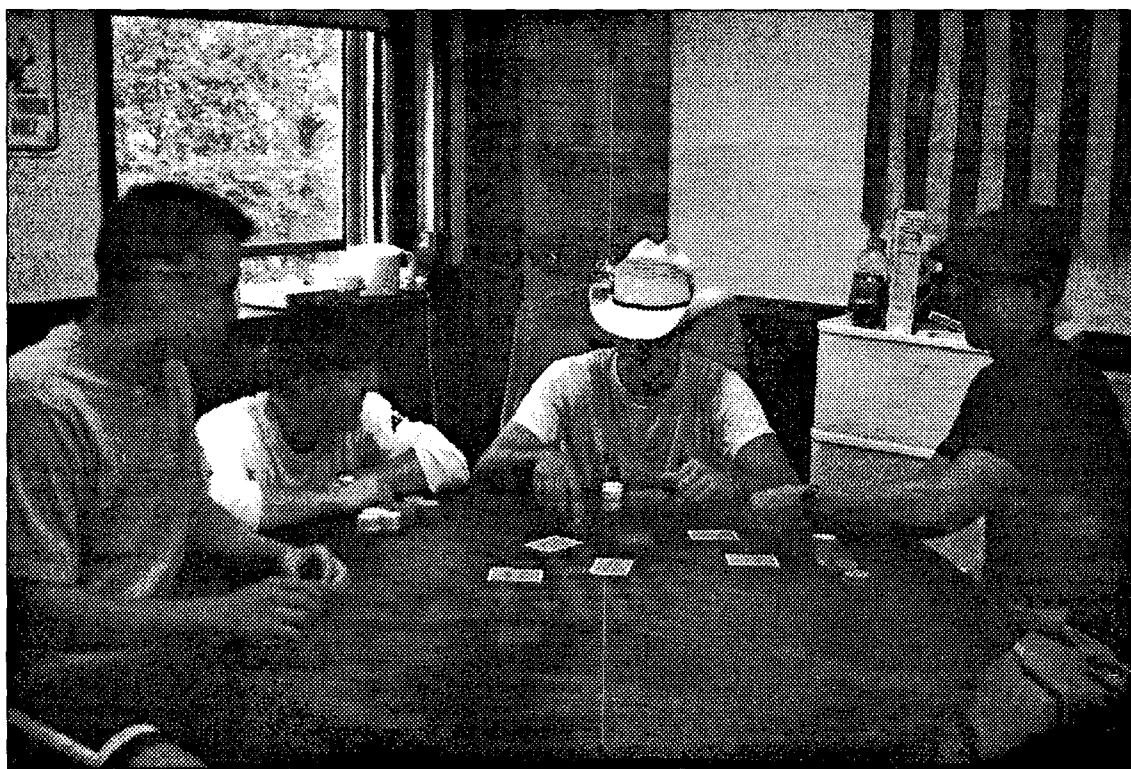
"A lot of students don't realize gambling can become addictive, and they also don't realize they can get help," Scherzer said.

She said the program involves an in-class discussion about the consequences of gambling as well as a discussion of gambling's addictive nature.

In addition, the program extends outside of the Contemporary Topics course. In the wellness planners given to this year's freshmen, information is provided on the social and professional risks of gambling.

"The wellness planner is a good vehicle to disseminate the information," Scherzer said.

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Sophomores (left to right) Ryan Smith, Mike Cozzolino, Preston Carter and Mike Kelley play a hand of poker in Carroll Hall. Gambling popularity has been increasing on campus, particularly in male dorms.

Community disagrees on severity of impact

By JENACA FORQUER
News Writer

A small, humid dorm room is packed with college students. Brightly colored plastic chips clink on the table as folded green bills pass from wallet to hand. The scene is, for many students, all too familiar —

tonight is bound to be poker night for at least one male dorm at Notre Dame.

Though campus opinion was divided about the severity of the issue, most agreed that gambling — from poker nights to fantasy football to online betting — is clearly on the rise.

Morrissey Hall rector Jay Steele said he has observed a

definite increase in gambling among Manor residents. In part, he attributed its popularity to the glorification of televised poker events, such as the World Series of Poker on ESPN.

"I think that tournaments on TV have made gambling very

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Transfers adjust to housing shortage

By ASHLEY SANDERS
News Writer

For some Notre Dame transfer students, the usual adjustment to a new college has been more complicated than in past years due to the severe on-campus housing shortage at Notre Dame.

To help alleviate the problem, the University and Saint Mary's allowed some female transfer students to live at the College's Regina Hall until rooms opened up in University residence halls.

The fifth floor of Regina started as a community of 20 but has dwindled to 13 as students moved to available Notre Dame rooms.

Transfer student Alyse Kinchen welcomed the option to live on the fifth floor of Regina Hall.

"It was all going to be transfers so we were all in the same boat," she said.

Kinchen's roommate Michelle Shiriaev, who attended Saint Mary's her freshman year, said her floor is gradually adjusting

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INSIDE COLUMN

Not a good deal

The average college kid gets most of his nutrients from two primary food groups — pizza and beer. Not only are these staples of the collegiate diet delicious, but they easily fit into both our schedules and our budgets. Everywhere I look, I see flyers and advertisements for pizzas that seem to get bigger and bigger but somehow dropping to record low prices, discounted for college kids. Pizza here is more common than grass. Even though they are virtually giving it away, Papa John's, Domino's and Sbarro still make a killing at Notre Dame.

Eric Retter

Sports Writer

Sadly, they will not take one dollar of mine. My world crashed in around me on July 11, when my doctor told me I was a Celiac. Celiac Sprue is a genetic disorder that causes the patient to have an intolerance to gluten, a protein in grains such as wheat and barley. I come from a long, proud tradition of Celiacs. Both my mother and father have the gene. While some families produce world-class athletes and others produce great thinkers, we generate people who can't eat bread.

The worst part of Saturday evening didn't even involve football. It came at halftime, when my friends came back with two large pizzas and a case of beer. Though offered some, I had to respectfully decline, seeing how my stale rice crackers and Coke more than filled me up, and then explain for the 4000th time why I couldn't eat normal person food anymore.

Overnight, I have become that kid, the one at the birthday party who never had cake and always brought his own snacks. No matter how popular, that kid never seemed to have a good time, and now I know why. Every party I have ever attended outside of the dorms has had a keg of beer. To my knowledge, not one person who's thrown a party has thought to stock up on something like hard apple cider, just in case.

The dining hall has become a repetitive nightmare as well. At what was once an overwhelming smorgasbord that could satisfy whatever craving I could conjure up I now eat only stir fry, grilled chicken, and tater-tots. I still haven't even entered the pasta room at NDH, my old reliable on "two-week-old ham" night.

Not everything about my new life is all bad. Because I'm forced to eat healthy, my midsection is no longer as soft as a jelly donut, which I can't eat anyway. If you want to know what brands of rice pasta to buy, I'm your man.

Still, some wounds may never heal. Every time I see a pizza deliveryman, it's like a slap in the face. Cans of beer laugh at me. Every day I'm painfully reminded of what used to be.

My doctor says that they're developing a drug that could reverse the effects of this disorder. She tells me it could be on the market in three years. Perfect. Just in time for full-priced pizza.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE NEW TACO BAR AT NORTH?



Katie Linhares
sophomore
Howard

"Taco bar? North Dining Hall? I know nothing."



Mark Munninghoff
sophomore
Keenan

"I wish it were self-serve cause this isn't Taco Bell."



Keri Matwick
senior
Lewis

"They never put enough tomatoes. I wish we could just make them ourselves"



Matt Ireton
sophomore
Keenan

"I've never tried it, but I imagine it would be amazing."



Kelsi Matwick
senior
Lewis

"Yeah, me too."



Nell Recce
sophomore
Keenan

"Beef. Heck yes!."



HILLARY THORNTON/The Observer

Notre Dame student percussion players gather to practice their music Monday outside of Crowley Hall.

IN BRIEF

Discover your inner child today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the children's section of the Notre Dame bookstore. Kay Londergan will be reading stories and leading activities.

Learn about Latin American politics at a lecture given by Kellogg Institute visiting fellow Mala Htun. She will talk about "Identities and Representation in Latin America" at 12:30 p.m. today in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

Come cheer on the Notre Dame volleyball team as they take on Valparaiso tonight at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

Pianist Jacqueline Smith, tenor Paul Appleby and cellist Nicole Thorn will perform classical music Friday from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the penote Performer's Hall in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

The Entrepreneur's Club will hold its first meeting today at 8 p.m. in room 119 of DeBartolo Hall.

Learn about volunteer opportunities with special needs children in the South Bend community. The Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Special Friends Club will host an informational meeting today from 9 to 9:30 p.m. on the third floor of the LaFortune Student Center.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

OFFBEAT

Prison guards find basketball full of pot

McALESTER, Okla. — Basketballs are usually puffed up with air, but somebody found a way of inflating one with a substance usually associated with puffing of another kind.

Oklahoma State Penitentiary officials cut into an exercise-yard basketball and found nearly two pounds of what is believed to be marijuana stuffed inside.

Acting on a tip from McAlester police, prison officials searched the yard and found the basketball, which held 30 one-ounce packets

of the leafy substance.

They seized the basketball from the Talawanda Heights unit, which houses 65 minimum security inmates for the prison and sits away from the main part of the facility.

'Monopoly' money for pizza send man to jail

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — A Danish man was sentenced to 25 days in jail after trying to buy a pizza with fake banknotes he said his grandchildren had made for a game of Monopoly.

The 57-year-old said he had rented two color photocopyers to make extra fake

money for the regular family games of Finans, a Danish version of the popular board game, the news agency Ritzau reported on Monday.

He said he had simply made a mistake when he tried to pay for pizza and ice cream with a fake 500 crown (\$80) note.

But the court, hearing that he had been carrying 57,000 crowns worth of forged notes when he was arrested, followed one of the Monopoly game's instructions and told him to "Go to Jail."

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Students consider adding members

By ELIZABETH CHEFFERS
News Writer

Members of the Council of Representatives met Monday to discuss the possibility of adding three new non-voting members to the council, from RecSports, Campus Ministry and the Center for Social Concerns.

Such a move would facilitate better communication between different interests in the student body, members said.

Kate Dissler, a member of the CSC student advisory board Voice, spoke at the meeting about the CSC's possible participation in COR.

"The CSC plays such a major role in so many campus events and they do not have a voice on any of the major programming boards," she said.

Student body president Adam Istvan said he would support the addition of a CSC representative.

"It would be a completely new, a completely outside voice," said Istvan.

The council plans to vote on the proposition at next week's meeting.

The RecSports representative would be chosen from the athletic advisory board, which includes dorm athletic commissioners and faculty members.

"All three of these organizations do a lot of programming events on campus, and so it makes a lot of sense to have them here to help us spitball ideas," Istvan said.

The group also discussed the Rock the Vote project. Representative



PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

Students discussed the possibility of adding three new COR representatives at Monday's meeting.

Dave Baron introduced Peter Quaranto, a member of the Rock the Vote steering committee, who gave a presentation on the overall goals and upcoming events he hoped student government would support.

"We're fighting apathy every way we know how," Quaranto said.

Quaranto said Rock the Vote was formed to combat the traditional apathy of Notre Dame students. It is a non-partisan group that includes representatives from various campus

organizations such as College Republicans, College Democrats, the CSC, the political science, English and film, television and theater departments.

"We've had some trouble because some people are afraid we are going to disrupt 'business as usual' on campus, but these are big times no matter where you stand," Quaranto said.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Group finishes constitution

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance approved revisions to its constitution Monday.

"I am very excited to approve the Constitution," student body president Sarah Catherine White said. "A lot of hard work went into this."

Campus Clubs commissioner Becky Bosak presented seven new clubs to BOG, which the board had approved for club status. The new clubs are College Democrats, Dance Collectives, Feminists United, Friends with Sisters, History Club, Super Sibs and Toastmasters I.

White said she had recently talked with new College president Carol Mooney. BOG will host several "meet-and-greet" events with the student body, according to White.

The first "Dessert with Dr. Mooney" will take place Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in Holy Cross Hall. Mooney will also be having dessert with students in McCandless Hall on Oct. 10, Regina Hall on Oct. 31 and LeMans Hall on Nov. 21.

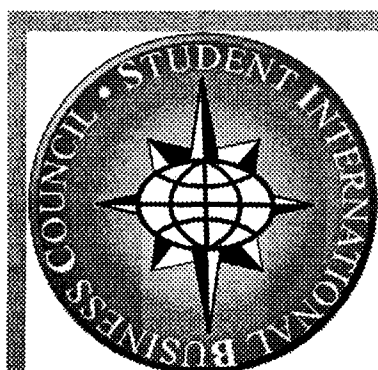
In other BOG news:

♦ Student Activity Board president Lauren Fabina reported an overwhelming success with last week's "Singled Out" game at Dalloway's.

"We are really looking forward to our next MTV-themed game, Room Raiders," Fabina said.

The SAB's annual Twilight Tailgate will be Thursday with a performance by the band Blessed Union of Souls. The tailgate will also consist of a barbeque and inflatables.

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Gambling

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popular over the summer," Steele said. "With the numbers increasing like they are we're going to start to see people with gambling problems."

Knott rector Brother Jerome Meyer also said poker playing was up among his residents, but disagreed with Steele's worries about addiction.

"Right now I don't see it as a problem," Meyer said. "It's a social activity that pulls them together. If it got out of hand then we'd deal with it ... We're keeping on top of what's going on but right now we don't see it as a major problem."

Gambling is low on the list of dorms' disciplinary priorities, said Father George Rozum, rector of Alumni.

"It was a problem a long time ago, [but] there are concerns that are much bigger," he said.

Among students who gamble, the consensus was one of harmless — not addictive — fun that rarely resulted in losing significant amounts of money.

"It's not a problem because I'm not out of control," sophomore Kevin Brennan said. "I don't gamble to the extreme."

Senior Brian Hagan, whose worst loss was only \$10, agreed.

"The majority of the time students control the habit and play until they break even, and then stop," he said.

Though sophomore Jim Theiss reported a one-time loss of \$45, he continues to gamble about three times a week. He said he spends between three and nine hours a week on gambling, an amount he described as typical among his friends.

Most students agreed the difference between a gambling hobby and a gambling addiction involves the frequency of play and the amount of money lost.

And because gambling is readily accessible — not requiring transportation, a large time commitment or anything more than a deck of cards — it has become a simple, habitual form of entertainment.

Gambling "is good recreational fun as long as people don't get carried away with it," sophomore Michael Pazirandeh said.

Senior Brendan Bowes said gaming and gambling are positive ways to socially interact with peers.

"Poker with the guys, and sometimes girls, has almost entirely been a fun social activity, and I've made friends doing it," he said.

Social gambling at Notre Dame is not exclusive to males, said Elizabeth Tran, a resident assistant in Breen-Phillips.

"I see a lot of participation in football and basketball pools, but I wouldn't consider it a problem," said Tran, who added that she often also observed students of both sexes gambling off-campus.

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the ATC follows the advice of the local board.

The commission is a four-member panel that votes yearly on whether to renew liquor licenses for Indiana bars. It is separate from the ATC prosecutor's office, which negotiated penalties for the student citations issued by Indiana Excise Police following the bust.

Initially ATC prosecutor Fred Bauer proposed that The Boat Club's license be sold or revoked, but Bauer and The Boat Club later settled on a \$5,000 fine and one-week suspension. However, Bauer has said he will waive the suspension if the bar goes one year without any more underage violations.

Due to government offices being closed for the Labor Day holiday, state and local officials could not be reached Monday

for comment.

The penalties faced by The Boat Club are light in comparison to sanctions received by South Bend bars involved in similar police raids.

Generally, raided bars have been forced to close and sell their liquor license. At a January 1998 raid of Bridget McGuire's Filling Station, police cited about 150 students. The ATC revoked the bar's liquor license, and the tavern later reopened as a coffeehouse under the same management.

When The Library Irish Pub, then known as Finnigan's, was busted in October of 2000, the bar remained open, but was forced to sell its license to new owners. Police cited about 150 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students in that raid.

In making the decision on penalties for The Boat Club, Bauer cited reports from excise police who monitored the bar for 19 months and found no evidence of further

minor in a tavern violations.

For its part, The Boat Club maintains that it has implemented more stringent measures aimed at keeping underage drinkers out, such as requiring patrons to show two forms of identification. But as to whether The Boat Club consistently adheres to these standards, student opinion is mixed.

"They're pretty tough," Boat Club regular and junior Tony Gill, 22, said. "They've been requiring two forms."

However, other students had an easier time.

One male underage junior, who declined to give his name, said The Boat Club did not carefully check his ID.

"This was the week before school started," the student said. "I actually just walked in unchecked."

Another male junior said he borrowed a friend's ID of skeptical quality to enter the bar.

"The friend I borrowed the ID from was of a different race

than me," he said.

Before Indiana Excise Police raided the bar in January 2003, popular belief among students was that the bar would never be busted despite allegedly lax standards.

The Boat Club is not the only South Bend bar facing possible sanctions from the ATC as a result of underage drinking violations.

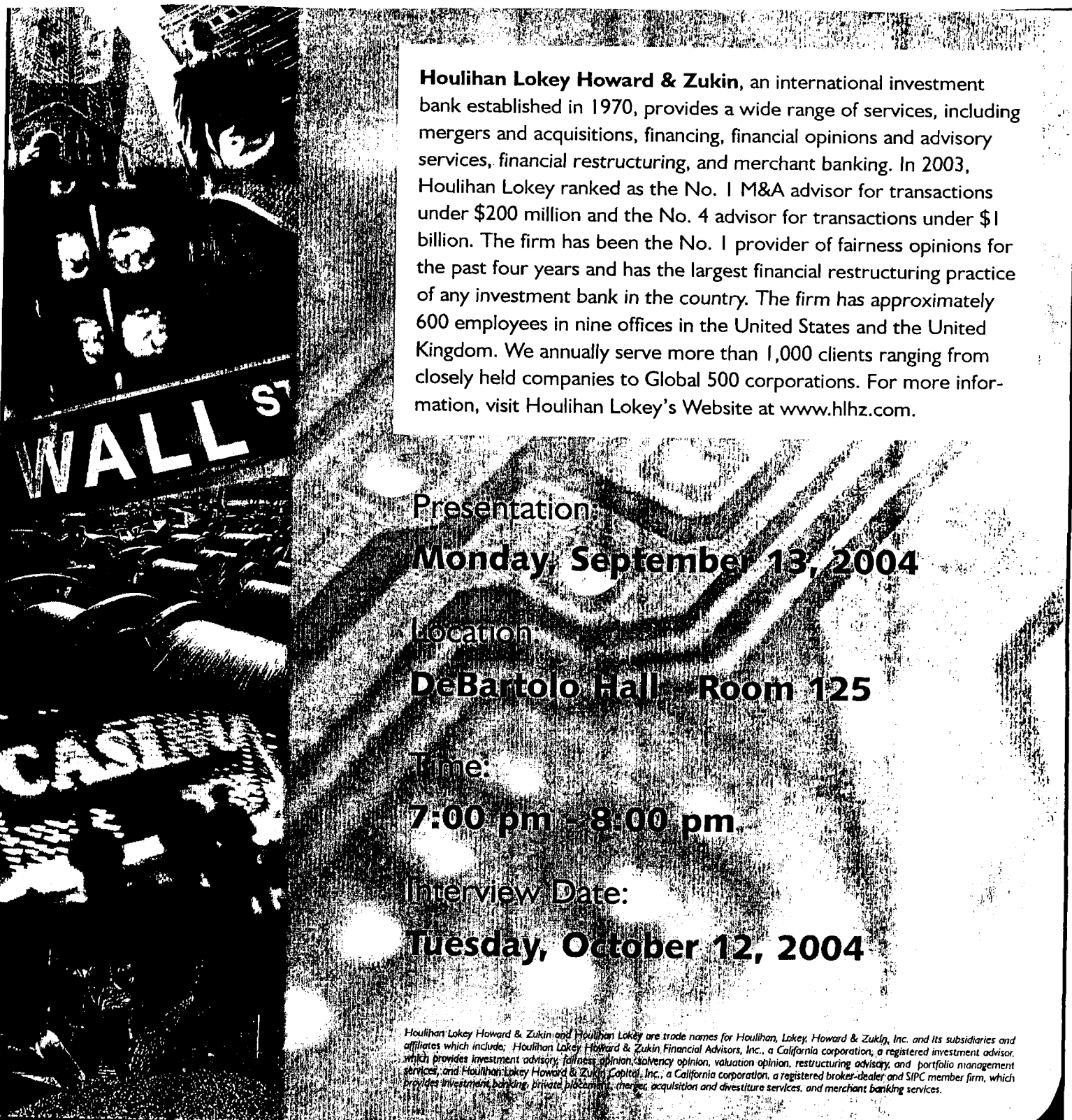
The Library Irish Pub, formerly known as Finnigan's, could also be closed by the ATC board. Excise police have raided the bar three times since fall 2000, including in this past April, April 2003 and October 2000, netting 20, 51 and 150 patrons respectively.

