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## Abroad students travel to Belfast

*Dublin Program trip focuses on political, religious divides within Northern Ireland*

By KAREN LANGLEY  
News Writer

BELFAST — There's a lot of baggage that comes with being Irish and Catholic in this city. Or Irish and Protestant, for that matter.

Notre Dame students may not often have reason to think about these challenges, given the pep-band air which surrounds any campus expression of their university's traditional heritage. But last weekend, the students of Notre Dame's Dublin Program traveled to Northern Ireland's capital to see firsthand about the political and religious divides

that have troubled this island's northern end for generations.

Between meeting with a representative of the Sinn Féin political party and touring Catholic and Protestant neighborhoods, students were able to learn experientially about life north of the border.

The group drove north on Oct. 13, over ground where program director Kevin Whelan said snipers used to lie in wait. Upon arrival, they toured Stormont, the home of the Northern Ireland Assembly — a legislative body which has not met since October 2002 because of tension

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KAREN LANGLEY/The Observer

The back wall of this Belfast home serves as a canvas for a Nationalist party mural. Students on the Dublin Program visited the city last weekend.

## ND given Katrina recognition

*University one of nine to receive award*

By RYAN SYDLIK  
News Writer

Notre Dame's service in Katrina-ravaged areas has done even more than improve the lives of the storm's victims — it's won the University national recognition.

Notre Dame was one of nine U.S. universities to receive the Katrina Compassion Award for Excellence in Hurricane Relief Service award from the Corporation for National and Community Service, the nation's largest independent grant-maker for the support of service and volunteerism.

In addition to the award for Katrina relief efforts, the corporation also gave Notre Dame an award for its overall mission of service.

Bill Purcell, assistant professional specialist at the Center for Social Concerns, said the corporation was likely impressed by the quick and comprehensive nature of Notre Dame's relief efforts.

The University reacted to the tragedy through a variety of prayer services, fundraising efforts and forums to discuss national issues that resulted in the aftermath.

"It was everything from the [Hesburgh] Library collecting books [to] engineering [students that] went [down to the region] in a

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## Death penalty group begins on campus

*Notre Dame Against State Killing to hold lectures, work toward moratorium*



NDASK shares the cause of people like these protestors observing a moment of silence Wednesday after a Florida man's execution.

By KAITLYNN RIELY  
News Writer

Given the debate surrounding the death penalty within the Catholic Church, Notre Dame, as a Catholic University, should address it.

That's the philosophy of Notre Dame Against State Killing (NDASK), a new student organization.

The group will launch its first event this fall with a series of lectures to educate students about the death penalty.

NDASK co-organizers junior Andrea Laidman and senior Will McAuliffe — who is also an Observer columnist — described the organization as a campaign under the direction of the Center for Social Concerns and

Campus Ministry. It forms a coalition with various other student groups on campus — including the Notre Dame Law School's ND Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, Notre Dame Right to Life and Amnesty International — who will help them sponsor and publicize events.

"Last spring, in talking to friends, we realized that there isn't really an informed opinion about [the death penalty] on campus," Laidman said. "Everyone had very strong opinions, but they didn't really have the facts on it."

The group differs from Notre Dame Right to Life, McAuliffe said, because it focuses solely on the death penalty issue. NDASK

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## Saint Mary's to install new e-mail system

*Zimbra Server boasts updated features for spring semester*

By LIZ HARTER  
News Writer

Inbox warnings of overflowing e-mail accounts may be a thing of the past at Saint Mary's next semester as the College prepares to install a new messaging system during winter break, Chief Information Officer Keith Fowlkes said.

The current e-mail system

— iPlanet Messaging, known on campus as Aegis and developed by Sun Microsystems — has been "showing its age" in the past few months, Fowlkes said.

The new Zimbra Collaboration Server boasts "all new software, hardware and [has a] greater quota capacity for our users," Fowlkes said. It will include e-mail, a calendar system and shared wikis.

The Saint Mary's Web site defines wikis as the ability to use a Web site to collabo-

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## Professor stresses career vocation

*Talk examines views of women, working; encourages balance*

By ABBY RICHARDSON  
News Writer

The challenge of balancing both a career and family — a thought that worries many college students — served as the focus of Boston University professor Claire Wolfeich's Tuesday night talk at Saint Mary's.

As a professor and mother of three, Wolfeich came to the College's Stapleton Lounge as part of the Center for Spirituality's

2006 Endowed Fall Lecture series to discuss the changing views of women in the workplace.

"Work is a vocation," Wolfeich said. "Women are primarily seen as mothers."

This stereotype, she said, has historically been a threat to women working outside the house. Over time, however, more women have dissolved that image and pursued careers, she said.

Wolfeich said this change has also stemmed from the religious world, and she reminded the audience of papal encyclicals that encouraged women to venture into the workplace.

In a 1995 encyclical, the

late Pope John Paul II specifically thanks "women who work," she said, which allows women to fulfill their desire to work.

"Work does influence women's life in many ways," Wolfeich said.

Careers give women a chance to redefine themselves and their lives, she said, and allows them to reshape their devotional life.

Wolfeich encouraged the women in the room to recognize their job as a vocation — something that not many do, she said, especially if work does not involve service or suffer-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Let yourself  
fall behind  
this weekend

Believe it or not, it's still fall. And it will be until Dec. 22. That's nearly two more months of the leaves changing, football, sweatshirts and mitten-less hands. Right?

Not exactly. Winter has come early this year. We haven't even changed our clocks back for daylight saving time yet.

We have woken up more than once to snow on the ground in October. The heat is on in the dorms. Halloween? Please — Christmas is in the air.

For the first time in years, I don't think I'll be opposed to hearing Christmas music by Thanksgiving. Even though it may feel like winter, rest assured that fall isn't finished.

There are still things to look forward to, despite the weather making it seem otherwise. One of those things is happening at the end of the week. You guessed it. Daylight saving time is around the corner. That being said, this is now a public service announcement to set your clocks back one hour this Sunday.

Being from the East Coast, I know most Indiana residents are opposed to daylight saving time for various reasons (crops, farms, cows?), but I'm sure no college student would complain about an extra hour of sleep ... especially after a Saturday night.

My favorite part about changing the clocks back is that Sunday is a 25-hour day.

Have you ever heard the expression, "There aren't enough hours in the day"?

Have no fear. Now there are. 25 hours in one day.

There are so many things you could do with that extra hour, so don't waste it. Or maybe that's exactly what you want to do. Take that extra hour and put it into productive sleep time.







Whatever daylight saving time brings for you, just enjoy this little gift of extra time to relieve the stress of the day, relax or be productive.

Before you know it we will be setting the clocks forward and, I don't know about you, but I won't be celebrating the 23-hour day.

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Katie Kohler  
News Writer

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE WILL FERRELL MOVIE?

					
<b>Bob Reish</b> sophomore Sorin	<b>Chris Kane</b> junior Keenan	<b>Devin Harrington</b> sophomore Stanford	<b>Evan Sharpley</b> sophomore Dillon	<b>Jessica Miller</b> senior off campus	<b>Matt Lind</b> sophomore Keenan
"'Old School.' Obviously because he's living every man's dream."	"'Old School.' Because Bam Bam is a dork — he has a physique to die for — and there's a guy named Fred and he's got a pair of slacks."	"'SNL,' because it's not too crazy like some of his movies and it's actually funny."	"'Zoolander,' because he is so hot right now."	"'Elf,' because I like eating from the four food groups."	"'Bewitched,' because that show is long overdue to be made into a movie."



Junior Andrew Hayes acts out a Greek tragedy Wednesday afternoon on the Fieldhouse Mall as part of the Classics Fest.

OFFBEAT

**Principal returns to school after "wedgie" incident**  
LIVINGSTON, Mont. — The principal of Park High School returned to school Tuesday after a six-day suspension for giving a student a "wedgie." The Livingston School District Board held a special meeting Monday and approved Superintendent Hannibal Anderson's recommendation that Principal Eric Messerli be allowed to return to work. "It has been clearly recognized and stated that the behavior is inappropriate, unprofessional and unacceptable," Anderson

said. Messerli's behavior "warrants substantial disciplinary action" but was not sufficient grounds for a recommendation for termination, he said. Messerli was suspended for two days without pay and four days with pay for grabbing a Park High senior's soccer jersey and pulling it over his head and giving the student a "wedgie" by pulling up on the waist band of his underwear.

**Woman's driving test becomes a nightmare**  
PORTAGE, Ind — A

young woman's goal of getting her driver's license crashed this week — right into the license branch. The 20-year-old woman was pulling into a parking spot outside the license branch when she hit the accelerator instead of the brake, Assistant Fire Chief Mike Bucy said. The car jumped a small curb and went into the building about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, tearing out a large glass window and damaging a door and low brick wall.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

David Shipler, Pulitzer Prize-winning author will speak about "The Working Poor. Invisible in America" tonight at 7 p.m. in Jordan Auditorium at the Mendoza College of Business.

David Whalen, the associate provost of Hillsdale College will speak give a lecture entitled "Scarlet Sins and Books that are Read" tonight at 7:30 p.m. in room 129 of DeBartolo Hall.

The Halloween Dance sponsored by the classes of 2009 and 2009 will take place tonight at 9:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Free Chic-Fil-A will be served, and the event is free to all ND, SMC and HCC students.

Legends: The Best of Acousticafé will take place tonight at 10 p.m. at Legends.

The Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra will perform Friday at 8 p.m. in Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$6, \$5 faculty/staff, \$4 seniors and \$3 all students.

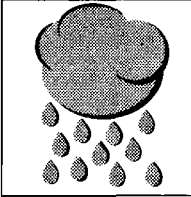


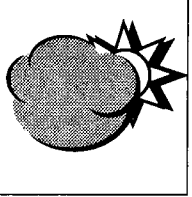
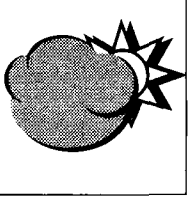
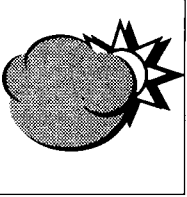
The bands Angel Melendez and 911 Mambo will perform at 10 p.m. at Legends on Friday. The concert is free for ND, SMC and HCC students.

Relay for Life will begin at 6 p.m. Friday and conclude at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Stepan Center.

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

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, the article "Conference Considers Happiness" in the Oct. 25 edition of The Observer incorrectly identified the source of funding for the "New Directions in the Study of Happiness: United and International Perspectives" conference. The conference was sponsored principally by the Department of Economics and Policy Studies and by the Program in American Democracy (with a grant from the Annenberg Foundation), with additional support from Institute of Scholarship in the Liberal Arts (ISLA) and the Department of Sociology. The Observer regrets this error.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 48 LOW 31	HIGH 37 LOW 31	HIGH 48 LOW 35	HIGH 45 LOW 32	HIGH 47 LOW 32	HIGH 55 LOW 35

Atlanta 60 / 40 Boston 53 / 34 Chicago 48 / 43 Denver 40 / 28 Houston 84 / 53 Los Angeles 85 / 54 Minneapolis 49 / 34 New York 54 / 39 Philadelphia 55 / 39 Phoenix 79 / 56 Seattle 59 / 43 St. Louis 52 / 43 Tampa 83 / 60 Washington 56 / 40

## STUDENT SENATE

# Group passes stricter ballot access standards

*18-4 vote raises requirement to 200 signatures*

By MARY KATE MALONE  
News Editor

Students wishing to run for class officer positions will now face stricter ballot access standards, thanks to a constitutional amendment passed by the Student Senate Wednesday.

Previously, class officer candidates — who run for office in teams of four (president, vice president, secretary and treasurer) — had to obtain 100 signatures from members of their class in order to get their names on the ballot.

But in an 18-4 vote, senators voted to raise that requirement to 200 signatures.

St. Edward's senator Brian Lan crafted the amendment, which came out of the Senate Oversight committee. The stricter requirement is not meant to deter students from running for office, Lan said. Instead, it merely forces candidates to gather support from a larger percentage of the class.

"It was so easy to get on

the ballot [by getting 100 signatures]. ... Now, this shouldn't change who is on the ballot, but it will get a better representation."

Gathering 200 votes is about 10 percent of a given class at Notre Dame — a standard that, Lan believes, is more comparable to the 700 signatures that student body presidential and vice presidential candidates must gather in order to run for those offices.

## In other Senate news:

♦ The third and final student-alumni reception will take place Nov. 3 — but the location has not yet been determined, said University Affairs committee chair Aly Baumgartner. Film, television and theater majors should try to attend the event, Baumgartner said, since prominent alums working in the entertainment industry will probably go to the reception when they are on campus that weekend.

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# Polish archbishop to visit ND

*Zycinski to give lecture, participate in a public forum on evolution*

Special to The Observer

Archbishop Józef Zycinski of Lublin, Poland will visit the University of Notre Dame from Oct. 31 to Nov. 3 [Tuesday to Friday] and on Nov. 1 will present the University's 2006 Nanovic Institute Distinguished European Lecture and participate in a public forum on evolution and Catholicism. Both events are free and open to the public.



Zycinski

The Nanovic lecture will take place at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the University's Hesburgh Center for International Studies. Titled "Neighbors? Jews and Catholics in Post-Shoah Poland," the presentation is sponsored by the Nanovic Institute.

The public forum, sponsored by Notre Dame's Reilly Center for Science, Technology and Values; Nanovic Institute for European Studies; Jacques Maritain Center; Departments of Biology, Theology,

Philosophy and the Program of Liberal Studies, is titled "Evolution and Catholic Faith: Is There a Conflict?" The event will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Room 101 of Notre Dame's Jordan Hall of Science and will feature remarks from a panel of Notre Dame faculty members, a response from the archbishop, and an audience question-and-answer session. Structured for a general interest audience, this forum will examine this issue in light of some discussions of evolution by the Church that included a meeting at the Vatican in July.

Appointed Archbishop of Lublin in 1997, Archbishop Zycinski also serves as grand chancellor of the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, where his research focuses on the history and philosophy of science and the relationship between science and evolution. He is the author of the forthcoming book "God and Evolution: Fundamental Questions of Christian Evolutionism." He has worked to promote Jewish-Catholic relations in the diocese of Lublin.

Ordained to the priesthood in 1972 following studies at the Czestochowa Major Seminary

in Kraków, Archbishop Zycinski holds degrees in philosophy, theology and the philosophy of science. He has held the Chair of Logic and Methodology at Kraków's Papal Academy of Theology since 1980 and served as the vice-dean and dean of the academy's faculty of philosophy from 1982 to 1985 and 1988 to 1990, respectively.

Archbishop Zycinski holds numerous public positions, including chair of the Bishops' Council for the Laity and the Program Committee of KAI [Catholic Information Agency]. He also serves on the Polish Bishops' Commissions for the Doctrine of the Faith and for Pastoral Care and holds memberships in the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences, the Committee for Philosophical Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN), and PAN's Committee on Evolutionary and Theoretical Biology.

Archbishop Zycinski is the author of 40 books and more than 350 published journal articles. He founded the journal series "Philosophy in Science," published by PAN, the Vatican Observatory and the University of Arizona.

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## ATTENTION, all LAW, MBA, and GRADUATE students:

Student Affairs and the Graduate School want your feedback. In the next couple of days, you will receive an e-mail invitation to complete an on-line survey about your experiences as graduate and professional students at the University. Please take the time to participate in this important survey. *Your responses will help to shape the future of graduate and professional student life at Notre Dame.*

- ♦ ALL students who complete the survey will receive a complimentary meal pass to either dining hall.
- ♦ All participants will also be registered in a lottery to win one of many available prizes, including:
  - ▶ iPods
  - ▶ Computers
  - ▶ \$100 gift cards to the DPAC
  - ▶ \$50 gift cards to Papa Vino's
  - ▶ \$50 gift cards to the ND Bookstore
  - ▶ Meal passes for a week (14 meals) to either dining hall



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helps Right to Life and Amnesty International to turn their focus to their other issues because it assumes responsibility for educating students about the death penalty, McAuliffe said.

"With us focusing solely on this issue, they don't have to divert any of their own resources within their group."

NDASK's mission goes beyond educating students on Notre Dame's campus. Its long-term goal is to work toward establishing a moratorium on the death penalty in the state of Indiana.

"It's not a one-year goal," Laidman said. "This is going to be a lasting campaign on the campus. It takes so much mobilization to campaign for [a moratorium on the death penalty] at the state level."

The group has a list of around 100 members, Laidman said, but a core team of about five has organized the group.

The organization has planned poster campaigns, information sessions, a trip to Indiana's death row in Michigan City and an upcoming lecture series this fall.

The lecture series will introduce a human element to complement statistics and figures, Laidman said. The speakers for the lecture series each bring a unique viewpoint on the death penalty, she said.

"We want people to hear these different stories, then draw the statistics and facts together with them," Laidman said.

Thomas Anthony Durkin, a 1968 Notre Dame graduate and a lawyer in Chicago, will speak Nov. 1 in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum about his role in establishing a moratorium on the death penalty in Illinois.

Geographically, Indiana is in a good position because it is next to Illinois and moratorium advocates can draw on its resources in their fight against the death penalty, McAuliffe said.

McAuliffe said Deacon George Brooks, director of advocacy and jail chaplain for Kolbe House, the Archdiocese of Chicago's prison and jail ministry, will speak Nov. 8 in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium about seeing murderers as children of God.

Former Indiana Gov. Joseph Kernan will speak Nov. 15 in the Coleman-Morse Student Lounge about his feelings on the death penalty.

Kernan has said he supports the death penalty in principle, but believes it should only be used in the most serious cases.

Indiana State Senator John Broden, a 1987 graduate of Notre Dame, will speak Nov. 29 at the same location. He currently serves as a member of the Indiana Assessment Team of the American Bar Association's Death Penalty Moratorium Implementation Project.

A forum will be held in the spring semester to continue the conversation about the death penalty.

This is an issue that "can really attract students from a diverse background of interests," said Laidman, explaining that the death penalty debate involves legal, political and moral aspects.

"It seems that in learning about it students become more and more interested," she said.

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## Katrina

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Winnebago," he said.

The fundraising process began during the Sept. 17, 2005 Notre Dame-Michigan State home football game, and the University was able to donate "close to a million dollars in cash [to] the Catholic Charities U.S.A. ... Holy Cross sites and [Alliance for Catholic Education] sites," Purcell said.

Notre Dame students

began to contribute to the rebuilding process during fall break of 2005, and 118 students recently returned from this year's fall break relief effort, Purcell said.

He said this highlights Notre Dame's ongoing assistance efforts — which don't involve just students.

"It's faculty, staff, students and alumni," Purcell said, "which is nice since we have [the entire] Holy Cross family ... helping [the Gulf Coast family] in need."

Purcell said Notre Dame's connections as a Catholic university were extremely

helpful to relief efforts. The CSC's contact with New Orleans Archbishop Alfred Hughes allowed University President Father John Jenkins to meet with him to coordinate efforts.

A Holy Cross school was also able to house volunteers from the engineering department and ACE while they aided local schools.

Purcell said he did not expect to receive the award when he submitted the grant application that became the basis to choose the award's recipients.

"I was actually surprised

[Notre Dame received an award] because we were not one of the schools down in the area," he said.

Other schools to receive the award included the University of Connecticut, Georgetown University, Baylor College of Dentistry, Louisiana Tech University, Central Michigan University, the State University of New York at Geneseo, Southern University and A&M College and Xavier University of Louisiana.

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## E-mail

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rate on a document.

Freshman Kate McKenna said she doesn't know what these wikis would be used for, but hopes it's not class projects. Doing that, she said, would eliminate a level of social interaction between students, which is how she said she met many of her friends.

"Everything is getting so high tech nowadays," she said. "I think if people really started to do group work [through the wikis on this new system] it would be a benefit, but [it] also would take away from the important parts of working in a

group."

While Aegis has been a good Webmail system, it does not have the expandability the College needed, Fowlkes said.

"We are looking at keeping both systems up until everyone has gone through the conversion process, so, at this point, we are hoping for little downtime," he said.

Sophomore Lauren Stepaniak said she's looking forward to the new e-mail system, but is worried about

the downtime.

"It will be somewhat annoying [if the e-mail system is] down over break because this is the only e-mail that I use," Stepaniak said.

The changeover of personal e-mail accounts will be done through a simple link

on the homepage, Fowlkes said.

"[Students] will have the same e-mail address [and] no mail or folders will be lost," he said. "They will just be transferred to the

new server during the move process."

Despite the College's effort to increase e-mail ease, not all students believe that the new system is necessary.

"I think that the current e-mail system is sufficient," senior Breeana Gregory said. "One of [its] problems is that there is not enough memory, [but] if the memory was increased it would be good."

McKenna said while the system has worked well during her first semester of college — "it's easy to use" — she is aware of students not deleting e-mails and creating an overflow problem.

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**Keith Fowlkes**  
Saint Mary's  
chief information officer

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ing.

"There needs to be more guidance for women," Wolfeich said, pointing at the insufficient number of examples of women who balance work and home.

Although Wolfeich said there is also a lack of spiritual models to serve as

guidance for women, she believes it is only a matter of time before that changes.

While Wolfeich anticipates an increase of female role models, accounting professor

working she believes society has already made

*"The thing students have today that we didn't have is role models."*

**MaryAnn Merryman**  
Saint Mary's professor

positive strides to impress a balance of work and home life onto young women.

"The thing students have today that we didn't have is role models," Merryman

said. "I value that. I take

that part of my vocation seriously."

Sophomore Andrea Krebs said she believes the educational experience should further address students' potential role as mothers.

"[Being a mother] hasn't even been addressed," Krebs said. "The focus is on the job and getting a good job."

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## CENTRAL EUROPEAN STUDIES PROGRAM IN INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA

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With Professor Gernot Guertler,  
Director of the CES Program

Thursday, October 26, 2006  
210 DeBartolo 5:30 pm-7:00pm

Applications Available [www.nd.edu/~ois](http://www.nd.edu/~ois)

Questions? — [Weber.15@nd.edu](mailto:Weber.15@nd.edu) Application Deadline: November 15, 2006

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Executions mark new government

BUJUMBURA, Burundi — Burundi's spy agency has executed 38 people and arbitrarily detained 200 others since the Central African nation's new government came to power, a rights group said Wednesday.

New York-based Human Rights Watch accused President Pierre Nkurunziza year-old government of failing to prosecute those accused of extra-judicial killings. A security official acknowledged some officers had committed human rights abuses, but said the cases were isolated and that those responsible were punished.

"Since the new government took office, the intelligence service has been free to use any means necessary, including killing and torture, to reach its goals," the group's Alison des Forges said in a report. "The government must address this pattern of continuing violations."

### Tropical Storm Paul weakening

SAN JOSE DEL CABO, Mexico — Tropical Storm Paul quickly lost strength Wednesday as it swirled toward Mexico's mainland at the tip of the Baja California peninsula.

About 100 residents who were evacuated to government shelters in Cabo San Lucas were heading back to their homes, relieved the sun had re-emerged and they had been spared by Paul, which earlier in the week had been the season's third hurricane to threaten the region.

The storm was forecast to continue weakening, but it was moving quickly toward mainland Mexico. It was expected to make landfall later Wednesday and could dump as much as 10 inches of rain and spark dangerous flooding, according to the hurricane center in Miami.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Arizona official will resign

PHOENIX — State Treasurer David Petersen will resign and plead guilty to a misdemeanor charge of failing to report \$4,200 in commissions for selling character-education materials to schools, Attorney General Terry Goddard said Wednesday.

Petersen was to appear Wednesday in Maricopa County Superior Court for arraignment on the misdemeanor count that concluded a months-long investigation that originally centered on allegations of theft, fraud and conflict of interest.

A memo from Goddard said the investigation found no evidence that Petersen stole or misused public money, though "numerous issues pertaining to defendant's performance of his duties and management of his office were found to be outside the scope of a criminal investigation."

### New York taxi fare increased by \$1

NEW YORK — The cost of standing still, like everything else in New York City, is going up.

The price of an average cab ride increased by \$1 when the city Taxi and Limousine Commission voted unanimously Wednesday to double the amount charged on the meter when a taxi sits idly in traffic.

The unanimous vote puts New York's wait time in the same range as other major U.S. cities, where the cost of sitting runs about \$20 to \$30 an hour, according to the commission.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Woman sues over strip search video

HAMMOND, Ind. — A woman videotaped during a police strip-search has sued the city, claiming the tape was distributed to others.

The woman is seeking the maximum amount of damages allowed against a municipality, \$300,000, and cites the city of Hammond on 10 counts, including intentional infliction of emotional distress, invasion of privacy and violation of the Fourth Amendment.

The complaint was filed Tuesday at Lake Superior Court by the woman's attorney, Todd M. Conover. The woman's name is not included in the complaint.

## Bush: No 'simple solution' to war

*President dissatisfied with death toll and raids, still confident in Iraqi abilities*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Many Americans are unhappy with the war in Iraq, and President Bush said Wednesday he is dissatisfied, too. But he does not want the United States to change direction, pull out or set timetables for withdrawal.

Bush came to the White House's East Room and delivered an impassioned defense of the long and unpopular war, arguing that to leave now would mean defeat. His appearance came 13 days before elections in which Republicans fear Iraq could cost them control of the House, Senate or both.

While saying he was open to recommendations from a blue-ribbon commission exploring U.S. options in Iraq, Bush cautioned, "The road to victory will not be easy. We should not expect a simple solution."

"Our goals are unchanging," the president said. "We are flexible in our methods to achieving those goals."

Bush expressed unwavering confidence in Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, the U.S. generals running the war and Iraq's prime minister, Nouri al-Maliki, despite new strains between Baghdad and Washington.

"The ultimate accountability rests with me," Bush said of Iraq. "If people are unhappy about it, look right to the president." He spoke at an hourlong news conference dominated by Iraq questions.

Despite polls suggesting a Democratic takeover of at least the House, Bush said he was confident Republicans would prevail. Dismissing Democrats' hopes, Bush said, "We've got some people dancing in the end zone here in Washington, D.C., ... measuring their drapes."

Now in its fourth year, the war is the top campaign issue. A majority of Americans are opposed to



President Bush addresses reporters during a press conference in the East Room of the White House Wednesday.

Bush's handling of Iraq, and increasing numbers of Republican candidates have signaled impatience with the president's policies as U.S. deaths have climbed above 2,800. Bush indicated he shared the public's frustration even as he pushed back against calls for troop withdrawals.

"I know many Americans are not satisfied with the situation in Iraq," he said in a lengthy statement before taking questions. "I'm not satisfied either." October has been the deadliest month this year for American forces, and the war soon will have lasted longer than U.S. involvement in World War II.

"The events of the past

month have been a serious concern to me and a serious concern to the American people," the president said.

Bush said the United States was changing tactics to deal with circumstances in Iraq but shouldn't change the overall direction of the war.

"Absolutely, we're winning," the president asserted.

Bush voiced confidence in al-Maliki, calling him "the right man" for Iraq now.

In Baghdad, the Iraqi leader took a hard slap at the United States for a raid by U.S. and Iraqi forces on the stronghold of a Shiite militia led by a radical anti-American cleric on whom Al-Maliki relies for political

support. Al-Maliki said the raid "will not be repeated."

Al-Maliki also criticized the top U.S. military and diplomatic representatives in Iraq for saying his government needed to set a timetable to curb violence in the country. "I affirm that this government represents the will of the people, and no one has the right to impose a timetable on it," he said.

Bush said he had asked for a transcript of al-Maliki's remarks before coming into the East Room. Al-Maliki was correct in saying mandates could not be imposed on Iraq, Bush said. He suggested there had been a miscommunication between U.S. and Iraqi officials.

## ARGENTINA

## Prosecutors want Iranian arrested

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES — Argentine prosecutors asked a federal judge on Wednesday to order the arrest of former Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani and seven others for the 1994 bombing of a Jewish cultural center that killed scores of people.

The decision to attack the center "was undertaken in 1993 by the highest authorities of the then-government of Iran," prosecutor Alberto Nisman said at a news conference.

He said the actual attack was entrusted to the Lebanon-based group Hezbollah.

The worst terrorist attack ever on

Argentine soil, the bombing of the Jewish cultural center in Buenos Aires killed 85 people and injured more than 200 when an explosive-laden vehicle detonated near the building.

Iran's government has vehemently denied any involvement in the attack following repeated accusations by Jewish community and other leaders here.

Iranian authorities contacted here by The Associated Press said they would have no comment.

Prosecutors urged the judge to seek international and national arrest orders for Rafsanjani, who was Iran's president between 1989

and 1997.

They also asked the judge to detain several other former Iranian officials, including a former intelligence chief, Ali Fallahijan, and former Foreign Minister Ali Ar Velayati.

They also urged the arrest of two former commanders of Iran's Revolutionary Guards, two former Iranian diplomats and a former Hezbollah security chief for external affairs.

Nisman and fellow prosecutor Marcelo Martinez Burgos said they suspected that Hezbollah undertook activities outside Lebanon only "under orders directly emanating from the regime in Tehran."

# Belfast

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between Nationalists, who want Northern Ireland to become part of the Republic of Ireland, and Unionists, who want the state to be totally under the control of the United Kingdom.

After the tour and an educational session, Whelan and the students met with Philip McGuigan, a Sinn Féin Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Sinn Féin is the political party that was closely associated with the Provisional Irish Republican Army, the volunteer paramilitary organization that since 1969 acted with violence in support of Nationalist causes, and so many of McGuigan's initial statements regarded the relationship between the two.

The two groups shared the same political objective — uniting all of Ireland under one Irish government — and their membership was drawn from the same communities, McGuigan said.

"There's no denying that some of the leadership [of Sinn Féin] was once involved in the IRA," he said.

McGuigan, who is in his early 30s, said that he was never a member of the IRA and never "bombed or shot anyone."

Clearly aware of his audience's nationality, he added that those IRA volunteers who did bomb and shoot may not have been so different from the American militias who took up arms to resist their British colonizers.

"The Republicans aren't made up of psychopaths," McGuigan said. "Nobody wants to pick up arms and be killed or kill someone else."

The IRA decommissioned in 2005 and has ceased intelligence and fundraising activities, Whelan later said.

McGuigan emphasized that his desire for a united Ireland did not stem from mere idealism, but rather practicality.

"It makes sense for the people of this island to decide their destinies" without the interference of British rule in Northern Ireland, he said.

This British presence in Ireland, and not hatred between Catholics and Protestants, was the cause of violence in Northern Ireland, McGuigan said.

"We have always recognized any solution on the island will have us all living together," he said.

During the question and answer session, Whelan challenged McGuigan's assertion that Sinn Féin was a party which appealed to young people throughout Ireland.

"Most young people now would rather have the Taliban running Ireland than Sinn Féin," Whelan said. "You've tarnished the ideas of the very people you want."

Later, Whelan said that while he was trying to provoke the politician into giving a straight, emotional answer, he said it was true that young people in the south see Sinn Féin as a relic of Ireland's violent past.

The meeting at Stormont convinced Dublin Program participant Matt Anderson that the troubled history of Northern Ireland has not been resolved, particularly since British parliament members have governed the state since the Northern Ireland Assembly was suspended

ed in 2002.

"A handful of British politicians come over ... make random laws for Northern Ireland, fly back, and then resume their lives again. ... They don't even live in Ireland," he said. "How can people stand for that?"

Students from the Dublin Program have visited Belfast and met with various political representatives since the program's founding in 1998. Representatives from all four of Northern Ireland's major political parties — Sinn Féin, the Social Democratic and Labour Party, the Ulster Unionist Party and the Democratic Unionist Party — have met with groups.

On two occasions, the trips to Stormont have coincided with major milestones in the Northern Ireland peace process. Notre Dame students were in Northern Ireland in April 1998 when the British and Irish governments signed the historic Good Friday Agreement, Whelan said. This weekend, British and Northern Ireland leaders meeting in Scotland came to the St. Andrews Agreement, under which devolution of political power back to the Northern Ireland assembly should occur within months.

Four years ago, students met with the now infamous Denis Donaldson. At the time, Donaldson was a Sinn Féin representative but was murdered in April after being discovered as a British spy.

On Oct. 14, the group toured the political murals located within the Catholic and Protestant communities of Belfast. These brightly colored paintings on the side of stores and homes typically commemorate those who died during the Troubles, but the murals are extremely sectarian in nature. The Troubles refers to the period of violence in Northern Ireland from the late 1960s until the Good Friday

Agreement.

In the Protestant communities, the Union Jack waves from houses while murals laud Oliver Cromwell. In Catholic communities, the green, white and orange of the Republic of Ireland are everywhere, and praise of the IRA decorates family homes.

Though most students have some knowledge of the political history of Northern Ireland, seeing Belfast themselves is pivotal in their education process, Whelan said.

"It brings home to people how close and yet how far apart the Unionist and Nationalist communities are," he said.

The human context of Northern Ireland's political problems was evident to Dublin Program participant Becky Antas

when touring the neighborhoods.

"It was sad to see the many children running about and playing in the streets next to violent, graphic murals painted on the sides of their houses," she said.

Though Antas and her family have been active in Northern Ireland peace issues for years, touring the murals made her even more eager for the Unionists and Nationalists to "finally compromise and end the age-old conflict."

Even outside the context of Irish studies, the situation of Northern Ireland is of international importance, Whelan said.

"It's an example of the transition from an armed struggle and terrorism to a democratic republic," he said.

When Dublin Program participant Michael Redding was walking through the neighborhoods, he noticed the looks on residents' faces as they saw this group of students taking a guided tour, complete with local historians, of their neighborhood.

"It wasn't that they didn't want you there," Redding said. "It was just this look that they knew that was as close as you would ever come to understanding the pain and division the Troubles have caused."

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Sinn Féin member

# Anti-terror programs to face revisions

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two anti-terrorism ID programs have been sent back to the drawing board and a third is being farmed out to private companies after costing hundreds of millions of dollars.

Begun after the Sept. 11, 2001, hijackings, the programs were supposed to help prevent catastrophic terrorist attacks on the U.S. transportation system by checking airline passenger names against watch lists and providing special identification cards to every worker with access to airports, railroads, seaports or trucks.

So far, the Transportation Security Administration — which has been overseeing development of the three programs — has not gone beyond testing, has issued no IDs and has screened no passengers against terrorist lists.

TSA chief Kip Hawley defended the agency's efforts this week, saying the projects by their very nature use expensive and unreliable advanced technology.

All three are back on track, Hawley said. "Massive changes have happened here," he said. "We have a good acquisitions team and a good process."

According to documents obtained by The Associated Press, the agency has spent more than \$200 million on the Transportation Worker Identity Credential, Secure Flight and Registered Traveler programs.

On all three, the TSA and contractors hired by the agency have spent more than anticipated, missed deadlines and raised questions about their ability to protect the public's privacy and the private sector's commercial interests.

Congressional investigators have warned repeatedly that the agency is mismanaging the programs.

"Five years after 9/11, the Bush Administration and TSA are stuck in neutral on critical security measures," said Massachusetts Rep. Ed Markey, a senior Democrat on the Homeland Security Committee.

"The lack of oversight by this Republican Congress on this program and countless others is just another reason Americans are ready to head in a new direction in November," Markey said.

Hawley called Secure Flight the most important of the three projects. It is envisioned as a computer-based program to check all airline passengers' names against terrorist watch lists before they board an airplane.

Airlines already check names against the lists and alert TSA officials when a passenger's name appears similar to one on a watch list. The system has led to thousands of false identifications. More than 30,000 people who are not terrorists have asked TSA to remove their names from the lists since Sept. 11, 2001.

The TSA for four years tried to develop a technology system to take over the task of checking names against watch lists. The major contractors on the project were IBM, Lockheed Martin and Eagle Force Associates. Also involved in testing were Acxiom Corp., HNC Software, Infoglide Software, and Ascent Technology.

In February, the Government Accountability Office found security vulnerabilities with Secure Flight and it was suspended for retooling — after \$110 million had been spent.

Hawley said the project stalled because of debate about whether it should try to identify unknown terrorists — which raises civil liberties concerns — or simply match names against watch lists.

"That debate was played out," he said. "Congress said this is simply going to be watch-list matching."

The Transportation Workers Identity Credential, or TWIC, is an ID card to be issued to about 6 million longshoremen, mechanics, airport workers, locomotive engineers and truck drivers — if they pass government background checks. The card will use a biometric identifier — fingerprint or eye scan, for example.



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NASDAQ	2,356.59	+11.75
NYSE	8,795.76	+45.69
S&P 500	1,382.22	+4.84
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FTSE 100(London)	6,214.60	+32.10

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INTEL CP (INTC)	+0.46	+0.10	21.72
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	+2.71	+0.14	5.30
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+0.11	+0.03	28.31

### Treasuries

10-YEAR NOTE	-1.06	-0.051	4.773
13-WEEK BILL	-0.10	-0.005	4.985
30-YEAR BOND	-0.91	-0.045	4.897
5-YEAR NOTE	-1.04	-0.050	4.751

### Commodities

LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+2.05	61.40
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+3.20	590.80
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+0.05	89.53

### Exchange Rates

YEN	118.8050
EURO	0.7914
POUND	0.5316
CANADIAN \$	1.1233

## IN BRIEF

### Interest rate left unchanged

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve held interest rates steady yet again, noting the economy had slowed but saying growth would probably pick up in the months ahead.

With elections looming, Fed policymakers, wrapping up a two-day meeting on Wednesday, delivered a largely balanced message about economic conditions. Policymakers blended equal parts of caution about inflation risks with confidence that the economy's nearly 5-year-old expansion isn't in danger of petering out.

Against that backdrop, Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and all but one of his central bank colleagues felt comfortable staying the course and kept an important interest rate at 5.25 percent for the third meeting in a row. That meant commercial banks' prime interest rate — for certain credit cards, home equity lines of credit and other loans — remained at 8.25 percent.

### ImClone names Carl Icahn chairman

NEW YORK — Financier Carl Icahn won the nasty battle to take control of biotech company ImClone Systems Inc. on Wednesday. The company named him chairman and said the four board members he was trying to oust are leaving, including the interim CEO, who resigned effective immediately. ImClone shares climbed more than 5 percent.

Icahn, who owns roughly 14 percent of the company, had been seeking a management shake-up since September after declaring the board had done a deplorable job running ImClone, noting it had failed to both fully capitalize on the potential of cancer drug Erbitux and find a suitable CEO.

In a statement, Icahn said his top priorities were finding a new chief executive and repairing relations with Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., which owns about 17 percent of ImClone and jointly markets Erbitux, ImClone's only product.

Erbitux is facing competition from a rival product from Amgen Inc. that was recently approved.

ImClone said that interim CEO Joseph L. Fischer, who resigned Wednesday, would be replaced by a newly formed executive committee chaired by board member Alex Denner, who works for Icahn. Denner said candidates for the CEO slot had already been identified.

# Chief financial officer indicted

Refco Inc. leader defrauded investors resulting in more than \$1 billion in losses

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The former chief financial officer of Refco Inc., one of the world's biggest commodities brokerages, was accused in an indictment Tuesday of defrauding investors in a scheme that resulted in losses of more than \$1 billion.

An indictment in U.S. District Court charged Robert C. Trosten with conspiracy, securities fraud, false filings and wire fraud. It also added new charges to the case against Refco's former chief executive officer, Phillip R. Bennett.

Prosecutors said Trosten assisted Phillip R. Bennett, formerly Refco's chief executive officer, in hiding hundreds of millions of dollars of debt owed to Refco by a company controlled by Bennett.

The superseding indictment also added new charges against Bennett concerning fraud against holders of Refco's bonds.

Trosten, 37, of Sarasota, Fla., was scheduled to make his initial court appearance Wednesday. Bennett, 57, of Gladstone, N.J., is currently free on \$50 million bail and subject to electronic monitoring.

Lawyers for both men did not immediately return telephone messages for comment.

If convicted, Trosten could face up to 45 years in prison while Bennett could face up to 85 years in prison.

Bennett was already charged with conspiring to commit securities fraud for hiding from auditors and investors losses that Refco and its customers had incurred in the financial markets.

The indictment charged Trosten and Bennett with conspiring



Former Refco Inc. CEO Phillip R. Bennett leaves a New York federal court on Wednesday after entering a not guilty plea to charges of fraud.

to defraud Refco's auditors and investors from the mid 1990s to October 2005, when Refco announced it had discovered it was owed \$430 million by a company controlled by Bennett.

The announcement caused the price of Refco stock to plunge. The company which went public in August 2005 was later delisted by the New York Stock Exchange and it and many of its subsidiaries filed for bankruptcy a week after the announcement.

According to the indictment, Refco sustained hundreds of millions of dollars in losses

through its own and its customers' trading in the mid 1990s, when Refco was privately held and controlled in part by Bennett.

To hide the losses, Bennett transferred them to appear as a debt owed to Refco by a company controlled by Bennett, prosecutors said.

The indictment accused Bennett and Trosten of manipulating the company's financial records from 1999 through 2005 to make it appear as if the debt owed to Refco was actually owed by a Refco customer.

The indictment charged Trosten with

assisting Bennett in carrying out the year-end transactions, including defrauding the purchasers of \$600 million in notes issued by Refco in 2004 by hiding from the purchasers the existence and size of the debt owed to Refco.

It also charges Bennett with defrauding the purchasers of \$583 million of Refco's common stock when the company went public.

The indictment alleged that Bennett caused Trosten to receive a payment of about \$48 million in August 2004 when the leveraged buyout transaction was being handled.

# Steel corp. reaffirms merger intent

Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel Corp. reaffirmed its intention Wednesday to merge with a Brazilian steelmaker despite some shareholders' objections, signing an agreement to create what it claims will be a well-capitalized company with a more flexible cost structure.

In a prepared statement, Wheeling-Pitt chairman and CEO James G. Bradley said he's confident the deal with Companhia Siderurgica Nacional positions his company "to deliver sustainable earnings as well as solid future cash flows."

But the agreement must still be approved by shareholders in a vote

that is not expected until January. And shareholders have a chance to reject the plan at the Nov. 17 annual meeting in Wheeling, where they will be asked to choose between Bradley's team and a competing board of directors.

Wheeling-Pitt, which has survived two bankruptcies and employs some 3,100 people at plants in West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania, is at the center of a takeover battle between CSN and Illinois-based Esmark Inc., a steel supplier eager to get into manufacturing.

The United Steelworkers union opposes the CSN merger, saying Esmark offers better long-term security for Ohio Valley workers. It has

vowed to fight the CSN merger, invoking a successorship clause in the labor contract if necessary.

The USW has the right to reject any deal that changes controlling interest in the company.

The structuring of the CSN deal calls for a \$225 million, 9 percent interest loan that would convert to 11.8 million shares in the new company.

CSN would take 49.5 percent ownership of the new company, while Wheeling-Pitt shareholders would control the other 50.5 percent. But the deal also calls for CSN's ownership to jump to 64 percent after 18 months, subject to the union's approval. If the union rejects their ownership, the \$225 million becomes debt.

## FRANCE

## Youths march with grievance list

*Immigrants present complaints to officials on riot anniversary*

Associated Press

PARIS — Hundreds of youths from the poor, immigrant suburbs that erupted in riots last year marched through Paris Wednesday to present a collection of 20,000 complaints to lawmakers and urge the disenfranchised to make themselves heard with a vote, not violence.

Hours later, six to 10 young people forced passengers off a public bus in a western Paris suburb and then set the vehicle on fire, officials said.

No one was hurt in the incident, which raised the specter of a repeat of the three weeks of fiery violence that rocked the country last year, and overshadowed the peaceful message of Wednesday's march.

The events came ahead of Friday's first anniversary of the riots by disaffected youths from the housing projects where people of Arab and black African descent live outside France's big cities. Many in the country fear new violence with rising tensions in recent weeks.

"The context is still the same, nothing has changed. So the situation is propitious for other events like last year," said Samir Mihi, co-founder of the AC-Le Feu group that collected the grievances from



A citizen pressure group marched along a street in Paris Wednesday to present a collection of 20,000 complaints to lawmakers.

minorities all over France.

The demonstrators held ragged-looking notebooks filled with complaints while crossing southern Paris toward the Assembly, the lower house of parliament, after a stop at the Senate.

"Immigrants scare the French" read one unsigned entry. Another entry, by a 17-year-old boy from Besancon in eastern France, urged companies to use their profits to create more jobs.

Police blocked the marchers as they neared the National Assembly, allowing only a small group to reach the parliament. Security forces have been girding for renewed violence around Friday's anniversary, and many streets throughout southern Paris were blocked by vans of riot police.

The crowd sang "La Marseillaise," France's national anthem, and broke into chants of "Vive la France," proclaiming their allegiance to a country where they often feel unwelcome. Last year's riots sprang in part from anger over high unemployment and discrimination against immigrants and their French-born children, many of them Muslims from former French colonies in Africa.

Police said the violence, however, was not driven by Islamic groups.

France's inability to better integrate minorities and recent violence against police are becoming major political issues as the campaign heats up for next year's presidential and parliamentary elections.

## CONGO

## Beans dismissed as new voting process

Associated Press

MUJA — Blondine Pendeyiki brought a handful of red beans to the voting station to cast the first ballot of her life and was dismayed when she was told she couldn't use them to vote.

Election workers say that after the first round of voting in Congo, they found notes like "I love you, I vote for you!" on ballots, or beans, peas or pebbles carefully counted to correspond to a candidate's number on the ballot and folded into the voting papers — instead of the required thumbprints or crosses.

They expect to have to disqualify more such ballots in Sunday's second and decisive round.

In a largely illiterate Congo trying to embrace democracy after four decades of dictatorship, 42-year-old Pendeyiki is far from alone. She still doesn't understand why voting officials didn't accept her beans during the first round in July.

"Many in my country have never voted before, so we have to teach them why they can't use beans or stones to vote," said Deodata Bunzigiye, a social worker and election

observer who says she has helped some 30,000 illiterate and poorly educated Congolese learn to vote.

"My work can be very tough. The Pygmies, and Africans in general, have oral traditions," she said. "Learning to use a pencil is not a priority."

President Joseph Kabila faces Vice President Jean-Pierre Bemba, a former rebel leader, in a runoff for the presidency of a country the size of Europe.

In the rural east, few Pygmies have access to television or campaign posters and most had no idea what the candidates looked like. So during the July 30 first round, unable to recognize them, they came with beans to indicate their choice.

Most knew they wanted to vote for Kabila and knew he was listed as the seventh candidate on a ballot sheet that listed 33 contenders for the presidency, Bunzigiye said. So they folded the ballots around seven beans or pebbles to indicate their choice, and handed them in.

Experts say it could be years before communities in Congo's inaccessible interior have access to voter education programs.

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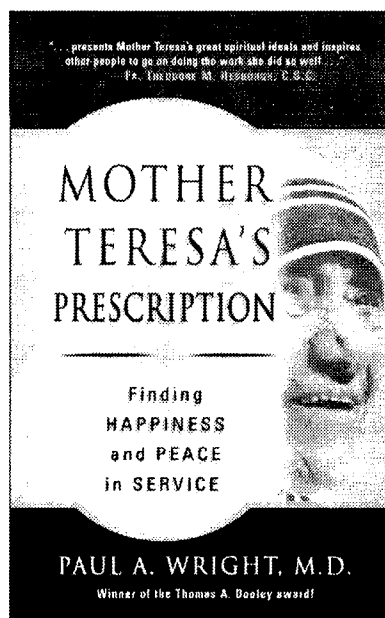
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# Texan executed for murder plot

Summers paid man \$10,000 to kill his mother, father and uncle

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — A man was executed Wednesday for initiating a murder-for-hire plot that authorities said led to the fatal stabbings of his parents and an uncle.

The lethal injection of Gregory Summers, 48, came more than seven years after the execution of Andrew Cantu, convicted of taking the \$10,000 offer and fatally stabbing Gene and Helen Summers, both 64, and Billy Mack Summers, 60. Their home in Abilene was set on fire after they were attacked and their bodies were found in the rubble.

Asked by Warden Thomas Prasifka if he had a final statement, Summers replied "no." Eight minutes later, at 10:16 p.m. EDT, he was pronounced dead.

Attorneys for Summers

tried Wednesday to block the punishment by challenging the constitutionality of the lethal injection method, accusing prosecutors of hiding evidence and raising questions about testimony from a trial witness who implicated Summers.

The U.S. Supreme Court three weeks ago refused to review his case. Three appeals went to the high court late Wednesday, and all were rejected.

Authorities said the 1990 slayings were the result of Summers' parents' frustra-

tion with bailing their son out of his financial problems and Greg Summers' attempt to get \$24,000 in life insurance.

"His father had come to the end of his rope with Greg and was starting to cut him off financially," said Kent Sutton, who prosecuted Summers. "Greg was going to inherit everything and that was one of the reasons he wanted the

house burned."

Prosecutors also showed how Summers previously collected insurance payoffs from fires at his grandmother's house and a vehicle.

"Greg was pure evil. He'd been bleeding them dry for money over the years, and when he realized he couldn't get any more out of them, he figured he could get their insurance," said Miles LeBlanc, Sutton's prosecutor partner.

"He was so cruel in what he did to them and he needs to pay," said Brenda Steele, who lost her aunt and two uncles. "They loved Greg and they overlooked a lot of things they probably shouldn't have."

Cantu, 31, had denied involvement and blamed the killings on two companions who testified against him.

"We were able to find enough circumstantial evidence to piece together a strong case," LeBlanc said. "Greg Summers earned his conviction."

Summers was the 22nd inmate executed this year in Texas, the nation's most active death penalty state. At least three other inmates have execution dates over the next four weeks.

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**Miles LeBlanc**  
prosecutor

# N.Y. Republicans fear Democratic tickets

Associated Press

AURORA, N.Y. — The ominous chill Republicans are feeling these days has little to do with October's blustery winds and everything to do with the big coattails Hillary Rodham Clinton and Eliot Spitzer bring to the top of the state Democratic ticket on Election Day.

With voters across the county signaling discontent with the Republican-led Congress and President Bush's administration, New York Republicans fear that three of their once-safe House seats are in jeopardy — out of 15 GOP seats nationwide that could swing the House to Democratic control.

"New York state is in a death spiral," state legislature candidate Tim Julian, a Republican, said at a recent political forum in Rome, N.Y.

At the top of the Democratic ticket, Clinton is enjoying the rosy warmth of job security. Former Yonkers Mayor John Spencer, the little-known Republican challenger for her Senate seat, is expected to lose big.

Similarly, Spitzer, the attorney general who built a headlines-rich career going after white-collar crime on Wall Street, is strongly favored to win the state's governorship over Republican John Faso, a former state assembly minority leader.

"It's not been a good year for Republicans, that's for sure," said Cheryl Heary, organizer of a recent campaign event in this Finger

Lakes town for GOP congressional candidate Ray Meier. "They're a little dispirited, thinking Eliot Spitzer is going to win, but that's why we call them, that's why we bring them out for the vote."

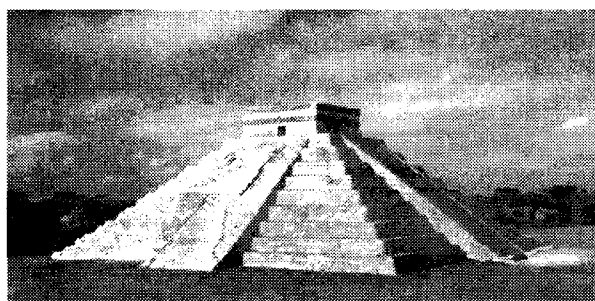
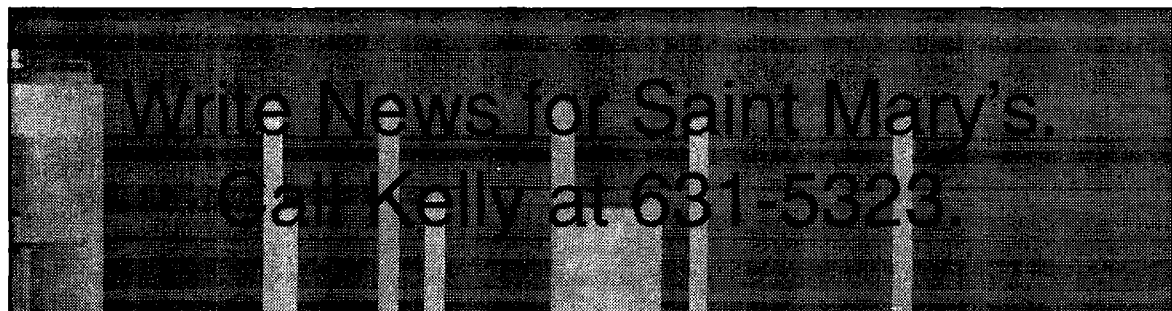
Meier is running to replace moderate Republican Sherwood Boehlert in New York's 24th Congressional District, a Republican stronghold for decades, although it has significant numbers of blue-collar Democrats.

Boehlert built a reputation as a moderate Republican who often bucked party leadership, particularly on environmental issues, and both candidates have sought to assume that moderate label. The Democrat in the race, Michael Arcuri, a district attorney, regularly refers to himself as a "Boehlert Democrat," though Boehlert has enthusiastically supported Meier.

The district is also gripped by economic anxieties over jobs and taxes. Even Republican candidates blast the state government, which has been led for 12 years by GOP Gov. George Pataki.

Heary, chairwoman of the Cayuga County GOP, said the state party has been of little help. Even in the middle of a furious campaign season, she said, she hasn't heard from the chairman in five months.

"The feeling you get is that you're on your own," she said, as guests filled the mint-green kitchen of the 1850s farmhouse where Meier thanked supporters for driving through a howling storm to see him.



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# Study: Scans detect early cancer

Technology can create peace of mind for those with health concerns

Associated Press

A controversial new study offers the strongest evidence yet that screening smokers for lung cancer with computerized chest scans can save lives, much as mammograms do for women with breast cancer.

Doctors have long had doubts that early detection of tumors could improve survival, and also feared that screening would lead to too many false alarms and unnecessary biopsies. Scans are not now recommended, but many smokers have been paying for them on their own for their peace of mind.

The new study strongly suggests there is a survival benefit. But it does not prove the point, because it lacked a comparison group, many scientists say.