The local board has yet to make a formal recommendation to the state commission, however, local officials have said they strongly favor closure of The Library, according to The South Bend Tribune.

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"They're pretty tough. They've been requiring two forms [of ID]."

Tony Gill
Student



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Nation mourns victims of siege

BESLAN, Russia — Funeral processions filled the rainy streets of this southern Russian city Monday, carrying coffins large and small, as townspeople buried scores of victims of a carefully planned school siege that prosecutors linked to a Chechen rebel leader.

Desperate families searched for those still missing from the siege at School No. 1, while others buried 120 victims during the first of two days of national mourning across Russia, which has seen more than 400 people killed in violence linked to terrorism in the past two weeks.

Reports emerged that the attackers apparently planned the school seizure months ago, sneaking weapons into the building in advance. There also were signs that some of the militants did not know they were to take children hostage and may have been killed by their comrades when they objected.

Caribbean prepares for hurricane

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados — Islanders scrambled to put up storm shutters and stock up on supplies as the fourth major hurricane of the season churned closer to the Caribbean, packing sustained winds of 105 mph.

Hurricane warnings were issued for Barbados, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Grenada. Martinique was placed under a hurricane watch, while Trinidad and Tobago were under a tropical storm warning.

Barbados' Prime Minister Owen Arthur convened an emergency session of the Cabinet Monday to plan a strategy against Hurricane Ivan.

NATIONAL NEWS

Conditions hamper Cal. firefighting

SAN FRANCISCO — Firefighters were hampered by erratic wind and low humidity Monday as they made slow progress against a fire that had burned nearly 12,000 acres and four homes in the Northern California wine country.

The fire, which started Friday northeast of Geyserville in Sonoma County, had been 20 percent contained and full containment was not expected until Wednesday, said Janet Marshall, spokeswoman for the state Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The unpredictable wind and dry vegetation, compounded by uneven and often steep terrain, made the situation extremely dangerous for the 1,875 firefighters, Marshall said.

Bush and Kerry spar over Iraq

WASHINGTON — Democrat John Kerry accused President Bush on Monday of sending U.S. troops to the "wrong war in the wrong place at the wrong time" and said he'd try to bring them all home in four years. Bush rebuked him for taking "yet another new position" on the war.

Iraq overshadowed the traditional Labor Day kickoff of the fall campaign and its time-honored emphasis on jobs, as Kerry delivered some of his harshest rhetoric against Bush's handling of the war and highlighted its economic costs.

LOCAL NEWS

Deputy killed by power line

MOROCCO, Ind. — A power line knocked down in a traffic accident fatally shocked a Newton County sheriff's deputy who had gone to investigate the crash today, police said.

Investigators did not immediately know how Deputy Craig Blann came into contact with the power line, the Sheriff's Department said. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The line was knocked down when the driver of a car told police she swerved to avoid a deer on the rural road about 50 miles northwest of Lafayette and struck a utility pole.

Frances hits Fla. panhandle

Tropical storm kills five, floods street and leaves 6 million without power

Associated Press

FORT PIERCE, Fla. — Weakened but persistent, Tropical Storm Frances took aim at the Florida Panhandle on Monday after the former hurricane caused flooding and ripped roofs off buildings throughout a wide swath of central and southern Florida. About 6 million people lost power and at least five people were killed.

More than 13 inches of rain had fallen along Florida's central east coast, flooding some areas 4 feet deep, before Frances entered the Gulf of Mexico late Sunday. In its wake, boats and mobile homes were mangled, trees and power lines were toppled.

State officials urged people to stay where they were because of the possibility of flooding and the difficulty of finding service stations still in operation.

"Our message is: turn around — don't drown. If you do not have to travel, don't do so today," state meteorologist Ben Nelson said at a news briefing Monday. Lt. Gov. Toni Jennings said officials were working to get fuel to emergency workers and gas stations.

Not everyone heeded the warning, even as rain began falling heavily in the Panhandle. Tamara Suarez decided to open the Cafe Con Leche in the historic fishing and oyster village of Apalachicola because "it's better to be here than at home, just waiting and waiting and waiting."

Frances' path crossed some of the area hit by Charley, which killed 27 people and caused an estimated \$7.4 billion in insured damage. One risk-assessment company estimated insured losses from Frances could range anywhere from \$2 billion to \$10 billion, but a state official said it could be on



John Joseph Denero searches through the wreckage of his family's mobile home for their belongings after it was destroyed by Hurricane Frances in Fort Pierce, Fla.

the low end of that range.

"If it's the same all the way across, we're looking at a couple of billion dollars rather than the big numbers we were seeing earlier," state Chief Financial Officer Tom Gallagher, who oversees the insurance industry, said Monday. Experts estimate that total damages are typically about double insured losses.

Parts of downtown Tampa were flooded Monday. In Daytona Beach, one of the hardest-hit cities, roofs were torn off several small hotels and the Peabody Auditorium, where the London Symphony Orchestra appears annually. The sign across the

coastal highway proclaiming Daytona "The World's Most Famous Beach" was destroyed. Most of Daytona Beach and about a third of the state's 17 million residents remained without power, officials said at the briefing.

The National Hurricane Center said Frances showed signs of redeveloping into a hurricane over the warm gulf before striking the Panhandle. Evacuations began in four Panhandle counties.

"We really are hopeful that the winds won't be too severe — or the rain," said Scott Paterna, who raced to board up his bait and tackle shop near St. Marks, about 20 miles

south of Tallahassee.

At about 11 a.m. Monday, Frances remained a tropical storm, with maximum sustained wind near 65 mph and its center about 60 miles east-southeast of Apalachicola. The storm was moving northwest at about 8 mph, forecasters said.

After passing through the Panhandle, Frances will move into Georgia and Alabama. Radar showed rain already spreading into southern Georgia and parts of South Carolina, and the storm's effects were felt as far north as New Jersey, where riptides and rough surf interfered with weekend swimming plans.

Suicide bomb kills seven in Iraq

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suicide attacker sped up to a U.S. military convoy outside Fallujah and detonated an explosives-packed vehicle on Monday, killing seven Marines and three Iraqi soldiers, U.S. military officials said. It was the deadliest day for American forces in four months.

The force of the blast on a dusty stretch of wasteland nine miles north of Fallujah, a hotbed of Sunni insurgents, wrecked two Humvee vehicles and hurled the suicide car's engine far from the site, witnesses and military offi-

cials said.

The bombing underscored the challenges U.S. commanders face in securing Fallujah and surrounding Anbar province, the heartland of a Sunni Muslim insurgency bent on driving coalition forces from the country.

U.S. forces have not patrolled in Fallujah since ending a three-week siege of the city in April that had been aimed at rooting out militia-men. Insurgents have only strengthened their hold on Fallujah since then.

Early Tuesday, residents reported strong explosions around Baghdad. But the U.S. command said it had

no information.

Meanwhile, the Interior Ministry said medical tests confirmed that Iraqi authorities had once again mistakenly reported the capture of ousted dictator Saddam Hussein's deputy, Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri, putting a stop to two days of conflicting statements about his purported arrest.

Ministry spokesman Sabah Kadhim said unspecified tests had shown that a man being held in Iraqi custody was actually a relative of al-Douri who played only a minor role in Saddam's regime but was nevertheless wanted by authorities.

Housing

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is gradually adjusting to the unique situation.

"We carpool and take the shuttle," Shiriaev said. "The main problem is getting back and forth for meals. Sometimes we make two or three trips a day to Notre Dame."

The floor's resident advisor, Ashley Oberst, said she believes the girls have made the best of their situation carpooling and going to mass together.

"It feels like the girls have a strong Notre Dame identity because they spend all their time there," Oberst said.

Many of the transfers able to find housing on Notre Dame's campus find themselves in a tight squeeze. The University has been utilizing all available space for student housing, including converting doubles into triples and making study rooms into living space.

Sophomore James Rogers, a transfer from the University of Illinois, said he feels lucky to have on-campus housing in O'Neill Hall and has enjoyed his time at Notre Dame so far.

"About 20 transfer students from last year ran [this year's transfer] orientation," he said. "They did an awesome job of making us feel welcome and part of the Notre Dame experience."

Overall, a large number of transfer students, both male and female, were forced to seek housing off campus due to the time constraints of the entire transfer process.

Turtle Creek resident Sarah Boehm, a junior transfer, said she's needed to make a greater effort to be involved with campus life.

Boehm is comforted by the fact that she has a "Big Sister" dorm, which she doesn't live in but attends hall events to stay involved with the campus community.

"I would have rather lived in the dorms, and I find it harder to figure out what's going on," she said.

Boehm said being affiliated with a Notre Dame dorm, even though she doesn't live in it, has been helpful.

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Lottery

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At that lottery, SUB placed no limits on the number of IDs per student, producing long lines, and ended the lottery earlier than necessary because organizers misinterpreted NCAA and Indiana state rules governing lotteries. Prior to 2003, lotteries were plagued with fraud as individuals who were not students and SUB staff members obtained tickets. Now, SUB uses a machine to check student IDs.

However, changes in location and hours should prevent similar problems this year, Flaherty said. "Last year's issue with the ticket lottery occurred with the first one of the year when the lottery was held both at Reckers and the North Dining Hall," he said. "Last year's Executive Board recognized the issues and made great changes to the process by switching it to Legends and making the guidelines more explicit."

Like last year, Flaherty said the

lottery would not be open to Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students. He said the decision was made after lengthy discussion among SUB members and representatives of the College.

"It's just a decision we made as an executive board, based on what we did last year," he said. "We are the Notre Dame Student Union Board, and it's our job to serve the Notre Dame student body."

Tickets will be distributed on the club side of Legends from noon to 5 p.m., Flaherty said. Students will be assigned as many lottery tickets as they can within that time period, he said, but winners will be drawn only for the approximately 140 pairs of tickets supplied to SUB by the Office of Student Activities and the Athletic Department.

The system, which Flaherty described as "basic and clear," details that students can bring

up to six IDs per person and will be given an instruction sheet along with their lottery numbers to minimize confusion. IDs will be scanned to secure the system against fraud.

Contrary to past reports, the ticket lottery does not fall under the regulation of Indiana state law or the NCAA, said Flaherty.

The winning numbers will be selected after the lottery is closed and will be posted at the SUB office and in The Observer Wednesday.

Students will be able to use their tickets at the LaFortune box office.

Despite the football team's less than stellar start, Flaherty said that he does not expect a drop-off in the number of students vying for a ticket.

"I think traveling to away football games are a great experience for students and Notre

"Last year's Executive Board recognized the issues and made great changes to the process."

Jimmy Flaherty
SUB President

Dame students are going to be excited to travel up to East Lansing to the cheer on the Irish," he said.

Sophomore Stephanie Best said that a long wait, not the football team's record, would be the main deterrent.

"I know that a lot of people waited for hours in huge long lines last year. I don't want to stand in line all day for it — I'd rather buy tickets from someone standing outside the stadium on game day," she said. "Whether I go or not it depends how long the lines are."

Keenan sophomore Gary Jost, still deciding on whether to take his chances on the lottery, had the opposite logic in mind.

"A lottery is a lottery — you wait in line and you either get it or you don't," he said. "But I'm not too confident [in the football team]. I think Michigan State's a better team than BYU."

SUB will also oversee a ticket lottery for the Oct. 16 Navy away game.

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Western counties approach ghost town status

Associated Press

CONDON, Ore. — If Gilliam County loses much more population, its wide open spaces and collection of three tiny towns — with no stoplights and 1.6 square miles for every person — could soon become a veritable nowhere.

Percentage-wise, it regularly tops the census list of Oregon counties that are losing population, a steady stream of about 80 or 100 people every year.

And Gilliam County is far from the only place in the rural West that's in danger of becoming a ghost county. In places like Clearwater County, Idaho; Niobrara County, Wyo.; and Treasure County, Mont., the loss of 100 or so people regularly translates to population declines of 5 or 7 percent, year after year.

The drop is fueled primarily by two factors: old-timers who die, and young people who move away.

"Our teens graduate and they leave, and why not?" said Jan Eason, an associate pastor at a Nazarene church in Gilliam

County. "What is there to come back for?"

In Niobrara County, Wyo., which has just 2,237 people left after a decline of 7.1 percent between 2000 and 2003, 18.7 percent of residents are over 65, compared with 11.7 percent statewide.

And if the trends continue, in a decade or two, some such counties may be virtually empty.

"People either move to Billings, or, if they get really old, they go into assisted living or they die," Treasure County Commissioner Mack Cole said after a round of census figures last year showed that population there had dipped to 735 people. "The future is about what is now."

Some places, though, don't want to give up, including once-prosperous Gilliam County, whose farmers supplied wheat and grain to a battered world after World War II.

As other nations rebuilt, demand slipped. By 1984, many local farmers felt they had no choice but to take the buyout money offered by that year's

Farm Bill, aimed at curbing overproduction, and protecting eroded agricultural lands.

By the early 1990s, the county's economic backbone was gone. County leaders were searching for any kind of moneymaker at all. All they really had to offer was plenty of vast, empty space.

Fortunately, that was just what urban areas like Portland, 137 miles up Interstate 84, needed — a vast, empty space to put trash. Gilliam County became the site of an environmentally sound rural landfill, a distinction which now brings in \$1 million a year to the county's tax rolls, and is a linchpin of what remains of the economy.

"At night, we sit in our porch swing, and count the garbage trucks that go by," said county resident Darlene Smythe, 70.

Fueled by that success, the county placed an ad in The Los Angeles Times that touted the low cost of living, clean air, and non-existent traffic in Condon. National media parachuted into the story, and the responses poured in; when the dust cleared,

there were some new faces on the street. But they were mostly retirees, who didn't come with new jobs in tow.

Next, the county helped bankroll a nonprofit assisted living center, a move, Gilliam County Judge Laura Pryor said, to "stabilize, so generations can stay together."

But perhaps the crown jewel in the county's attempt to save itself from extinction is the Hotel Condon, the anchor of Condon's downtown, and once abandoned and empty, save for the occasional bat.

A motley group of investors — the local newspaper editor, farmers, ranchers, the district attorney, the owner of a local chemical company — decided they couldn't bear to see the grand old dame of a building waste away.

They all chipped in, as did the county, and little by little, the hotel was restored to its former glory, with period light fixtures and velvet drapes, as well as modern conveniences not often found in small town hostels, like wireless Internet access.

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IN BRIEF

Floppy disk reaches old age

ATLANTA — When Michael McCreary bought three new computers for his company, he had no need for one of the oldest and most common computer technologies, the floppy drive.

But like many computer customers, he ended up buying floppies anyway. After all, they're cheap and he still has a few of the 3.5-inch disks lying around.

"As long as I need those files, I need a floppy drive around. Then I can toss them," said McCreary, the president of an eight-employee Atlanta-area real estate management company. "The next computers I buy probably won't even have a floppy."

Long the most common way to store letters, homework and other computer files, the floppy is going the way of the horse upon the arrival of the car: it'll hang around but never hold the same relevance in everyday life.

And good riddance, say some home computer users. The march of technology must go on.

Like the penny, the floppy drive is hardly worth the trouble, computer makers say.

Stocks lower on jobs picture

NEW YORK — Stocks were modestly lower in Friday as investors sorted through an uninspiring employment report and Intel Corp.'s weak profit outlook hit technology shares hard.

Investors were satisfied with — but not impressed by — the Labor Department's latest reading on unemployment, which fell to 5.4 percent from 5.5 percent in July, and the 144,000 jobs created in August was close to the 150,000 Wall Street had expected.

"I think this continues the pattern of decent economic growth," said Ken Tower, chief market strategist for Schwab's CyberTrader. "It's not lighting a fire under anyone, nor is it suggesting the economy is on the edge of a serious contraction. So the market can focus elsewhere, with oil prices likely the biggest hinge for the market right now."

One day after a sharp drop in crude oil sparked a major stock rally, a barrel of crude was quoted at \$43.93, down 13 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Meanwhile, Intel's profit warnings continued to weigh on the markets, casting a pall not only on technology shares but also raising concerns about third-quarter earnings in other sectors.

Alitalia plans to cut 5,000 jobs

To avoid collapse, Italian carrier will cut almost one-fourth of its workforce

Associated Press

ROME — Italy's flagship air carrier Alitalia plans to cut 5,000 jobs as part of restructuring efforts aimed at avoiding collapse, news reports and an industry source said Monday.

The cuts are almost a fourth of Alitalia's 22,000-strong workforce.

The Italian news agency ANSA and other reports cited union sources. An industry source confirmed the reports, but did not elaborate.

Alitalia met with nine union leaders at the company's headquarters in Rome to discuss the restructuring plan and persuade reluctant unions to go along with the efforts.

The approval of the recovery plan is crucial to the company's survival as it would allow Alitalia to access a \$488 million loan approved by the Italian government and the European Union.

Without the loan, Alitalia says it has enough liquidity to pay salaries only until the end of this month.

Union leaders said they would meet Tuesday to discuss the plan, and called for further negotiations with the company. But early reaction to the proposed plan was negative.

"I hope there's some room for negotiations otherwise reaching an accord will be very difficult," Fabrizio Solari of the transport unit of Italy's largest union CGIL told the Apcom news agency.

Unions have opposed proposed job cuts over the past year by organizing massive strikes. However, Italian and EU officials in the past weeks have stepped up the pres-



Employees leave the building during a meeting between executives and labor union representatives at the airline's Magliana Centro Direzionale headquarters, in Rome.

sure on labor confederations.

Premier Silvio Berlusconi's government has repeatedly threatened to let the airline collapse unless unions accept the cuts. In Brussels, EU Transport Commissioner Loyola de Palacio said last week that the layoffs are inevitable.

Alitalia has been tightlipped about the relaunch plan devised by Chairman and Chief Executive Giancarlo Cimoli. But a few details have emerged in the past days.

The plan foresees the creation of a "good" company responsible for flight operations, which the government would aim to privatize as much as possible. The less appealing ground services would be separated into a "bad" company, which state-owned body Fintecna might reportedly buy into. Cimoli has set a Sept. 15 deadline for the plan's approval.

Alitalia, which is 62-percent owned by the state, is facing one of its worst times ever.

Still reeling from the

massive crisis that hit the airline industry after the Sept. 11 attacks, Alitalia has been struggling amid cutthroat competition from discount carriers and consolidation among established players. In late April and May the company was hit by a series of strikes that grounded some 1,500 flights.

The company has posted an annual profit only four times in the last 16 years. Its debt stood at \$2 billion at the end of June, up \$265 million since the end of 2003.

Brazil praised for economic policy

Associated Press

SAO PAULO, Brazil — Brazil's government got a big boost Friday when the new head of the International Monetary Fund praised its economic policy and economists raised their growth forecast for the continent's largest economy.

Since taking power in January 2003, the administration of President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva "has maintained coherent macroeconomic policies and formulated an ambitious agenda of structural reforms," IMF managing director Rodrigo de Rato said after meeting with Silva and senior government officials in Brasilia, the capital.

"These courageous policies are bearing fruit," said de Rato, a Spaniard and economist by training who took over the top job at the Washington-based lender three

months ago.