In the study, people whose early lung tumors were detected by CT scans and promptly removed had an estimated 10-year survival rate of 92 percent — much better than the roughly 70 percent who typically survive, and far better than the dismal 5 percent who make it that long after the disease has spread beyond the lungs.

"It gives us greater confidence that screening may really offer advantages in saving lives from lung cancer," said Dr. Robert Smith, director of screening at the American Cancer Society, which was among more than two dozen groups that funded the study.

Even though the study lacked a comparison group, he said, "it's highly unlikely that this completely invalidates the observation of a favorable benefit from early diagnosis."

Lung cancer is the world's top cancer killer. About 174,470 Americans and 1 million people worldwide will be diagnosed with it this year. The vast majority will die, largely because the disease is found too late for treatment to do much good. Only 16 percent of cases in the United States are detected in Stage 1, when tumors are still confined to the lung.

Studies in the 1970s found that screening smokers with regular X-rays did not improve lung cancer survival, and such efforts were largely abandoned until the

1990s, when CT scans were developed.

These sophisticated X-rays produce images of the lungs from many angles and can reveal pea-size growths long before they produce symptoms. Interest in the scans rose in 1999, when Dr. Claudia Henschke of New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center published a landmark study showing that they found far more tumors than conventional X-rays did.

Her new study, reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, extends these results to a larger group of people and reports on survival. Dozens of researchers around the world screened 31,567 people at high risk of lung cancer because they were current or former smokers or had been exposed to a lot of secondhand smoke.

Participants were initially screened between 1993 and 2005, and the vast majority came back for repeated screenings about a year later. Thirteen percent of those who were initially screened and 5 percent who had repeated screenings had suspicious spots that required further testing. Biopsies were performed on 535 patients; 484 were diagnosed with lung cancer, including 412 in the early stage. Most had surgery or chemotherapy, and eight were untreated.

Researchers then calculated survival probability using a common statistical tool. The estimated 10-year survival rate, regardless of when the cancer was diagnosed or the type of treatment, was 80 percent.

That increased to 88 percent if the cancer was detected in an early stage, and to 92 percent if such patients had surgery within a month of diagnosis. The eight untreated patients all died within five years of diagnosis.

"When you find it when it's

small, you can essentially cure most of them," Henschke said.

The scans cost between \$200 and \$300, roughly double the price of a mammogram. Insurers are not covering lung scans because the government does not recommend them.

The biggest weakness in the study is that it lacked a comparison group, making it impossible to tell how people would have fared if they didn't receive a CT scan.

Henschke said the general population can be the comparison group, because lung cancer is so common and its survival odds are so well known. But many scientists disagreed, and said her study falls short for this reason.

"It raises great hope for CT screening," but it doesn't prove a benefit, said Dr. Denise Aberle of the University of California, Los Angeles, who is helping conduct a government-funded study that should give more definitive answers. It is screening 53,000 current and former smokers with CT scans or regular chest X-rays to see whether either can cut lung cancer deaths. The Mayo Clinic also is leading a screening study, and others are under way in Europe.

Until there is proof, patients considering screening should ask their doctors about the pros and cons, said Dr. Joan Schiller, a cancer specialist at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

"They need to know that the chances are good that something abnormal will be found," which could lead to false alarms, she said.

In light of the latest results, at least one patient advocacy group — the Lung Cancer Alliance — is urging doctors to regularly screen patients for lung cancer.

"This is the most important breakthrough for the lung cancer community that has ever happened," president Laurie Fenton said in a statement.

*"They need to know that the chances are good that something abnormal will be found."*

Joan Schiller  
cancer specialist

# Research opponents to air ad during Series

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Days after actor Michael J. Fox appeared in a TV ad urging Missouri voters to support stem cell research, opponents will unveil their own commercial during the World Series Wednesday night.

The Cardinals' starting pitcher for Game 4, Jeff Suppan, is among several celebrities who appear in the minute-long ad. Others include Arizona Cardinals quarterback Kurt Warner, Kansas City Royals player Mike Sweeney and two actors — Patricia Heaton

of TV's "Everybody Loves Raymond" and Jim Caviezel, who portrayed Jesus in "The Passion of the Christ."

"Amendment 2 claims it bans human cloning, but in the 2,000 words you don't read, it makes cloning a constitutional right," Suppan says in the commercial. "Don't be deceived."

Amendment 2 would provide constitutional protections for embryonic stem cell research in Missouri. The 30-second spot featuring Fox, 45, who sways uncontrollably in the ad due to his Parkinson's disease, is actually a commercial for Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Claire McCaskill.

But the Senate race and stem cell issue are intertwined — McCaskill's Republican opponent, Sen. Jim Talent, opposes the stem cell measure.

Fox also has lent his celebrity to Democrats Rep. Benjamin L. Cardin, running for the Senate in Maryland, and Wisconsin Gov. Jim Doyle, who is seeking reelection. Both politicians also back stem cell research.

"They say all politics is local, but it's not always the case," Fox says in the ad that began airing Saturday during Game 1 of the World Series. "What you do in Missouri matters to millions of Americans — Americans like me."

The Fox ad has triggered a backlash, with some criticizing it as exploitive. Conservative radio commentator Rush Limbaugh claimed Fox was "either off his medication or acting," though he later apologized.

Dr. John Boockvar, a neurosurgeon and assistant professor at Weill Cornell Medical Center at New York's Presbyterian Hospital, called Limbaugh's claim "ludicrous." Boockvar said those with Parkinson's have "on" and "off" spells.

"If there is one single disease that has the highest potential for benefit from stem cell research," Boockvar said Tuesday, "it's Parkinson's."

The Missouri ad opposing Amendment 2 was finished Tuesday and was immediately available on the Internet. Missourians Against Human Cloning spokeswoman Cathy Ruse said the ad was already in the works, "but we sped up production after the Michael J. Fox ad came out."

"That ad claims opponents want to criminalize research and prevent the expansion of stem cell research. Those claims are just false and misleading," Ruse said. "Our gripe with Amendment 2 is it creates a right to do human cloning and it creates the right to human egg trafficking for cloning research."

Connie Farrow, a spokeswoman for Missouri Coalition for Lifesaving Cures, a supporter of the amendment, called the ad "a pathetic attempt to distort the facts and mislead voters."

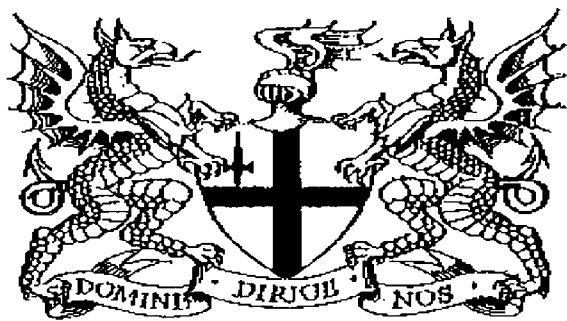
"To believe the claims made in their ad you'd have to believe that over 100 nonprofit patient and medical organizations, including the Missouri State Medical Association, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the Muscular Dystrophy Association, just to name a few, are conspiring to mislead voters," Farrow said. "And that defies commonsense."

Celebrities have a long history of supporting political candidates. But there's no question that Fox, who campaigned for John Kerry in the 2004 presidential race, is uniquely suited as a spokesman for stem cell research.

Fox, who starred on TV's "Family Ties" and "Spin City" plus the "Back to the Future" films, shakes and rocks as he directly addresses the camera, the effects of his disease clearly apparent.

"The reason that he's powerful is that he's comparatively young," said Kathleen Hall Jamieson, director for the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg Public Policy Center. "As a result, a lot of people in that age range can look at him and say, 'If that can happen to him, it can happen to me.'"

Jamieson noted that the stem cell issue has the potential to be an advantage to Democrats in the November elections since polls have shown the majority of Americans favor some form of stem cell research. Critics say it requires the destruction of a human embryo.



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# N.J. court opens the doors to gay marriage

*Lawmakers determine same-sex unions must be honored within state*

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — New Jersey's highest court opened the door Wednesday to making the state the second in the nation to allow gay marriage, ruling that lawmakers must offer same-sex couples either marriage or something like it, such as civil unions.

In a ruling that fell short of what either side wanted or most feared, the state Supreme Court declared that gay couples are entitled to the same rights as heterosexual ones. The justices gave lawmakers 180 days to rewrite the laws.

The ruling is similar to the 1999 high-court ruling in Vermont that led the state to create civil unions, which confer all of the rights and benefits available to married couples under state law.

"Although we cannot find that a fundamental right to same-sex marriage exists in this state, the unequal dispensation of rights and benefits to committed same-sex partners can no longer be tolerated under our state Constitution," Justice Barry T. Albin wrote for the four-member majority.

The court said the Legislature "must either amend the marriage statutes to include same-sex couples or create a parallel statutory structure" that gives gays all the privileges and obligations married couples have.

The vote was 4-3, with the three dissenting justices arguing that the majority did not go far enough. They asserted that gay couples should have the "right to the title of marriage" as well as its benefits.

Gay rights activists had seen New Jersey as a promising place because it is a largely Democratic state in the Northeast. The only state to allow gay marriage is Massachusetts. The only states allowing civil unions are Vermont and Connecticut. New Jersey is also one of just five states that have no law or constitutional amendment expressly banning gay marriage.

If the court had legalized gay marriage outright, the effect could have been more far-reaching, and New Jersey could have become more of a magnet for gay couples than Massachusetts, which has a law barring out-of-state couples from marrying there if their marriages would not be recognized in their home states. New Jersey has no such law.

A clear-cut ruling legalizing gay marriage this close to Election Day could also have been a political bombshell, galvanizing Republicans and the religious right. Eight states have gay marriage bans on their ballots in November.

New Jersey Republicans, who are in the minority in the Legislature, said they would work to ban same-sex unions by enacting a constitutional amend-

ment.

For gay rights advocates, there was debate over whether the ruling was a victory.

Lara Schwartz, legal director of Human Rights Campaign, said if legislators have to choose between civil unions and marriage, it is a no-lose situation for gay couples. "They get to decide whether it's chocolate or double-chocolate chip," Schwartz said.

Steven Goldstein, executive director of Garden State Equality, New Jersey's main gay rights group, said his organization wants nothing short of marriage. "We get to go from the back of the bus to the middle of the bus," he complained.

The New Jersey high court castigated the treatment same-sex couples receive under the law.

"The seeming ordinariness of plaintiffs' lives is belied by the social indignities and economic difficulties that they daily face due to the inferior legal standing of their relationships compared to that of married couples," the court said.

Outside the court, news of the ruling caused confusion, with many of the roughly 100 gay marriage supporters outside asking each other what it meant.

"I'm definitely encouraged," said Chris Lodewyck, one of the plaintiffs who gathered at a Newark law office. But he added, "I'm not sure what this exactly means in terms of marriage."

Another plaintiff, Sandra Toby-Heath, was more effusive: "I feel they were listening and paying attention to us as human beings who wanted to have the same rights."

Garden State Equality, New Jersey's main gay political organization, quickly announced that three lawmakers would introduce a bill in the Legislature

to give full marriage rights to gay couples.

"New Jersey is a progressive state and has a tradition of tolerance," said one of the lawmakers, Democratic Assemblyman Reed Gusciora.

GOP Assemblyman Richard Merkt said he would seek to have all seven justices impeached. "Neither the framers of New Jersey's 1947 constitution, nor the voters who ratified it, ever remotely contemplated the possibility of same-sex marriage," Merkt said.

Gay couples in New Jersey can already apply for domestic partnerships under a law passed in 2004. Among other things, domestic partnerships give couples the right to inherit possessions if there is no will and health care coverage for partners of state employees.

Democratic Gov. Jon S. Corzine supports domestic partnerships, but not gay marriage.

Former Gov. James E. McGreevey, who resigned in 2004 after announcing that he was gay and had an affair with a male staff member, praised the court's decision. "I applaud the court's courage," McGreevey said. "I regret not having had the fortitude to embrace this right during my tenure as governor."

# Madonna to adopt African son

*Tells Oprah Wednesday that her baby, David Banda, is healthy*

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Madonna said the 13-month-old boy she plans to adopt from the African country of Malawi is healthy and thriving in her London home, in an interview that aired Wednesday on "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

The child, David Banda, was taken to London last week after Malawi's High Court granted Madonna and her husband, director Guy Ritchie, an interim adoption order.

Madonna said David was healthy, despite having overcome malaria and tuberculosis. The interview was taped Tuesday via satellite from London.

"David is amazing," the 48-year-old pop star said. "What really surprises me is how great my children are with him and how he's transitioned so easily from living in Africa in an orphanage to living in our house."

David's father, Yohane Banda, has said he didn't understand the adoption meant he would give up custody of his son "for good." But in an interview posted Tuesday on Time magazine's Web site, Banda said he will not contest the adoption.

"I don't want my child, who is already gone, to come back," he said. "I will be killing his future if I accept that."

Banda has said he is too poor to raise David.

Madonna said she met Banda, who thanked her for giving his son a new life. "I sat in that room, I looked into that man's eyes," she said.

The 30-minute interview with Winfrey was the first time Madonna had spoken on TV

about the adoption, which has been challenged by human rights groups that allege the singer used her fame and fortune to flout Malawi's adoption laws.

"If only my wealth and my position could have made things go faster," she said. "I assure you it doesn't matter who you are and how much money you have, nothing goes fast in Africa."

Typically, prospective parents are required to stay in the country during the 18-month evaluation period, but the judge who granted the interim custody order Oct. 12 said the issue of residence is not specified in the laws. A social worker in London will check on David for the next 18 months.

Madonna said she initially was urged to consider adopting a child in Ethiopia or Kenya because of Malawi's vague adoption laws.

"I did have my heart set on David, but I was also told there was a possibility I wouldn't be able to adopt him," she said. "I was told to look around at all the orphanages."

Madonna said she was worried the firestorm of publicity that surrounded the adoption may dissuade other parents from adopting children from Africa.

"I'm disappointed because more than anything it discour-

ages other people from doing the same thing," she said. "I feel the media is doing a great disservice to all the orphans of Africa, period, not just the orphans of Malawi."

Winfrey, whose talk show is based in Chicago, commended Madonna for the adoption.

"I have to say, Madonna, that's a brave thing that you did," Winfrey said. "This audience, I know, applauds you for it."

In a phone interview from Miami, Ricky Martin, who has

defended the rights of children through his foundation and as an ambassador for UNICEF, told The Associated Press: "I know Madonna as a mother, and she's exemplary. The love she gives her kids is a dream, and I know that her heart is big enough to adopt not just one child but to adopt 20."

When asked if he would like to adopt someday, the 34-year-old pop star said: "Totally. I don't know when, but right now I am sponsoring three children in India and we have a very beautiful connection."

David Banda has spent most of his life in an orphanage. His mother died shortly after childbirth.

Madonna and Ritchie traveled to the southeast African country of Malawi on Oct. 4. They spent eight days visiting orphanages the singer is funding through her charity.

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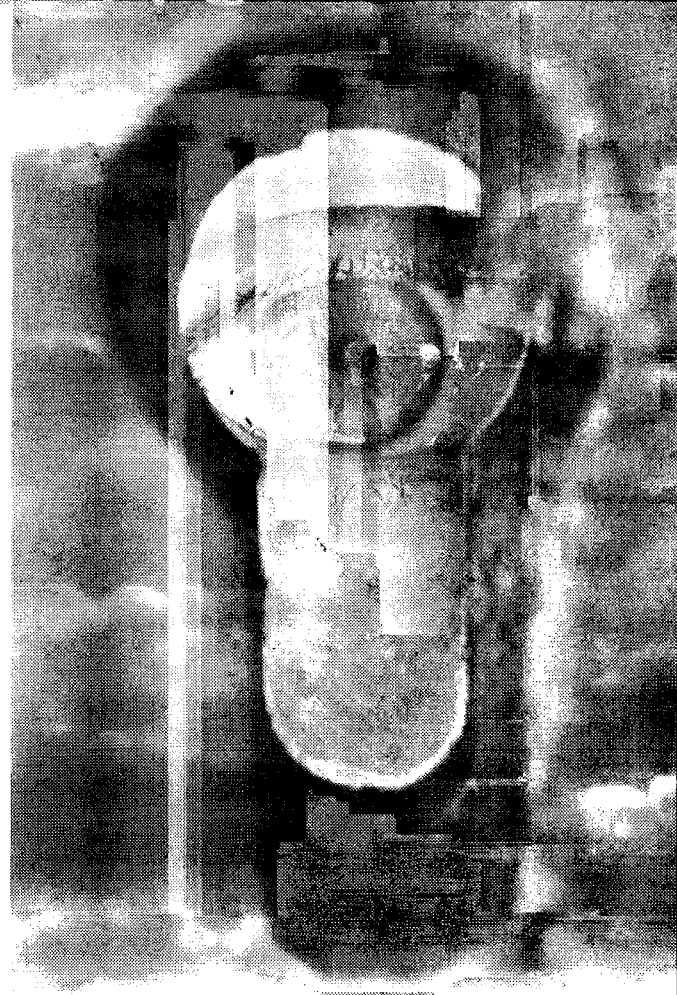
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## Colleges stage large campaigns

Associated Press

Cornell University is going all-out this week.

Today features a news conference in New York City with the mayor. On Friday, 1,000 volunteers and wealthy alumni such as former Citigroup chairman Sanford "Sandy" Weill will be back on the main campus in Ithaca, N.Y., for an elaborate dinner. The menu: a salad that includes wild mushrooms and sweet vermouth cheesecake; marinated beef tenderloin; and, a hazelnut Godiva chocolate tart with minted raspberry sauce.

Cornell should more than recoup the bill. The festivities are kicking off a campaign to raise \$4 billion.

It's a jaw-dropping sum that exceeds the size of any university's entire endowment 20 years ago, and all but about 15 today. To hit the target, Cornell President David Skorton will have to raise more than \$1.6 million every day for the next five years.

But \$4 billion isn't even the biggest campaign announced in higher education this month. Stanford and Columbia just announced campaigns of \$4.3 billion and \$4.0 billion, respectively. Yale and the University of Virginia recently announced \$3 billion campaigns, and 24 universities are officially trying to raise \$1 billion or more, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education.

The campaigns come at a time when college is more expensive than ever. Just Tuesday, a national report found college price increases again outpacing inflation. Tuition, fees and room and board at Cornell run \$43,707 this year, though it promises aid for any student who needs it and will use some of the campaign money for more scholarships.

"We have a lot of wonderful things to do with the money," Skorton said in a telephone interview this week. Of the \$4 billion target, he said: "I hope we're going to blow right by that."

They probably will. Cornell has already raised about \$1 billion. Universities don't announce campaigns until they're confident they'll make it, though sometimes they extend the typical deadline. UCLA stretched a recent campaign to a decade to reach \$3 billion.

Multibillion-dollar campaigns have transformed how elite universities raise money. The traditional prodding at homecoming cocktail parties is supplemented by data mining and marketing consultants. Cornell's fundraising staff numbers 125. Some schools pay top rainmakers \$200,000 or more.

The goal is luring the big fish. Nobody gets to \$4 billion in tens and twenties. Colleges still solicit small donations from young alumni, but that's largely to increase the odds that alumni who strike it rich will already be in a giving habit.

## Adults advised to get shingles vaccine

Associated Press

ATLANTA — An influential government advisory panel voted Wednesday to recommend routine vaccines to protect older adults against shingles.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices voted to recommend the vaccine for adults 60 and over. The committee's recommendations usually are accepted by federal health officials, and they influence insurance coverage for vaccinations.

Shingles is a painful, blistering skin rash that is most common in people 60 and older. It usually goes away after four weeks, but one in five shingles sufferers develops excruciating long-term nerve pain known as postherpetic neuralgia. Complications also can include scarring and loss of vision or hearing.

Antiviral medications are only of limited help, and some doctors say they do not prevent shingles from progressing into postherpetic neuralgia.

No vaccine was available until May, when the U.S. Food and Drug Administration licensed Zostavax, made by Merck & Co.

Shingles is caused by the varicella zoster virus, which also causes chickenpox. An estimated 15 percent to 30 percent of people infected with the virus develop shingles later in life.

The virus essentially hibernates for decades in nerve cells around the spine. It reactivates in some patients, probably because the body's

immune system weakens with age, doctors say.

The vaccine is a souped-up version of Merck's chickenpox vaccine for children, with a live virus that is 14 times more potent.

The FDA approval was based largely on a study involving more than 38,000 people, with 19,000 getting the actual vaccine and others who got placebo. People who got the shot developed shingles at only half the rate of those who got the fake vaccine, researchers found.

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## Families work harder to finance college fees

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With the cost of tuition and fees soaring, parents face a daunting task in trying to figure out how to finance their children's college educations.

The College Board, which tracks college pricing trends, reported earlier this week that tuition and fees at four-year public colleges rose more than 6 percent to an average of \$5,836 this fall. The cost at private four-year colleges increased just under 6 percent to an average of \$22,218.

"Those numbers are intimidating, but parents have to remember they don't have to pay it all up-front," said Bruce D. Harrington, vice president of Boston-based MFS Investment Management.

The typical family, he said, "pays for college in three different ways: one-third out of current income, one-third out of college savings, and one-third out of loans or grants."

Still, Harrington said, families will find it easier if they start saving sooner rather than later.

Among the most popular ways for families to save are the Section 529 plans, which are state-sponsored programs named for a section of the Internal Revenue Code. Money set aside in 529 plans grows tax-deferred, and distributions to pay for a beneficiary's college expenses are exempt from federal income taxes.

Joseph F. Hurley, president and chief executive of Savingforcollege.com, a college financing information center, pointed out that Congress earlier this year voted to extend the tax exempt status of 529 plans indefinitely rather than allowing it to "sunset" in 2010.

"That uncertainty is eliminated now, making 529 plans more attractive," he said.

In addition, a change in the tax law has made money invested in custodial accounts under the Uniform Gifts to Minors Act, UGMA, or Uniform Transfers to Minors Act, UTMA, more likely to be taxed at the parents' rate. This again makes the 529 plans a better

savings alternative, Hurley said.

Harold Simansky, founder of Educational Investments LLC in Brookline, Mass., said he urges a multigenerational approach to financing college educations.

"The numbers are just too big for the parents to do it by themselves," he said. "And for grandparents, saving for a grandchild's education and paying for tuition has estate planning and gift tax planning benefits."

That's because tuition payments don't count against an individual's \$12,000 a year gift-tax exclusion. Contributions of up to \$12,000 to 529 accounts also qualify, and contributions of between \$12,000 and \$60,000 can be treated as if they were made over a five-year period for gift-tax purposes.

Although some families plan on tapping home equity to cover college expenses, Simansky discourages it.

"If they tap into their homes to pay for education, what are they going to do in retirement?" he asks.

Jon Veenis, executive vice president for San Francisco-based Wells Fargo & Co., said he urges families to "pursue the least-costly money first."

That means to start by looking for "free" money such as scholarship and grants, then looking at government-guaranteed loans such as the Stafford for students or the PLUS for parents.

Veenis said families that need additional financing then can look at private loans, such as those issued through the Wells Fargo student loan program, or home equity loans.

"The choice here depends on several considerations," he said. "A key question is, who is going to be obligated for the debt? Is it going to be the parents, the student, or some combination? That could drive the decision."

Harrington of MFS Investment Management, which operates an Oregon-sponsored 529 plan, suggests families can accumulate more if they set up a systematic savings plan.

## Rolling executed for Fla. murders

Serial killer took the lives of five University of Florida students in 1990

Associated Press

STARKE, Fla. — Danny Harold Rolling, Florida's most notorious serial killer since Ted Bundy, was executed by injection Wednesday for butchering five college students in a ghastly string of slayings that terrorized Gainesville in 1990.

Rolling, 52, was pronounced dead at 6:13 p.m. EDT, more than 16 years after his killing rampage at the start of the University of Florida's fall semester.

When asked for a last statement, Rolling sang for two minutes what sounded like a hymn with the refrain "none greater than thee, O Lord, none greater than thee," witnesses and prison officials said.

He appeared to continue singing after prison officials turned off the microphone, finally stopping just before he died.

The bodies of his victims were found over three days in late August, just as the University of Florida's fall semester was beginning. All had been killed with a hunting knife. Some had been mutilated, sexually assaulted and put in shocking poses. One girl's severed head had been placed on a shelf, her body posed as if seated.

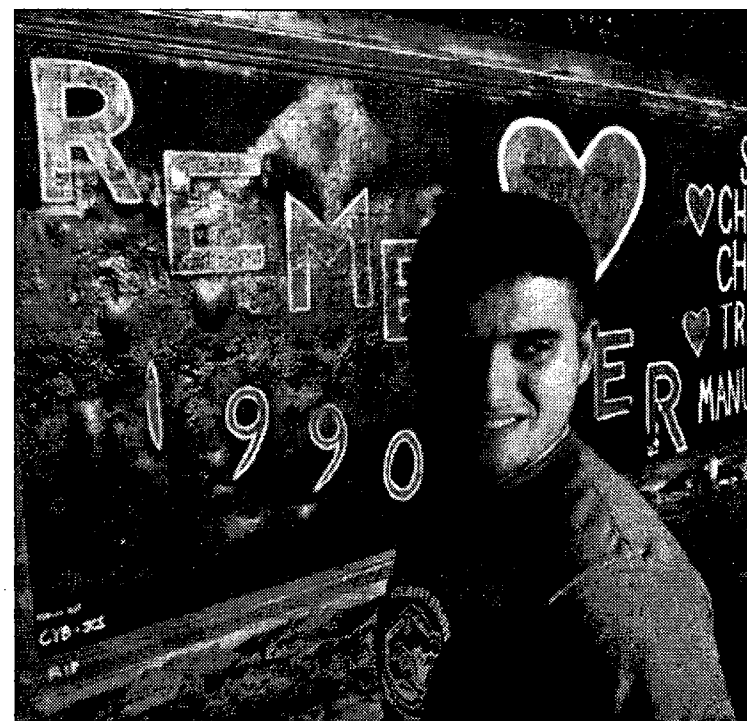
The killing spree touched off a huge manhunt and plunged the laid-back college town into panic. Students fled and residents armed themselves.

Belongings that Rolling left at a campsite in the woods and DNA taken after a later arrest for robbery linked him to the slayings. When he came up for trial in 1994, he shocked the courtroom by pleading guilty.

"There are some things you just can't run from, this being one of those," Rolling told the judge.

He later told The Associated Press: "I do deserve to die, but do I want to die? No. I want to live. Life is difficult to give up."

Dianna Hoyt, who step-daughter was slain, said the execution marked "the final



Jonathan Samonas stands by a memorial wall Wednesday in Gainesville, Fla. The wall stands in memory of five college students killed in a string of slayings that terrorized Gainesville.

chapter of this book."

"This man brought this outcome to himself, and the law of the land carried through to show us justice," Hoyt said.

Outside the prison, death penalty opponents stood in a circle singing "Amazing Grace" after Rolling was pronounced dead.

Other onlookers supported the execution. "They're doing a good thing," said Randy Hicks, 35, a truck driver and former prison guard who occasionally watched over Rolling. "This guy deserves it. It's very overdue."

Death penalty protesters said the execution only served to provide Rolling additional attention.