He said he agreed with the conclusion of economists surveyed by Dow Jones Newswires, who raised their expectations Friday for Brazilian economic growth in 2004 to 4.5 percent from about 4 percent.

The upgrade came after the government reported earlier this week that the economy grew a faster-than-expected 5.7 percent in the second quarter compared to the same period last year.

"Consumer spending is providing optimism, as is falling unemployment," said Ana Paula Rocha, an economist for ABN Amro in Sao Paulo.

Brazil did experience its worst recession in a decade last year, but

has now posted four straight quarters of growth and a decline in the unemployment rate three months running. The jobless rate stood at 11.2 percent in June, down from a high of 13 percent earlier this year.

"Consumer spending is providing optimism, as is falling unemployment."

Ana Paula Rocha
economist

The country's robust second quarter amid predictions for a repeat performance in the third quarter was fueled by a burst of consumer demand, an increase in industrial output and an ongoing export boom of agricultural and manufactured goods.

As a result of Silva's moves, "Brazil's vulnerability was reduced and the growing capacity of resistance of the economy helped protect the country from the recent turbulence in world markets,"

Chickenpox shots save \$100 million in hospitalization costs

Vaccinations help prevent hospital stays

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Vaccinating children against chickenpox saves the U.S. health care system nearly \$100 million a year in reduced hospitalizations for severe cases of the itchy disease, a study found.

Though most people who get the usually mild disease can be treated at home, chickenpox can be serious, and complications requiring hospitalization

can include severe skin infections, encephalitis and pneumonia.

In 1993, two years before the government licensed the vaccine for routine use in early childhood, nearly 14,000 Americans were hospitalized for chickenpox-related complications at a cost of \$161 million, compared with 3,729 hospitalizations and \$66 million in related costs in 2001, the researchers estimated.

Routine vaccination has reduced cases in young children who get the shots and helped keep the disease from spreading to unvaccinated older chil-

dren and adults, in whom the disease tends to be more severe.

The reduction in the disease "is excellent news for the vaccine program," said lead researcher Dr. Matthew Davis, a University of Michigan pediatrician who said he has no ties to the vaccine makers. The study was funded by the university.

Dr. Ben Z. Katz, an infectious disease specialist at Chicago's Children's Memorial Hospital, said the numbers are believable and were not unexpected.

"There's less complications, less hospitalizations, and you're saving money to boot. It's all

good news," Katz said.

The study appears in September's *Pediatrics*, prepared for release Tuesday.

Davis and colleagues analyzed 1993-2001 data from a nationally representative annual compilation of patients discharged from hundreds of hospitals nationwide, including information on costs and diagnoses.

Before 1995, 41 percent of patients hospitalized for chickenpox were children from infancy through age 4, compared with 33 percent for people age 20 and older. That pattern reversed by 2001, when 28 percent of chickenpox-related

hospitalizations were very young children and 46 percent were adults, the researchers found.

Despite indirect protection from vaccinating young children, adults and teens who have not yet had chickenpox should consider getting the shots themselves, Davis said. This is especially important for those who work with young children and for women of childbearing age, because the disease can be dangerous for the developing fetus, and the shots are not advised during pregnancy, he said.

Police say single person responsible for 6 killings

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Police said Monday they believe a single killer was responsible for the slayings of six people whose bodies were found within a blighted 18-block area frequented by drug addicts and prostitutes.

Police Capt. Rich Lockhart would not say what led police to connect the killings to a single person; the crimes have not been linked forensically. Authorities previously had said they thought the killings were related, though they had not theorized the slayings were the work of

one person.

Police were working with the FBI to develop a profile of the killer.

One of those slain was found in July, but five others have been discovered since Thursday — including those found after someone calling 911 told police where to look.

All the bodies were discovered on vacant lots or near vacant houses or apartments in an area east of downtown where drug dealers and prostitutes were known to congregate.

Lockhart said police were looking for similarities between the victims and the crime scenes. Police have not said how the victims died; autopsies were under way Monday.

Culinary institute unable to account for missing revenue

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The James Beard Foundation, a nonprofit organization created to promote culinary excellence, cannot account for hundreds of thousands of dollars in annual revenue, according to one of its trustees.

The accounting problem — the latest in a series of financial irregularities involving the foundation — was due to the organization's rapid growth, trustee George Sape told *The New York Times* for Monday editions.

Sape would not comment on how much money was unaccounted for or how it might have been spent.

Leonard Pickell Jr., the foundation's presi-

dent, is expected to resign from the board of trustees, the *Times* reported.

Pickell denied that funds had been misspent or misplaced, saying the accounting discrepancy was due instead to "bad record-keeping and insufficient resources," the *Times* said.

The organization also is under investigation by the New York state attorney general's office for not filing tax returns for the past two years.

Critics said the Beard Foundation's apparent financial irresponsibility undermined its charitable mission: to promote up-and-coming chefs. It arranges some 300 dinners and lunches each year at which guests pay up to \$150 to sample dishes prepared by foundation-approved chefs.

University of Notre Dame Annual Drinking Water Quality Report: Consumer Confidence Report 2003

The amendments to the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act requires each public water supply to produce a water quality report titled the "Consumer Confidence Report" (CCR). Following is the University's annual report for the 2003 calendar year.

The University's water system is operated by Facilities Engineering. It is a privately owned public water supply. The University's system provides water to the University community, the nearby C.S.C. properties, and Holy Cross Community College. Questions regarding the system or sampling results can be directed to Paul Kempf, Director of Utilities, 102 Facilities Building, Notre Dame, IN, 46556, phone 574-631-6594 or Mike McCauslin, Assistant Director, Risk Management and Safety, 636 Grace Hall, Notre Dame, IN, 46556, phone 574-631-5037.

There are currently five wells serving the water system. All are located on the campus proper. The water is drawn from deep aquifers that are adequately protected by substantial clay barriers that serve to protect the groundwater supply. We do not believe that our source is vulnerable to contamination. We are also taking steps to ensure that our water source does not become contaminated and are in the final stages of what is known as a Wellhead Protection Program. This program assists in defining where the water supply comes from and methods to protect the aquifers from future contamination.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at the EPA's website at www.epa.gov/safewater.

Contaminants that might be expected to be in source water (untreated water) include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or fracking.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or website www.epa.gov/safewater.

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. In general, if you flush your cold tap until the water gets as cold as it is going to get, you will have eliminated the potential metal concentration. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or website www.epa.gov/safewater.

We have tested for over 150 parameters regulated by the EPA and the State of Indiana. Included in these tests were metals, volatile organics, pesticides, herbicides, SOC's and cyanide.

Water Quality Data

The table below lists the EPA's regulated and unregulated contaminants detected in the University's drinking water. All of the contaminants are below allowable levels.

Not included in the table are the more than 150 other contaminants including pesticides, herbicides, metals, synthetic organic chemicals, volatile organic chemicals and others which were tested and not detected.

Regulated at point of entry (well)

Substance	Highest Level detected	EPA's MCL	EPA's MCLG's	Range	Source of contaminant
Nitrate (ppm)	0.9 10 10	<0.1-0.9			Runoff from Fertilizer use, +septic tanks, natural deposits
Nickel (ppm)	0.014 0.1 0	(0.0052- 0.0014)			Pipe materials natural deposits
Barium (ppm)	0.12 2.0 2.0	(0.057-0.12)			Erosion of Natural deposits
Arsenic	0.0025 0.01 0	<0.0020-0.0025			Erosion of Natural deposits
Gross alpha (pCi/L)	3.8 15 0	(1.9-3.8)			Naturally occurring
Gross beta (pCi/L)	21.2 50 0	(3.2-21.2)			Decay of natural and manmade deposits

Unregulated Substances

Substance	Highest Level detected	EPA's MCL	EPA's MCLG's	Range	Source of contaminant
Sodium (ppm)	100 - - -				

Regulated at the User tap

Substance	Highest Level detected	EPA's MCL	EPA's MCLG's	Range	Source of contaminant
Copper (ppb) 90th percentile	540 1300 1300	(1.56540)			Corrosion of plumbing systems
Lead (ppb) 90th percentile	8.4 15 0	<1.08.4			Corrosion of plumbing systems

Definitions

MCL - Maximum contaminant level (MCL). The highest level of contaminant that is allowed in drinking water.

MCLG - Maximum contaminant level goal (MCLG). The level of a contaminant at which there is no known or expected health risk.

ppm - Parts per million. ppb - Parts per billion.

90th Percentile - 90% of the samples were below the number listed. pCi/L - Picocuries per liter.

Since 1993, the University has been granted a standardized Monitoring Framework (SMF 1), monitoring waiver. Due to the high quality of the water, the monitoring frequencies are significantly reduced.

Doctors say Clinton bypass successful

Heart attack may have been in near future

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bill Clinton underwent a successful quadruple heart bypass operation Monday to relieve severely clogged arteries that had put the former president at high risk of suffering a heart attack.

"He is recovering normally at this point," said Dr. Craig R. Smith, the surgeon who led the operation. "Right now everything looks straightforward."

Smith said Clinton could leave the hospital in four or five days.

Doctors said they expect him to make a full recovery, although the heart disease they repaired was "extensive."

The four-hour surgery came three days after Clinton checked himself into the hospital complaining of chest pain and shortness of breath. Tests soon revealed that blockage in several of Clinton's arteries was "well over 90 percent," Smith said.

"There was a substantial likelihood that he would have had a substantial heart attack" in the near future, said Dr. Allan Schwartz, chief of cardiology at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia.

Schwartz said Clinton was awake but sedated about four hours after the operation ended. He still was using a breathing tube and had not spoken yet, he said.

In a statement, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and the couple's daughter, Chelsea, thanked the hospital staff for helping the family through an "emotional roller-coaster."

"The president's optimism and faith will carry him through the difficult weeks and months ahead," the statement said.

"There was nothing in this case that was outside the realm of routine."

Dr. Craig R. Smith
Surgeon

In bypass surgery, doctors remove one or more blood vessels from elsewhere in the body and attach them to arteries serving the heart, detouring blood around blockages.

The vessel typically comes from elsewhere in the chest, although doctors sometimes take one from an arm, a leg or the stomach.

"There was nothing in this case that was outside the realm of routine," Smith said.

Schwartz said it would be possible for Clinton in the future to lead an "extraordinarily active lifestyle" — including hitting the campaign trail.

Relation found between TV and sex

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Children who watched a lot of TV with sexual content were about twice as likely to start having intercourse during the subsequent year as those with little exposure to televised sex, researchers found.

High exposure to TV sex among those age 12 to 17 also was linked with a lower but still substantially increased risk of starting non-intercourse behavior, including passionate kissing and oral sex, the researchers found. Even shows that only refer to sex but don't depict it had the effect, they found.

"Exposure to TV that included only talk about sex was associated with the same risks as exposure to TV that depicted sexual behavior," said Rand Corp. behavioral scientist Rebecca Collins and colleagues.

From innuendoes to depictions of intercourse, sex is pervasive on TV, present in about two-thirds of all shows other than news and sports, and teens watch an average of three hours of television daily, previous research has shown.

TV thus "may create the illusion that sex is more central to daily life than it truly is and may promote sexual initiation as a result," the researchers said.

"When they're watching it for three hours a day, it really does become their social world. Those characters are people they identify with and pay attention to," said Collins, the lead researcher.

TV sex rarely deals with negative aspects most teens aren't prepared to deal with, including unwanted pregnancy, AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, she said.

That "sends kids the message that everybody's having sex and nobody's thinking about responsibility and nothing bad ever

happens," Collins said. "You don't see the fade to black, the couple has sex, and the next morning says, 'You gave me an STD.'"

The study appears in September's Pediatrics, released Tuesday.

The results are based on nationwide telephone surveys of 1,792 adolescents queried in 2001 and again in 2002. Parental consent for participation was obtained before the interviews.

The researchers devised a list of 23 popular shows that on average featured abundant sexual content.

Programs the researchers considered high in sexual content included "That '70s Show," "Friends" and "Sex and the City" — all popular with teens.

Participants then were asked how often they watched those 23 shows. They also were asked whether they engaged in various sexual activities; results were compared from the two surveys.

The number of teens who reported having had intercourse climbed from about 18 percent to 36 percent. The number who'd had sexual experiences other than intercourse climbed from 62 percent to 75 percent, Collins said.

Factors that increased the likelihood of having intercourse included being older, having older friends and getting poor grades. But even considering those factors, television still remained a strong influence, the researchers said.

Many youngsters start having sex during their teen years, and

previous data show that 46 percent of high school students say they've had intercourse. But many say they wish they'd waited longer to have sex, and television might be among factors influencing them to become sexually active too soon, the researchers said.

Liliana Escobar-Chaves, a researcher at the University of Texas School of Public Health, said the findings illustrate the importance of parents viewing and discussing TV with their kids, and of encouraging TV writers to depict sex responsibly.

The latter effort is a focus of

The Media Project, a Los Angeles-based advocacy program that works with TV networks to include accurate and responsible sex images in programming.

"We want kids to look at television with an educated eye," said Melissa Havard, the group's director.

One example is an HIV/AIDS effort the group has collaborated on with media giant Viacom, whose properties include CBS and MTV. In the past year and a half, Viacom has produced 22 shows with positive HIV messages, including a "Star Trek" episode in which Vulcans had to deal with the stigma of having an AIDS-like disease, said Viacom spokesman Carl Foltz.

But while acknowledging that television "certainly can make an impact," Foltz was skeptical of the study results.

"I don't think television makes anybody do anything," Foltz said. It's just one of many factors that influence young people's lives, he said.

"I don't think television makes anybody do anything."

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What John Kerry will do for America

Politics is a rather contentious topic at my house these days. My father has long espoused the view that Bill Clinton is the devil incarnate and that John Kerry and John Edwards are only days away from picking up pitchforks and branding the country with their own version of red-hot liberalism.

In contrast, I spent my summer in Washington D.C. working for the Democratic National Committee.

This decision caused not only raised eyebrows, but a few epithets as well. Even my 77-year-old grandmother told me before I left, "Honey, it's never too late to change your mind. You could still vote for George Bush when you walk into that ballot box."

Although not everyone in my family is Republican, as you can imagine, going against this grain has made for an interesting time. While at home, I find myself defending my views against an intelligent and well-informed debater, and while in D.C. I could always hear the ever-critical voice of my dad pointing out the various flaws in the liberal party line.

In response to Republican criticism, it is relatively easy to deride President Bush's policies during his term. And indeed, his political record will be an important factor this November. Rather than simply pointing out the flaws in Bush's record, however, it is vital that Kerry also provide voters with his own blueprint for the future of the United States. In addition, Kerry supporters, while retaining their right to criticize the President, need to focus on what John Kerry will do for America rather than on what George Bush has not.

The problem is not that such infor-

mation is unavailable. One may look on either www.johnkerry.com or www.georgewbush.com to find a watered-down-for-the-general-public version of each candidate's proposals. Unfortunately, in an election many tout as the most important of our lifetime, it appears that our next president will be chosen by the 10 percent or less who still remain undecided. Most of these will select either Kerry or Bush in the month or even the week before the election.

While exceptions clearly exist, it is also more likely that these voters will not carefully research their choices. They will make up their minds based on 30 second commercials sandwiched between shampoo ads and praises for McDonald's newest Value Meal. Many of these campaign spots will present skewed statistics which appear to condemn the opposing candidate.

To take advantage of the statistical dead heat in which our incumbent president finds himself, Kerry advocates need to counteract the current apathy of this section of the electorate. A virtual grassroots publicity blitz, backed by a thorough understanding of the tenets of Kerry's campaign plan, is vital.

With the unprecedented polarization of the nation, it is only too easy to engage in vitriolic attacks on either candidate. It is a shame, however, to reduce this election to such black and white statements. Neither man has an unsullied record and neither platform is ideal. One candidate, however, clearly demonstrates the direction in which our country needs to be led.

The Kerry-Edwards campaign slogan claims their team will make America "stronger at home [and] respected around the world." This approach is a plan for our nation.

Look at George W. Bush's platform as well. The Bush-Cheney ticket's slogan is "Heart and soul. Moving America forward." This phrase exemplifies the exclusively internal focus championed, rather arrogantly, by the current administration. It is, of course, imperative that our future president have the well-being of our nation as his top priority. In my opinion, however, the only way to provide and plan for the strength and security of the United States lies in being cognizant of the larger world that surrounds us. John Kerry's vision includes that world. He recognizes the need for a firm yet respectful and collaborative attitude within foreign relations. He will be an advocate for our safety and security. He will help boost economic growth. He will promote education and the environment.

John Kerry and his platform are controversial. One would be hard pressed to find a worthwhile politician who is not. America deserves the courage of Kerry's convictions and his platform's agenda over the next four years. John Kerry is not flawless. But neither is he the lesser of two evils as a sole focus on attacking Bush implies. At this point in time, the best way to support him is to explain why John Kerry instead of why not George Bush.

I don't believe there is a perfect choice for America in the upcoming election. I do, however, strongly believe there is a clear choice and that our next president should be John Kerry.

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U-WIRE

Bryant case leaves both parties with stained reps

The Kobe Bryant case has been on our TVs, radios and in our e-mails for a little more than a year, but the segment that had the public's attention — the trial — is now over.

District Judge Terry Ruckriegle threw out the case Wednesday in a deal where no criminal charges can be filed. Apparently the woman who filed the complaint dropped the charges because she didn't want to participate and be subjected to more relentless media coverage. I cannot for a minute say that I understand what it's like to be sexually assaulted, but I can say that if I were and knew who the perpetrator was, I would want to see him brought to justice.

The 20-year-old woman's credibility was put in jeopardy when the defense attorneys tried to get her mental health admitted as evidence to show her instability and desire for attention. The case breaker was when the judge said the defense could use her recent sexual history against it's client's accuser. By that time it seemed as though from the outside looking in, and apparently from the inside looking out, their case was deteriorating. On top of all of that, District Attorney Mark Hurlbert said the woman did not and was not going to testify.

Hurlbert told ESPN.com the decision to drop the case "is not based upon a lack of belief in the victim," but it's evident that there was a lack of belief in something somewhere.

Bryant, 26, wasn't let off scot-free. Under the conditions that the case could never be filed again, he had to make a public apology to his accuser. She is quoted on FoxSports.com saying she "insisted on that statement as a price of freedom." Even though the criminal trial is over, a civil suit is still pending and the only thing won in civil suits are — surprise — money.

I, for one, am glad the messy ordeal is over. It's sad that now both of them are going to have to spend quite a bit of time rebuilding their reputations. I hope the woman gets through this and lives a wonderful life.

As for Kobe, I hope he has learned his lesson and that others have learned from him that everything that looks good isn't good for you.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it's time to pause and reflect."

Mark Twain
author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Constructing' Tariq Ramadan

The recent exchange of views in The Observer over the revocation of Professor Tariq Ramadan's visa, effectively barring him from taking up his teaching position at Notre Dame, makes clear that the issue has stirred up a hornet's nest here. It is an indication at a micro-level of the larger controversy swirling about Professor Ramadan, particularly in Europe, which has now reached our neck of the woods with a vengeance. For someone observing these exchanges somewhat dispassionately, they may well appear to be not about the man himself but about who perceives and chooses to believe what about him, and how that gets played out against the backdrop of the anxious times we live in. I would hazard a guess that a fair number of people holding strong opinions about Ramadan have not read a thing written by him — as opposed to about him — nor had an occasion to meet him. The nature of many of the innuendos and accusations leveled at him suggests not a discourse based on facts but — to use a fancy term — a "tropic" discourse, heavily laden with "tropes." Tropes point not so much to facts but to perceptions and assumptions about a person, thing, or event, which then acquire lives of their own and become "constructs."