"The state of Florida is giving this psychopathic killer just what he wanted," said Mark Elliott of Clearwater, spokesman for Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty.

The attention surrounding Rolling's execution reopened old wounds in Gainesville and for the families of the victims.

The victims' families ran an advertisement Thursday in

The Gainesville Sun, thanking the community for its support: "We hope you will remember August 1990 and the years that followed without any sense of community shame for what has happened here. You turned a blemish into a rose."

Rolling was calm and cooperative ahead of the execution, Corrections Department spokesman

Robby Cunningham said. He spent several hours with his brother Kevin and his brother's pastor, officials said.

The gathering of people on a barren cow pasture across from the prison was reminiscent of the crowds that assembled for Bundy's execution on Jan. 24, 1989 in the state's old electric chair. Bundy was suspected in the deaths and disappearances of 36 women across the country.

Bundy died in the electric chair in 1989 in the same death chamber. The case was still fresh in the minds of many when Rolling's killings began the following year in roughly the same area as some of Bundy's crimes.

## Study: Obesity adds to gasoline consumption

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Want to spend less at the pump? Lose some weight.

That's the implication of a new study that says Americans are burning nearly 1 billion more gallons of gasoline each year than they did in 1960 because of their expanding waistlines. Simply put, more weight in the car means lower gas mileage.

Using recent gas prices of \$2.20 a gallon, that translates to about \$2.2 billion more spent on gas each year.

"The bottom line is that our hunger for food and our hunger for oil are not independent. There is a relationship between the two," said University of Illinois researcher Sheldon Jacobson, a study co-author.

"If a person reduces the weight in their car, either by

removing excess baggage, carrying around less weight in their trunk, or yes, even losing weight, they will indeed see a drop in their fuel consumption."

Outside experts said that even if the calculation aren't exact, the study makes sense.

"If you put more weight into your car, you're going to get fewer miles per gallon," Emory University health care analyst Kenneth Thorpe said Wednesday.

The same effect has been seen in airplanes. Research from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that heavy fliers have contributed to higher fuel costs for airlines.

*"The bottom line is that our hunger for food and our hunger for oil are not independent."*

**Sheldon Jacobson**  
University of Illinois  
researcher

The obesity rate among U.S. adults doubled from 1987 to 2003, from about 15 percent to more than 30 percent. Also, the

average weight for American men was 191 pounds in 2002 and 164 pounds for women, about 25 pounds heavier than in 1960, government figures show.

The study's conclusions are based on those weight figures and Americans' 2003 driving habits, involving roughly 223 million cars and light trucks nationwide.

It will appear in the October-December issue of The

Engineering Economist, a peer-reviewed journal published by the American Society of Engineering Education and the Institute of Industrial Engineers.

Jacobson, an industrial engineer, conducted the research with Laura McLay, a doctoral student in his Champaign-Urbana lab who now works at Virginia Commonwealth University.

They estimated that more than 39 million gallons of fuel are used each year for every additional pound of passenger weight.

The amount of extra fuel consumption blamed on weight gain since 1960 — 938 million gallons — would fill almost 2 million cars with gas for an entire year. However, that is only 0.7 percent of the total amount of fuel consumed by U.S. passenger vehicles each

year, Jacobson said.

The estimates "are probably pretty reliable," said Larry Chavis, an economist at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. "I don't know if it's going to encourage anybody to go out and lose weight to save gasoline, but even for individual families, it could have an effect on their budget."

Dr. Jeffrey Koplan, former CDC director and chairman of an Institute of Medicine report on obesity, said the findings are almost beside the point.

"The wrong fuel is being focused on," said Koplan, now at Emory University. "If you're heavier, the most important fuel you use more of is food."

Eating less, driving less and choosing more active means of transportation would reduce gas consumption, and also help reverse rising obesity rates, he said.

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## Patriotic doesn't mean blind

Last week, CNN aired video footage from Baghdad showing insurgent snipers taking aim at American soldiers. The network obtained the tape from the Islamic Army of Iraq, through intermediaries. During the piece, CNN's Baghdad correspondent Michael Ware was careful to note that the video (entitled "Latest Sniper Operations in Baghdad") acts as a propaganda piece. He analyzed, scrutinized and related the video to real events taking place in Iraq.

Despite these disclaimers, many people immediately denounced the network for airing the video. They leveled numerous charges, including that the video is inappropriate for soldiers' families, that it is unsuitable for young viewers and even that it spuriously sanitizes the horrific violence because the video quickly fades to black after each shot to refrain from showing the actual moment of impact. All of these accusations carry some merit and, frankly, they show that at least part of the American public pays attention to the news.

Other critics went further with their indictments. "Does CNN want America to win this thing?" asked Republican House Representative Duncan Hunter from California on Monday. He called for the removal of embedded CNN journalists and claimed that in past wars, the press was more pro-American.

"The average American Marine or soldier," Hunter continues, "has concluded after seeing that film that CNN is not on their side." Mr. Hunter did not reveal his statistical source for deducing the psychological reaction of the average American soldier. He also chose not to reveal how many soldiers responded to

his scientific poll with gratitude that somebody was telling their brutal story to an insulated nation. Thankfully, we do not need to hear from any of those soldiers themselves, because we have Mr. Hunter to speak on their behalf.

Let's think about this a minute, Mr. Hunter; you are suggesting that CNN journalists want American men and women to be killed by terrorists. You are saying that because they are not putting a positive spin on the bleak — and I do mean bleak — situation in Iraq, they must consequently be in a league with internationally vilified criminals.

While I cautiously agree with CNN's decision to air the video, I will admit this is certainly a thorny issue, and I can understand people's qualms. The video is not pretty. It is not encouraging. The decision to air the video and its presentation were not taken lightly, however. CNN even warned viewers beforehand that the video would not be suitable for children. They knew it would be a volatile piece, and offended responses are acceptable. But to suggest, as Mr. Hunter does, that the network supports terrorism — that they do not wish for America to "win this thing" — is, in a word, stupid.

Hunter found support from Brian Bilbray, also a Representative from California. Bilbray called the feature a "terrorist snuff film." Rick Moore, one of many online bloggers that spoke out against the video footage, brashly titled a post "CNN Joins Insurgent PR Campaign." There were other attacks.

All these detractors want to lump in CNN with the terrorist forces, because that would be the easy thing to do. It is, after all, the prevailing ideology of the time: with us or against us. As the midterm elections loom, many candidates are trying to bolster support by promoting this false dichotomy, claiming that war critics are nothing more than seditious opponents of national security. In similar fashion, Congressman Hunter

implies that if you do not support our methods, you must therefore be against our goal, and in fact against us. If CNN has the audacity to show grim footage, Hunter thinks, they must hate America and hate freedom.

What the Representative and his ilk fail to realize is that one can support the American mission and still be critical of its execution. This CNN feature reported the facts and stopped short of criticism. These facts, like it or not, will not enthrall anyone. If you want a patriotic, flag-waving expose detailing all the progress America is making in Iraq, stop holding your breath. You could find encouraging stories about the struggle and perseverance of our men and women serving there, or about the Iraqi people's own struggle; but as far as the overall tactical military campaign goes, you would have to look long and hard to find positive material. Television networks cannot report on the good news from Iraq because there is precious little good news to report. At the time of writing, 91 American soldiers have been killed in Iraq this month alone, many of them by sniper attacks. That number, like the video, takes no sides: it is a cold fact. The American media should not combat terrorist propaganda with its own propaganda.

Next time, Mr. Hunter and associates, save your terror accusations for the folks who really deserve them. Look on this video as a chilling reminder of the gravity of the Iraq situation, and pray that it will awaken a few more people to the importance of our struggle there. Spend your time fighting the real enemy.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"They that can give up essential liberty to  
obtain a little temporary safety deserve  
neither liberty nor safety."

Benjamin Franklin  
statesman



## Notre Dame Catholicism as a force for change

*Editor's Note: This is the third of three columns calling for greater attention to the global health crisis as discussed in the academic forum earlier this semester.*

In light of the recent events on campus involving the President's Forum on Global Health and the latest issue of Notre Dame Magazine, which explores our "moral obligation to those in need," I have been reflecting on Catholicism and how it is expressed at Notre Dame. I can't help but think there is a disparity between the teachings of Jesus concerning feeding the hungry, visiting the sick and sheltering the homeless and the forms that our Catholic faith takes on a daily basis here on campus and throughout our lives.

At the forum, a panel addressed global health problems and the systems of poverty that underlie them. One of the panelists, Dr. Paul Farmer, addressed the Notre Dame community not just as a group of students and academics, but as fellow Catholics. Farmer also contributed an article to the latest issue of Notre Dame Magazine entitled "If We Fail to Act." If you read his biography, you know that Farmer was raised Catholic but withdrew from his faith until he encountered the people and politics of Haiti shortly after completing his undergraduate education. In Haiti, Catholicism came alive for him in the doctrine of liberation theology. Developed by Latin American theologians and embraced by many Latin American bishops and other conscientious Catholics and non-Catholics around the world, liberation theology speaks out against institutionalized poverty, promotes the preferential option for the poor inherent in the teachings of Jesus and calls for activism to fight for social justice and human rights. In witnessing the faith of Haitians and the systemic injustices that impoverish this nation, Farmer now lives and breathes his mission to put Jesus' message into action, helping the poor and suffering throughout the world.

I experienced a similar transformation this past spring, though on a much smaller scale. I was raised Catholic in a family that dutifully attended Mass each week, and though I completed 17 years of Catholic education, I strayed from my religion during high school and college. By my senior year of college at Saint Louis University, I was not what I would term religious. But it took only one week in El Salvador during that senior year to rediscover Catholicism through liberation theology as Farmer did.

I was awed by the way the Salvadorans' faith was thoroughly ingrained into all aspects of their lives. It was through that faith and the proliferation of liberation theology by Archbishop Oscar Romero and other Jesuit priests, many of whom were martyred and massacred, that inspired

Salvadorans to fight for human rights during the country's civil war in the 1980s. The struggle continues today, still supported by the liberation theology of the Jesuit community at the University of Central America in San Salvador and its community outreach efforts. After just one week in the country, I thought, this is it. I had found the core of the Catholic faith in the vibrant lives and beliefs of these resilient people.

My trip to El Salvador opened my eyes to what being a Catholic can truly mean. One of Farmer's remarks sums up my experience well: "Wow, this isn't the Catholicism I remember!" Being a Catholic should go beyond simply following a set of guidelines, attending Mass and supporting charity work from a distance as items on life's checklist. Being a Catholic should mean embracing Jesus' message, standing in solidarity with the poor and fighting to remove the institutionalized injustices that keep them impoverished and without basic human rights. For Farmer, it means living a life dedicated to the poor, public health problems and social injustice. For me, it means participating in Notre Dame's GLOBES Ph.D. program where we seek to understand the connections between the environment, social systems and global health and to develop the tools needed to address these problems at a global scale.

What does it mean for you? The Notre Dame community is overwhelmingly Catholic and has a huge set of resources at its disposal, including outstanding students and faculty. Our university already has international programs and projects with the Center for Social Concerns, and 10 percent of each graduating class enters into full-time service programs. Many undergraduates participate in service activities as well. While this is certainly admirable and already above the curve compared to most universities, we can do better. Only 20 percent of those service programs are international, and, on average, the Notre Dame student spends just over 28 hours per year doing service. What could we accomplish if we invested as much interest, money and energy in poverty issues and developing countries as we do in football? What could we learn and be exposed to if there was as much desire to study in Latin America as there is for studying in Ireland? Our university has a mission that seeks to translate learning and scholarship into service for justice. It's time to step up and fully embody that mission by placing our talents and assets at the service of the poor.

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## Are you even reading this?

Are you between the ages of 18 and 22? Have you begun to read this column? If so, you might be the only undergraduate doing so. This may make you want to: a) stop here; who wants to be the only one doing anything? or b) forge ahead; you've always thought of yourself as a cutting-edge type.

The "Faithpoint" column runs on the Viewpoint page of The Observer every Thursday, written from Campus Ministry alternately by Father Dick Warner, our director, or me. It's a chance to write and think about issues facing the campus community from the perspective of our Christian faith.

I have found that in the days following the appearance of a column, I receive some very lovely comments from readers (I am typically not a controversial person — although you could ask my husband about my recent run-in with the cell phone guy when we updated our plan — so I don't get a lot of heated, angry responses to these columns).

I once had a "subway alum" who reads The Observer on-line send me an e-mail from his office at NASA in Houston. Students' mothers who get the paper at home write to me. Sometimes people I pass on the quad will mention that they liked an article they read recently; other parents who work at Notre Dame will make kind comments as we pick up our kids from school at St. Joe grade school downtown. Even a few of my husband's colleagues in the Law School have sent encouraging e-mails my way.

Why do I mention this? If you've read this far (and again, if you're a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior at this fine university, you may be the only one who has read this far) I will let you in on my secret: I don't think undergrads ever read the "Faithpoint" column. Father Warner disagrees with me, but I say, at least not when I write it. We have a little joke in our house: an informal running accumulation of months gone by since I started writing the column — without any tangible evidence that one single undergrad has made it beyond the headline.

Please don't get me wrong; I'm not fishing for compliments or praise. Every day my husband and my kids tell me they love me, so I'm good. It's not that I need to hear whether you (the hypothetical "you," if you're still hanging in there) liked it or not; my concern is simply this: I'd like to write about what you'd like to read. Actually, cancel that; I'd like to write what you need to read. What's going on with you that you would like another faith perspective about? What topics would help you as you grow and explore your faith? What do you pray about? What questions do you have about Catholicism in particular or Christianity in general? How are you — or are you not — connecting the way you live each day to what our faith teaches us? What topics would spark a worthwhile conversation among your friends?

I'm not trying to abandon my new cyber-friends, most of whom I've never met, who have sent me often very moving e-mails after a column, or the assorted faculty members or friends (or the one grad student I heard from once) who out of the goodness of their hearts read what I write and take a minute to tell me so. I don't mind just sending these reflections off onto Notre Dame's little corner of the information super-highway every other week by Wednesday noon, but it does sometimes seem a bit like talking to myself. I walk across the quad from the parking lot by Lyons over to Co-Mo in the mornings and watch many of you tromping off to your 8 a.m. classes and wonder, what can I write that will touch your hearts? I may be hopelessly out of touch; after all, I was a student here before you all were even born, but I'm a quick learner.

So, my e-mail address is conveniently located right here after the next — and last — sentence.

I'd love to hear from you.

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### U-WIRE

## Voting an important right — exercise it

Judging from the large number of political and socially conscious groups on campus, it's easy to see college students care about what goes on in the world.

An article in Tuesday's USA Today said millennials — individuals in their mid-20s or younger — "are civic-minded and socially conscious as individuals, consumers and employees."

Education, poverty, human rights, equal rights, AIDS and hunger were listed as some of the our top-10 most important issues.

Yet, we are also the most apathetic voters.

Perhaps one of the biggest reasons millennials do not vote is because we do not care. It's easy to be cut off from the world in college because there are so many other things to keep students occu-

pied — clubs, intramural athletics, classes.

However, college is not a bubble. It is a time to explore new options and get involved in organizations that matter to the individual.

We are fortunate to live in a country where our vote matters, regardless of what students might think. At least in local elections, one vote is all it takes to ensure a victory for one candidate over another.

Voting is a right for which we should all be grateful.

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### Staff Editorial

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By LAURA MILLER  
Scene Writer

Faith and films — those are the words of choice as the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts hosts the Films and Faith Weekend. Put on by the theology and film, television, and theatre departments as a College of Arts and Letters "Decade of the Arts" signature event, the series will show films from various countries this Friday through Sunday night. The weekend will open with a reception and keynote address in the Browning Cinema lobby at 6 p.m. Friday.

As a series, the films provide a glimpse of spirituality across different temporal dimensions. The theme for this weekend is "Faces of the Saint." In keeping with this theme, the grouping of films seeks to demonstrate a varied depiction of spiritual life.

Each of the six featured films focuses on saintly individuals and actual saints to explore the ways spiritual life has been portrayed in dramatically different ways by French, German, Italian and American directors over the past five decades. Most of the films explore the lives of religious clergy, but "Household Saints" explores spiritual aspects of family life.

It is ambitious to expect any student to attend the entire film series, but these films definitely have great potential. If nothing else, students should take advantage of the chance to see a few noted foreign flicks. The program also helps to put each movie in context with opening remarks, as well as question-and-answer sessions after each showing.

Since Notre Dame is one of the premier religious institutions in the country, the series in Films and Faith is unique to the status of the university. Although mainstream movies generally do not incorporate many religious themes, this series highlights the films whose primary aim is on religious discussion.

◆ **"Diary of a Country Priest" (1951), Friday, 7 p.m.**

This film is probably one of the most familiar names around campus, due to the fact that it once was a fairly popular novel. The film, directed by Robert Bresson, is in French



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**"Into Great Silence" is the first film to show the life inside of the Grande Chartreuse, the mother house of the legendary Carthusian Order in the French Alps.**

with English subtitles. This film tells the story of the life of a small-town priest and his daily struggles. The novel, written by author George Bernanos, is also part of a lecture series, "Shining in Obscurity: Rediscovering Four Catholic Authors" that will take place during the next several weeks on campus. The novel can be purchased at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, and the lecture will take place on Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. in 155 DeBartolo.

◆ **"The Ninth Day" (2005), Friday, 10 p.m.**

"The Ninth Day" is one of the more recently made films to be shown this weekend. Directed by Volker Schlöndorff, it tells the story of a priest from Luxembourg who is sent to the Dachau concentration camp during the Holocaust. He is released on the condition that he convince the Bishop to sign an agreement with Nazi Germany and is told that if he fails to do this within nine days, he

will be sent back to Dachau. This movie is notable because of its relatively fresh approach to the Holocaust — that is, how Christians approached (or did not approach) the moral issues surrounding it.

## Films and Faith Weekend: Faces of the Saint

**When:** Friday-Sunday  
**Where:** Browning Cinema, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center  
**Cost:** \$6 general public, \$5 faculty/staff, \$4 seniors and \$3 students

◆ **"The Flowers of St. Francis" (1950), Saturday, 3 p.m.**

This film is one of the most unique of the series — rather than a woven narrative, it consists of short segments about the life and teachings of St. Francis of Assisi. It is directed by Roberto Rossellini, in Italian with English subtitles. Cast with monks from the Nocera Inferiore Monastery, this film promises to be authentic in appearance and meaning. It is also an extremely brief film — just over an hour — an easy thing to squeeze in if you're not watching the football game.

◆ **"Household Saints" (1993), Saturday, 7 p.m.**

"Household Saints" is the only film

of the series that focuses on family life, rather than life in a religious vocation. This film, directed by Nancy Savoca, tells the story of an Italian-American family in the years after World War II. As the daughter in the story ages, she develops an increasing level of religious fanaticism.

This film explores ideas about faith in the family context as well as a discussion of Italian-American life and religious ideals. This is the only film of the series that is filmed in English, so it provides a good option for those who dislike films with subtitles.

◆ **"Therese" (1986), Saturday, 10 p.m. and Sunday, 7 p.m.**

This film, directed by Alain Cavalier, tells the story of the life of St. Therese de Lisieux. Unlike "The Flowers of St. Francis," "Therese" is in narrative form. It attempts to adhere to a historically accurate representation of St. Therese through the use of depictions from Therese's journals. Because the life of St. Therese is so compelling — she died from tuberculosis while still young — little is done to sensationalize the film. Rather, Cavalier simplifies his style in order to allow the story to speak for itself. The film is in French with English subtitles.

◆ **"Into Great Silence" (2005), Sunday, 3 p.m.**

Director Philip Groening picks up on a growing trend of artistic filming in "Into Great Silence." As its title indicates, this film has no spoken dialogue. The story traces the lives of a group of monks in the French Alps. The lives of these monks are extraordinary in their silence — only interrupted by prayer and song. There are English subtitles, as the monks pray and sing in French and Latin. While this film has no narrative story, it is designed to provoke spiritual inspiration through watching the monks go through their daily routine.

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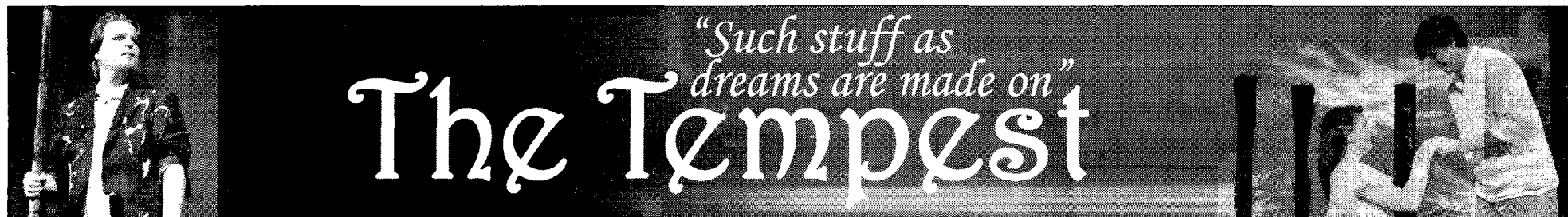
Starring 13 real Franciscan Monks, "Flowers of St. Francis" portrays a community built on unwavering humanity and compassion amid regional violence and unrest.



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The priest (Claude Laydu), right, counsels the countess (Marie-Monique Arkell) during her grief after her child dies, as he endures the intense animosity of the town.





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By BRIAN DOXTADER  
Scene Editor

William Shakespeare once wrote, "We are such stuff as dreams are made on." Those dreams guide The Not So Royal Shakespeare Company (NSR) throughout its production of "The Tempest."

"The Tempest" follows Prospero (Jeff Eyerman) and his daughter Miranda (Chelsea Moore) as he magically causes a shipwreck to the vessel carrying members of the royal Italian family.

Antonio (Patrick Tighe) and Alonso (Stephan Iwanski), two of those shipwrecked, wronged Prospero years ago and banished him to his current home on an unnamed island, which leads him to seek revenge by causing the shipwreck.

Other characters include Ferdinand (Adam Bonosky), who falls in love with Miranda; Caliban (Devin Preston), Prospero's servant; Stephano (Marty Schroeder, an Observer Assistant Scene Editor) and Trinculo (Andre Valdivia), who decides to kill Prospero and take over the island; and Ariel, Prospero's servant fairy.

Directed by senior Krysta Dennis, the NSR version of "The Tempest" focuses on the performance aspect of the Bard's text.

"We try to play with Shakespeare and have fun with Shakespeare and not let it be such an academic thing," Dennis said.

She emphasizes that the Bard is meant to be seen and heard, as opposed to analyzed as a text, noting that the original intent of his plays was to entertain.

"I've always liked 'The Tempest,' which is Shakespeare's last play," Dennis said. "It's got all kinds of elements in it, like political unrest, mystical aspects and all kinds of great characters."

Previous NSR productions were notable for their minimalism, but Dennis said "The Tempest" required a more lavish presentation, which is certainly visible throughout.

The lighting (by Ryan Retartha), costuming (by Mary Levy and Ashley Cenicerros) and set design (by Retartha and Samantha Towles) are all impressive and demonstrate



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Prospero (Jeff Eyerman) discusses the happenings on his island with one of the incarnations of Ariel (Mary Levy). Prospero's plans are the driving force of Shakespeare's "The Tempest."

just how much effort went into the show.

Eyerman stresses that the NSR production emphasizes both the aspects of spectacle and story. The centerpieces of the spectacle are two dances, performed by the Ariels.

In Shakespeare's text, Ariel is a single character, but the NSR version utilizes six actresses to play the role — Lisa Floran, Meghan Hartmann, Kathleen Hession, Elizabeth Kuhl, Mary Levy and Danielle Truskowski.

"Often when you do 'The Tempest,' you use some kind of concept involving the fairy Ariel," Dennis said. "I decided I wanted to have a whole team of spirits. The sequences involving the dance never made sense to me in the text, but I made it make sense using the dances."

Those dances, choreographed by

Natalie Conneely, are inspired by Kathakali, a classical dance style of Kerala, in southern India.

Conneely explains that in the dances, each dancer is given a mythological god to embody and dance through.

The accompanying soundtrack is taken from Bollywood, an Indian cinema style that often emphasizes music and spectacle.

As fantastic and memorable as these sequences are, they don't necessarily detract from the characters and storyline, especially as embodied by the actors.

"There's not a bad actor in the cast," Eyerman said. "Any one of these actors is strong enough that the entire show could be about them."

Dennis also noted that the play involves students from every class year. Eyerman himself is a second year law student, and both he and Dennis have been impressed with the skill — if not experience — of

the young cast members.

"They've come a long way and have rehearsed hard," Dennis said.

The acting is solid throughout, led by Eyerman, Bonosky and Moore. Schroeder, Valdivia and Preston provide great comic relief, while the extra rehearsal time of the Ariels is evident in their outstanding performances.

The cast is rounded out by Ben Drda, Kevin McCarthy, Timothy Gotcher, Brian Dolinar, Robert DeBroeck, Kevin Stein, Jennifer Betancourt and Alyse Kinchen.

"The Tempest" is one of Shakespeare's more segmented plays, which means that individual storylines are seemingly independent of the rest until the disparate threads rejoin at the end of the play.

"Seeing it come together has been amazing,"

Eyerman said. "'The Tempest' wasn't one of my favorite Shakespeare shows, but this production has given me new appreciation for it."

Both Eyerman and Dennis hope the show appeals to the larger Notre Dame community. While Dennis said the relevance of studying Shakespeare is still important, she also wants the show to entertain.

"The opportunity to see Shakespeare, at any level, is essential," Eyerman said.

The NSR production of "The Tempest" has obviously been a labor of love that has accomplished Dennis' far-reaching goals. As a fast-paced and lavishly produced version of Shakespeare's text, it succeeds while still allowing the story and acting to impressively shine through.

"The Tempest" will be shown in Washington Hall throughout the weekend, starting tonight.

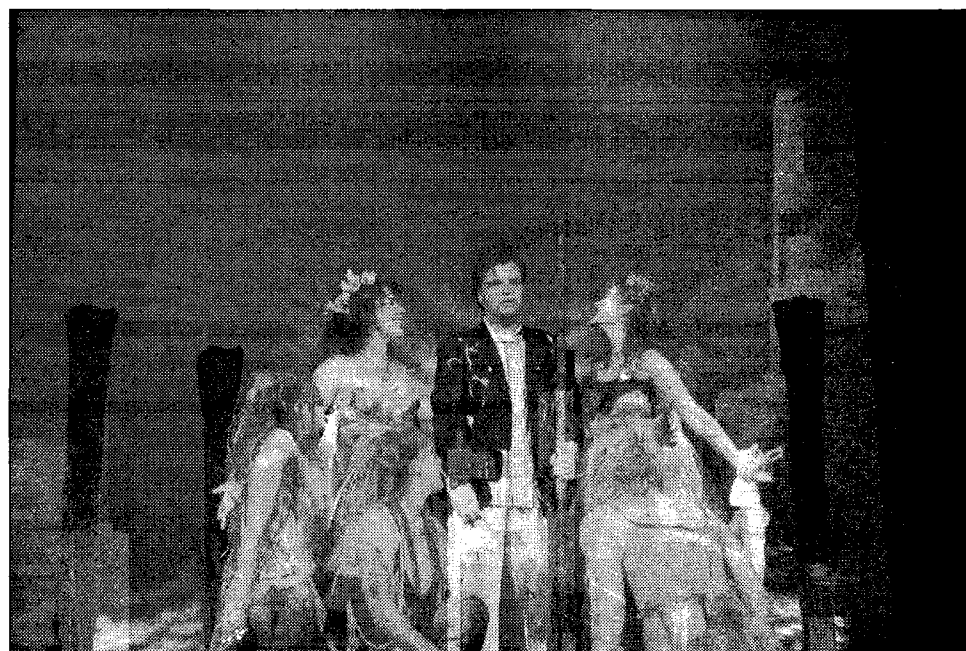
As a production created completely by Notre Dame students, it is a very strong interpretation of "The Tempest," bringing to life a brave new world.

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CHRISTIAN SAGARDIA/The Observer

The court of the king of Naples is tossed and turned about in a tempest created by Ariel while Prospero's daughter Miranda (Chelsea Moore) looks on from a rock on the island.



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Prospero (Jeff Eyerman) contemplates how to further his plans while discussing what to do with the new denizens of his island with his ethereal servant spirit Ariel.



## NHL

# Babchuk's goal lifts 'Canes to overtime win

*Belfour makes 35 saves in 4-2 win over New York; Detroit snaps three-game losing streak against Sharks at home*

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Anton Babchuk scored 1:11 into overtime to help the Carolina Hurricanes win their first game at home, beating Southeast Division leader Atlanta 5-4 on Wednesday night.

Babchuk took a cross-ice pass from Justin Williams and beat Atlanta goalkeeper Kari Lehtonen with a nifty backhand shot for his first goal of the season.

Two of Atlanta's three losses have come against Carolina, including its last loss on Oct. 13. Since then Atlanta had won four straight.

The Hurricanes fell behind 1-0 as Eric Boulton scored 3:14 into the game when he netted a tip-in. Carolina rallied and scored the next three goals to take a 3-1 lead at the end of the first period as Eric Staal, Scott Walker and Andrew Hutchinson scored.

Atlanta tied the game in the second period, as the Thrashers took 22 shots.

Jon Simm stole a pass from Carolina's Brett Hedican at the Hurricanes' blue line and scored at 11:31.

Then at 17:21, Scott Mellanby scored on a tip-in from the right post as the puck bounced over Cam Ward's pads.

Ryan Bayda's first goal of the season didn't stand up for the Hurricanes, whose 4-3 lead in the third period was short-lived.

Ilya Kovalchuk, who extended his goal-scoring streak to three games, tied the game at 4-all when he deflected a shot in the slot from Vitaly Vishnevski with 11:39 left.

Kovalchuk has scored five goals in the last three games. Walker hit the post from point-blank range with 3 minutes left, missing a chance to give Carolina the lead.

Atlanta's Marian Hossa took a hooking penalty with just over 2 minutes left in regulation but Carolina, which was 1-for-6 on the power play, was not able to convert.

Atlanta was 0-of-4 on the power play. Ward finished with 32 saves against 36 shots, while Lehtonen stopped 33 of 38 shots. ^Notes: Carolina RW Scott Walker reached 300 career points with a goal and an assist. Atlanta LW Kovalchuk has scored a point in five straight games.

## Florida 4, New York Rangers 2

Ed Belfour flashed the form that has long made him one of the NHL's top goalies and Jozef Stumpel came up big offensively to lead the Florida Panthers to their first road victory of the season.

Belfour stopped 35 shots and Stumpel scored two goals to help the Panthers beat the New York Rangers on Wednesday night. Coming off consecutive losses to Atlanta, Florida improved to 1-4-1 on the road and 5-5-1 overall.

"That's the best we've played 5-on-5 all season," Florida coach Jacques Martin said. "Eddie was solid. He showed a lot of experience and composure."

Juraj Kolnik and Gregory Campbell also scored for Florida.

"It feels good to play a full 60 minutes," Kolnik said. "That's how you win."

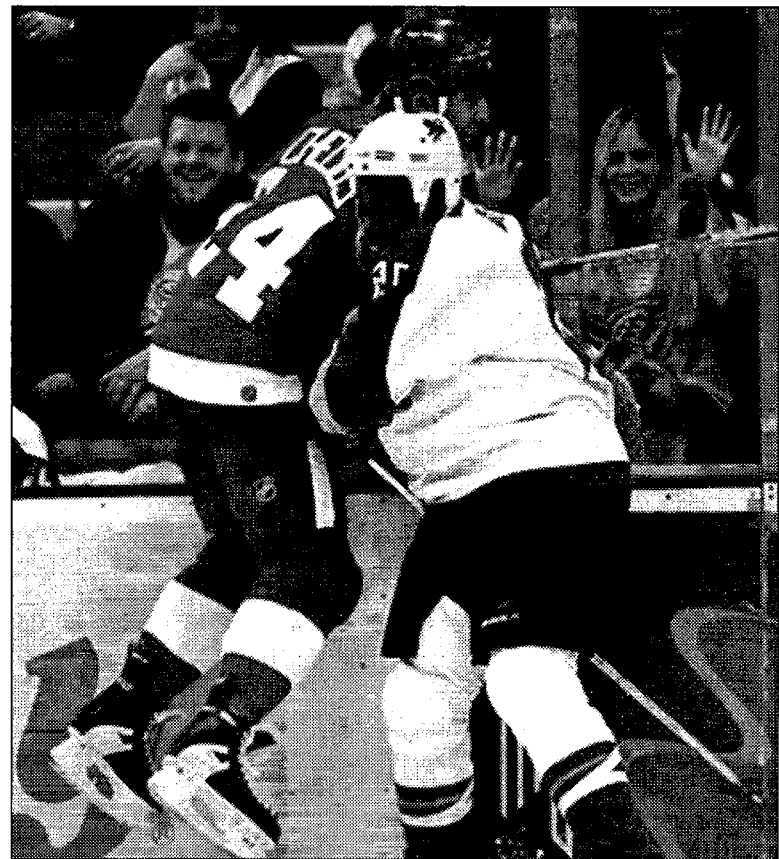
New York, idle since winning a shootout in Toronto on Saturday night, lost for the fifth time in its last seven games to fall to 4-5-0.

"I still don't like the way we played," Rangers star Jaromir Jagr said. "We're uptight. We're not loose, for what ever reason. I don't know why. Maybe we concentrate too much on the defense, we don't do anything else. It wasn't a fun game to play."

"We didn't cycle the puck much. We didn't have many chances. We had a lot of shots but not many chances. We just have to play looser and have fun. We're just concentrating on not making a mistake but we have to play hockey. The one good thing is that it's early in the season and we've got time to change it."

The 41-year-old Belfour, 2-2-0 in his first season with Florida, allowed only Petr Prucha's power-play score early in the second period and Martin Straka's goal off an uncontested close-range shot with 6:50 left in the third.

"I'm starting to get in my groove," Belfour said. "My



Sharks forward Mike Grier pins Detroit's Chris Chelios against the boards in the second period of the Red Wings' 2-1 win.

timing is better and I'm seeing the puck much better. We definitely needed this win."

Stumpel opened the scoring on a power play in the first period and sealed the victory with 3:29 remaining with his fifth goal of the season.

"It's huge," Stumpel said. "We needed a good feeling in the locker room about playing on the road."

Kolnik gave the Panthers a 3-1 lead at 6:32 of the third period after stealing defenseman Michal Rozsival's backhand pass attempt along the boards. Kolnik broke in alone on Henrik Lundqvist, faked him out of position and easily forehanded the puck into the empty net for his fourth goal of the season.

## Detroit 2, San Jose 1

Robert Lang's third-period goal broke a tie and lifted the Detroit Red Wings to a win over the San Jose Sharks on Wednesday night.

Detroit (4-4-1), which ended a three-game losing streak, also got a goal and an assist from Mathieu Schneider. Dominik Hasek made 22 saves, including a tip attempt and rebound by Steve Bernier

with 37 seconds left and a backhand by Milan Michalek from in close with 30.2 seconds left.

Bernier scored the lone goal for San Jose (7-3-0).

Lang broke a 1-1 tie with 8:58 remaining by tipping in a shot from the point by Schneider for his third goal of the season.

Schneider's power-play goal 38 seconds into the third period tied the game at 1. Schneider beat Evgeni Nabokov, who was being screened by Tomas Holmstrom, with a one-time slap shot from the top of the right circle.

Nabokov finished with 21 saves.

The Red Wings had a 39-23 shots advantage for the game and despite being outshot 14-4, San Jose led 1-0 after one period.

The Sharks took advantage of Johan Franzen's interference penalty late in the first period with Bernier's power-play goal with 2:50 left in the opening period. He beat Hasek with a one-timer from the bottom of the left circle off a pass from Milan Michalek. It was Bernier's third goal.



Florida's Jozef Stumpel beats New York goalie Henrik Lundqvist in the third period to give the Panthers a win in Madison Square Garden Wednesday night.

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## NHL Standings

### Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	points	PP%
Pittsburgh	5-3-0	10	25.0
New Jersey	4-4-1	9	15.2
NY Rangers	4-4-0	8	19.1
NY Islanders	3-3-2	8	19.6
Philadelphia	1-6-1	3	7.3

### Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	points	PP%
Buffalo	9-0-0	18	21.8
Toronto	4-3-3	11	15.6
Montreal	4-2-2	10	24.4
Ottawa	4-4-0	8	5.4
Boston	2-4-1	5	10.8

### Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	points	PP%
Atlanta	7-1-1	15	24.5
Florida	4-5-1	9	24.5
Carolina	3-4-2	8	16.4
Tampa Bay	4-4-0	8	8.7
Washington	2-2-3	7	15.9

### Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	points	PP%
Nashville	4-3-1	9	15.6
Chicago	4-4-0	8	21.3
St. Louis	3-3-2	8	15.9
Detroit	3-4-1	7	8.7
Columbus	2-4-1	5	18.9

### Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	points	PP%
Minnesota	7-1-0	14	22.2
Edmonton	6-2-0	12	15.1
Vancouver	5-4-1	11	11.9
Colorado	4-3-2	10	19.6
Calgary	3-4-1	7	6.8

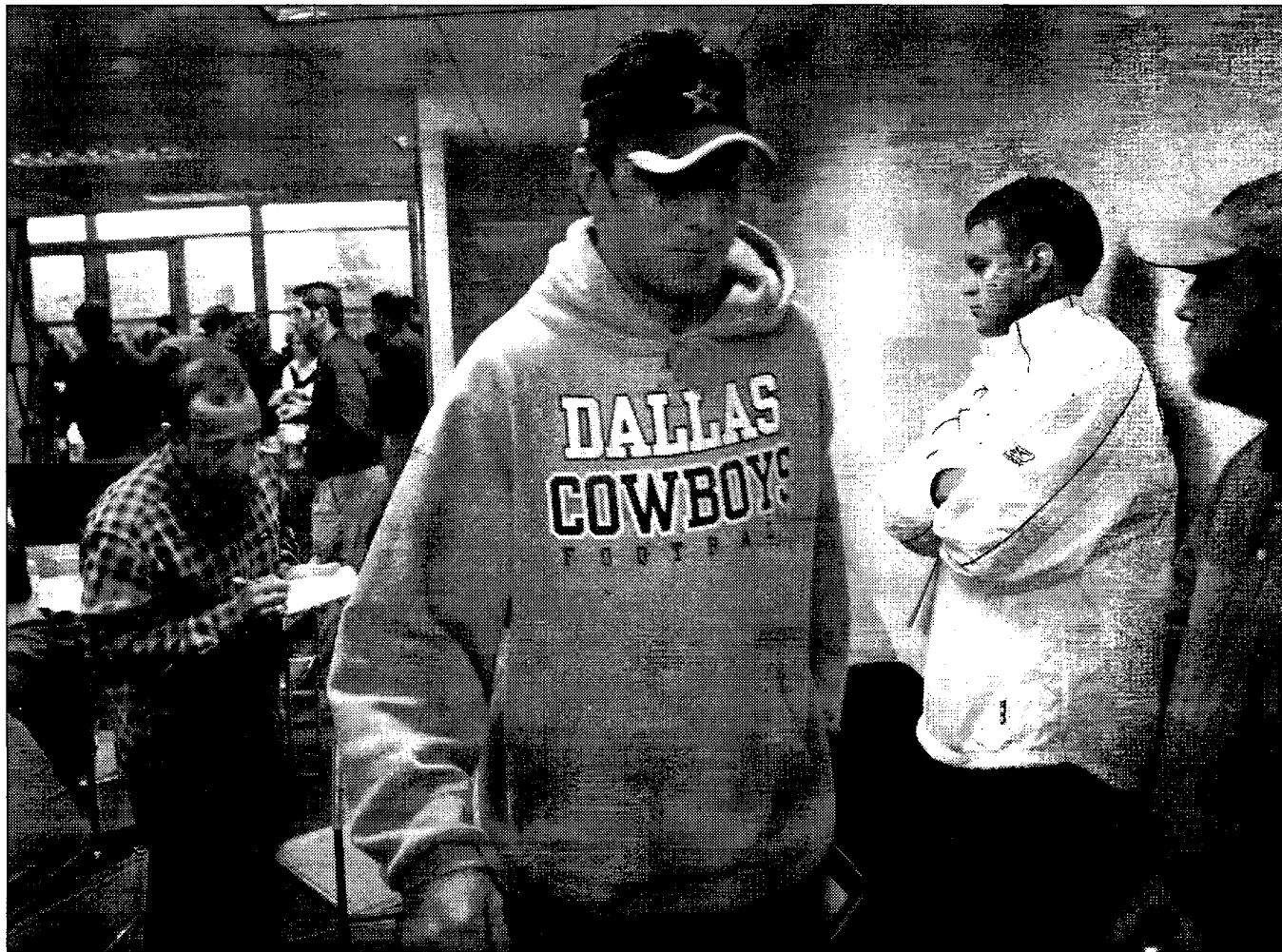
### Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	points	PP%
Dallas	8-1-0	16	14.5
San Jose	7-2-0	14	25.4
Anaheim	6-0-2	14	24.4
Los Angeles	3-5-2	8	11.8
Phoenix	2-8-0	4	10.7

## NCAA Men's Cross Country Top 15

	team	points
1	Wisconsin	448
2	Colorado	427
3	Iona	422
4	UTEP	391
5	Stanford	390
6	Arkansas	387
7	Oregon	364
8	Florida State	339
9	NC State	321
10	Florida	295
11	Portland	270
12	NOTRE DAME	267
13	Santa Barbara	266
14	Minnesota	237
15	Alabama	228

## NFL



Cowboys quarterback Drew Bledsoe leaves a news conference in Irving, Texas, Wednesday after head coach Bill Parcells announced that Tony Romo would replace him as the starting quarterback.

## Parcells names Romo starting QB

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Tony Romo is now the first-string quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys, and will make his first career start Sunday night at Carolina.

Coach Bill Parcells said Wednesday that Romo, who replaced 14-year veteran Drew Bledsoe in the second half of Monday night's 36-22 loss to the New York Giants, will start.

"Any time you do something like this, it's not without a lot of consideration," Parcells said. "I've been thinking about it for some time. ... Hopefully, maybe as the team is comprised right now, he might be able to do

a couple of things that assist us."

Neither Bledsoe nor Romo appeared in the Cowboys locker room Wednesday. The team said Bledsoe would talk later in the day.

Romo, a fourth-year pro who had never thrown a pass in a game until this season, will be the ninth different starting quarterback for the Cowboys (3-3) since Hall of Famer Troy Aikman retired after the 2001 season.

Bledsoe joined Parcells in Dallas last year, reuniting with the coach who made him the No. 1 pick in 1993 for the New England Patriots.

His last pass Monday night was an interception at the goal line just before halftime when the Cowboys had a chance to take the lead. Bledsoe had already been sacked four times, once for a safety.

Parcells rarely changes quarterbacks midseason, often showing loyalty to veterans. Two years ago, Parcells stuck with 41-year-old Vinny Testaverde during a 6-10 season. Like Bledsoe, Testaverde had also played with Parcells earlier in his career.

But Bledsoe apparently made too many costly mistakes for Parcells. His last interception came in a game that could have given

the Cowboys first place in the NFC East.

In Dallas' three victories, Bledsoe had six touchdown passes and one interception. But those have all been against teams with losing records. Against playoff contenders Jacksonville, Philadelphia and the Giants, he has one TD and seven INTs.

Parcells told Bledsoe about his demotion Wednesday morning.

"He was emotionally under control. I'm sure he wasn't happy to hear the news," Parcells said. "I just told him we're going to make this change right now, and that he needed to stay around ready."

## IN BRIEF

### Raiders' WR Porter reinstated after suspension

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Jerry Porter returned to the Oakland Raiders on Wednesday after the NFL Players Association dropped its appeal of the receiver's four-game suspension and the team reduced the punishment to two games.

The Raiders announced the settlement Wednesday and said coach Art Shell would address it later in the day. The team did not know if Porter would report to the team Wednesday. Phone messages left with the NFLPA and Porter's agent were not immediately returned.

Porter was suspended Oct. 15 for insubordination a day after being kicked out of practice by Shell. Shell and Porter clashed almost immediately after the coach was hired in February over Porter's offseason workout plans. Porter made public a trade demand at the start of training camp and was inactive for the four

### Changes made by Formula One Racing

SAO PAULO, Brazil — Formula One will look a lot different next season.

Seven-time champion Michael Schumacher is out — retired, and several other top drivers are switching seats.

Fernando Alonso, who clinched his second consecutive title in the season-ending Brazilian Grand Prix, will end his successful partnership with Renault to join McLaren. He's taking the seat of Kimi Raikkonen, who will be move to Ferrari to replace Schumacher.

In the first Formula One season without Schumacher in 16 years, there will be plenty of new rules from practice sessions to tires.

The two free practice sessions on Fridays of each race weekend will be extended from 60 to 90 minutes, and teams will be allowed to use

only two cars in each of the sessions.

### Foot injury causes Davydenko to withdraw

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — Top-seeded Nikolay Davydenko retired with a foot injury while leading 6-2, 3-3 Wednesday against Weslie Moodie at the St. Petersburg Open.

"I felt some pain in my right foot at 4-2 in the first set," Davydenko said. "In the second set, I realized that I could not receive — any shot into a corner was a problem for me."

Davydenko called a trainer for treatment at 2-3 in the second set.

Davydenko, who leads a group of players seeking the last four spots in the season-ending Masters Cup in Shanghai, will need to reach quarterfinals at Paris next week to advance.

Fourth-seeded Tommy Haas defeated Nenad Zimonjic of Serbia 6-2, 6-7 (6), 6-2 after saving two break points in the second set.

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## NCAA FOOTBALL

# Penn State's Posluszny nears tackles record

*Nittany Lions' inside linebacker is set to win another Butkus award*

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Paul Posluszny's trophies from the 2005 season have been collecting dust in his parents' basement. Mom and Dad may soon need to clear space for some new hardware.

The hard-nosed senior is again making big stops for Penn State, though 2006 didn't start quite as smoothly as last year's star-turning campaign, when Posluszny earned awards as the nation's best defensive player and linebacker.

Posluszny suffered a serious right knee injury during the Orange Bowl in January that limited him in the offseason. After going through rehabilitation, Posluszny was moved from outside to inside at the start of the season as coach Joe Paterno switched to a four-linebacker scheme. It took a while for Posluszny to get comfortable with the defense and his rehabbed knee.

Not that Purdue coach Joe Tiller noticed a difference.

"He looks like he came from the womb playing linebacker," said Tiller, whose Boilermakers (5-3, 2-2 Big Ten) host the Nittany Lions (5-3, 3-2) on Saturday. "The great ones are that way."

Posluszny is a semifinalist again to be the nation's top defender and linebacker. And he might soon be able add this to his resume — he's 17 tack-

les shy of tying Greg Buttle's career record of 343 at Linebacker U.

"It's always good to hear. Anytime something comes up, it's not just for any particular player, it's for the defense in general," Posluszny said about the accolades. "But the most important thing right now is Purdue. The most important thing is winning."

Reserved off the field, "Pos" is a fiery competitor on game-day, so renowned for his leadership that teammates elected him the first two-time captain at Penn State since 1968-69.

He's a bookworm, too, having been the seventh Nittany Lion to earn All-America and Academic All-America honors in the same season. Posluszny has talked in the past of joining the military, though undoubtedly an NFL career awaits.

"Paul is one of the best linebackers that we've ever had," said Paterno, in his 41st year as head coach.

Still, there were questions about his knee to start the season. Posluszny was carted off the field during the Orange Bowl with two partially torn ligaments in his right knee.

He was held back from full contact at spring practice, but pronounced himself 100 percent to start the preseason. Team doctors have insisted that Posluszny wear a knee brace as a precaution, an order that the senior begrudgingly accepts.

Then coaches threw him another curve and asked him to play inside linebacker. With a lack of experienced linemen, the switch allowed Paterno to

move Tim Shaw from middle linebacker to a hybrid defensive end/outside linebacker position and get young, talented Sean Lee into the starting lineup outside.

Posluszny didn't complain, though there were some early question marks.

He looked out of position at times and missed tackles on plays that appeared to be automatic hits last year. Some wondered if Posluszny was a step slower because of the knee.

"It seemed like at the beginning of the year with the first game, I didn't have double-digit tackles, and for some, they said, 'This kid is terrible now.' That was interesting, to say the least," Posluszny said.

Coaches dismissed questions about his knee, though Posluszny did say he felt more limited earlier in the season wearing a heavier brace. These days, he sports a smaller, less obtrusive contraption on the knee.

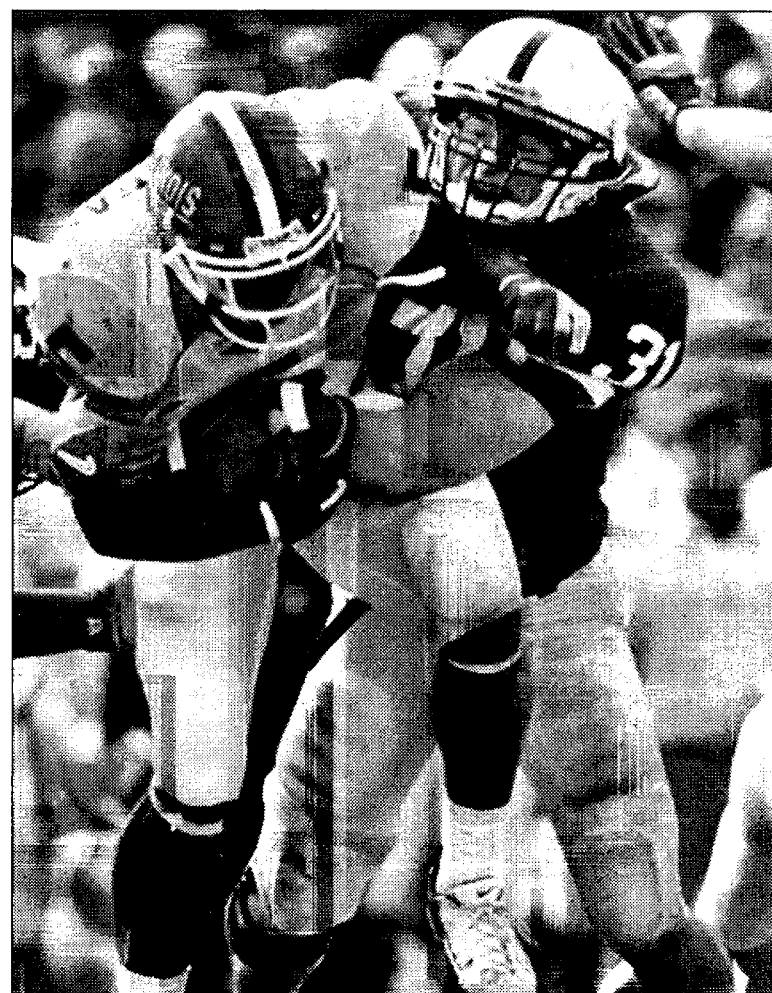
The biggest challenge was mental.

"I feel so much more comfortable now," he said. "I'm starting to finally feel at home at the position."

Not good news for opponents.

"Mentally, he's running the whole show," defensive coordinator Tom Bradley said.

The highlight-reel plays — such as his takedown of Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith from behind during a night game last year at Beaver Stadium — aren't as frequent. Freewheeling outside linebackers often get more chances to make those kinds of plays.



Penn State linebacker Paul Posluszny tackles Illinois running back Rashard Mendenhall in a 26-12 Nittany Lion win Oct. 21.

He still made the highlights last week, bringing Illinois' Isiah Williams down from behind and reaching for the quarterback's right arm just enough to cause a fumble that led to Tony Davis' 6-yard touchdown return. The score gave the Nittany Lions' strug-

gling offense some breathing room in a 26-12 win.

Posluszny went to Shaw for advice earlier in the year about playing inside, counsel that isn't needed as much anymore.

"He's got it pretty much down pat," Shaw said. "I knew it wouldn't take him that long."

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## AUTO RACING

# Mario Andretti honored for skill, citizenship

*Famous Italian racer given Italy's highest honor in New York*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mario Andretti just grins when reminded that police officers all over America — and maybe the world — still invoke his name after they pull over a speeder.

"Who do you think you are, Mario Andretti?"

Andretti shakes his head and says, "Hey, that even happened to me once. You can imagine the look I got when I said, 'Yeah, it's me.'"

Andretti didn't get that ticket.

Over the years, the man who holds the unofficial title of best all-around racer ever has been given many honors. None is more prized than the one he received Monday night at the

Columbus Citizens Foundation in New York.

A beaming Andretti, standing before a small crowd of family and friends, received the Commendatore dell'Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana in honor of his public service, achievements as a race car driver and enduring commitment to his Italian heritage.

The Commendatore, as it is known, is the highest honor granted a civilian by the Italian government, similar to being knighted in Great Britain. Only a handful of Italian Americans have been given the honor, and it took a while for the folks who give out these things to get around to Andretti.

Still, it was more or less inevitable.

It's been 12 years since the most famous of the racing Andrettis retired from competition. But the image of the skinny kid with a shock of

unruly black hair, a gleaming smile and hard, determined eyes remains just as clear as ever to those who watched Mario race on circuits all over the globe.

He not only drove just about anything with an engine, he won in whatever he raced. And he did it during a time when deaths and serious injuries in racing were common.

Andretti has often said he used to sit in the prerace meetings in his Formula One days and wonder which of the drivers in the room would be dead by the end of the day. Ronnie Peterson, his best friend, was killed in a crash in 1978 on the

same day that Andretti wrapped up the world championship.

Yet Andretti never missed a race due to injury until the late 1980's, when he broke his collarbone in a crash at the Milwaukee Mile during a CART event.

Despite a career filled with disappointments — particularly at the Indianapolis 500, where the phrase "Mario is slowing on the backstretch" became something of a refrain — Andretti's overall record likely will never be duplicated — or even approached.

He did win at Indy in 1969, and he also added victories in NASCAR's Daytona 500, the 12 Hours of Sebring sports car race — three times — and Monte Carlo, among many others. Andretti was a four-time U.S. national champion and became only the second American to win the Formula One title, joining Phil Hill.