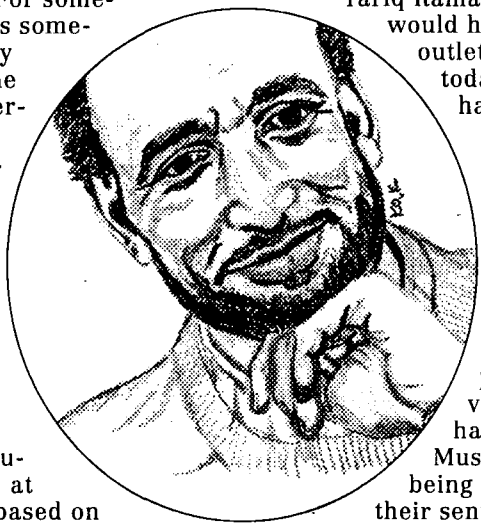
By virtue of his genes, his religious affiliation, and activism, Ramadan invites "construction" in our current political climate. Of the various charges constructed against him on the basis of his pedigree, one sticks out. Ramadan, it is alleged, is the clandestine leader in Europe of the Muslim Brotherhood, an organization founded in Egypt by his grandfather — so clandestine in fact that tongues apparently are wagging about it all over Europe. For some, this charge is credible

despite Ramadan's repeated denials. One "knows," after all, that political demagoguery and the will to dominate the world are biologically transmitted among the members of certain religious groups. Even though at particular historical moments we have learned of the follies of engaging in such essentialist thinking, we tend to slip back into such lazy and dangerous generalizations in fraught times. If Tariq Ramadan did not exist, some would have to invent him as an outlet for their visceral fears today. And, indeed, some have.

I agree with both Professor Walshe and Rabbi Signer that dialogue, and especially inter-faith dialogue, remains a critical necessity for forging a way forward. Ramadan espouses such dialogues and has participated in them with various faith groups. He has also criticized some Muslims and non-Muslims for being excessively partisan in their sentiments, since that has prevented them from finding common ground on the basis of universal principles. Such criticism admittedly has not been welcomed by everyone but it is not out of place in a constructive dialogue, which entails candor and engagement with diverse perspectives. Constructive dialogue further requires that the interlocutors be physically present. The Kroc Institute's efforts to bring Professor Ramadan to the table speak to its foundational commitment to dialogue and a commendable willingness to take risks for the possibility of a better, non-violent future.

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U-WIRE

War on terror needs candidates' creativity

Whether local or national, let there be no mistake — Election Day 2004 is quickly approaching. For Americans, it is time to engage in some much needed decision making on the issues that matter most. Two months remain before voters choose which candidate will defend those issues best.

The war on terror continues to be the issue that begs for creative answers by both candidates running for president. The Bush administration is the first in what will be a long line of presidents who must use innovation and creativity to fight this lingering problem.

Ryan Stalnaker

Texas Tech University Daily

As Afghanistan and Iraq move toward freedom, it is time to evaluate where we were and where we're headed. What is next with regard to the international fight against terrorism? What is next here at home for maintaining and increasing homeland security?

The questions above should be the foremost concern of voters across the nation. Terrorism, being the unconventional war it is, will be fought with less power and more finesse. Bush, in his three years as president, created the Department of Homeland Security, the U.S.A. Patriot Act and the TSA. Not a bad start, considering he has outlined further ideas for a second term.

Kerry must match this by explaining a unique strategy for maintaining security aside from the cliché, feel-good remedies he has proposed. The American people deserve much more than Kerry saying "ditto" to the 9/11 Commission or offering universally agreed-upon ideas. Adding troops and strengthening the military are wonderful, but where is the innovation?

Kerry must explain what it means to "lead a coalition of the able," as it states on his Web site. Post 9/11, the world thrives on intelligence gathering. Kerry uses opponents of the war in Iraq (France, Germany, Russia, etc.) to be indicative of our opponents in the war on terror. We continue to share intelligence on a continual basis with countless nations, including those who failed to assist America in Operation: Iraqi Freedom. When free nations share the burden of intelligence, everyone benefits. So what is this new "coalition?"

Kerry's inconsistent stance on the U.S.A. Patriot Act is also room for concern. In the aftermath of 9/11, Kerry gave his support to this cornerstone of domestic security, even writing portions of the bill.

"I believe these serious threats to our security justify our passing this legislation swiftly," he stated in 2001.

Now he wavers on how much or how little he supports the Patriot Act.

The real issue at stake is whether Kerry has any unique ideas for making America safer. If stem cells and abortion prevented terrorism, I guess Kerry has all the answers. Where are the efforts to bring business into the fight against terrorism? Where are the ideas for reforming intelligence gathering?

Kerry has made the case that America is less safe due in part to the Bush administration. If that is true, then creative solutions should exist in abundance. Either Kerry has no ideas or wants to keep them a secret until his inauguration. Either way, it is bad for stability in troubling times. America does not need a Socratic talk from John Kerry; it needs clarity when it comes to protecting innocent lives. For voters, the choice has never been so obvious. It is creativity versus ambiguity, and ambiguity is almost out of time.

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Show support this weekend

After Saturday night I noticed many people questioning — and rightly so — the direction our football team is headed in. I've also heard many people entertain thoughts of selling their tickets for Saturday's game against Michigan. Certainly the reasons for this are attractive. The first being the return on the investment. Let's just say you probably wouldn't be selling your ticket for less than you paid for it. The second reason is that some people have no desire to watch the same product on the field that was in Utah on Saturday. This is also understandable.

Saturday, we face an opponent that I can say confidently will be markedly better than Brigham Young University. That said, may I urge each and every student at this school to attend Saturday's game. First, you get 24 home games as a student. Cherish every one of them. This is time — no matter what the outcome — that will be spent

with friends, family, alumni and can never be relived as a student. There are people all over the country, both alumni and the subway alumni who would give anything to be in your shoes. Secondly, Michigan-Notre Dame —

regardless of the current standings — generates enormous national media coverage.

No matter what happens on the field, we as students, have a reputation for creating the finest home field experience in the nation. Before I was a student here, I was in awe when I watched on TV as the Notre Dame student body clapped to drum cadences, sang the fight song until they were blue in the face and did countless pushups after a Notre Dame touchdown. The third and most important reason for attending Saturday's game deals with our opponent. I attended the game last year in Ann Arbor and experienced a culture that was so distasteful and so arrogant that I thanked my lucky stars for

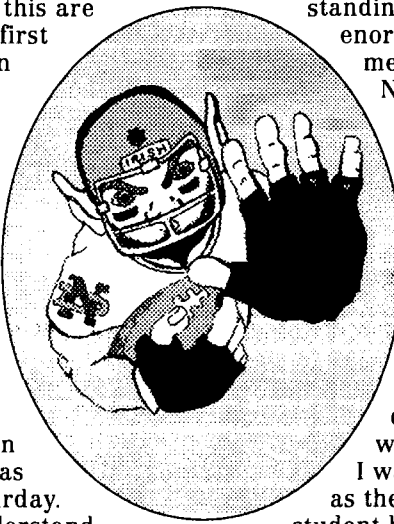
Notre Dame and the class we exhibit in both victory and defeat. Whether we like it or not, Michigan fans will be here on Saturday, but we must do everything we can to keep them out of our house. The traditions we hold dear will be completely disregarded. We can't control what happens on the field, but we as students have an obligation to do our part. Our part is to show up, cheer loud, and support our classmates no matter what the outcome. So I urge all of you. Freshman this will be your first. Seniors this is the beginning of your final season. Give it everything you have, this is time you won't have back. And maybe, just maybe we can rekindle a little bit of the magic that drove the Four Horsemen, Knute Rockne and the 11 national championship teams that provide the foundation for the traditions we hold dear. Maybe, just maybe we can win this one. "Some time when the team is up against it, when things are wrong and the breaks are beating the boys — tell them to go in there with all they've got and win just one..."

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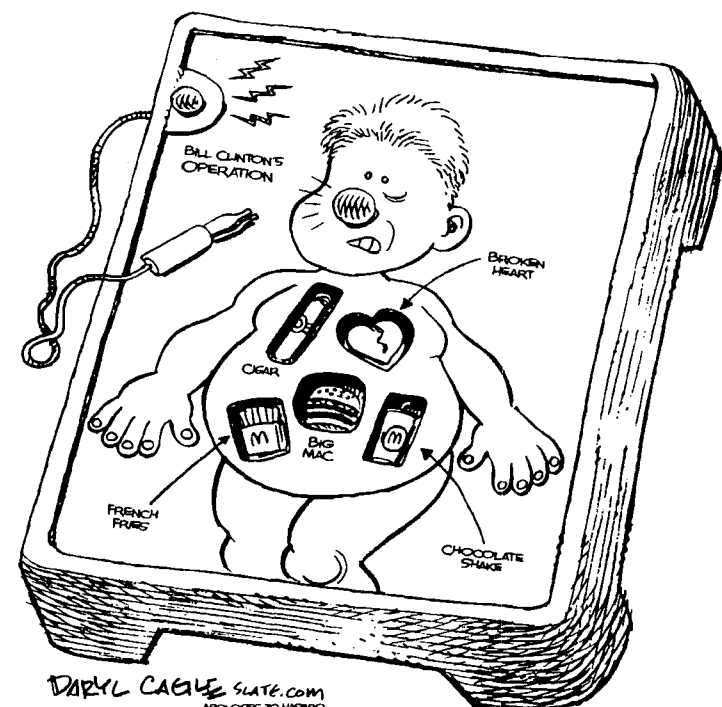
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DVD REVIEW

Season 6 of 'Sex and the City' delivers

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Scene DVD Critic

The final season of a television show usually goes one of two ways. More often than not, the final season reminds you why it's going off of the air in the first place with uninspired episodes and a feeling of obligation to wrap up all plot lines. The rarer end to a show is a season that makes you wish that the show would go on forever. "Sex and the City," Season 6 Part 1, while not the complete final season, manages to keep the show fresh while slowly and subtly wrapping up the loose ends in preparation for the final farewell.

"Sex and the City" is a completely character-driven show as the entire premise is following the love lives of four single New York women. The four women are Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker), the shoe-addicted sex-column writer; Charlotte (Kristen Davis), the WASP-y art gallery director; Miranda (Cynthia Nixon), the cynical lawyer;

and Samantha (Kim Cattrall), the man-eating PR executive. Some episodes may be confusing to those who are jumping into the series cold, because they follow a story-arc built up over the past five seasons, but the series can still be enjoyed by just about anyone, even males.

Season 6 opens with "Market to Market," a great episode comparing the volatility of the stock market with the instability and uncertainty of dating. Carrie begins her relationship with Jack Berger (Ron Livingston of "Office Space" fame), another writer. Their union seems blissful, until both of them release books at the same time. While Carrie finds major success with her book, Berger is dropped by his publisher and the whole thing ends with Berger dumping her on a Post-it note, prompting one of the funniest episodes on the disc, "The Post-it Always Sticks Twice."

While Carrie's love life takes a turn for the worse, her friends have their own personal adventures. Miranda is torn between her love for the bartender Steve (David Eigenberg), the father of her baby, and the perfect New York Knicks doctor (Blair Underwood) she's dating. Charlotte finally finds true love with Harry (Evan Handler), but they face a dilemma when marriage becomes an issue because he's Jewish and she isn't. Samantha has a fling



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Miranda (Cynthia Nixon), Charlotte (Kristin Davis), Samantha (Kim Cattrall) and Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker) explore single life in NYC in "Sex and the City."

with a hot waiter/actor Smith Jarret (Jason Lewis), and it quickly becomes more serious than she ever wants a relationship to be.

The DVD set, like all of the "Sex and the City" collections, does not have many extras. There are commentaries from producer Michael Patrick King for a few episodes, and this set also includes a discussion from the Museum of TV and Radio Seminar Series and previews for all of the episodes.

The most unfortunate aspect of this set of DVDs was HBO's choice to divide the last season into two separate discs. There can be no good reason behind it

except greed and a desire to extend the "Sex and the City" brand for as long as possible.

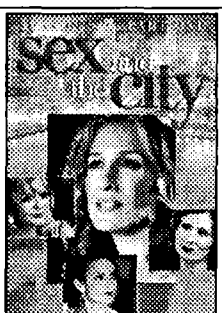
It also leaves the set with something of an unfinished feeling, which I suppose is what they want viewers to feel so that they go out and buy the last half of the season; but it just doesn't seem like a fair thing to do to fans. "Sex and the City" Season 6 Part One is a great DVD set, marred only by the decision to divide the final season into two parts.

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DVD REVIEW

'Butterfly Effect' rises above shortcomings

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Scene DVD Critic

Change one thing, change everything. That is the tagline to the semi-recently released movie, "The Butterfly Effect." The butterfly effect, also known as Chaos Theory, was made widely known to the average moviegoer in the movie "Jurassic Park." As "Jurassic Park" explained, everything in the world is interconnected, and every action has the potential for many unforeseen consequences. The "butterfly effect" stands for the idea that a butterfly flapping his wings in South Bend can create a hurricane in Florida.

The 2003 film "The Butterfly Effect," however, one-ups "Jurassic Park" by doing more than just explaining the theory; it shows the results of one changed action through many different scenarios. While this is hardly the first movie to have followed such a principle, it is one of the better ones.

Even though Ashton Kutcher's role as the main character is a drawing point for interested viewers, the supporting roles are what drive the movie. Amy Smart, Elden Henson and Melora Walters all turn in memorable performances. Kutcher does suffer a little through his manipulations, but the secondary characters make up for the main character's shortcomings.

This is a good movie, but it is far from perfect. There are some obvious plot holes, and Kutcher may not have been the best young actor for the job. Another movie that follows the same idea, but with a better lead and execution is "Donnie Darko," starring Jake Gyllenhaal. If you haven't seen that movie, check it out. If you have seen only one of these two movies, and liked it, I would recommend the seeing the other to see a different execution of similar story ideas.

This is a very dark movie. If you are looking for the feel good movie of the year, look elsewhere. Bodily and mental harm come to almost every person in this movie, innocent or otherwise. While some may appreciate the grim nature of the movie and some of its inhabitants, others may not.

The director's cut, included on the new DVD by New Line Cinema's Infinifilm, is even darker. Many of the things that were



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Kayley Miller (Amy Smart) and Evan Treborn (Ashton Kutcher) catch up during a meal in one of Evan's alternative lives in the thriller "The Butterfly Effect."

hinted at in the movie are actually displayed in the directors cut, as well as an ending that will cause people to question what they just saw. The director's cut, as well as the theatrical one, are both packaged on the same DVD. The two versions are far enough apart, with completely different endings, that they both warrant a viewing.

The audio and video are done quite well in this film. The video is crisp and clear. Viewers are able to see all of Ashton's dazed and confused looks with utmost clarity. All the dialogue and ambient noises have also been

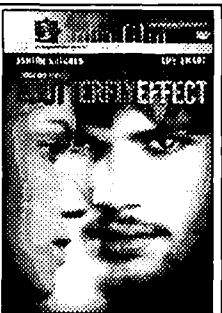
transcribed very clearly. The DVD comes packed with quite a few extras, just like previous Infinifilm's DVD releases. There are two documentaries, one about time travel and the other dealing with chaos theory. Commentary from the directors and writers and some DVD-ROM content is also included.

Overall, this is a classy presentation for the film and one that would please any movie fan.

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The Butterfly Effect

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MOVIE REVIEW

Foreign language film is a visual masterpiece

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At first it doesn't make sense. With no long-winded explanations or details, men and women soar into the open sky, engaged in a graceful ballet of martial arts. It's been seen before in Ang Lee's "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon." But the statue of limitations on this sort of entertainment seems to be timeless as this hybrid of art and action still feels like a breath of fresh air. While "Hero" does not capture the same heartfelt emotions as its artistic predecessor, it still succeeds on its own as a simply beautiful, lavish piece of filmmaking.

"Hero" tells the story of a distant war torn land when ancient China was divided into seven kingdoms. Qin (Daoming Chen), the ruthless and ambitious emperor of the northern province, is rising to power and seeks to unite all the seven provinces under his iron fist. However, he is under constant threat of assassination from the three greatest warriors of the time, Broken Sword (Tony Leung), Flying Snow (Maggie Cheung) and Sky (Donnie Yen). When one of Qin's local magistrates claims to have defeated all three warriors, the nameless champion (Jet Li) is summoned to the king's palace to

relate how he managed his single-handed victories.

In many ways, "Hero" feels like an evolution of the same visual elements that made "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" such a wonder to behold. Watching the fight scenes is like watching poetry in motion. Awash with color and lush settings, each battle seems to have been hand painted with a brush to produce breathtaking results. Two particularly memorable conflicts included one set amongst a swirl of countless, red-tinted spring blossoms and another on the clear, serene surface of a remote lake. Painstakingly rehearsed and coordinated fight choreography just adds to the overall equation and produces moments within the film that rival, and sometimes surpass, those in "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon."

"Hero"



Director: Yimou Zhang
Writer: Feng Li and Yimou Zhang
Starring: Jet Li, Tony Leung, Maggie Cheung, Donnie Yen and Ziyi Zhang

The cast of "Hero" has been described as an Asian version of "Ocean's 11" in its collaboration of the most successful, A-list Hong Kong film stars. The performances in "Hero" certainly support this claim. Jet Li gives a quietly reserved, tranquil performance that is unlike many of the big-budget action films that have catapulted him to fame. But the most memorable moments within the plot come from the required



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Jet Li stars as a nameless warrior who defeats the three most deadly assassins in ancient China in the foreign-language, martial arts epic "Hero."

love between Tony Leung and Maggie Cheung's characters. Instead of playing on the pair's passion, the actors give much more subtle performances that focus on their characters' search for a peaceful end together in a harsh, embattled world.

The primary downfall for "Hero" is its length, or lack thereof. In order for the motivations of the characters and their ideals to really resonate, the themes of the film should have been explored for more than 90 minutes. The themes revolving around honor and a warrior's duty form the main focus for the film but there are times when these themes seem to be pushed to the rear in order

in order to fast forward to another captivating warrior clash. For this reason, the film does not resonate with the same raw emotion that "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" did.

Instead, "Hero" will probably be remembered more for the beautiful images it conveys. If audience members take a step back and allow themselves to soak in all that the film's artful canvas has to offer, they might really love the film. And that's certainly not a shabby way to be remembered in years to come.

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DVD REVIEW

Fourth time is a charm for 'The Simpsons'

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Scene Critic

All television shows manage to eek out a few good episodes, and some even manage a few great ones in their run, but the mark of a television classic is when you have an entire season of memorable shows. "The Simpsons" Season 4 is about as close as you can get to a perfect season of television. The fourth season established the show as a solid classic, and not just the fad it was thought to be when it first aired. There is not a bad episode to be found, and fortunately for fans, the DVD package is worthy of such a flawless example of television programming.

Classic episodes from the season deal with often seemingly tangential subjects, but they all tie up nicely at the end. "Marge vs. the Monorail" is a classic written by Conan O'Brien that mocks "The Music Man" and mass transit. "Last Exit to Springfield," ranked as the best episode ever by Entertainment Weekly, finds Homer accidentally becoming a Union leader

because Lisa needs braces and the nuclear power plant workers are ready to trade their dental plan for a keg. "I Love Lisa" establishes Ralph Wiggum as a character with the memorable "I Choo-choo-choose you!" valentine. "A Streetcar Named Marge" pokes fun at "A Streetcar Named Desire" with a musical version entitled "O, Streetcar!" and also manages to take shots at "The Great Escape" and Ayn Rand. "Krusty gets Cancelled" ends the season with celebrity guests including Hugh Hefner, Bette Midler, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Luke Perry and Elizabeth Taylor joining forces to save Krusty the Clown from cancellation.

The DVDs are packed in a foldout container, and a helpful booklet that describes each episode as well as the special features that are included. Aside from the standard commentary tracks, the DVD set also includes some unusual extras. A segment entitled "A Cajun Controversy," detailing the brief debate that arose over a song in the episode "A Streetcar Named Marge," is included as well as another called "Bush vs. The Simpsons," which follows the back-and-forth criticism that the show had with the then-current president. "Promotional Stuff" features "Simpsons" creator Matt Groening discussing the show in general. Deleted scenes can be found for the episodes entitled "Homer's Triple Bypass" and "The Front," and they can be viewed sep-

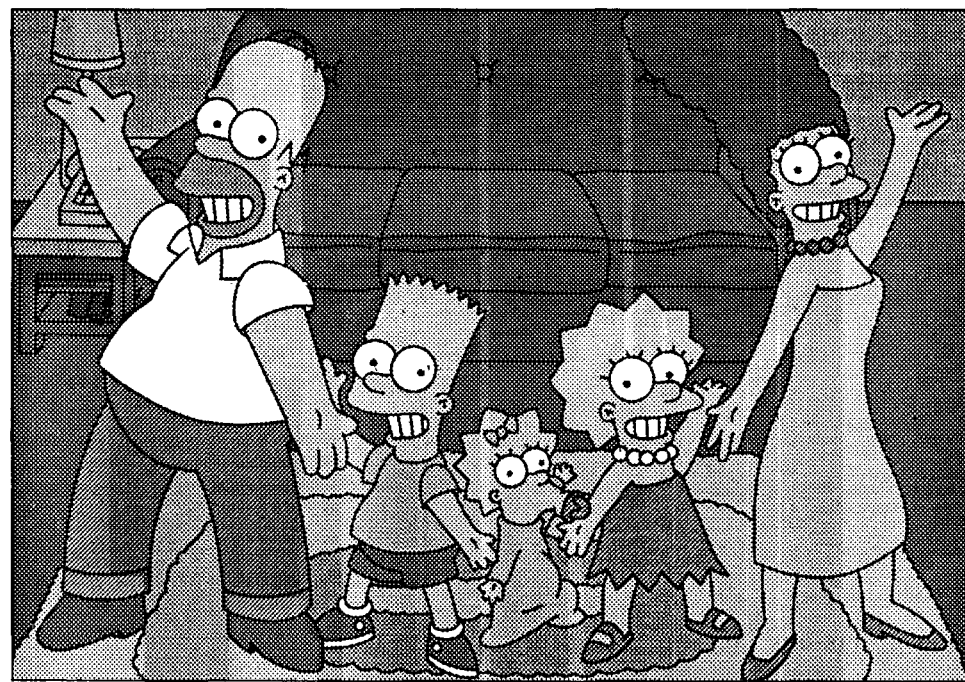


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The Simpsons family resume their antics in the newest DVD season set of the hit television series. Included in the box set are numerous special features.

arately or inserted back into the episode while it is watched. Other features include animation featurettes, commercials that feature "The Simpsons," storyboards and a promotional syndication reel.

One of the major benefits of watching the DVD versus syndicated episodes is the quality of the color and picture. The images are clear, the colors vivid and the sound quality is wonderful. About the only thing that isn't almost perfect in the set is the episode-selection menu. Each disc has a different

character on the menu, and when you select an episode, a short animation clip runs. This is fairly amusing at first, but upon subsequent viewings, it becomes somewhat tedious.

"The Simpsons" Season 4 DVD set is a fitting package for the season that proved that the show was not just a cartoon, but a show that mixed the bite of social commentary deftly with comedy.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Ortiz, Ramirez homer in Boston's 8-3 win

Associated Press

David Ortiz homered and drove in four runs to lead the Boston Red Sox to their 12th win in 13 games, a wild victory over the Oakland Athletics on Monday night.

Manny Ramirez and Ortiz hit consecutive home runs in the fourth inning off Barry Zito, and Bronson Arroyo (8-9) pitched 6 2-3 strong innings to win his third straight decision. Bill Mueller and Dave Roberts each hit RBI doubles in the seventh, and Ortiz added a three-run double in the ninth.

The Red Sox began a seven-game West Coast road trip by beating the AL West leaders, whose division lead was cut to 2 1/2 games over idle Anaheim.

The Red Sox remained 2 1/2 games behind the first-place Yankees in the AL East after New York beat Tampa Bay 7-4. Boston has won six of the first seven meetings against the A's this season.

Mark Kotsay homered twice for Oakland and the defense played a clean game a day after the A's committed five errors in a 13-5 loss at Toronto. Bobby Crosby doubled twice, including one that drove in a run in the seventh.

The game drew a Labor Day crowd of 37,839 and there was a playoff feel exactly 11 months after the Red Sox eliminated the A's in Game 5 of the AL division series — Oakland's fourth straight first-round playoff exit.

Detroit 7, Kansas City 3
Wil Ledezma made his last start in the Tigers' rotation a strong one.

Ledezma (4-2) gave up two runs — one earned — and seven hits in six innings to lead Detroit to a 7-3 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Monday. The 23-year-old left-hander will move to the bullpen to reduce the number of innings he throws the rest of this year.

"I feel great, but it isn't my decision," he said. "I'm very happy with the season I have had."

Ledezma went 12-4 for Double-A Erie before coming to Detroit in mid-July. He has pitched 155 2-3 innings this season.

"This is where we have to pull the plug," Tigers manager Alan Trammell said. "Wil doesn't agree, but we'll do what is best

for him and for the organization."

The Tigers' second straight win was their 63rd of the season, preventing them from losing at least 100 games for a third straight season. Detroit lost an American League-record 119 games in 2003.

"It's only Sept. 6, so honestly, we knew we were going to get there," Trammell said. "It's a nice feeling after last year, but we want to keep going."

Detroit hadn't played since Friday, when it won at Tampa Bay but had the last two games of the series postponed because of Hurricane Frances. Catcher Ivan Rodriguez was not with the team because he was delayed in transit from Miami, where he had stayed with his family during the hurricane.

Gary Knotts pitched the final three innings and gave up two hits and one run — Angel Berroa's solo homer in the ninth — for his second save.

Denny Bautista (0-1) lost in his first major league start, allowing four runs on eight hits in six innings. The Royals have lost three of four.

Baltimore 4, Minnesota 1

Back home after a two-week trek, the Baltimore Orioles knocked off another first-place team behind a rookie pitcher who laid to rest all the talk about his supposedly tired arm.

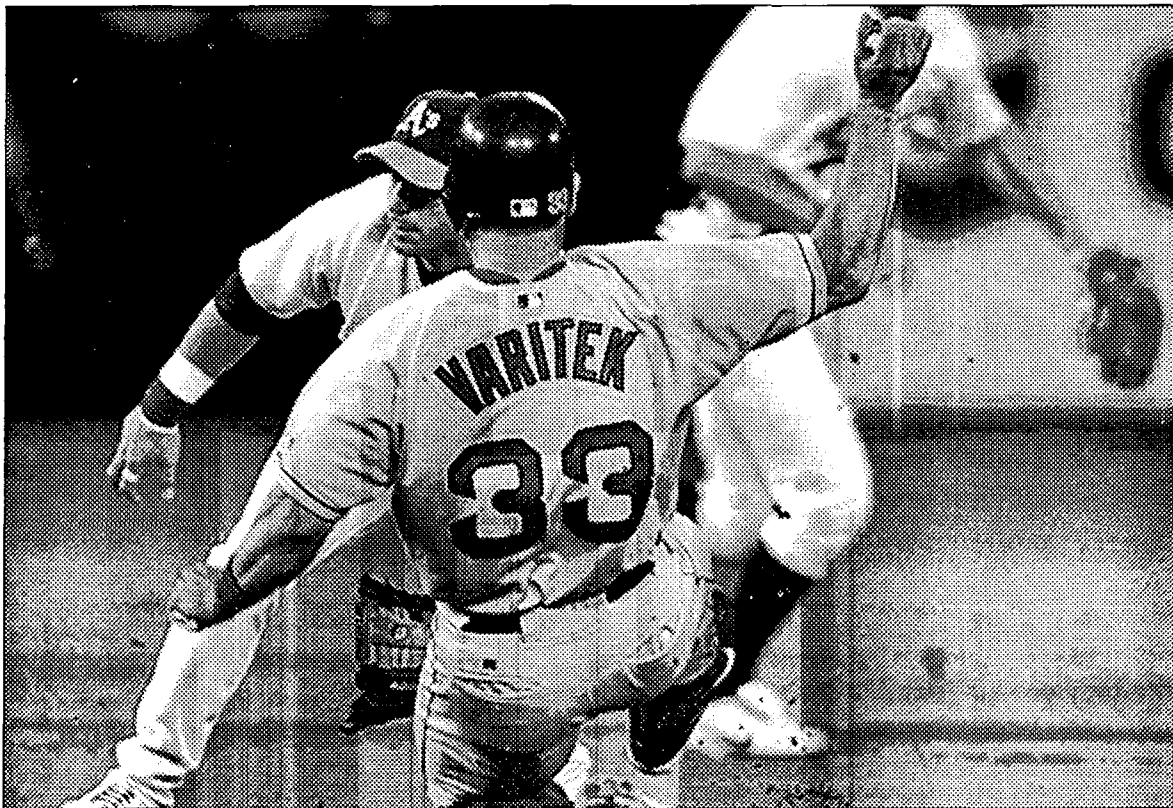
Daniel Cabrera pitched three-hit ball into the eighth inning, and Jose Leon and Melvin Mora had two RBIs apiece to lead the surging Orioles past the Minnesota Twins on Monday.

During a three-game stretch last month in which Cabrera yielded 20 runs and 20 hits in just over eight innings, it appeared as if he was just too tired to be effective anymore.

Even though Cabrera had already pitched more innings in one season than ever before, Baltimore manager Lee Mazzilli attributed the slump to a loss of confidence and insisted that the right-hander was strong enough to turn things around and finish the season with a flourish.

Cabrera has thus far done just that, and now it seems as if the Orioles are poised to close out the year on a positive note, too.

Cabrera (11-7) yielded one run and four walks in 7 1-3 innings. It was a suitable encore for his last performance, when he held Tampa Bay scoreless



Boston's Jason Varitek steals second base in front of Oakland's Marco Scutaro in the second inning of Boston's 8-3 victory Monday night.

over 6 1-3 innings.

Chicago 7, Texas 4

The Chicago White Sox face long odds, but they're not ready to concede the AL Central title to the Minnesota Twins just yet.

Carl Everett homered and the White Sox took advantage of Texas' season-high five errors in a victory over the fading Rangers on Monday. The White Sox won their fourth straight to move 7 1/2 games behind the first-place Twins.

"We're trying to put together some wins and finish on a strong note," White Sox first baseman Paul Konerko said. "We're not out of it, but I'd be hesitant to say we're in it, either — not 7 1/2 out."

Chicago has six games left against Minnesota, three at the end of a 10-game road trip that began Monday.

"We've got to be around four or five back going into Minnesota," Konerko said. "But we're playing better."

In the first two innings, White Sox starter Jason Grilli (1-1) allowed three hits, walked three, committed an error and threw two wild pitches. But the Rangers were only able to come up with one run during that stretch as they lost for the sev-

enth time in eight games.

Grilli, who earned his first major league win since April 20, 2001, for the Florida Marlins, gave up three runs and eight hits in 5 2-3 innings. He struck out three and walked three.

New York 7, Tampa Bay 4

After a daylong wait for an afternoon doubleheader that got turned into a single night game, the New York Yankees found their 1-2 punch.

On another unusual day in the Bronx filled with talk of a forfeit, Hurricane Frances caused the Tampa Bay Devil Rays to arrive three hours after the scheduled start.

Alex Rodriguez then got shifted into the No. 2 spot in the batting order and stroked a three-run double for his first hit with the bases loaded in more than a year. Derek Jeter, batting lead-off for the second day in a row, scored a pair of runs and Orlando Hernandez won his seventh straight decision to lead the Yankees over the Devil Rays Monday night, Tampa Bay's season-high eighth straight loss.

"It's kind of fun hitting behind Jeter and in front of Sheff," Rodriguez said, referring to Gary Sheffield. "It's a good spot

to be in. Hopefully, we'll generate a lot of runs."

Cleveland 5, Seattle 0

C.C. Sabathia threw a five-hitter for his second career shutout and Omar Vizquel hit a two-run homer to lead the Cleveland Indians over the Seattle Mariners Monday night.

Travis Hafner, Casey Blake and Matt Lawton each added solo shots as the Indians snapped a five-game losing streak and handed the Mariners their sixth straight loss.

Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki went 2-for-4, getting singles in the third and ninth innings to push his season hits total to 226 — 31 short of George Sisler's 1920 major league record of 257 hits. Suzuki has 25 games remaining.

Sabathia (11-9) looked strong all night, showing no visible side effects after being hit in the face by a foul ball while he sat in the dugout in the second inning.

He struck out eight batters, and walked one. It was Sabathia's fifth complete game.

Seattle starter Gil Meche (4-6) pitched seven innings, collecting eight strikeouts but giving up all three homers. He allowed four runs on four hits with no walks.

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MLB

Journeyman minor leaguer Smith leads Braves to win

Associated Press

About an hour before the game, Travis Smith found out he'd be starting.

The journeyman didn't want to squander the chance.

Filling in for the ailing Mike Hampton, Smith pitched five solid innings and earned his first major league win in more than two years, leading the Atlanta Braves past the Philadelphia Phillies 3-1 on Monday.

"It seems like a long time," Smith said. "I'm fortunate they gave me a shot today."

Andruw Jones homered for the fourth time in six games and had two RBIs. He also prevented a potential run by throwing out a runner at the plate.

Smith (1-3), who has spent most of the season at Triple-A, got the start when Hampton couldn't go because of a stiff neck. The 31-year-old replacement allowed five hits and a run before giving way to the bullpen.

It was enough for Smith's first win since July 25, 2002, when he pitched for St. Louis.

"For him to pitch under these circumstances, really not knowing until the last minute, he gave us a huge boost," said Braves closer John Smoltz, who got the final five outs for his 36th save.

Smith has made four starts for the Braves this season, losing twice to the Phillies.

Houston 11, Cincinnati 5

The crowd was on its feet, beckoning the latest slugging surprise in the Houston Astros' vaunted offense to re-emerge

from the dugout.

Already seated and oblivious to the cheers, Brandon Backe didn't stir from his daze until his teammates nudged him back outside.

"I was just excited thinking about the home run," said the 26-year-old pitcher, who was making only his fourth career start. "I was going to go down and sit in my little hole, but they told me to get out there."

Backe hit his first career homer, a two-run shot, and allowed one run in seven innings to keep the Astros in the thick of the NL wild-card chase with an win over the Cincinnati Reds on Monday — their season-high 10th straight victory.

Jeff Bagwell, Lance Berkman and Jeff Kent also homered for Houston, on its longest win streak in five years. The Astros have won 18 of 21 since Aug. 15, the best record in the majors during that stretch.

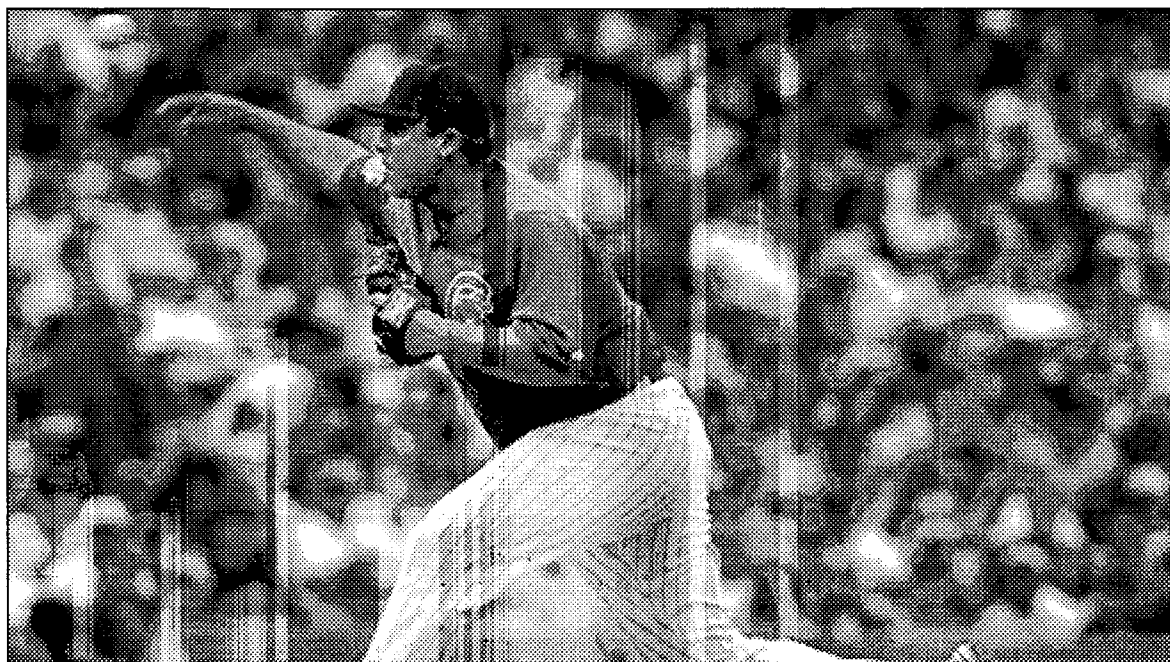
The Astros closed within a game of NL wild-card leaders Chicago and San Francisco. Houston, a season-high 11 games over .500 at 74-63, hasn't been within striking range of the Cubs and Giants in more than three months.

Milwaukee 9, Pittsburgh 5

Geoff Jenkins is playing as if the Milwaukee Brewers are in a race for first place, rather than trying to exit in last place in the NL Central.

Jenkins had another big day with three RBIs, Brady Clark drove in four runs and Milwaukee used a six-run third inning to beat the Pittsburgh Pirates on Monday.

Jenkins homered leading off



Cubs pitcher Carlos Zambrano delivers a pitch in the fifth inning of a game against the Expos on Monday. Zambrano pitched eight innings as the Cubs won 9-1.

the second, then followed Clark's two-run single in the pivotal third with a two-run double — his third extra-base hit against Pirates starter Ryan Vogelsong in four at-bats.

San Diego 7, St. Louis 3

Ryan Klesko singled in the go-ahead run with none out in the eighth inning and the San Diego Padres beat St. Louis Monday night to keep alive their slim playoff hopes and end the Cardinals' nine-game winning streak.

The Padres won for just the second time in seven games, a stretch that included three losses at St. Louis last week. San Diego remained 2 1/2 games behind the Chicago Cubs in the tight wild-card race,

with San Francisco and Houston also ahead of the Padres.

The Cardinals, the best team in baseball, lead the Cubs by 16 1/2 games in the NL Central.

With the score tied at 3 and the bases loaded in the eighth, Klesko hit a chopper over the head of first baseman Albert Pujols to score Ramon Vazquez.

The Padres quickly blew it open against reliever Cal Eldred. Khalil Greene followed with a sacrifice fly, Terrence Long had a pinch-hit RBI single and another run scored on the play on a throwing error by Pujols.

Chicago 9, Montreal 1

Four days off suited Aramis Ramirez just fine.

Ramirez hit a pair of two-run homers and Carlos Zambrano allowed four hits in eight innings to lead the Chicago Cubs to a victory over the Montreal Expos on Monday.

Mark Grudzielanek, Derrek Lee and Michael Barrett also homered for the Cubs, who played their first game since Wednesday's 2-1 extra-inning victory at Montreal. The Cubs had their last three games against the Florida Marlins at

Miami postponed because of Hurricane Frances.

Ramirez took advantage off the long weekend to rest his sore left groin, which has been bothering him since July.

"I feel a lot better. I'm not a 100 percent, but the four days off really helped my groin," Ramirez said.

The Cubs took a half-game lead over idle San Francisco in the NL wild-card race. Houston stayed 1 1/2 games back with a 11-5 win over Cincinnati.

The Giants and the Astros moved closer in the standings, while the Cubs remained idle during the weekend.

"It's kind of frustrating, but we will still have to play those games, too," Ramirez said. "There is going to be a time when we are playing and they will be off and we have to take advantage of that, too."

Chicago won without Sammy Sosa in the lineup. The seven-time All-Star has bursitis in his right hip and is listed as day to day. The injury is not related to a lower back injury Sosa suffered earlier in the season, which put him on the disabled list May 19 through June 18.

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MLB

Yankees-Devil Rays game postponed

Yankees ask for game to be declared a forfeit

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees asked the commissioner's office to award them a forfeit over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays after they failed to arrive in time Monday because of travel problems due to Hurricane Frances. It was a request that had no chance of being granted.