The diminutive Andretti won races in five decades, was Driver of the Year three times and was named co-Driver of the 20th Century, along with A.J. Foyt, by a panel chosen by The Associated Press.

He came from humble beginnings, born in 1940 in the town of Montana in an area called Istria, formerly part of Italy, ceded to Yugoslavia after World War II and now divided between Slovenia and Croatia. Andretti spent seven years in displaced persons camps after the war before emigrating with his family to Nazareth, Pa., where he still makes his home.

Over the years, Andretti represented his adopted country with a passion. But he also remained very much an Italian — something fellow Italians all

over the world have appreciated and admired.

The Commendatore was presented by Antonio Bandini, Italy's Consul General to New York, on behalf of Italian president Giorgio Napolitano.

"Fantastic achievements in sport are not the only reason we honor him with the most important distinction of the Italian Republic," Bandini said. "Indeed, Mario Andretti has always been a prominent member of the Italian American community (and) extremely proud of his Italian heritage."

In the crowd on Monday evening, eldest son Michael Andretti glowed with pride.

"I remember going to race-track with dad when I was a kid and the respect that people gave him," said Michael, who retired from full-time racing two years ago after his own great career to concentrate on team ownership.

"I never really thought about how good he was because he was doing all that stuff before I was born and it just seemed natural," he added. "But, after I started racing, I realized how incredible he was. During the years that we raced against each other in CART, I saw up close just how good he really was."

Marco, Mario's 19-year-old grandson who nearly won the Indy 500 in May but was overtaken on the last lap to finish second,

just ahead of his father, leans on his grandfather as a racing mentor.

"I'm sure he could still get in a car and be competitive," Marco said. "When I ask him a question, he always knows the answer. He has been in every situation possible on a race-track and he is really good about being able to tell me what should be happening out there. I would love to have the opportunity to race against him."

*"Indeed, Mario Andretti has always been a prominent member of the Italian American community."*

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## NHL

# Ruff plays with perfection

*Despite a 9-0 start, Sabres' head coach still looking for improvement*

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Poor Lindy Ruff.

The Buffalo Sabres coach is trying his nitpicking best, but fighting a losing battle in an attempt to find fault with his team's perfect start.

At 9-0, Buffalo is one win short of matching the NHL record set by Toronto in 1993 for best start to a season, a feat the Sabres can accomplish when they play the Islanders at Long Island on Thursday.

To hear Ruff tell it, his team is a work in progress.

"You've got to find the little things to make you even better," he said Wednesday. "We'll just keep nitpicking."

And yet, for every problem Ruff attempts to identify — and he's down to complaining about Buffalo's forecheck in an otherwise efficient 4-1 win at Montreal on Monday — there are a half-dozen or so things that leave him impressed.

"There are moments where you look at the plays, you look at some of the goals, you look at the effort, you look at some of the blocked shots, you look at the desperation, and you say, 'Boy, they did a lot of good things,'" Ruff said.

With a win against the

Islanders, the Sabres would have an opportunity to break the record when they host Atlanta on Saturday.

The NHL is recognizing the streak even though the Sabres have won three games by shootout, which the league instituted last season to eliminate ties. The Maple Leafs in 1993, by comparison, won nine games in regulation and one in overtime.

Little of this matters to Sabres players, some of whom, such as defenseman Henrik Tallinder, weren't aware the team broke its franchise mark of 8-0 set in 1975 or was even approaching a league record.

"You know what, I really wasn't paying attention to all that," Tallinder said. "I don't see it like a big thing. But records are made to be broken, so why not break it if we can."

The Sabres' ho-hum attitude belies what has otherwise been a determined, workman-like approach for a team already pegged as Stanley Cup contenders. The high expectations are a result of Buffalo returning most of its team intact after losing Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals to eventual Stanley Cup champion Carolina Hurricanes last season.

Over the course of their streak, the Sabres have won in almost every imaginable fashion: from scoring six times in a period, as they did in a 9-1 win over Philadelphia last week, to three times overcoming two-goal deficits.

Eight of their wins have come against teams that made the playoffs last year, including two victories against Carolina. They've defeated three division champs, including Detroit, which had the NHL's best record last season.

And they've contributed to the NHL's first coaching change, Philadelphia's Ken Hitchcock was fired last weekend in part because of his team's loss to Buffalo.

The Sabres have actually won 14 straight regular-season games after winning their last five last season. And, for those counting, the only blemish on their record in the past two months was a 4-1 loss to Columbus in Buffalo's second preseason game.

"It's pretty impressive. And I hope we're not done yet," said defenseman Jaroslav Spacek, the team's only offseason free-agent addition.

To put the Sabres' streak into perspective, among North America's top four pro sports leagues, there have been only 13 teams that have gone 9-0 to start a season since 1993, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. The best start of the bunch is the NBA Houston Rockets, who went 15-0 in 1993.

## NFL

# Big Ben questionable for game in Oakland

*Steelers have a tough decision regarding the QB's long-term health*

Associated Press

Questionable is a word used a lot around the NFL. It's there every week in the injury reports that bookies and bettors like to study so much, usually stuck somewhere in between probable and doubtful.

Ben Roethlisberger, who was last seen sprawled unconscious on the field in Atlanta, is questionable this week. The Pittsburgh Steelers said so, meaning their star quarterback may or may not play Sunday against the Oakland Raiders.

Questionable. It's a word that can be used to describe many things.

Let's begin with the judgment of anyone involved with the Steelers who actually believes it is a good idea to rush back Roethlisberger after two concussions in four months.

Head injury one Sunday, starting nod the next. You don't need a degree in neurology to figure out something is wrong with this equation.

Concussions forced two other quarterbacks out of the game in recent years. Troy Aikman and Steve Young retired early because the cumulative effect of concussions, and they're hardly alone among NFL alumni.

Current players aren't faring much better.

Quarterbacks Charlie Frye and Steve McNair recently left games with concussions and so did Minnesota receiver Troy Williamson.

Carolina linebacker Dan Morgan's season is over, and the horrifying image of Chiefs quarterback Trent Green having his head slammed to the ground in the first game of the season is an indelible one.

Concussions, it seems, are the NFL's dirty little secret. It's not just that they happen so often, but that the league doesn't seem to be doing much about it.

Sure, the NFL says it has had a committee of doctors studying them since 1994. But experts in the field say the league's studies are flawed, use suspect

data, and don't stand up to peer review.

So when the NFL says no evidence has been found that brain function declines as a result of a concussion, the news is greeted with skepticism in the medical community.

"What the NFL allegedly finds is totally at odds with scores of publications that are out there," said Dr. Robert Cantu, a neurologist and leading expert in brain injuries at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. "The stuff the NFL is putting out is just not the way the thinking is in the community of sports medicine and specialists with expertise in this area."

Among those is a recent study by the University of North Carolina, which reported 10 percent of retired NFL players say concussions have had a permanent effect on their ability to think and remember things as they've gotten older.

Hall of Fame linebacker Harry Carson of the New York Giants is one of them. He estimates he had a dozen or more "bell-ringers" in his career, though he wasn't aware they were concussions. Carson said he has long had from memory problems because of postconcussion syndrome.

For others, it's even worse.

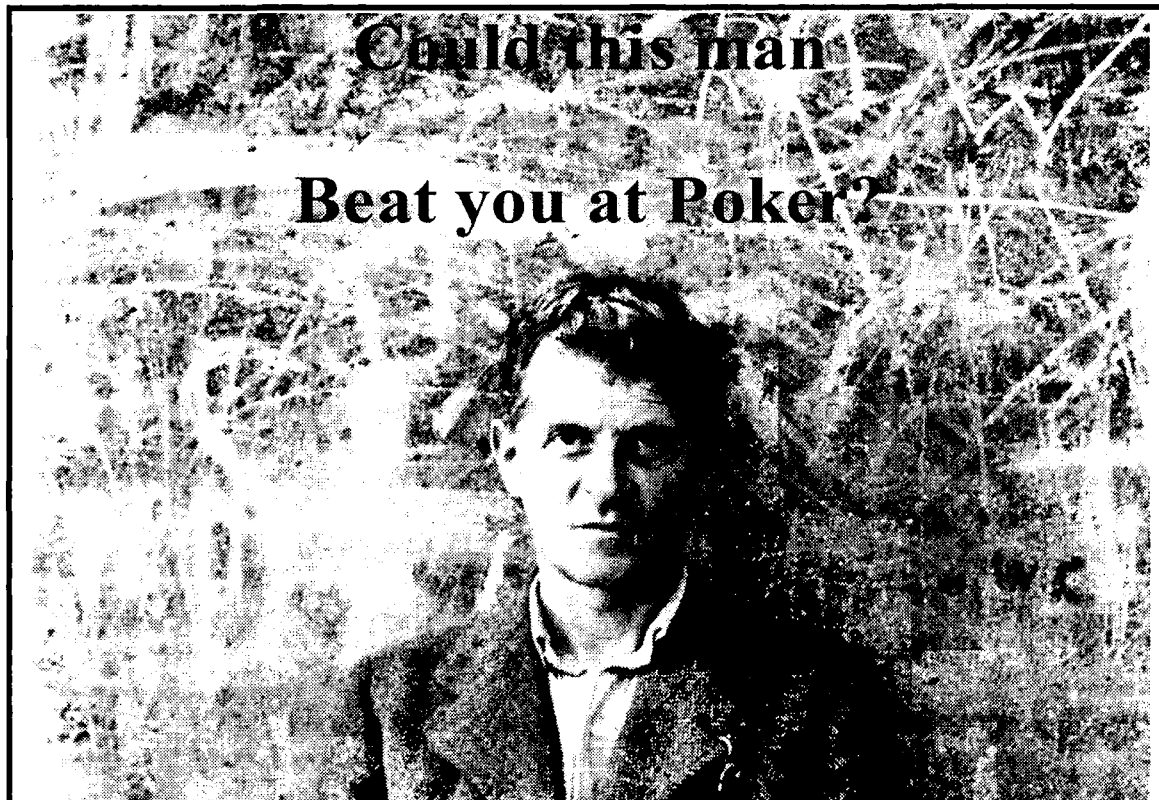
Former Steelers lineman Terry Long died last year at the age of 45 from a brain inflammation that resulted, in part, from repeated head injuries. Fellow Steelers center Mike Webster was diagnosed with football-induced dementia before he died at the age of 50.

Coaches, though, seem to regard them as minor irritants.

Vikings coach Brad Childress offered his own diagnosis the other day after Williamson was injured.

"He does know what time zone we're in right now, and he can read a clock. So he's going to be OK," Childress said.

Football, of course, isn't alone in having to deal with brain injuries. Keith Primeau had two years and \$6 million left on his contract with the Philadelphia Flyers but retired earlier this year when even the most mundane skating drills caused him problems due to past concussions.



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## NBA

# Stern cracks down on guns

*Commissioner wants players to stop taking firearms into public*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — David Stern understands having a gun to protect your home. He's not convinced carrying one on the streets makes you any safer.

For that reason, the NBA commissioner said Wednesday that he would prefer his players leave their firearms behind when they go out.

"It's a pretty, I think, widely accepted statistic that if you carry a gun, your chances of being shot by one increase dramatically," Stern said during his pre-season conference call. "We think this is an alarming subject, that although you'll read players saying how they feel safer with guns, in fact those guns actually make them less safe. And it's a real issue."

It's one that was raised recently when Indiana's Stephen Jackson shot a gun in the air at least five times outside an Indianapolis strip club on Oct. 6. He originally told police he fired in self-defense during a fight in which he was

hit by a car.

The NBA's collective bargaining agreement allows players to own licensed guns, but they can't carry them on any league or team business. Asked what kind of firearm rule he would want if collective bargaining weren't involved, Stern said: "I would favor being able to have a firearm to protect your home. Period."

He added that walking the streets carrying guns was "dangerous for our players," but said there has been no further discussion with the union about strengthening the policy.

Union spokesman Dan Wasserman said it already was bolstered in last year's agreement, at the request of the league.

"In response to issues raised by the NBA during bargaining last year," he said, "a provision was added to the collective bargaining agreement that subjects the players to discipline if they bring any kind of firearm, even if it's licensed, to an NBA arena, practice facility, or even a team or league\* offsite promotional appearance."

Wasserman also said that the dangers of firearms are discussed during the rookie transition program, where

players are "informed of the legalities of it, what you can or can't do, and the pros of cons of having a weapon are discussed extensively."

With the start of the season less than a week away, Stern also addressed the arena situation in Sacramento. The city's residents will be asked to approve two ballot measures on Nov. 7 that would increase local sales tax as part of the Kings' quest to replace Arco Arena with a new downtown building.

The measures are considered long-shots to pass, and Stern seems to understand why after claiming that a deal between the city and the developer hasn't been finalized.

"In the absence of a deal between the city and a developer, I don't know what any fair-minded citizen of Sacramento is being asked to vote on," he said. "I would love to see them support an arena development, but I would tell them that they better make sure that the city gets with it to see whether the deal can in fact be done. Right now there is no deal anywhere."

Also, Stern said he expected to rule on Larry Brown's grievance with the Knicks sometime during the second week of the season. The Knicks refused to pay the remainder of Brown's contract after firing him one year into a five-year deal.

## MLB

# Hank Aaron award goes to Jeter, Howard

*Fans vote sluggers top offensive players in respective leagues*

Associated Press

ST LOUIS — Young slugger Ryan Howard of the Phillies and Yankees sparkplug Derek Jeter were selected by fan-voting as winners of the Hank Aaron Award as outstanding offensive performer in each league, Commissioner Bud Selig announced on Wednesday.

Howard, 26, belted 58 home runs to lead the major leagues in 2006 and set a club record with the National League's Philadelphia Phillies. The first baseman, who won Rookie of the Year honours last season, also led the majors in runs batted in with 149.

Jeter finished second in the American League batting race with a .343 average, finished second in runs scored (118), tied for third in hits (214) and was fourth in on-base percentage (.417).

Hank Aaron, who in 1974 surpassed Babe Ruth's record 714 career home runs, and went on to establish the current major league record of

755 was also on hand to present the awards.

"I'm extremely proud that I'm sitting here today to give this award to two of the players that I think have exemplified what I think Major League Baseball is all about," Aaron said, praising both players for their performance on the field and the way they carry themselves off it.

Howard, who helped the Phillies make a late-season run at the playoffs, said he had a lot of fun in 2006.

"It's been a pleasure this season. It was a blast," Howard said. "Hopefully many more to come."

Jeter, sitting next to baseball's all-time home run leader and young slugger Howard, said, "I sort of feel out of place."

The Yankees shortstop, who stole 34 bases, hit only 14 homers.

"With Hank Aaron, the first thing that comes to mind is home runs. Ryan Howard the same thing. So when people said what award I was going to win, I stuck my chest out, and I said, 'You know, the Hank Aaron Award. What do you think?'" said Jeter.

"It's an honor and a privilege for me to be here, and I really appreciate it."



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## PGA

# Els under pressure at Chrysler Championship

Associated Press

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — Ernie Els has never missed the season-ending Tour Championship when playing a full schedule with a healthy body, so he jotted that down as part of his global schedule when laying out his plans for the year.

But not everything has gone according to plan.

Els thought the Chrysler Championship might be a good place for him to get ready for

East Lake next week. But at No. 30 on the PGA Tour money list, he needs a good week at Innisbrook simply to get into the Tour Championship. He only has a \$53,000 margin over Tim Clark at No. 31, knowing that any of the 60 guys behind him could win and potentially knock him out.

"I really don't want to miss it," Els said Wednesday. "Finishing in the top 30 would give you something. I haven't had too much to grab onto this year. I've

had some good finishes outside of the U.S. In the U.S. itself, I haven't really been up to my best."

Els is back in the United States for the first time in two months. Now, the goal is to stay two weeks.

Since joining the PGA Tour in 1994, the year he won his first U.S. Open, Els has missed the Tour Championship only twice — in 1998 when his season was hampered by back injuries and last year when he missed the last

three months because of knee surgery.

Els is not alone in his pursuit of secondary gains at the Chrysler Championship, which starts Thursday at Innisbrook.

This is the final full-field tournament of the year, one last chance for players to either get into the Tour Championship (top 30 on the money list) or the Masters (top 40). Perhaps more critical is keeping a job for next year, and that will be decided by the top 125 for full status and

the top 150 for conditional status.

The odd man out appeared to be Bubba Dickerson.

He had a chance to sew up his card last week until a 72-78 weekend at Disney moved him up to No. 125. But with such a low standing, he was the third alternate at Innisbrook, and milling around the locker room, he was losing hope that three guys would pull out of the event over the next 24 hours.

Dickerson, a former U.S. Amateur champion, blamed no one but himself.

"I could have taken care of it last week," he said. "I wouldn't be in this situation if I had played better golf. It's tough to take."

He could still keep his position, but it's unlikely. Any of the three guys behind him on the money list only have to make the cut to give Dickerson one more tournament this year — the final stage of Q-school.

"I would walk away from here thinking I'm toast," he said.

For Els, more troubling than his precarious position on the money list is the fact he hasn't hoisted a trophy all year, anywhere around the world. He lost a playoff to Tiger Woods in Dubai. He was one shot behind Woods going into the third round at the British Open, but wound up in third place, five shots behind.

As much as the Big Easy would love to be at the Tour Championship next week, he has a bigger goal in mind. Els loves starting the year in Hawaii at the Mercedes-Benz Championship, and the only way to get there is to win.

"That's the urgency I want," he said.

But even Kapalua is but one small step toward a grandiose goal. Els believes he lost his focus this year, spending too much time worrying about what happened in the past instead of paying attention to what he can accomplish in the future.

Perhaps no other elite player from his generation has endured more crushing losses than the 37-year-old South African. Two years ago, he missed playoffs in the Masters and PGA Championship by one shot, and lost in a playoff at the British Open. The other major that year was the U.S. Open, where he played in the final group and shot 80.

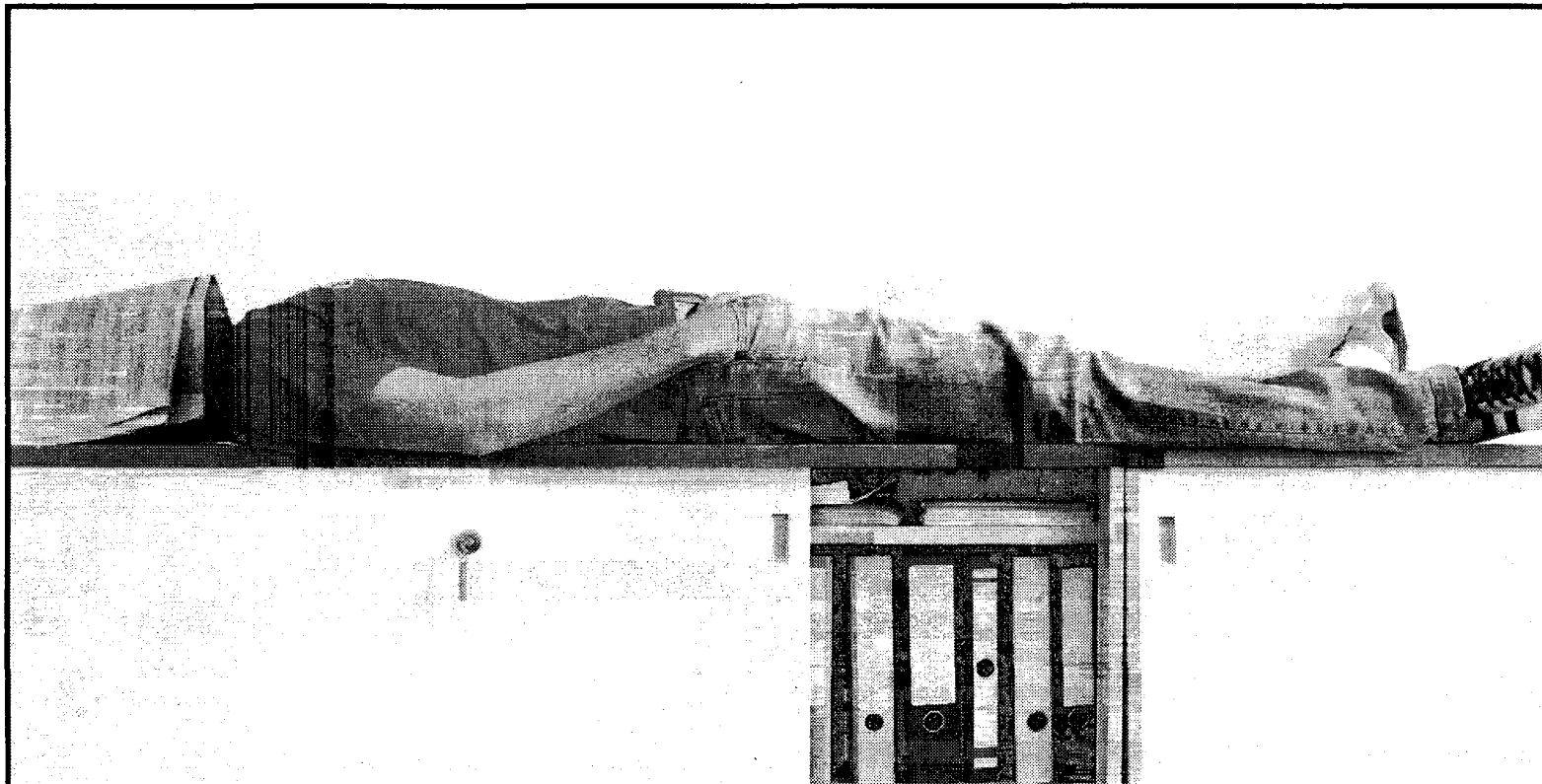
Then came the knee injury last July while boating in the Mediterranean, which cost him the final three months of the PGA Tour season. Els returned sooner than expected, but still had trouble earlier this year trusting that his knee would hold up.

"It's not like I've fallen off the map completely," Els said. "I haven't been consistent; I know that. But I don't want to read too much into it. I want to get back and forget about the past and start moving forward toward my goal."

The Tour Championship would be a start. Kapalua would be even sweeter.

But he has a bigger blueprint in mind. Els said he has given himself a "realistic goal" for the next three years, which will require education to his body and his mind.

Why three years? Els smiled, as if he was going to keep that to himself. But what he said next made it clear that he has not given up his pursuit of returning to No. 1 in the world.



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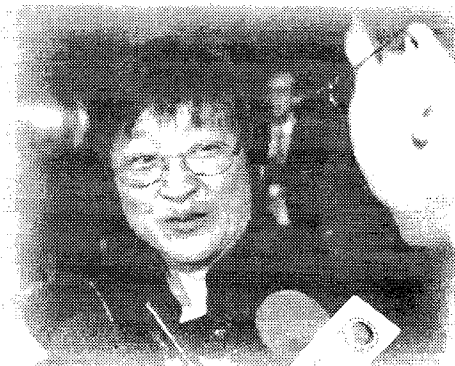
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MLB

# Game called due to rainy weather in St. Louis

Constant downpours cause World Series matchup to be cancelled for first time since Yankees-Braves in 1996

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Pitchers dominated the first three games of the World Series and the rain took over.

Game 4 was postponed Wednesday night because of rain and will be made up Thursday at 8:27 p.m. EDT, potentially sending the World Series into scheduling chaos. More showers are expected the next two days, and nobody was certain when the Detroit Tigers and St. Louis Cardinals would play again.

"They're going to be dicey," said Jimmie Lee Solomon, executive vice president of baseball operations in the commissioner's office.

Game 5 at Busch Stadium was pushed back to Friday night, which was supposed to be a day off in the Series. It doesn't look much better this weekend in Detroit, with a forecast of rain and cold.

The Cardinals lead the best-of-seven Series 2-1 after a 5-0 victory behind ace Chris Carpenter on Tuesday night.

A silver tarp covered the infield all evening, players didn't come out to warm up and Game 4 never got started.

"You want to go out there and play, but you can't control the weather. It's not that big of a deal," St. Louis outfielder Preston Wilson said.

Steady showers all day led to the first World Series rainout since the 1996 opener between the Atlanta Braves and New York Yankees. The rain fell harder as the night progressed, and the game was called after a

Detroit's first-round series at Yankee Stadium also was postponed.

The postponement gives St. Louis manager Tony La Russa a chance to juggle his rotation if he wants. He could bring Jeff Weaver back on regular rest in Game 5 instead of pitching rookie Anthony Reyes again. Reyes, however, tossed eight-plus strong innings for a 7-2 victory in the opener.

Tigers manager Jim Leyland could do the same with Kenny Rogers, who beat Weaver in Game 2 on Sunday night and extended his shutout streak to 23 innings this postseason. But Leyland specifically set up his rotation to give Rogers two starts at home, and the Series doesn't shift back to

Detroit until Game 6.

A sparse crowd at Busch Stadium was informed of the rainout about three minutes after Major League Baseball made the announcement. Fans covered in

plastic who had hoped for the rain to stop quickly filed toward the exits.

*"You want to go out there and play, but you can't control the weather."*

**Preston Wilson**  
St. Louis outfielder

*"They're going to be dicey."*

**Jimmie Lee Solomon**  
executive vice president  
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delay of 1 hour, 51 minutes, the first time a Series game in St. Louis has been rained out.

It also was the fourth washout of a wet post-season. The Cardinals had two games rained out in the NL championship series against the New York Mets, and Game 2 of



St. Louis fan Kirk Pound waits in vain for the beginning of Game 4 at Busch Stadium. The game will be played Friday night.

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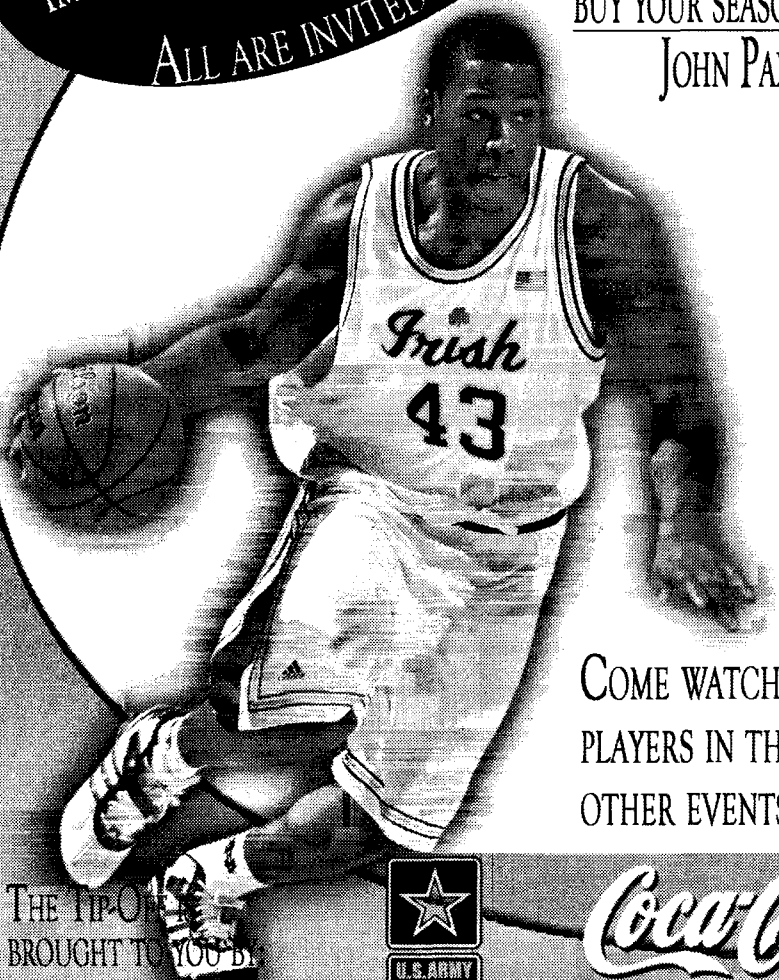
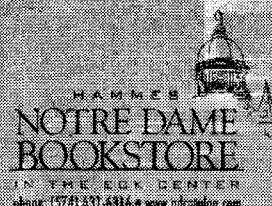
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## MLB

## La Russa unsure of starter

Reyes, Weaver could  
each pitch in Game 5

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Jeff Weaver and Anthony Reyes sat together in the interview room, looking at each other and waiting for questions. There was one they couldn't answer: Who's going to pitch Game 5 of the World Series for the St. Louis Cardinals?