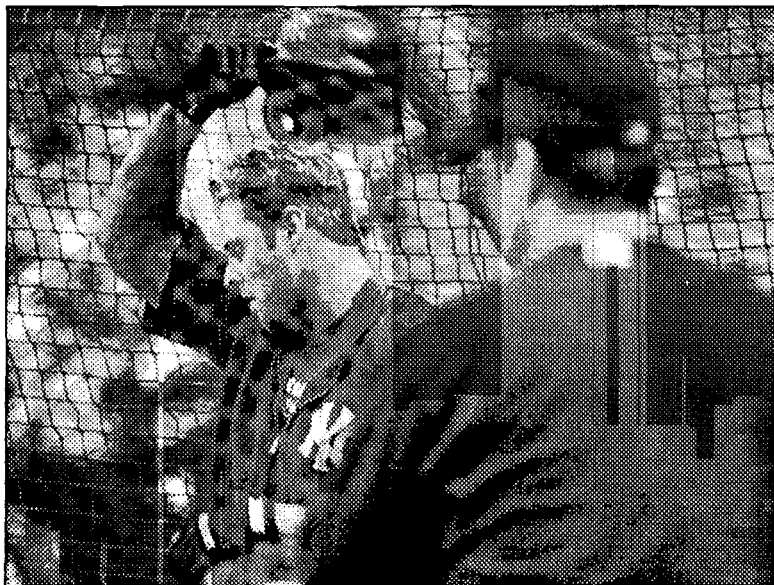
Originally scheduled as a doubleheader starting at 1 p.m., the start time was pushed back two hours on Sunday. Because of the delay, the commissioner's office told the teams to play one game at 7 p.m. and said it would decide later on when to reschedule the second game.

The Devil Rays arrived at 6:05 p.m., and commissioner Bud Selig had no intention of ordering a forfeit.

"Given the stage of the season we are in, and the exciting pennant races, it is critical that we do everything to decide the championship on the field," he said in a statement.

The Yankee Stadium gates opened at 11 a.m., and about 1,000 fans were on hand. They were given free hot dogs and sodas, and fans applauded loudly when the Yankees took batting practice starting about 4:45 p.m.

"This could keep the energy level up," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "They're cheering



Yankees first baseman Jason Giambi, left, pauses during batting practice Monday before a game against the Devil Rays.

batting practice."

About 20,000 fans appeared to be on hand when Orlando Hernandez finally threw the first pitch to Julio Lugo at 7:02 p.m.

Before the game, Yankees president Randy Levine and general manager Brian Cashman held a news conference on the field, explaining why they wanted a forfeit. Baseball rules say a forfeit may be called if a team isn't ready within five minutes of umpires calling "play" unless the delay is "unavoidable."

"The rule states that if your team is here and ready to play, and the other team isn't here and not ready to play, there

should be a forfeit, and we believe there should be a forfeit," Levine said.

Tampa Bay's home games against Detroit on Saturday and Sunday were postponed, and the Tigers returned home after Friday night's games. Bob DuPuy, chief operating officer of the commissioner's office, said the Devil Rays were asked to investigate leaving Friday night or Saturday.

"There were plenty of opportunities to get out of Tampa on Saturday. The airports were open until 3 or 4 o'clock," Levine said after Yankees officials checked with airlines.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Frances still disrupting Florida State and Miami

Associated Press

MIAMI — Florida State and Miami were originally scheduled to play Monday. Instead, they spent the day trying to recover from Hurricane Frances.

It wasn't easy, but it was necessary as the teams prepared for their postponed season opener Friday night at the Orange Bowl.

Frances forced the fourth-ranked Seminoles to practice indoors while they mourned the loss of coach Bobby Bowden's 15-year-old grandson and former son-in-law.

John Allen Madden, a 45-year-old former Florida State lineman who played under Bowden, and his son, Bowden, were killed Sunday when their car was hit by a utility truck that was helping restore power outages caused by Frances.

"Most of us have been around all of the Bowden family a great deal, and it is a loss shared by all of us," Florida State athletic director Dave Hart said in a statement. "Words can't express the grieving I know the Bowdens are going through."

The Seminoles closed practice to the media and had no player or coach availability Monday. Bowden and offensive coordinator Jeff Bowden attended the workout.

The fifth-ranked Hurricanes practiced Monday for the first time in four days because of

Frances.

"Guys' minds were not on football," center Joel Rodriguez said. "Guys' minds were on their families, their houses, their property and their safety. It's understandable. ... To have three days off where you're not even thinking about football, but about your house being blown away or whatever, it's a lot to come back from and get right into the flow."

Several players' families and friends were still without power and water Monday.

Miami defensive back Devin Hester, from Riviera Beach, said the roof on his parents' home collapsed, flooding every room, and a tree crushed his mother's car.

"It didn't turn out too good," Hester said. "It's kind of bad knowing that I'm here and my mom, they're in Palm Beach struggling. I'm just trying to keep my focus and concentrate on football right now."

Miami receiver Ryan Moore, from Orlando, said Hurricane Charley affected his family more than Frances. But having two hurricanes within three weeks left him with some troubling nights.

"I've never seen anything back to back like that," Moore said. "All of us from Florida, we're as used to it as you can get. You've just got to go with the punches."

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TENNIS

U.S. Open wraps up fourth round, quarterfinals to start

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Venus Williams was grunting loudly, Lindsay Davenport was muttering to herself, and the fans were jumping out of their seats after each point.

The matchup was fit for a Grand Slam final, not the fourth round. So, too, was the riveting last game.

Davenport and Williams, seven major titles and 49 weeks at No. 1 between them, swapped powerful strokes and anxious moments for 13 minutes and 24 points Monday at the U.S. Open. Nine deuces. Five break points for 2000-01 Open champion Williams. Five match points for 1998 Open champ Davenport. In the end, Davenport was slightly steadier and stronger, pulling out a 7-5, 6-4 victory to get to the quarterfinals.

It was a fittingly tight way to end the pair's 25th meeting; they came in 12-all.

"A tough one to get through," said Davenport, who faces 62nd-ranked Shinobu Asagoe for a semifinal berth. "I wanted to win so badly, and I played such a great, calm match until that point, and then let a few errors creep in."

Not as many as Williams, who since playing her first Slam in 1997 never before went an entire season without reaching at least one major semifinal. She hurt herself with 42 miscues, mostly off forehands and more than double Davenport's count.

"It was me. I made too many errors," Williams said. "The thing that hurt me the most was my inconsistency."

That's been a problem for a while, leading to her slide to

No. 12 in the rankings — why she was forced to play Davenport so early. Davenport, meanwhile, has won 21 straight matches since talking about retirement at Wimbledon.

Another big-name showdown is looming in the men's quarterfinals: Andre Agassi vs. Roger Federer. Agassi owns eight major titles, while the top-ranked Federer has won three of the past five.

Agassi advanced Monday with a 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 victory over pal and occasional practice partner Sargis Sargsian, who was on court for nearly 10 hours in his previous two outings. This one was so lopsided, it took just 90 minutes.

Federer spent less time in action Monday, because his opponent, No. 16 Andrei Pavel, pulled out with a herniated disc in his lower back. Federer is in the Open quarterfinals for the first time. He lost in the fourth round the last three years.

"There's nothing more you ask for than to play a big event against the best player in this environment," said Agassi, the 1994 and 1999 Open winner.

"It's time to bring the best tennis."

First-time Flushing Meadows quarterfinalists No. 5 Tim Henman and No. 22 Dominik Hrbaty will meet for another semifinal slot. Playing on his 30th birthday, Henman got through when No. 19 Nicolas Kiefer quit with a right wrist injury while down 3-0 in the fifth set. Hrbaty came back to eliminate Olivier Rochus 2-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-0.

"I'm slowing up already,"



Lindsay Davenport reacts to a call in her match against Venus Williams Monday. Davenport defeated Williams 7-5, 6-4 to advance to the quarterfinals.

Henman said, smiling.

Mary Pierce, a two-time major champion enjoying a bit of a renaissance at 29, lost in the fourth round to No. 9 Svetlana Kuznetsova 7-6 (5), 6-2. Kuznetsova plays No. 1 Justine Henin-Hardenne or No. 14 Nadia Petrova next.

Asagoe upset No. 29 Eleni Daniilidou 7-6 (4), 4-6, 6-3, making her the lowest-ranked Open quarterfinalist since Williams was 66th in her 1997 debut.

How long ago that seems.

Now Williams needs to regroup and recapture the

drive that carried her to the top ranking, four Slam titles, and six runner-up finishes. Already this year, she had earlier-than-usual exits at the Australian Open (third round), French Open (quarterfinals) and Wimbledon (second round).

She missed the second half of last season, including the Open, with a torn abdominal muscle, and had to try to deal with the shooting death of half-sister Yetunde in September 2003.

"I'm really disappointed (about) all this year's Grand Slams. But I've learned that the position that I'm in is not necessarily my fault," Williams said. "I can't be hard on myself. I have to take my time and realize that it's just a matter of time before I'm playing my best."

She brought her level up by a lot in that fantastic final game, with Davenport serving at 5-4. Williams also raised the volume, grunting louder and louder with each shot, a sharp contrast to Davenport's soft exhales.

Davenport played impeccably until then, never facing a break point and trailing on her serve just once: at love-15 in the second set's fourth game,

which she opened by sailing a backhand long.

And she broke Williams twice, for a 6-5 lead in the first set, and 3-2 in the second.

In the final game, they went back and forth, with Williams swatting two winners to get her first break point, wasted with a forehand return long. On the first match point, a 12-stroke exchange ended with Williams striking a cross-court forehand winner. Davenport ceded her second match point by double-faulting, then turned her back to the net and chatted to herself.

"I felt OK until I lost the second match point," Davenport said. "Then you get a little like: 'Oh, no. Don't do this.'"

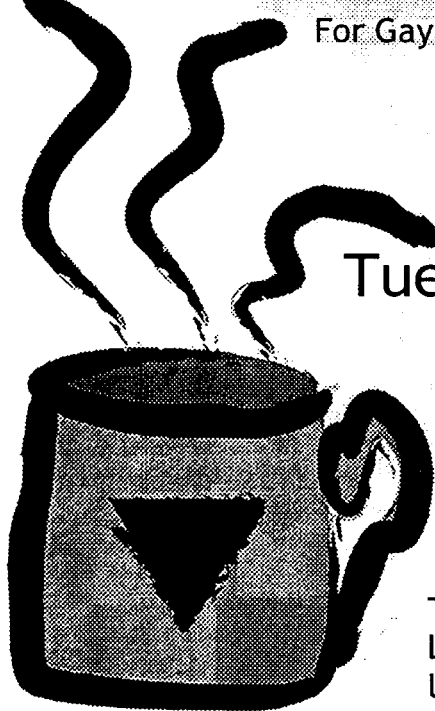
There was more, including a forehand sailed long on match point No. 3, and Williams' brilliant cross-court forehand passing winner to erase No. 4. Eventually, though, Williams succumbed, floating a forehand return long on No. 5.

"Definitely had the buzz of a bigger match than a round-of-16 match. They were definitely into it there at the end," Davenport said, referring to the crowd.

"I certainly don't want to have a letdown now."

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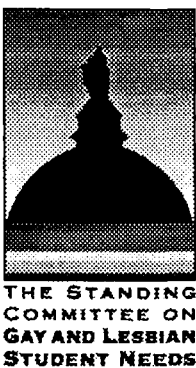
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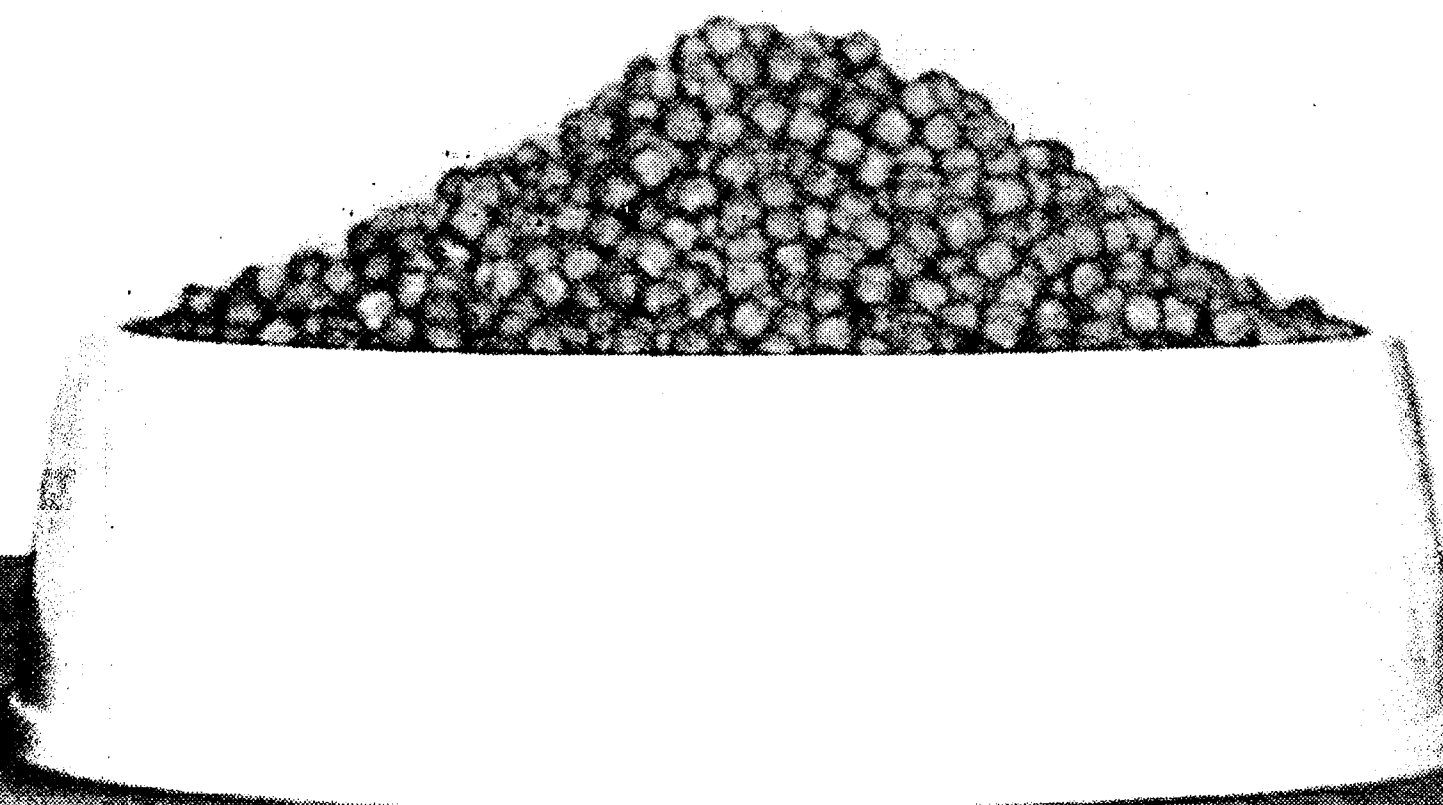
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NFL

New faces, same hopes for Eagles

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Terrell Owens and Jevon Kearse are here. Hugh Douglas and Jeremiah Trotter are back. Troy Vincent, Bobby Taylor and Duce Staley are gone.

Despite some drastic changes, expectations remain the same for the Philadelphia Eagles: It's Super Bowl or bust — again.

After three consecutive losses in the NFC championship game, the Eagles are out of excuses, especially after adding Owens and Kearse to fill their most glaring needs on offense and defense.

The Eagles enter Sunday's season opener against the New York Giants as favorites to win their fourth straight NFC East

title. But if they fall short of the Super Bowl again, the season will be a failure.

"We have the capabilities, we have the athletes, we have the coaching to win the Super Bowl," quarterback Donovan McNabb said. "All we have to do is go out and make it a reality."

Led by McNabb and Owens, both four-time Pro Bowl selections, the offense should be the Eagles' strength. Speedy and elusive running back Brian Westbrook gives Philadelphia a balanced attack.

But the Eagles have little depth behind Westbrook, who ran for 613 yards and totaled 13 touchdowns rushing, receiving and returning punts last season. Staley went to

Pittsburgh and Correll Buckhalter went down with a season-ending knee injury, leaving second-year pro Reno Mahe and rookie Thomas Tapeh as backups to the undersized and injury-prone Westbrook.

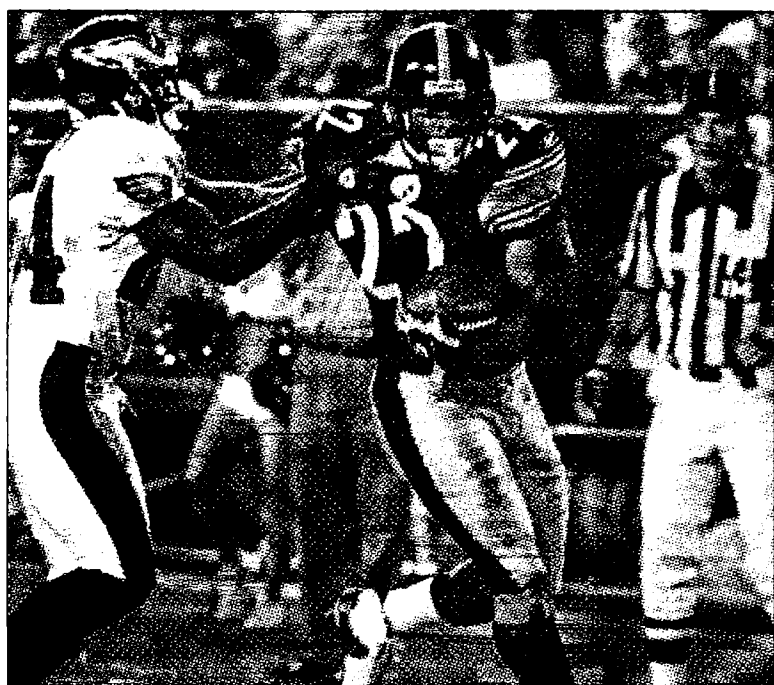
Coach Andy Reid prefers the pass, however, using it almost 60 percent of the time. With Owens in the mix, receivers Todd Pinkston and former first-round pick Freddie Mitchell could thrive. Also, second-year tight end L.J. Smith and three-time Pro Bowl tight end Chad Lewis give McNabb plenty of options.

"The sky is the limit for this team," McNabb said. "We can do a lot of good things."

Owens brings a lot of talent and some attitude. So far, though, the flamboyant star has fit into the offense and hasn't upset the chemistry in the locker room. He expects to raise McNabb's game to another level.

"We're filling a void for each other," Owens said. "I think a lot of people have seen flashes of what we can do throughout the season. Obviously, it's everybody's goal here to get to the Super Bowl. Everybody keeps reflecting on the three losses in the championship game. We just have to take it one game at a time until we get to that point. I'm excited about the opportunities to get us over the hump. That's why I'm here."

With five new starters, the defense might take longer to jell. But savvy defensive coordinator Jim Johnson has a knack for getting results from whichever players he puts on the field.



Steelers running back Duce Staley, runs by Eagles cornerback Sheldon Brown on Aug. 26. Staley left the Eagles this offseason.

Patriots look to make history this season



Patriots' running back Corey Dillon, left, eludes Panthers' defensive lineman Kris Jenkins in an Aug. 28 preseason game.

Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — The New England Patriots can become only the second team to win three Super Bowls in four years. They also came very close to not winning any.

So they'll start the NFL season knowing they can make history, but only if they make sure they take little for granted.

The Patriots squeaked by St. Louis 20-17 in the 2002 Super Bowl on Adam Vinatieri's last-play field goal, then edged Carolina 32-29 in the 2004 title game on Vinatieri's field goal with 4 seconds left. Not exactly a rout in either game.

"Once you get to the playoffs, every team that makes it to that level is a good team," Vinatieri said. "One or two plays a game makes a difference between winning and losing a game a lot of times."

Coach Bill Belichick keeps his players focused on the next play. But if they open the season 4-0, they would break Miami's record with 19 consecutive wins, counting regular-season and playoff games. They could do that with a win over the Dolphins on Oct. 10.

"It could make us 1-3, too," Belichick said.

The Patriots were 2-2 last season before starting the streak that gives them a chance to join Dallas, which won the 1993, 1994 and 1996 Super Bowls, as the only teams to take three out of four.

"Would I love to be in the history books as being one of the best teams in a short era? Of course," defensive end Richard Seymour said. "I think we have the ability to do that, but it's not going to come easy. We still have to put in the work day by day."

The Patriots know opponents will be extra eager to beat the champs, starting with Indianapolis in Thursday night's opener. They beat the Colts 24-14 in last season's AFC championship game.

But they also have three top players who didn't contribute to last season's title run: running back Corey Dillon, punter Josh Miller and linebacker Rosevelt Colvin.

"I've been playing this game for a long time, so I'm approaching like I approach every other game and that's just go out there and do whatever it takes to help the team win," said Dillon, who gained at least 1,100 yards in each of his first six seasons with Cincinnati before dropping to 541 last

year.

Miller, a free agent from Pittsburgh, is an upgrade over Ken Walter, while Colvin, a top pass rusher, didn't play after breaking his hip in the second game last season.

"I'm physically prepared and able to do whatever they need me to do, Colvin said.

He'll start the season as a backup on a team that has back 18 of its 22 offensive and defensive starters from the Super Bowl. New England doesn't have a particularly difficult schedule, with only seven games against teams that finished above .500.

With a dangerous back like Dillon, two-time Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady shouldn't have as much pressure to pass the Patriots toward the end zone, even though he has a deep corps of wide receivers.

And he isn't caught up in the jinx of being on the cover of the current issue of Sports Illustrated.

"It was kind of a surprise," he said. "It was kind of cool. I'm not too worried about any jinxes or anything, knock on wood. That is another one of those extra things that you can get distracted by."

The Patriots play in what could be a weaker AFC East with Buffalo, Miami and the New York Jets, and are deep at every position except one — quarterback.

If Brady gets hurt, they have only Rohan Davey and Jim Miller. Davey was offensive MVP in NFL Europe, but was inconsistent in the Patriots' exhibition season. Miller, a 10-year veteran who missed last season because of a shoulder injury and had surgery on his right shoulder in February, didn't play in any exhibition games.

The Patriots lost two solid defensive linemen, end Bobby Hamilton and nose tackle Ted Washington, who both signed with Oakland. But Ty Warren, the 13th pick in last year's draft, had an outstanding off-season as Hamilton's replacement, and Keith Traylor and rookie Vince Wilfork give the Patriots depth in Washington's spot.

The team's rankings last season weren't anything special: 17th in the league in offense and seventh in defense. Seven of its wins were by seven points or less. And it needed a field goal by Vinatieri in the fourth quarter to win the divisional playoff game against Tennessee 17-14 before beating Indianapolis and Carolina.

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Major League Baseball

American League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New York	85-52	.618	6-4	-
Boston	81-54	.600	9-1	2.5
Baltimore	64-72	.471	7-3	20.0
Tampa Bay	59-76	.440	3-7	24.0
Toronto	57-80	.416	4-6	27.5

American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Minnesota	77-60	.562	6-4	-
Chicago	69-67	.507	7-3	7.5
Cleveland	67-71	.486	3-7	10.5
Detroit	63-72	.467	4-6	13.0
Kansas City	48-88	.353	3-7	28.5

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Oakland	81-55	.596	8-2	-
Anaheim	78-58	.574	6-4	3.0
Texas	74-62	.544	3-7	7.0
Seattle	51-85	.375	5-5	30.0

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Atlanta	81-55	.596	8-2	-
Florida	70-62	.530	8-2	9.0
Philadelphia	68-69	.496	6-4	13.5
New York	60-76	.441	1-9	21.0
Montreal	57-80	.416	3-7	24.5

National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
St. Louis	92-44	.676	9-1	-
Chicago	74-60	.552	6-4	17.0
Houston	74-63	.540	10-0	18.5
Cincinnati	63-73	.463	2-8	29.0
Pittsburgh	62-75	.453	2-8	30.5
Milwaukee	60-76	.441	5-5	32.0

National League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Los Angeles	78-58	.574	5-5	-
San Francisco	76-63	.547	9-5	3.5
San Diego	72-64	.529	4-6	6.0
Colorado	59-77	.434	4-6	19.0
Arizona	42-95	.307	3-7	36.5

Women's Volleyball Top 25

	team	record	points
1	USC	4-0	1,820
2	Nebraska	2-0	1,517
3	UCLA	4-0	1,466
4	Florida	4-0	1,409
5	Minnesota	4-1	1,376
6	Washington	3-0	1,250
7	Penn State	3-0	1,236
8	California	4-0	1,182
9	Pepperdine	1-1	1,109
10	Colorado State	2-1	1,001
11	Hawaii	3-0	930
12	Stanford	2-1	900
13	UC Santa Barbara	3-0	777
14	Texas A&M	2-1	702
15	Kansas State	3-1	698
16	Illinois	3-0	609
17	Santa Clara	3-0	463
18	Louisville	3-0	442
19	Arizona	2-2	332
20	San Diego	2-1	294
21	Georgia Tech	0-4	199
22	Loyola Marymount	2-1	186
23	Long Beach State	3-0	172
24	Purdue	3-0	161
25	Wisconsin	1-1	139

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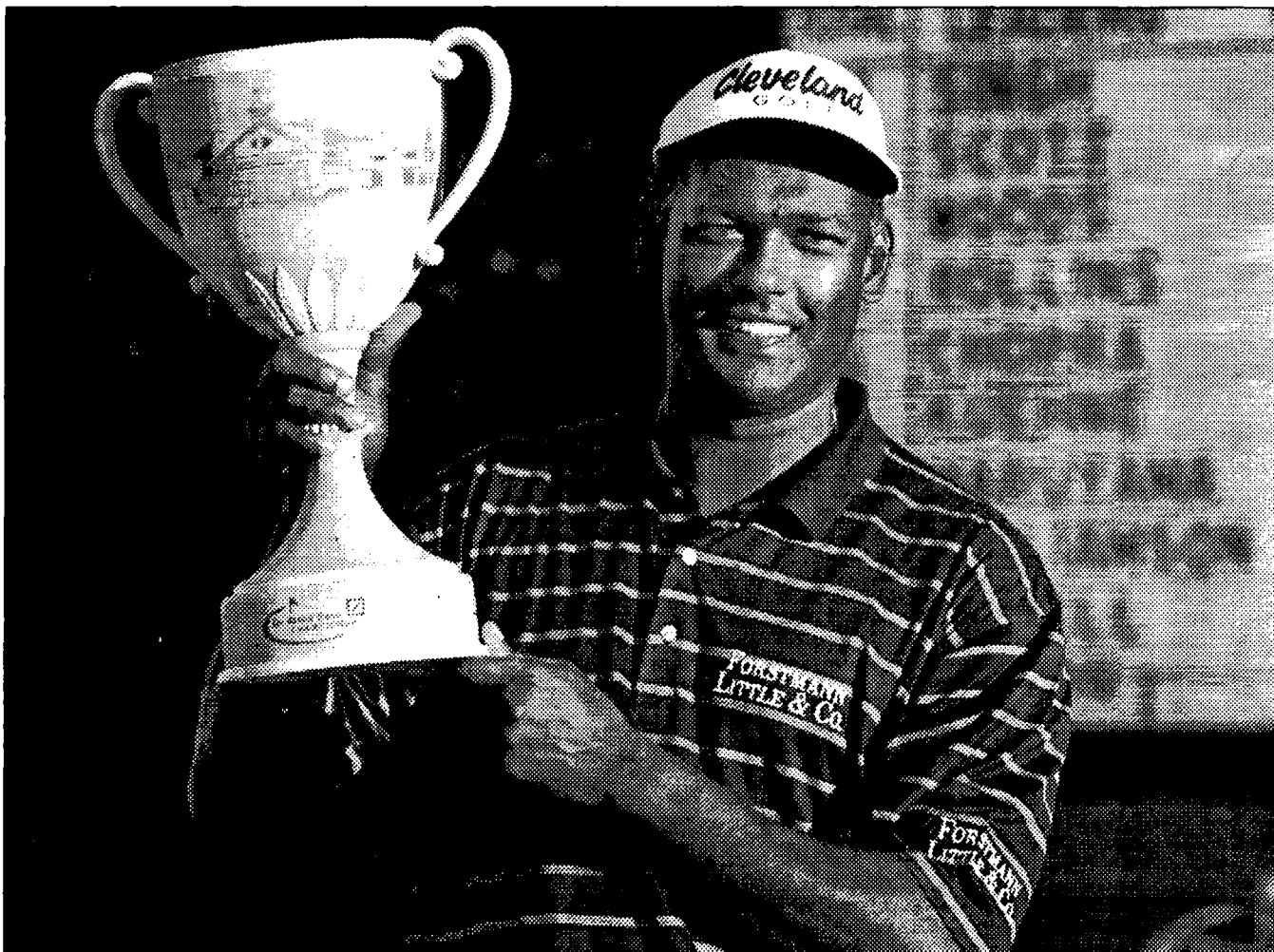
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GOLF



With a victory in the Deutsche Bank Championship, Vijay Singh ended Tiger Woods' streak as the number one ranked golfer in the world. Woods has held that honor since August of 1999.

Singh takes number one rank from Tiger

Associated Press

NORTON, Mass. — Vijay Singh won a head-to-head matchup with Tiger Woods to end his record reign atop golf's ultimate leaderboard.

Singh shot a 69 to beat Woods and Adam Scott by three strokes in the Deutsche Bank Championship on Monday, clinching the No. 1 ranking in the world with his sixth victory of the year. Woods had been first for more than five years — a record 264 consecutive weeks.

Singh took a three-stroke lead into the final round, but he and Woods were tied at 13 under after Singh bogeyed No. 13 at

the par-71, 7,415-yard TPC of Boston. Woods bogeyed the next hole and Singh birdied 15 to pull ahead by two strokes before adding birdies on the final two holes to finish 16 under and win the \$900,000 first prize.

"It feels great," said Singh, who has won the last eight times he took a lead into the final round. "I can't wait to celebrate."

Scott, the defending champion, started the day seven strokes behind Singh before making the turn with four consecutive birdies to get into contention. He birdied the 18th hole to finish 13 under, and Woods matched him; John Rollins and

Daniel Chopra were another two strokes back at minus 10.

Singh is the top winner on the tour this year with six victories, including the PGA Championship, and \$7,889,566 in earnings. He needed only to finish ahead of Woods to take over the No. 1 ranking that he has been closing in on all year.

The computer rankings factor in performance over the past two years, taking the strength of field into account; Woods held a 12.09-11.91 lead heading into this week. The new numbers were expected to be released later Monday, but Singh's will be the first player other than Woods to

hold the No. 1 ranking since Aug. 8, 1999.

"That's not too bad, is it?" Woods asked. "I've had a good run."

Singh improved to 15 under with a birdie on the first hole; Woods left a 15-footer on the rim of the cup.

On the second hole, a par-5, 553-yard dogleg right, both players got into trouble. Singh couldn't find his ball and took a drop, hit to 14 feet of the pin and then two-putted for bogey; Woods found his among the rocks in front of the green, but when he swung at the ball he hit a rock instead, jamming his wrist, breaking his club and costing himself a stroke.

IN BRIEF

Colts interested in adding quarterback Couch

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts were still fine-tuning their roster Monday, and one option is quarterback Tim Couch.

After announcing 12 player cuts Monday, one day after the NFL deadline to trim rosters to 53, coach Tony Dungy acknowledged the Colts were interested in Couch, the No. 1 pick in 1999 who was cut Sunday by Green Bay.

"I'm sure we'll take a look at Tim Couch," Dungy said. "He played in a similar system to what we have when he was in Cleveland. He was the first pick in the draft. He played well both times we played against him, and I think it's something we'll talk about."

Dungy's comments came on the same day that the Colts made a surprise move by waiving guard Steve Sciullo, who started 13 games last season, so they could claim Ryan Lilja off waivers from Kansas City.

Lilja, a 6-2, 285-pound guard, started 14 of 23 games in two seasons with Kansas City, which cut him Sunday.

Giants' Shockey ready to start season

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — After sitting out training camp and all four preseason games with an injured foot and a hamstring problem, New York Giants Pro Bowl tight end Jeremy Shockey declared himself fit Monday.

Shockey said he could have played in the Giants' final preseason game against Baltimore, but decided to rest until the season opener against NFC East rival Philadelphia on Sunday. He vowed to start.

"I never doubted that I would be back," Shockey said Monday before an unscheduled light workout.

"I feel pretty good right now, and I've felt better each day. I really could have played last week, but they didn't want me to try and I

couldn't persuade them. I'm ready to get it going. It's an important game for us, and we have to start off on the right track."

Davenport defeats Williams to advance to quarterfinals

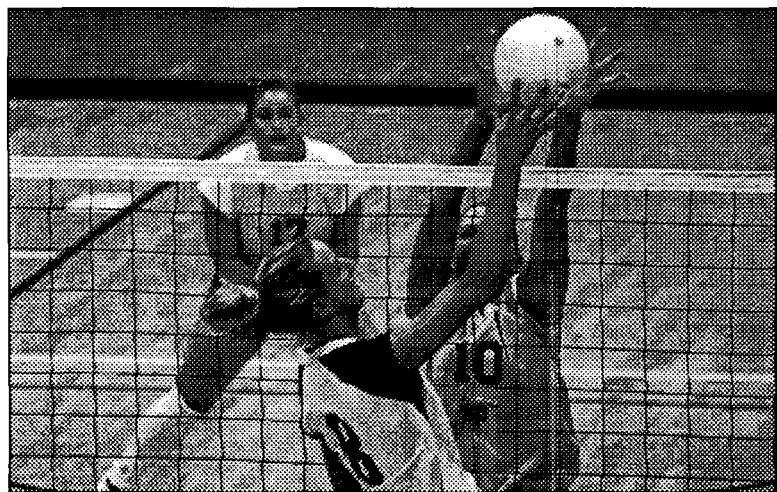
NEW YORK — Venus Williams was grunting loudly, Lindsay Davenport was muttering to herself, and the fans were jumping out of their seats after each point.

The matchup was fit for a Grand Slam final, not the fourth round. So, too, was the riveting last game.

Davenport and Williams, seven major titles and 49 weeks at No. 1 between them, swapped powerful strokes and anxious moments for 13 minutes and 24 points Monday at the U.S. Open. Nine deuces. Five break points for 2000-01 Open champion Williams. Five match points for 1998 Open champ Davenport. In the end, Davenport was slightly steadier and stronger, pulling out a 7-5, 6-4 victory to get to the quarterfinals.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles fall to 0-3 with four-game loss to Albion



The Belles' Shelly Bender, middle, tries to push the ball past an Alma defender in a game last season.

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

The Belles lost their third straight game of the season Monday night, dropping a four-game match to MIAA rival Albion.

The loss drops Saint Mary's to 0-2 in conference play and 0-3 on the young season.

The Belles were able to close the margin as they prevailed in the third game winning 30-28, but they ultimately fell in the fourth game by a score of 30-23.

The Belles are currently in last place in the MIAA and

much in need of a win.

"I think we need to improve our overall communication," Belles defensive specialist Michelle Gary said. "And better utilize each player's strengths."

Similar to the past couple of matches, Saint Mary's could not find their rhythm and dropped the first two games.

They played tough in the second, but failed to close the set out, losing a heartbreaking, 31-29.

The Belles were outscored in kills and attacks in all four games.

Aside from the loss, there were a number of players who executed on both sides of the court.

"Michelle Turley did a very good job, but everyone had their ups and downs tonight," Gary said.

"Elise Rupright played well in the middle, and Shelly Bender and Anne Cusack did a great job on defense."

Turley's play was one of the highlights in the game as she kept her team relatively close.

She collected a total of 17

kills in the four games along with an impressive 46 attacks. On defense, she added 22 digs.

Once again, Rupright showed why she is one of the team's leaders, putting up some very good numbers.

On the night, Bender also performed well with 27 attacks, and sophomore Ann Carpenter was second on the team in attacks, racking up a total of 35.

Ann Cusack played well defensively with 16 digs.

Following the contest, coach Julie Schroeder-Biek told her players they needed to play their

game instead of playing down to the level of their opponents.

This is crucial for the team's success as they go deeper into their schedule.

Up next for the Belles is Kalamazoo on Wednesday, which will be their second home game and third conference matchup. The game begins at 6 p.m.

"I think we need to improve our overall communication."

Michelle Gary
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champion Simmerman tied for 15th with a 158 and Megan Mattia added a 25th-place finish with 17-over par, 161.

For Saint Mary's this meet served as an opportunity to prove to its rivals — and to the conference — just how much talent the team possesses.

"We know we can dominate the conference, we've won the past couple years," Simmerman said. "It is our mental preparation that we need to work on for the season."

During the invitational, it was the team's positive mentality that moved the Belles up in the standings during the two-day competition. After the opening day, the Belles stood in fifth place. It took the confidence and a personal record from Nicole Bellino to pull the team to fourth.

"She helped us capture fourth place," Simmerman said. "She careered with an 81

and that helped us to beat Southern Indiana by one stroke."

The team hopes that its mental toughness and personal bests have left an impression with its conference and regional rivals. Conference rivals Tri-State University, Olivet College and Alma College all finished in the bottom half of the competition. However, the Belles were expecting heavy competition from regional rival DePauw.

"Although they graduated two seniors, we felt they were going to be a big challenge," Simmerman said.

Despite the expectations, the Belles were able to perform 20 strokes better than their rival. The fourth-place finish is just one step forward for Saint Mary's, who is still expecting challenges during the season from talented individual golfers.

"There will be a lot of individual competition," Simmerman said. "But we know what we are capable of."

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Zbikowski

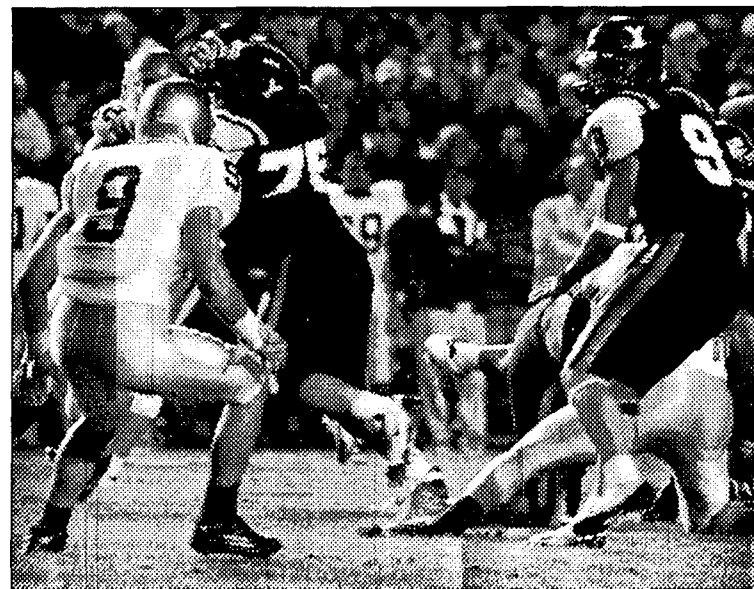
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wrote for ESPN.com "I heard they had a gym somewhere around there, but nobody told me about it. So finally, before I left Sunday afternoon, I asked where the boxing gym was. Sure enough, it was right in the Joyce Center."

Although Zbikowski did not play as a reserve safety in 2003, he performed well during the 2004 Blue-Gold game, picking off a pass and was named the Defensive Player of the Game.

He went into the summer expecting to compete with Burrell for the starting free safety spot. When an injury sidelined Burrell for most of the practice season, Zbikowski began receiving the majority of repetitions.

Zbikowski caused some controversy and speculation when he did not show up for two-a-day workouts on Aug. 20-21, citing non-football-related personal issues. Rumors swirled that Zbikowski was planning to transfer, but the sophomore put an end to that speculation when he returned to practice



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Irish strong safety Tom Zbikowski looks for the ball carrier during Notre Dame's 20-17 loss to BYU Saturday.

Aug. 22.

"I wasn't making contacts with any others," Zbikowski told Mike Frank of Irisheyes.com at the time. "I never left the team. I left the University, I never left the team."