"I don't know which it's going to be, so they're both getting ready," St. Louis manager Tony La Russa said Wednesday.

That decision will be delayed another day because Game 4 was postponed by rain Wednesday night. Jeff Suppan and the Detroit Tigers' Jeremy Bonderman will try again on Thursday, with the teams facing another iffy forecast.

The Cardinals lead the best-of-seven series 2-1.

Tigers manager Jim Leyland wouldn't discuss his options after Game 4 was called. Justin Verlander had been set to go in Game 5, but Kenny Rogers could move ahead of him if the Tigers face elimination.

"You can speculate as you all do," Leyland said. "You can second guess how the rotation's going to go the rest of the series, whatever you want to do."

"Jeremy Bonderman is pitching the next game for the Tigers, he's earned it. He's one of our horses and he will be on the mound when Game 4 starts, whenever that may

be"

After the Cardinals' third rainout of the postseason, La Russa said Reyes and Weaver would pitch Games 5 and 6 with the order to be determined by where the series stands. Weaver could go on regular rest in Game 5 on Friday followed by Reyes, a rookie, and ace Chris Carpenter on regular rest in a Game 7.

That's the most likely scenario, although La Russa noted that he could bring back Carpenter on three days' rest in Game 6 if the Cardinals needed a win to keep the series going.

"What our record is has a lot to do with it," pitching coach Dave Duncan said.

The rainout means that Suppan, the MVP of the NL championship series, would be able to pitch only once in the series.

La Russa wasn't looking beyond the next game.

"Just play the one tomorrow and don't get too far ahead," he said.

The pre-game scene was unusual and somewhat awkward, although neither right-hander sounded too worried.

"I always go at it like I'm going to pitch, so I just do everything I was going to do before, like I'm going to pitch," Reyes said. "If it's not my time, I just try to prepare for the next one."

Said Weaver: "Another day

of rest always helps, but I feel good right now."

Verlander struggled in a matchup of rookie starters against Reyes in Game 1. While Reyes was brilliant for eight innings in a 7-2 victory that night at Comerica Park, Verlander, a 17-game winner, gave up six earned runs in five-plus innings.

*"You can second guess how the rotation's going to go the rest of the series, whatever you want to do."*

**Jim Leyland**  
Tigers manager

He has a 10.80 ERA against the Cardinals and a 7.47 ERA in three postseason starts.

The Tigers were disappointed with Verlander's lack of velocity in Game 1.

Normally around 100 mph, Verlander's fastballs were in the low 90s.

"I wasn't really driving with my legs as much as I had been earlier in the year," he said. "We worked on that a little bit. I think it was just a mix of maybe the mechanics and how my arm felt that day."

The Cardinals seemed stuck with the 25-year-old Reyes for Game 1 after beating the Mets in a seven-game NLCS because their other starters weren't rested.

Reyes is ready to go again. So is Weaver, who might have pitched on three days' rest for the first time in his career. Now, he won't have to do that.

"I've done my preparation for a short rest to start and everything feels good," he said in the afternoon. "So either way I feel like it's not going to matter."

## MLB

## Henderson celebrates anniversary of 'Wave'

'Krazy George' says he  
began cheer in 1981

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Krazy George Henderson has spent the last quarter-century trying to persuade everyone that he debuted the "Wave" during an Oakland Athletics' playoff game against the Yankees — not those Washington football fans who claim the Huskies first performed the now famous cheer.

Debate aside, the Wave is 25 years old and still going strong.

"It's been really interesting," Krazy George said in a phone interview from his home in New Rochelle, N.Y. "I see it at the Olympics. There's a video of Fidel Castro doing it. If it had actually originated in New York at a Yankees game, they would have thought it was sent by the gods."

Krazy George, now 62, says he spent three years perfecting the Wave. He first pulled off the move — in which fans take turns, by section, standing up and waving their arms — on Oct. 15, 1981, at the Yankees-A's AL championship series game in the Coliseum. Washington, meanwhile, did it two weeks later, on Oct. 31.

Former Husky yell leader Robb Weller had returned to campus for a homecoming game against Stanford. He began a vertical version of the Wave in the '70s, but first did the horizontal Wave that day.

Officials at Washington acknowledge Krazy George as being first, but what they are certain of is that the Huskies popularized the cheer. It soon caught on at a Seattle Seahawks game, too.

It took a year and a half, according to Krazy George, for the Huskies to fess up that they'd seen the Wave on television and given it their own twist. Good thing, too, because he has the proof on tape: The Wave was part of the A's 1981 highlight video shown to potential season ticket holders for the following year.

"That's the best-kept lie in the last 25 years. But now, most of the world recognizes me," Krazy George said. "Their theory is that they came up with it in 30 seconds! 'Oh, we just thought it up.'"

"They kept doing it the whole football season and of course they were a big national football power with a big budget. I tell everyone to call Seattle and

get their side of the story. It's like a war with me."

Krazy George, known best by that name and for pounding his drum in stadiums across the United States, is a California native who moved north to Napa from Southern California at age 17. He left for New York three years ago.

A former high school shop teacher, Krazy George's lone job the last 30 years has been as a for-hire cheerleader — working all of about three hours a week. Yes, that's it. He averages one game every seven days.

In that first Wave game, the Yankees eliminated the A's 4-0 to reach the World Series. Dave Righetti, now the San Francisco Giants' pitching coach, was the winning pitcher. A crowd of 47,302 was on hand for the first Wave.

"We put it on the map in 1981," said Shooty Babitt, a rookie on the '81 A's. "A lot of people wish the Wave would go away now. A lot of people don't understand when you should do it. ... The new-age fan doesn't understand where the Wave originated. But Krazy George still looks the same today as he did 25 years ago."

Krazy George is a well-known figure at sporting venues, especially in the Bay Area. Mostly bald with blond curls above his ears, he wears his striped athletic socks pulled up and always has a drum in hand.

He has been featured in national magazines and TV programs and has several upcoming interviews with international publications.

That game in Oakland was the biggest crowd yet for Krazy George, who had tried the cheer a couple of times at high school rallies.

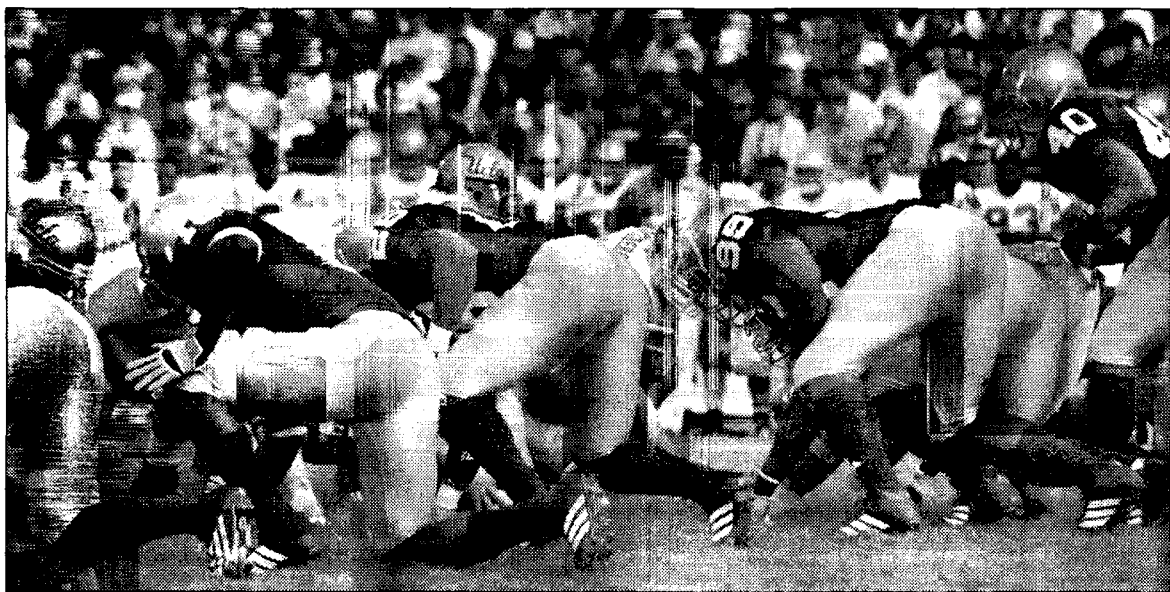
A simpler version originated at San Jose State several years earlier. Krazy George would call for the three student sections to chant — one word for each group — "San!" "Jose!" "State!" He would point to each section signaling those students' turn.

He also did something similar for the former Colorado Rockies hockey team, using "Go! Rockies! Go!" But it didn't work so well with only 5,000 fans in the seats many nights.

He knows there are plenty of fans out there who refuse to participate or become grumpy when their view of the game gets briefly blocked.

"There are always a few people," he said.

## ATTACK FORMATION



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Irish safety Chinedum Ndukwe, left, linebacker Travis Thomas, center, and defensive tackle Trevor Laws, right, wait to rush the quarterback in Notre Dame's 20-17 win over UCLA Saturday.

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## NBA

# Clippers challenge Lakers as top team in L.A.

*Host of young players turning heads of So. California b-ball fans*

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Elton Brand remembers how it used to be when his lowly Clippers played the mighty Lakers.

"It was great if we could get a win for us and our fans," Brand recalled.

How about now?

"We expect to get a win against anybody in the league," he said.

And that, of course, includes the Lakers, who have history on their side — but have finished behind the Clippers in each of the past two seasons.

"We're definitely making our mark," Brand said. "It's two years in a row now. The Lakers' winning tradition, you can't take that away from them, of course."

The teams share the Staples Center, but there's been a distinct Lakers flavor there since it opened before the 1999-2000 season. And for good reason.

High above the court on the south wall are the nine NBA championship banners the Lakers have won since moving to Los Angeles in 1960, and another representing the team's five titles in Minneapolis.

The retired jerseys of former Lakers stars Elgin Baylor, Jerry West, Magic Johnson, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, James Worthy, Wilt Chamberlain and Gail Goodrich hang nearby, along with a microphone honoring longtime announcer Chick Hearn.

And the Clippers? Nothing.

Maybe someday.

"The city's big enough for two

teams. Why not share the love?" Clippers guard Cuttino Mobley said. "The Lakers are supposed to get the credit. We're just trying to earn ours."

The teams haven't had much of a rivalry since the Clippers moved to Los Angeles in 1984 because the Lakers have been so dominant, winning 80 of their 103 matchups. But the count is 4-4 the past two years, and with the Clippers on the rise, a rivalry appears to be brewing.

"Rivalries can't happen until both teams are in the playoffs," Mobley said.

That happened last spring, and the Clippers did their part to set up the first-ever postseason matchup between the teams by beating Denver for their first playoff series victory in 30 years.

The Lakers led Phoenix 3-1 in their first-round series, but the Suns rallied to win the final three games, thwarting a potential "Hallway Series" at the Staples Center.

"That would have really been fun," Brand said with a wide grin.

Like a long, leisurely homestand.

"I was ready," Lakers forward Luke Walton said. "It would have been so much fun, people talking about it. You tried not to think about it because you were in another series."

In the first five seasons after the Lakers left the Forum, they quickly put their stamp on the new Staples Center, winning three championships and advancing to the NBA Finals four times and the Western Conference semifinals once.

The Clippers, meanwhile, had a 140-270 record and never made the postseason.

Their fortunes began to

reverse when the Lakers traded Shaquille O'Neal to Miami after the 2003-04 season, and sank to 34-48 the following year. The Clippers, meanwhile, showed significant improvement, going from 28-54 to 37-45.

The Clippers added veteran Sam Cassell before last season, and improved 10 games to 47-35 for the second-best record in the franchise's 36-year history. The Lakers also got better, going 45-37 and returning to the playoffs.

Regarding the dominance by the Lakers over the years, Cassell smiled and said: "It ain't that way no more, which is good for the city."

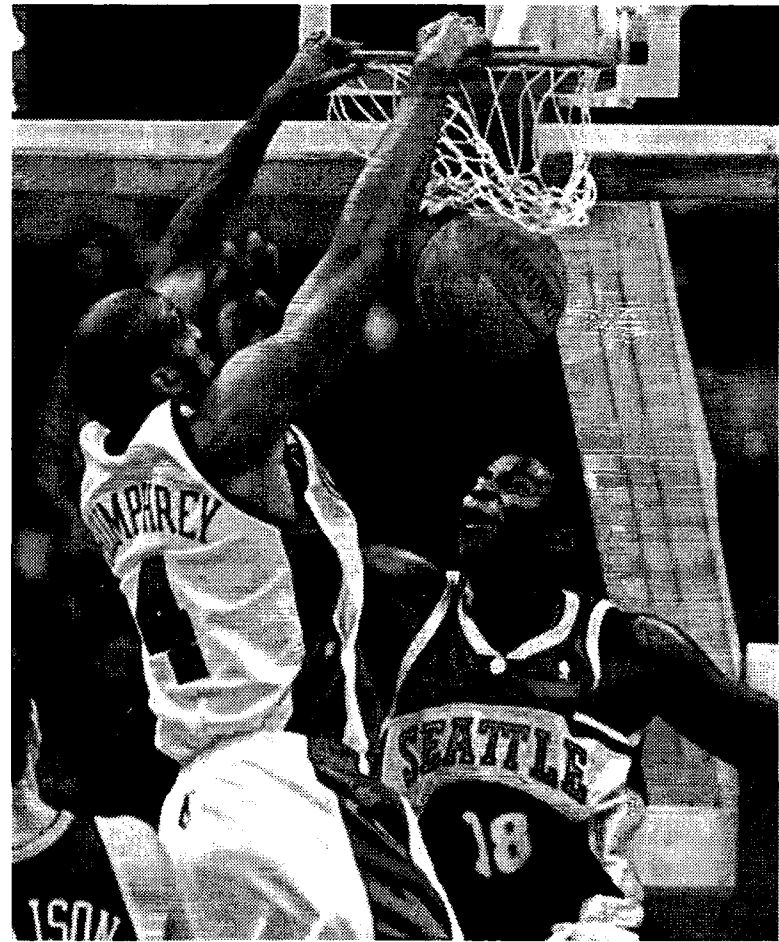
But Reggie Miller, who grew up in Los Angeles, cautioned that because the Clippers' identity has changed, so will the level of their competition.

"I thought I would never say this, but it is slowly becoming a Clipper town," the former Indiana Pacers star said. "My biggest question is, will they be content? Will complacency seep in? ... Now when they go on the road, the Clippers are starting to sell out. It's not the Clippers of old that were pushovers. Teams will be getting up now for the Clippers."

While the Lakers have last season's scoring champion Kobe Bryant leading the way, the Clippers have a superstar of their own in Brand, who finished seventh in the NBA Most Valuable Player voting last season.

The Lakers have the most successful coach in league history in Phil Jackson. The Clippers have Mike Dunleavy, a top-flight coach in his own right.

The Lakers have outdrawn the Clippers over the years, with most of their games selling out since Staples Center opened.



Clippers guard Ryan Humphrey dunks in a preseason game Oct. 21. The L.A. team has quickly earned the respect of local fans.

But those numbers are evening out, too.

The Lakers have sold between 13,000 and 14,000 season tickets, keeping some single-game tickets available. The Clippers have sold over 12,000 season tickets — a franchise record. And the average attendance at Lakers games last season was 18,883, and the average attendance at Clippers games was 17,376.

Of course, sitting courtside at the Lakers is still a distinct priv-

ilege, with the best seats priced at \$2,200. For the Clippers it's less than half that amount.

And, this being Los Angeles, both teams have their famous fans — Jack Nicholson and Denzel Washington attend most Lakers games; Billy Crystal and Penny Marshall support the Clippers.

"There's definitely a rivalry now," Walton said. "Even some of my own friends, they're wearing Clipper jerseys. It's fun."

## MLB

## Oakland looks for Orel support

*Athletics interview former pitcher Hershiser for new manager job*

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics will interview former major league pitcher Orel Hershiser for their managerial opening.

A's general manager Billy Beane will schedule a meeting with Hershiser, currently an ESPN baseball analyst, in Phoenix for sometime during the week of Nov. 6.

Beane fired fourth-year manager Ken Macha on Oct. 16, two days after Oakland's season ended in a sweep by the wild-card Detroit Tigers in the AL championship series. The A's won a playoff series for the first time since 1990, ending a string of four straight first-round exits from 2000-03.

Beane plans to take his time hiring the next manager and was still trading phone calls with Frank Thomas' agent, Arn Tellem, on Wednesday about getting something done to keep the 38-year-old slugger. The Big

Hurt, who led the team with 39 home runs and 114 RBIs, has a two-year offer on the table from the A's.

The 48-year-old Hershiser went 204-150 during an 18-year playing career that included 13 seasons for the Los Angeles Dodgers, including his final year in 2000. He pitched for the San Francisco Giants in 1998.

Hershiser rejoined ESPN earlier this year. The former NL Cy Young Award winner was an analyst for ESPN and ABC during the Little League World Series from 2000-01 and was on ESPN's major league Wednesday telecasts during 2001.

He joined the Texas Rangers in November 2001 as an associate to former general manager John Hart, became pitching coach in June 2002, then was shifted last November to executive assistant to team president Jeff Cogen. Hershiser left the Rangers in February.

Beane has had a prelimi-

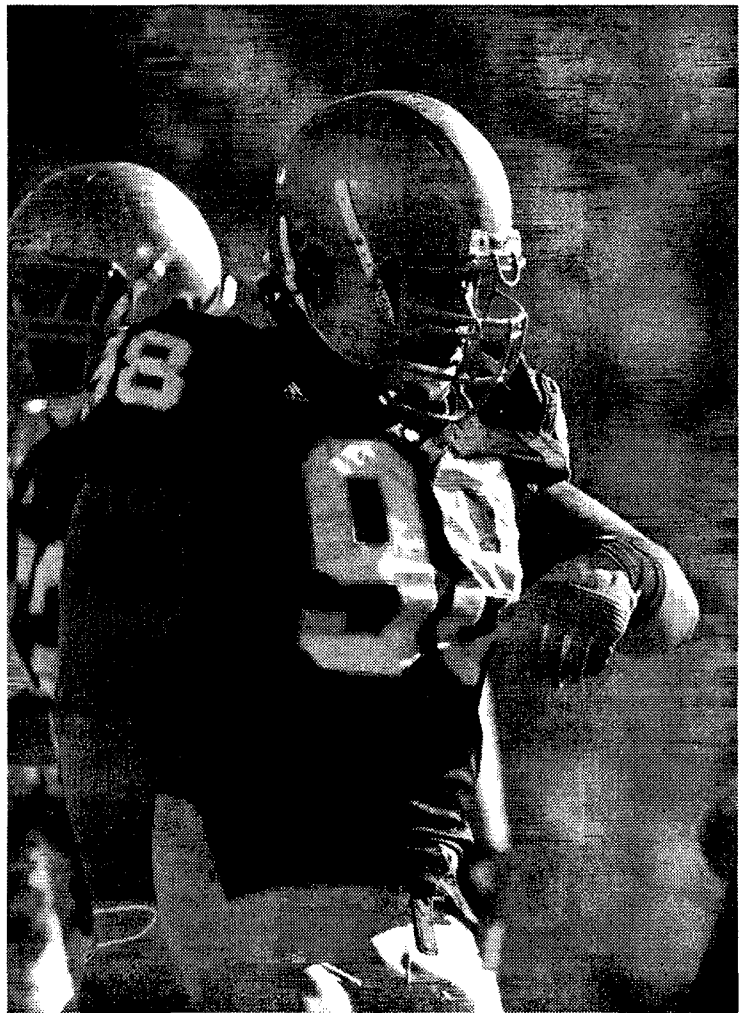
nary phone conversation with Los Angeles Angels pitching coach Bud Black, who was expected to interview with the club soon. Black already interviewed with the San Francisco Giants about their managerial opening.

Oakland's internal candidates who will have interviews are bench coach Bob Geren, a close personal friend of Beane, and third-base coach Ron Washington.

Washington also interviewed last week with the Texas Rangers about becoming Buck Showalter's replacement. Washington and Geren both interviewed for the A's opening a year ago when the club briefly cut ties with Macha before bringing him back about a week later. Geren was promoted from bullpen coach in 2006.

The 54-year-old Washington just completed his 11th season with the A's and is popular with the players.

## CRUNCH TIME



Irish defensive lineman Trevor Laws breaks the huddle during Notre Dame's 31-10 win over Stanford Oct. 7.



## NHL

# Los Angeles can't control Wild in 3-1 defeat

## Sedin scores twice in Vancouver's 5-0 win

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The Minnesota Wild's stingy defense and goaltending are continuing to fuel the team's franchise-best start.

Manny Fernandez made 35 saves and Brian Rolston scored two goals to help the Wild defeat the Los Angeles Kings 3-1 on Wednesday night.

Rolston scored his team-high seventh and eighth goals of the season. Todd White had a goal and two assists, and Pierre-Marc Bouchard added three assists for the Wild.

Northwest Division-leading Minnesota (8-1-0) moved into a tie with Dallas for the Western Conference's best record. Buffalo (9-0-0) is the only team in the NHL with a better mark.

"Hopefully we can keep going," Wild coach Jacques Lemaire said. "All the points that we're getting could be points that could help us make the playoffs."

Brian Willsie scored a third-period goal for the Kings, who are 1-5-2 in their past eight games. Included in that stretch was Minnesota's 2-1 overtime victory at Los Angeles on Oct. 18.

Dan Cloutier stopped 26 shots and dropped to 7-10-4 in his career against the Wild.

"I played them a lot when I was with Vancouver," Cloutier said. "But they seem to have more offense this year. And Manny is playing very well right now."

Minnesota, which was coming off a 2-1 West Coast road trip, improved to 6-0 at home.

The Wild have gotten off to such a red-hot start in part because teams have had such a hard time scoring against them. Minnesota has allowed 15 goals this season, tied with Dallas for the fewest in the NHL.

In the offseason the Wild overhauled their defense, parting ways with Filip Kuba, Andrei Zyuzin, Daniel Tjarnqvist and Alex Henry and signing a trio of experienced defensemen with a history of winning — Kim Johnsson, Petteri Nummelin and Keith Carney.

Fernandez's play also has been a bright spot. No longer splitting time with Dwayne Roloson, who was traded to Edmonton in March, the 10th-year veteran entered Wednesday's game with the third-best goals-against average in the NHL at 1.60.

"Any defenseman that is on the ice, we have confidence that they're going to do their job," Bouchard said. "And Manny is doing a great job. He's making some key saves."

Fernandez and the Minnesota defense have been particularly impressive against the power play.

The Kings were 0-for-7 with the man advantage Wednesday as the Wild increased their NHL-best penalty-killing percentage to 93.5.

"They're good. They're confident with the puck," Lemaire said of Minnesota's defensemen. "They can make plays. I think they believe in their ability to get the puck out, to move it."

The Wild also have received balanced scoring. The team played its third consecutive game without star right winger Marian Gaborik, sidelined with a groin injury, but got a big boost from the line of center White and wingers Bouchard and Rolston — the only line coach Lemaire has kept intact this season.

On Wednesday, Lemaire actually used Pavol Demitra with Bouchard and Rolston for the second line's first time on the ice, but the coach went with White, Bouchard and Rolston for the rest of the game.

"A little bit surprised, but Jacques has got his different



Blackhawks goalie Brian Boucher watches as a shot from Canucks center Henrik Sedin sails past him for a goal in the third period of Vancouver's 5-0 win over Chicago Wednesday.

opinion," Bouchard said. "I guess he wanted to try something else, and it's good that he put us back together."

The switch paid off quickly, when Rolston got the Wild on the board at 13:02 of the first period. White fired a slap shot from the left circle that Cloutier saved. Rolston gathered the rebound and backhanded the puck off the post and into the net.

Rolston struck again for Minnesota's second goal, as he sped ahead of the pack, took a long pass from White and knocked in his own rebound from close in 8:34 into the second period.

White gave the Wild a 3-0 lead with 5:02 left in the second. Bouchard collected the puck off the boards and passed it to White, who then beat Cloutier top shelf from the right circle.

Willsie spoiled Fernandez's shutout bid at 10:53 of the third when he scored his first goal of the season, but the Kings couldn't mount a comeback against the defensive-minded Wild.

"We're trying to play where the team has to beat five guys

before they get a chance," Lemaire said.

### Canucks 5, Blackhawks 0

The Vancouver Canucks took advantage of the Chicago Blackhawks being without four of their top players.

Roberto Luongo recorded his first shutout with Vancouver, making 32 saves in a victory over the Blackhawks on Wednesday night.

Luongo, acquired in a multi-player trade from Florida in the offseason, registered his 28th career shutout.

"They worked hard all night and outshot us 18-11 in the second period," said Luongo said. "Even though the score was a little lopsided they worked for 60 minutes."

"It's nice to get the shutout," he added, "but I think the main thing for me is to get some wins under my belt."

Henrik Sedin had two goals and an assist as the Canucks handed the Blackhawks their third straight loss. Chicago skated without forwards Martin Havlat, Michael Handzus and Tuomo Ruutu, and goalie Nikolai Khabibulin.

Sedin's goals were his first this season.

"If you miss three of your key guys, I don't think any team in this league is going to have the success they would otherwise," Sedin said. "We knew if we could match their work ethic, we'd have a good chance to win."

"I've been shooting a lot, but the puck wasn't going in," he added. "So it was nice to get a couple tonight."

Matt Cooke, Brendan Morrison and Taylor Pyatt also scored for the Canucks, who completed a five-game road trip with a 3-2-0 record. Daniel Sedin had three assists.

Vancouver coach Alain Vigneault, whose team has played nine of its first 11 games on the road, was more pleased that his team is off to a 6-4-1 start.

"These nine of 11 games on the road were going to permit

us to find out about our team and whether we could play on the road," Vigneault said. "I think in general we did that. We're coming back home with an above-.500 record and it's a good start for us."

Vigneault was pleased with the Canucks offensive breakthrough against Chicago. Vancouver hadn't scored more than four goals in a game this season.