After the game Saturday, Zbikowski said that the personal issues that caused him to miss the practices this summer were in the past and

that he no longer wanted to discuss the situation.

"It's just left my mind," he said. "I've been just trying to concentrate on the team. We're going to be a good ball club. We didn't show how good we are, but next week we're going to show everyone how good we are."

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ior defender Katie Taylor, will join her.

Taylor, along with teammates Shannon Culbertson and Jen Herdman, anchor a strong defensive squad that must deal with the loss of two-year captain and second team All-MIAA defensive specialist Lynn Taylor to graduation.

However, the team's much-improved goals against average of 1.4 in 2003 bodes well for this year's Saint Mary's backfield.

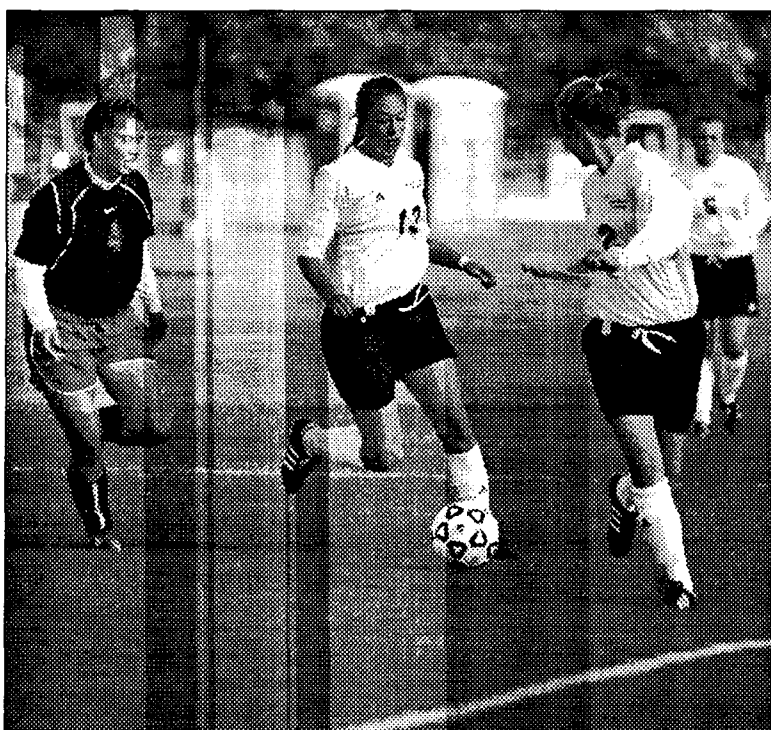
The defense will be an important aspect under the game plan of new head coach Peter Haring, who will look to improve upon the success of last year's team.

Haring hopes the defense can provide consistently strong play, which will allow the midfielders — including Concannon, who along with Wendy Irvin scored 50 percent of the team's goals last year — to play with possession and fire more open runs into the attack.

He also hopes to get contributions on offense this year from midfielders Carrie Orr and Emily Wagoner.

Under the strategy that the best offense will come from a good defense,

Haring has his sights set on a top-three MIAA finish, and



Observer File Photo

Jen Concannon, middle, takes the ball upfield during a Saint Mary's soccer game last season.

from there, a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

The new coach's game plan will face its first test today, when the Belles open up their season at home.

Because their match against University of St. Francis is not a conference game, the game will provide a good chance for the players to develop chemistry and work on technique.

"I'm really excited for the

start of the season," sophomore forward McKenna Keenan said.

"I can't wait to see how our team works together, to see how the upperclassmen play with the underclassmen and work together."

"Under the leadership of our new coach, we're hoping to win conference."

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with any team in the country. Every time they made mistakes, we capitalized on their errors.

"We can only get better from here on."

Since the matches, the Irish have worked to fortify their offense, zeroing in on side-out offense and services.

All of this offensive conditioning should prepare the team for both tonight's match and for the rest of the season, coach Debbie Brown said.

"We need to play at the highest level we can from the first point to the last. It doesn't matter who we're playing; we can't just be up for a ranked team," Brown said.

"Our opponents will not be a challenge as much as maintaining a consistent level of play."

"We need to play at the highest level we can from the first point to the last."

Valparaiso will present plenty of challenges to both

the Irish offense and defense.

The Crusaders are off to a good start this year after receiving a bid to the NCAA Tournament last year. Last weekend, the team defeated Southeast Missouri State, Albany and Ball State in three games each.

What makes Valparaiso's team so successful, Stasiuk said, is their great presence at the net in regards to blocking and their tendency to work the out-sides of the court.

After reviewing tapes of the Crusaders' play, the Irish believe they have identified their opponent's weaknesses and have adjusted their game plan accordingly.

"Our hitters will really have to work their shots and vary them," Stasiuk said. "It will be really important to keep a high level of intensity and be aggressive."

The Irish will take the court to face Valparaiso at 7 p.m. tonight in the Joyce Center.

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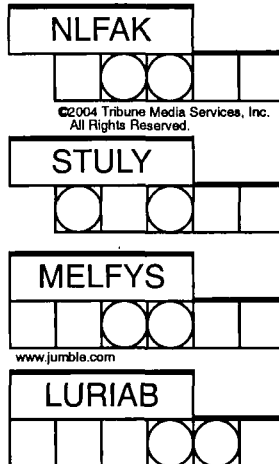
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JUMBLE

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

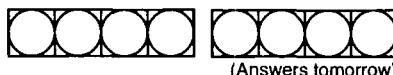


Answer here: A

Yesterday's Jumbles: ENSUE NOISY POPLAR HELPER
Answer: What the champion golfer offered his amateur partners — PRO'S PROSE



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.



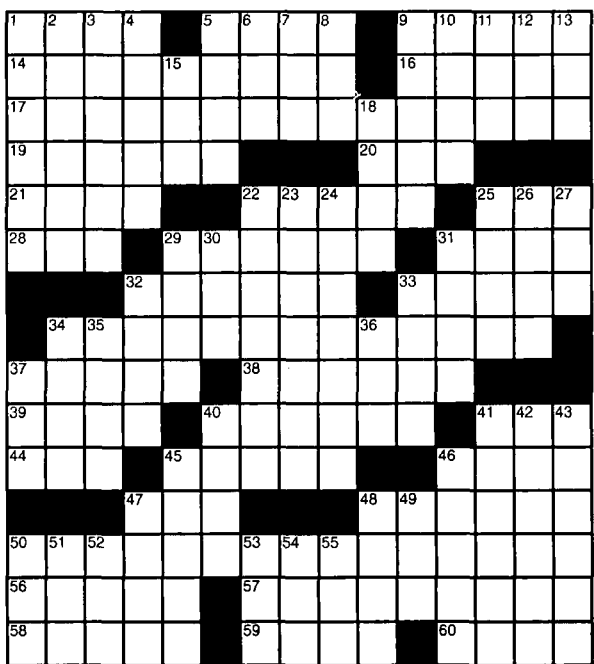
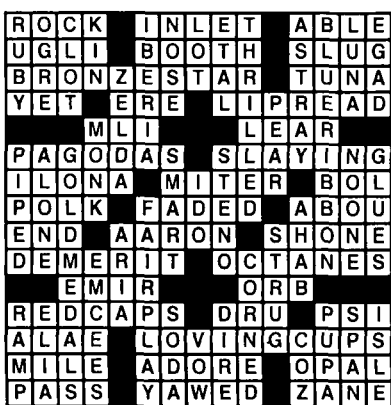
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CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 "If it ___ broke ..."
 - 5 "Guilty," e.g.
 - 9 Clio winner
 - 14 Most stuck-up
 - 16 Poker play
 - 17 "M.T.A." singers, 1959
 - 19 Makes merry
 - 20 Chart shape
 - 21 "Bearded" flower
 - 22 Mall binge
 - 25 Murals and such
 - 28 Dover's state: Abbr.
 - 29 Rang out
 - 31 Like gastric juice
 - 32 40 winks
 - 33 Group values
 - 34 Paul Scott chronicles set in India
 - 37 Weather map area
 - 38 Have more troops than
 - 39 Right on the map
 - 40 Response to someone pointing
 - 41 Actress Peeples
 - 44 Take a gander at
 - 45 Make ___ of (botch)
 - 46 U.S.M.C. V.I.P.'s
 - 47 German article
 - 48 Is fearful of
 - 50 Schubert chamber work
 - 56 Fritter away
 - 57 Unusual sort
 - 58 Place for a kiss
 - 59 Hatchling's home
 - 60 Wagnerian earth goddess
- DOWN**
- 1 ___ Lindgren, Pippi Longstocking's creator
 - 2 Naturally belong
 - 3 It may be seen, heard or spoken, in a saying
 - 4 Quick puffs
 - 5 A.T.M. necessities
 - 6 Trouser part
 - 7 Pothook shape
 - 8 J.D. holder: Abbr.
 - 9 Golfer Palmer, to pals
 - 10 See socially
 - 11 Former Russian orbiter
 - 12 "___ was saying ..."
 - 13 Prefix with natal
 - 15 Up to, for short
 - 18 Newspaper page
 - 22 Home of the N.H.L.'s Sharks
 - 23 Awards to be hung
 - 24 Positions of esteem
 - 25 Need liniment
 - 26 Knee-slapper
 - 27 Six-pointers, in brief
 - 29 Hair-splitter?
 - 30 LAX abbr.
 - 31 Envelope abbr.
 - 32 Gumball cost, once

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



Puzzle by Len Elliott

- 33 The "E" in Q.E.D.
- 34 Cafeteria carrier
- 35 Vacuum feature
- 36 Buddy in Bordeaux
- 37 Lab charge
- 40 Mae West's "___ Angel"
- 41 Less cluttered
- 42 "You're so right!"
- 43 Courtroom fig.
- 45 Broadcaster
- 46 Sci-fi, for one
- 47 James of blues
- 48 The Everly Brothers, e.g.
- 49 Josh
- 50 Onetime Pan Am rival
- 51 Linden of "Barney Miller"
- 52 Body shop fig.
- 53 Java container
- 54 ___ kwon do
- 55 Football game divs.

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Happy Birthday: Take action and you will get results. Don't be daunted by someone who is pushing change your way. Evaluate what's going on and do what's best for everyone this year. Your numbers are 2, 14, 23, 32, 38, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get down to business regarding talks you want to have with relatives or friends. You should be able to get your point across. An unexpected love connection may surprise you. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Think about your future and what you want to achieve. If you have been going down the wrong path, make a swift change in the right direction. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Try your hand at something new. Your versatility will attract attention and possibly a new partnership. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Not everything will be out in the open, so take a better look before making a decision. A problem may arise at home or with someone you've hired. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be praised for helping others, but be careful not everyone will be worthy of your efforts. You can fall in love, but don't make a hasty commitment. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may be looking for glory, but not everyone will be eager to let you step into the spotlight. The harder you try to make things happen, the more likely you are to be blocked. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will learn from the interaction you have with others as well as find a new path. You should travel whatever distance is required in order to follow your heart. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will have to be creative in order to beat the odds. Money matters may take a twist that you are not prepared for. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Watch your back. Although this can be a great day to flirt with the one you love, it can also lead to problems, especially if it slows down your ability to finish your work. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can come up with some very dazzling ideas that will enable you to change your future direction. You will get the acknowledgment you are looking for. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be creative today. Whether it has to do with work, hobbies, children or someone you love, incorporate one of your ingenious ideas. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stop letting everyone pull you in different directions. Think of your own survival and protect yourself from the smooth talkers. **

Birthday Baby: You are versatile, interesting and know how to hold a crowd. You are passionate, caring and sensitive to those around you.

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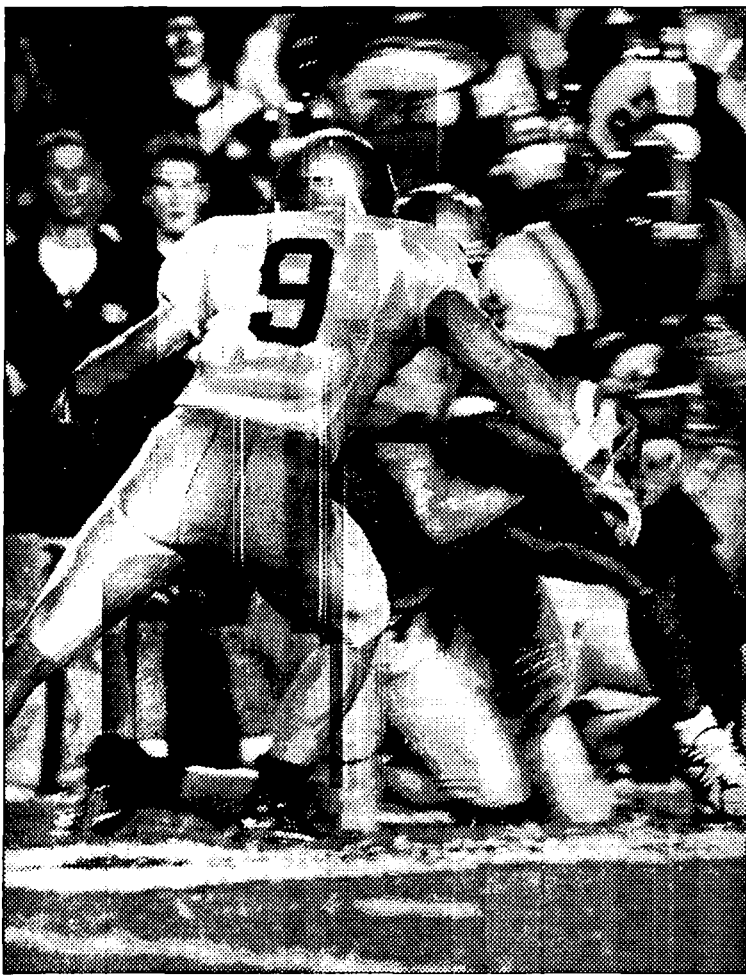
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FOOTBALL

Getting a chance

Zbikowski starts at strong safety against BYU



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Irish strong safety Tom Zbikowski assists on a tackle of BYU's Curtis Brown in Notre Dame's 20-17 loss to the Cougars Saturday. Zbikowski made his first career start in the game.

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

When Tom Zbikowski rushed onto the field with the rest of the starters during the first quarter of Notre Dame's 20-17 loss to BYU Saturday, it was a surprise to nearly everyone, except Zbikowski.

"They told me earlier in the week to get ready, and we started going over some plays and by Thursday I was getting all the reps in practice," Zbikowski said.

Zbikowski, who was recruited in 2003 as a quarterback out of Buffalo Grove (Ill.) High School and switched to defensive back upon his arrival with the Irish, was believed to be in competition with senior Quentin Burrell for the starting spot at free safety this season.

Burrell started at free safety in the Brigham Young game, but Zbikowski still saw the field as the starter at strong safety.

Zbikowski played well, finishing the game with five tackles.

Stepping on the field as a Notre Dame starter was the end of a long journey for Zbikowski, who threw for 1,382 yards and 11 touch-

downs and rushed for 1,287 yards and 23 touchdowns his senior year as Buffalo Grove's starting quarterback.

He was named the Chicago area player of the year as a senior by the Chicago Sun-Times, and named the Gatorade Player of the Year for the state of Illinois.

However, Zbikowski's awards weren't just limited to local accolades. He was named 29th on an ESPN list of the 100 top recruits nationally in 2003, and named a USA Today first-team All-American.

The national spotlight also focused on Zbikowski as he documented his recruiting experience in a daily diary he wrote for ESPN.com. In the end, Zbikowski selected Notre Dame over Nebraska and Iowa, primarily because the Irish were willing to let Zbikowski change positions from quarterback to defense.

As an avid boxer, Zbikowski was also allured by a unique facility on the campus.

"But nothing was more impressive than the boxing gym under coach Willingham's office," Zbikowski wrote in his Dec. 19, 2002 article for Blue Chip Diaries — the series he

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SMC GOLF

Belles look impressive in opener

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

The Belles have certainly gained a lot of confidence since their impressive eighth-place finish at the Division-III NCAA championships last season. But the team will not be satisfied until it achieves its ultimate goal.

"The coach from DePauw told us that we should have one goal for the season," Stefanie Simmerman said. "To win the national title."

With seasoned veterans and an impressive opening weekend, Saint Mary's team has been making a name for themselves.

Last weekend, the Belles began their run at the national title by competing in the Ferris State Bulldog Invitational. Saint Mary's finished fourth with team score of 636, 41 shots behind Invitational champion Ferris State, who shot 595.

The Belles had three members finish in the top-20. Chrissy Dunham finished eighth with a 10-over par 154 and reigning NCAA individual

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SMC SOCCER

Saint Mary's set to kick off year

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

After finishing last year with the most conference wins in the history of the program, Saint Mary's looks to start this year on a similar tone when it faces off against the University of St. Francis (Ind.) today in its first game of the season.

"We want to come out hard since this is our first game of the year," said junior defender

Maura Schoen.

"We want to try to set the pace for the season, and start out with a win."

"We want to come out hard since this is our first game."

Maura Schoen
Belles defender

Schoen is one of many returning upper-classmen who hope to take the Belles even farther this year.

As the team's leading goal scorer last year, midfielder Jen Concannon looks to lead the offensive attack once again in an effort to earn her third All-MIAA selection. The team's other captain, sen-

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish prepare to face instate rival

Notre Dame hopes to come back after losses to Nebraska

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

If Valparaiso expects to play an ego-bruised and vulnerable squad tonight, the Irish have news for them.

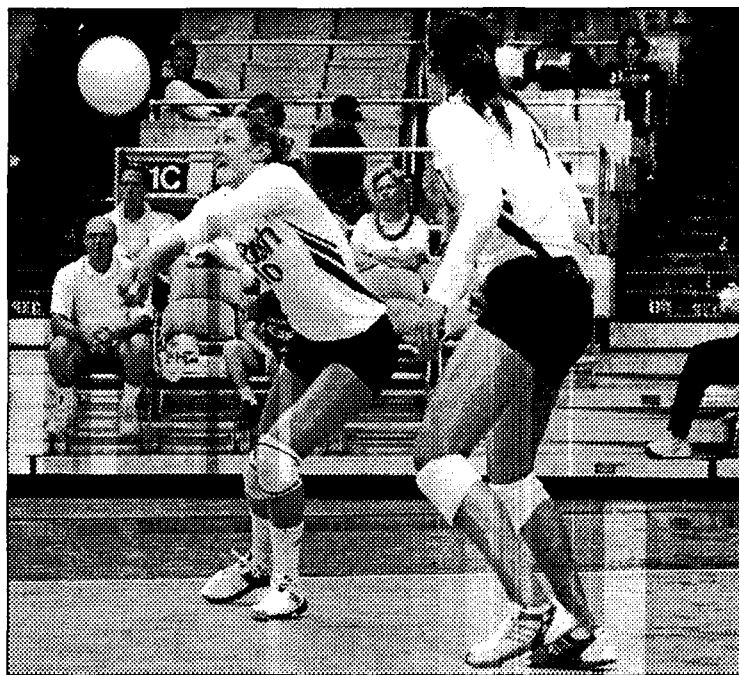
Despite emerging with a 1-2 record after losing a weekend series to No. 2 Nebraska, the Irish aren't disheartened.

In fact, they have found a new sense of confidence.

"We should've beat Nebraska on Saturday," freshman Adrianna Stasiuk said.

"We saw that we could stick

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CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer

Freshman Adrianna Stasiuk, left, passes the ball during Notre Dame's loss to Nebraska Saturday at the Joyce Center.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

SMC VOLLEYBALL

The Belles fell to 0-3 on the season after a loss Monday night to MIAA rival Albion.

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PGA

Vijay Singh overtook Tiger Woods for the No. 1 overall ranking in the world.

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TENNIS

Lindsey Davenport defeated Venus Williams in the fourth round of the U.S. Open.

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MLB

The Yankees filed a complaint with Major League Baseball, asking for Tampa Bay to forfeit a game after showing up late.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Travis Smith picked up his first win since 2002 as the Braves beat the Phillies 3-1.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz hit back-to-back home runs as the Red Sox defeated the A's 8-3.

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