"We finally found a way to score a couple of goals," he said. "Roberto did a good job of shutting them down. Once we took a four-goal lead, it's challenging for the opposition to have to score four goals off of Luongo."

Havlat is out for two to three weeks with a sprained ankle. Handzus is out with a season-ending knee injury. Khabibulin is out for 10 to 14 days with a broken finger.

All three were hurt last weekend. Ruutu, who sprained a knee in the preseason, has resumed practicing and may return next week.

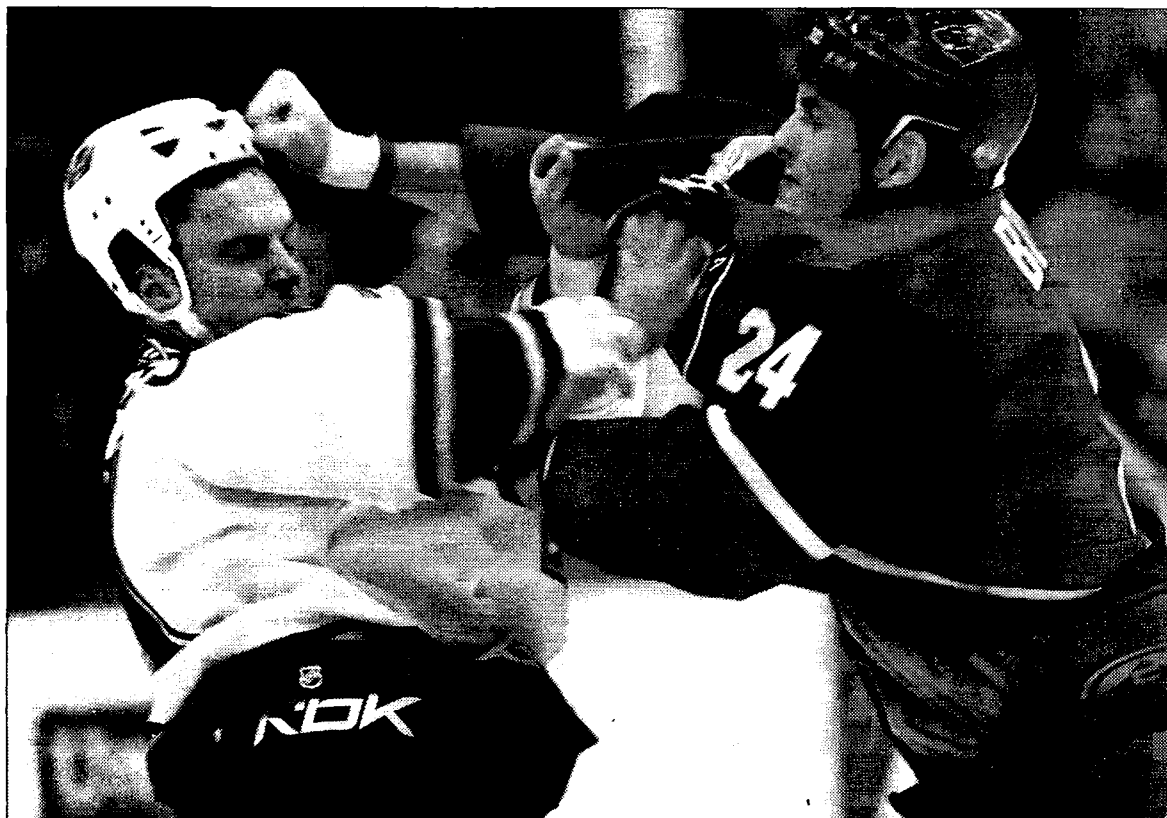
Chicago goalie Brian Boucher stopped 26 shots.

"Our defense wasn't as good as it has been and our goaltending was average," Blackhawks coach Trent Yawney said. "We've got to find a way to nip this as fast as possible. No one is going to feel sorry for you."

Cooke opened the scoring 4:54 into the first period when he spun and backhanded in a rebound of Mattias Ohlund's shot just past Boucher's outstretched glove and inside the right post.

Morrison's deflection on the power play with 3:02 left in the period gave Vancouver a 2-0 lead. Positioned at the left edge of the crease, Morrison redirected Ohlund's shot from the right point in mid-air, about a foot off the ice.

Sedin stretched the lead to 3-0 at 3:41 of the second when his 45-foot wrist shot fooled Boucher.



Wild left wing Derek Boogaard takes a swing at Kings left wing Raitis Ivanans during the third period of Minnesota's 3-1 win over Los Angeles Wednesday. Both received major penalties for fighting.





Irish center Mark Van Guilder faces off against Maverick forward Zach Harrison in Notre Dame's win over MSU Oct. 12.

## G-word

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adjust to the dark, but no final destination can be seen along the horizon.

Which path do you take? Which path leads to the most desirable ending?

Well, Notre Dame has chosen the path to the right, and that speck along the horizon may very well be a lucrative tournament finish - be it CCHA or NCAA or both.

The team refuses to buy into the hype that has surrounded them in the days since they plowed through New England. They don't even think they are a great team, because, of course, it's only October and there are another 32 games to go.

The euphoria and 'crazy atmosphere', in senior alter-

nate captain Wes O'Neill's words, of the post-win locker room barely held over to the next day, when the team crushed a competent Providence squad. The Irish are too good of a team to allow a slip up to happen - but good luck trying to get them to call themselves the g-word.

They would much rather be called a consistent team than a good team. They know the teams that think they are good will eventually get lost in the brilliance of their own accomplishments and emerge dazed and confused at the end of the road without a sense of direction.

They would rather remain in the dark and win - one game at a time.

Irish coach Jeff Jackson knows this and believes that consistency is the only litmus test for a strong program, that winning weekend after week-

end is the only way to know whether a hockey team should be ranked, receiving votes or sitting unranked in the sin bin.

It is the first time since senior captain T.J. Jindra's freshman year, a season that ended with a NCAA Tournament appearance, that he can recall the Irish holding to such a stoic and no-nonsense philosophy.

"We beat them on Friday, and we were happy," Jindra said. "But we took care of business, and we were already looking towards Saturday. That's the key to being a good team."

And Irish coach Jeff Jackson hopes the entire team has adopted that attitude.

He said that the coaching staff has prepared the team mentally for the obstacles that are generated by big wins, but it is only a matter of time to determine if it has worked.

"We've made really good strides in a lot of areas," he said. "This is one that we haven't had before. This is one area that we haven't had to deal with yet."

It will take several weeks and more likely several months to see how the Irish deal with their newfound celebrity, but they are headed in the right direction. That shapeless horizon may, six months from now, brighten and reveal a hard-earned title.

And if it does, Jackson, Jindra, O'Neill and the rest will be the first to say that cursed g-word.

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## Belles

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7-0, 0-14-0) did not control the ball until three minutes into the game, but by that time they were already in a 1-0 hole.

Freshman Katie Wehrli got the scoring started when she dribbled past Thunder goalie Vicki Bearman and buried the shot for her second goal of the season.

Seven different players were able to find the back of the net against the Tri-State keeper,

with striker Micki Hedinger as the only player with multiple goals. The freshman scored twice in a three-minute span to end the first half.

"She had a nice game," Mackenzie said. "She has improved a little bit every game and she has really showed some great speed for us."

Hedinger raced past two Thunder defenders for her first goal after receiving a long pass from Sarah Budd. With just under four minutes left in the half, she got loose again and beat Bearman on a rebound front of the net. The goal gave Saint Mary's a 5-0 edge heading into the break.

Although Bearman gave up eight goals to the Belles, she had 21 saves in the game against 41 shots by the Belles.

The offensive onslaught slowed at the beginning of the

second half as both teams sent out only 10 players because of injuries suffered to a short-handed Tri-State team.

Even with only 10 on the field, the Belles continued to move the ball well against Tri-State, but did not find the back of the net again until the 70th minute when senior Colleen Courtney found Mandy Thomson on a first-touch pass off a throw-in.

"[Courtney] has always been a tough player for us," Mackenzie said. "We are going to miss her along with the rest of our seniors."

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Caryn Mackenzie  
Belles coach

Courtney heated up in the second half with another assist on a long pass to Justine Higgins who finished the play in the lower left corner of the net. She also put the exclamation

point on her final regular season game scoring the team's eighth goal with just under five minutes remaining.

With the win Saint Mary's finished tied for third in the conference with Hope College. The Belles lost the head-to-head match-up so they were given the fourth seed in the tournament coming up this weekend.

Saint Mary's will face Kalamazoo at home this Saturday in first round play. The game time hasn't been announced yet.

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## DePaul

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patient because we knew they were going to put all their players back in their half," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "We just had to keep playing, keep moving the ball, and we did a good job of that."

It wasn't until the 41st minute that the Irish were finally able to break through the DePaul defense. Junior midfielder Kurt Martin dispossessed Blue Demon defender John Partyka and threaded a through-ball between two DePaul defenders into the path of an onrushing Joseph Lapira. DePaul keeper Brian Visser blocked Lapira's initial attempt, but he collected the rebound and fired the ball into the back of the net.

Martin - who had two shots to go along with his assist - provided a spark off the bench for the Irish, consistently beating DePaul defenders with his quick turns and deft passing.

"[Martin] had a fabulous assist," Clark said. "He comes off the bench maybe because there's a little more space when he comes into the game, but what he does with the ball is magic. He's an excellent player."

Notre Dame doubled its advantage in the 55th minute on a play that started when

senior midfielder Ian Etherington played the ball toward the end line. Lapira ran onto the pass and drove a low hard cross across the goalmouth. Senior midfielder Nate Norman fired the cross home to notch his second goal of the season.

"It was nice to see Norman get that insurance goal as it took some pressure off down the stretch," Clark said.

Etherington played only his second match since leaving Notre Dame's game against Pittsburgh Sept. 23 with a bone

bruise. Clark is glad to have his two-time all-Big East midfielder back for the postseason.

"It's terrific having Ian [Etherington] back," Clark said. "It gives us that little

bit of depth as we can rotate guys throughout the midfield."

With Wednesday's win in the books, Clark already has his team preparing for its remaining games.

"From now on, every game we play is going to be against a good team," Clark said. "This is a pretty level-headed group. We just have to do a good job of taking it one game at a time."

The Irish will travel to Piscataway, N.J., next to play Rutgers in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament.

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## Big East

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on Sept. 10. Notre Dame took 17 shots - nine fewer than the 26 it took the first time around - while the Blue Demons managed 10 total shots Wednesday compared with just four in the teams' first meeting.

DePaul's new strategy likely had much to do with the shot differential between the two games. In September, the Blue Demons attempted to run with the Irish and play a more open style of soccer. Wednesday, DePaul had no illusions of how it matched up, and stacked the box defensively.

Not surprisingly, the Irish were not caught off guard.

"We pretty much knew they were going to put all eleven players back in their own half," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "We knew we were going to possibly turn the ball over in their half, and we [couldn't] get frustrated."

DePaul seemingly banked hopes of extending its season on shutting down an Irish offense whose 40 goals lead the Big East and picking up the decisive goal by converting a turnover into a productive breakaway or putting a shot in off of a set piece.

While the Blue Demons did

limit Notre Dame's offense attack - for a while at least - and did manage more shots on goal than they had previously, none of their shots ever threatened Notre Dame goalkeeper Chris Cahill.

"The shots that they had weren't really quality chances," Cahill said. "It was a lot of balls that just dribbled through."

Cahill credited the Irish backline for making his night a relatively easy one.

"I thought our guys pretty much shut down any real chances," he said. "It was a tough game for them. Really, they had to stay tuned in because we played in their half for the majority of the game."

Ultimately, Notre Dame did what it had to do as the favorite - play smart soccer and prevent an inferior opponent from catching lightning in a bottle and stealing a

victory. While facing a team of DePaul's caliber could lead many teams to come out flat, the Irish set the tone from the start, establishing their superiority and not allowing the Blue Demons to move the ball into the Notre Dame half for the first 10 minutes.

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Chris Cahill  
Irish keeper

"I thought the first ten minutes was just brilliant," Clark said.

Despite DePaul's bunkering, the Irish were patient on offense like Clark had instructed them

to be before the match. While Joseph Lapira's goal in the 41st minute opened up the field for Notre Dame and Nate Norman's goal in the 56th ended the scoring,

the Irish had the game won before that.

The only team on the field Wednesday night capable of beating Notre Dame was Notre Dame, and the Irish played maturely to avoid the upset. They played smart and superior soccer from whistle to whistle, like they did the last time they played DePaul and like they have done for most of the season.

For most of the game, it seemed DePaul's main strategy was to get a lucky break, and more likely than not it was beaten before Notre Dame ever scored a goal.

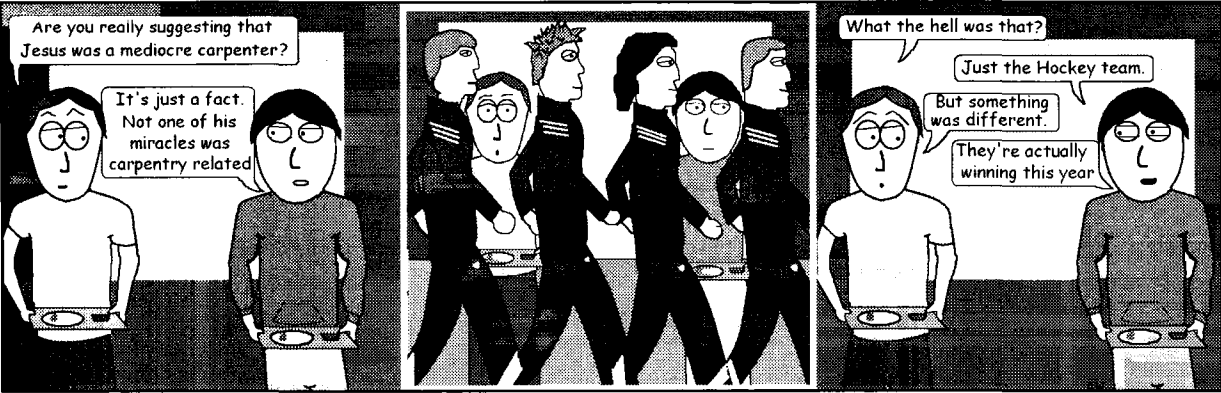
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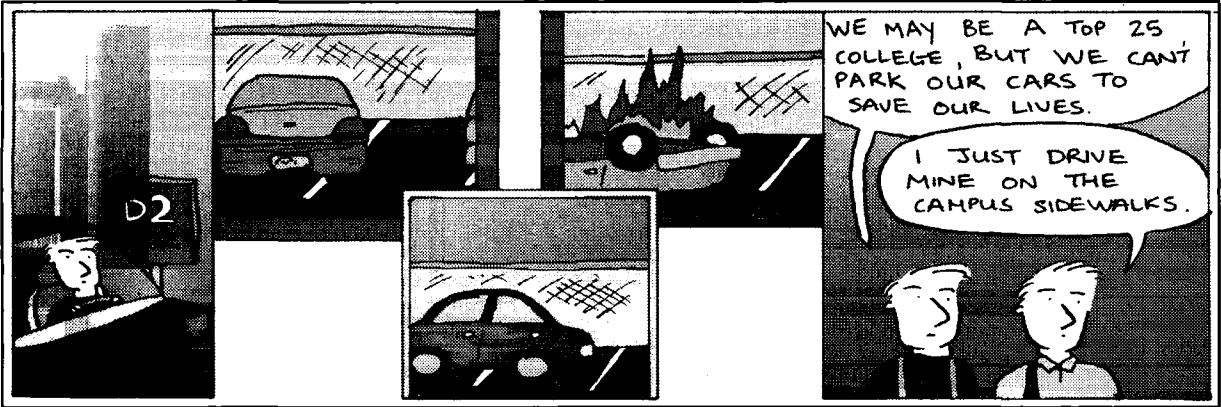
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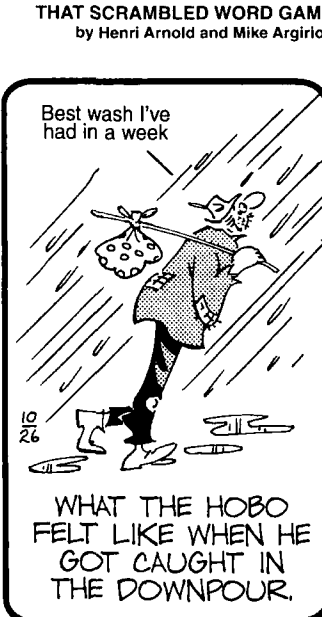
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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BEDIP  
CARCIT  
CLOPEM

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Answer: A  
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: EXACT FEINT ACCEDE LIQUID  
Answer: When the bridegroom got his tuxedo, he was — FIT TO BE "TIED"



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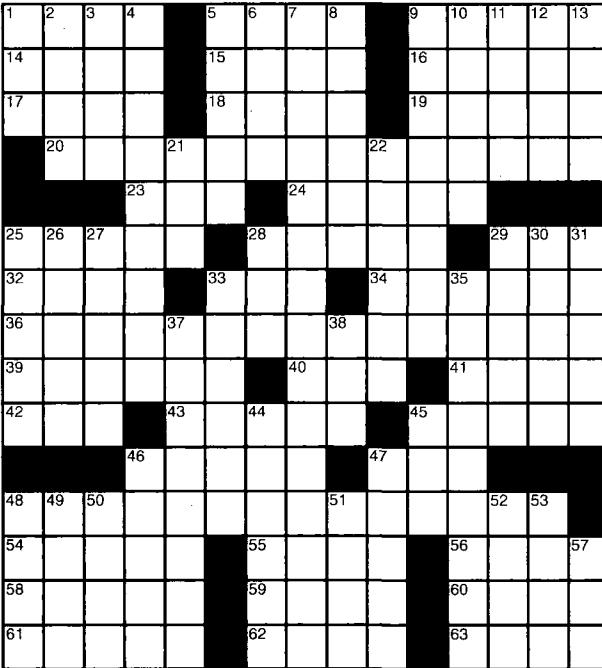
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Note: The four unclued answers are synonymous.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Part of the head  
5 Slip  
9 Bay, Sunshine Skyway locale  
14 Foreign friend  
15 Child's plea  
16 Night hunter  
17 Novelist Mae Brown  
18 Roughly  
19 "The Winslow Boy" screenwriter/director David  
20 See note  
23 Nancy Drew's beau  
24 Zigs  
25 It may be sweet or hard  
28 River to the North Sea
- 29 Big inits. in bowling  
32 Crucifix  
33 Whup  
34 Shire dweller  
36 See note  
39 Like a bad night's sleep  
40 Lemon or peach  
41 Java neighbor  
42 Scotland's Firth of  
43 Constraining  
45 Blend  
46 Actor Willem  
47 Presidential nickname  
48 See note  
54 Eponym of a physics lab near Chicago  
55 Novello Award for songwriters
- DOWN**
- 1 Jolt  
2 Leave off  
3 Beside  
4 Heard about  
5 Shrew  
6 Baedeker of the Baedeker travel guides  
7 See note  
8 Circuit components  
9 Optimist's focus  
10 Relatives of Moors  
11 Actress Rogers  
12 Meter reader?  
13 Ones heading for the hills?  
21 Comparative suffix  
22 Giggle  
25 Tenant farm, in Britain  
26 Aegean region  
27 A bit crazy  
28 Auxiliary service member, once  
29 Presidential middle name

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

AKIN APED ARTOO  
PANE LOGO BEANS  
ABSENCE OF MALTICE  
COO BOT FUTILE  
HOLECARD DESPOT  
EMER YAWP HIVE  
ISP NAIL PEN  
VACUUM CLEANER  
BOG INRE SPA  
OTIS CTRS TARP  
DETACH SPACEBAR  
DAYLIT IRE OTO  
NOTHING IN COMMON  
SWEEP IDEE ABUT  
ANDYS FORD ESTO



- 30 Music's Vanilli  
31 Army post near Mt. Holly, N.J.  
33 "L'chaim," literally  
35 "Gilligan's Island" star  
37 Table  
38 QB's cry  
44 Chocolate maker  
45 "Aladdin" monkey  
46 Curses  
47 Aircraft parking spot  
48 [Fizz]le  
49 Sci-fi princess  
50 Start of a Cockney toast  
51 "And bed"  
52 Small change  
53 Skyline obscurer  
57 Acapulco article

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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Sara Lumholdt, 21; Tracy Nelson, 42; Helen Reddy, 64; Michael Soltis, 34

**Happy Birthday:** So much can be accomplished if you can control your envy, jealousy and anger this year. Forget the past and start thinking progressively. This is your time to get things moving, and those who love you should understand that and support your actions. Your numbers are 16, 22, 25, 33, 39, 40

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You need to discover who you are and what you can do. Take a different approach and let your creative imagination flow. Luck is with you, and money will come your way. \*\*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Your stubbornness will lead to difficulties in both your personal and professional life. Admit you are wrong and do something nice for the ones you love. Less said and more done will keep you out of trouble. \*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You can learn by watching what others do, and that will keep you on top of what needs to be done. Work at making yourself the best that you can be. Love is in the picture. \*\*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Don't take any chances when it comes to money. Lending or borrowing will not turn out well. Loss is evident, but if you are smart and invest wisely you can secure your future. \*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Don't make rash decisions, especially in your personal life. Your emotions will lead you down a hurtful path. This is not the day to discuss your concerns if you want to win or make your point be known. \*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You can expect to have problems with your boss or an officer if you break the rules. You will want to do everything fast today, and that may lead to mistakes. Stick to what you know and do best. Avoid gossip at all costs. \*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Financial matters should be dealt with in a conservative manner. An unusual business deal must be considered. Moderation and simplicity will lead you down the right path. \*\*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Focus on the task at hand. You will have plenty of time to deal with other matters once you have accomplished what really needs to be done. Don't expect to get a lot of help from your partner today. \*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You'll be the center of attention at any event you attend. Your worldly views and ability to tell a story will create interest. Make sure you get any offers in writing. Empty promises are apparent. \*\*\*\*\*

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Follow through with all the little odds and ends that need to be tidied up. A change in location will lead to meeting someone unique. Changes with a friendship you are involved in will be necessary. \*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Problems with partnerships will be mind-boggling. Avoid a discussion that will lead to a point of no return. Take a little time for yourself to figure out what to do. \*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Don't trust anyone to do your job for you. You will be misunderstood by those who want you to fail. Don't bother with people who are not on your team, but instead build a stronger bond with those who think the same way as you. \*\*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You are dedicated, loyal and insightful. You can see the big picture, are inquisitive and won't give up until you get what you want.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Falls named Big East preseason honorable mention

By BOB GRIFFIN  
Sports Writer

Irish guard Colin Falls, after three years of becoming one of the top sharpshooters in the country and establishing Notre Dame's 3-point offensive identity in the Big East last season, was named All-Big East preseason honorable mention Wednesday.

The Irish senior is one of three players to receive this distinction alongside Louisville junior forward David Padgett and Syracuse sophomore guard Eric

Devendorf, as voted by the 16 Big East head coaches.

Falls averaged 13.8 points per game his junior year while setting a Notre Dame single season record with 3-point field goals (102). His 32-point game against Seton Hall on Feb. 18 was a career high.

Falls is a career 40.3 percent 3-point shooter (232-of-576) and an 82.9 percent free throw shooter (141-of-170) in 91 career games.

But for Falls, the goal heading into the season isn't to set records or impress people around the league, even though he acknowl-

edges he's one of the more publicized players in the conference.

He just wants to win.

"I think we're going to make [the NCAA Tournament], I don't want to be on the cusp again," said Falls on Media Day Oct. 11. "We're going to have to prove ourselves, it's easy to say it, but when it's all said and done, I think we're going to be picked on that Sunday."

"Our mindset going into last year was get better every day and try to get to the Big East tournament. Nobody on this team has been to the NCAA Tournament

and I don't want to graduate with that feeling."

Eleven players were named to the preseason All-Big East team, including Pittsburgh forward Aaron Gray, Connecticut forward Jeff Adrien, DePaul forward Wilson Chandler, DePaul guard Sammy Mejia, Georgetown forward Jeff Green, Georgetown center Roy Hibbert, Louisville forward Juan Palacios, Marquette guard Dominic James, St. John's forward Lamont Hamilton, Syracuse forward Terrance Roberts and Villanova forward Curtis Sumpter.

Gray was named preseason Big East Player of the Year.

Notes:

◆ Notre Dame was picked No. 11 in the Big East preseason coaches poll behind Pittsburgh, Georgetown, Syracuse, Marquette, Connecticut, Louisville, Villanova, DePaul, St. John's and Providence.

West Virginia, Cincinnati, Rutgers, Seton Hall and South Florida round out the rankings.

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## MEN'S SOCCER

# Starting off on the right foot

By GREG ARBOGAST  
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The result was never seriously in doubt Wednesday night at Alumni Field as No. 8 Notre Dame efficiently dispatched of DePaul 2-0 to advance to the second round of the Big East tournament.

The Irish outshot the Blue Demons 17-10, and the ball was in the DePaul half for nearly the entire evening. Despite its advantage in possession, Notre Dame had trouble creating solid chances as DePaul seemed content to play defense, often bringing all 11 players back behind midfield.

"Before the game, my message to the team was to be

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Irish defender Jack Traynor, left, fights for the ball against Blue Demon forward Alex Mangan, center, and midfielder Mark Plotkin during Notre Dame's 2-0 home win Wednesday over DePaul.

The Blue Demons didn't have a chance, and they probably knew it as much as anybody. DePaul, 3-0 losers at Alumni Field earlier in the season and arguably the worst team to advance to the Big East tournament, didn't fare well in what will likely be its last game of the season.

On paper, Notre Dame's performance against the Blue Demons in Wednesday's 2-0 win was less convincing than it was when DePaul last visited South Bend



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## HOCKEY COMMENTARY

# Newly ranked Irish refuse to say 'g-word'

Yeah, they beat No. 1 Boston College. And, yeah, they're now No. 11 in the country.

"Big deal," they say sarcastically.

With the 7-1 trouncing of those Jesuits from Chestnut Hill and a nearly identical 6-1 encore over those Franciscans from Providence the next night, Irish hockey reached a fork in the road it



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Sports Writer

hadn't come upon in more than two years.

On the left, the path is broad, well-lit and slick with freshly watered ice. Loudspeakers spit praise so loud that one cannot hear anything else, and it is so brilliant that little can be seen beyond the first dozen yards.

On the right, the path is narrow, dim and the ice shavings pile up high enough around divots in the sheet that they could be confused for snowdrifts in the Yukon. It runs straight and it is possible to stare for miles once the eyes

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## SMC SOCCER

# Belles shake down the Thunder

By DAN MURPHY  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's ended its regular season on a high note Wednesday afternoon with an 8-0 shutout of Tri-State.

"It wasn't an ideal game right before the conference tournament, but I guess it was good to get a little confidence booster," said Belles coach Caryn Mackenzie.

The Belles (5-8-1, 4-3-1 MIAA) wasted no time in establishing the tempo of the game, controlling the ball on offense for the first nine minutes of play. The Thunder (0-



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Belles midfielder Katy Durkin, right, challenges a Briton defender in Saint Mary's 2-1 loss to Albion Sept. 6.

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