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Sexual education examined on campus

Gender Relations Center's mission to teach sexual education from a Catholic perspective

By JOSEPH MCMAHON
Associate News Editor

Notre Dame's mission as a Catholic university has often helped define the administration's policies, and sexual education is no exception.

"Every office in the division of Student Affairs is charged with teaching our students about the integration of social, intellectual and spiritual selves," head of the Gender Relations Center Heather Rakoczy Russell said. "Our charge has to be consistent with Church teaching."

Although sexual education

is available to students from several sources on campus, the Gender Relations Center (GRC) is responsible for the only mandatory sessions students must attend — two classes in the contemporary topics section of physical education. In addition, the GRC will sometimes offer a forum on sex education, as they did yesterday in the first of their eight-part FIRE (Finding Identity Relationships and Equality) series.

"I think it's more than just important to have an understanding of our bodies. What

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Forum held in new Geddes Hall to debate tradition, the Church and sexuality

By MEGAN HEMLER
News Writer

If students left Geddes Hall last night feeling tension between their sex education experiences and the Catholic Church's teaching on the subject, then the goal of the Gender Relations Center (GRC) was met, GRC Director Heather Rakoczy Russell said.

"Our sexuality is part of what animates us," Beth Barsotti, a third-year Master of Divinity Student, said. "There needs to be a dialogue between tradition, the

Church and our own feelings and desires."

A GRC Forum on the topic of sex education and sexual health convened last night in the new Center for Social Concerns building.

The speakers also included Kathryn Cohoon, M.D., a staff physician for University Health Services, and Joseph P. Harmon, M.D., who is board certified in Obstetrics Gynecology.

In response to a student question regarding Notre Dame and its policies regarding contraception,

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Welsh Fam hosts block party on South Quad

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Welsh Family Hall hosted an evening of food and fun with their Block Party on Wednesday night for students looking to escape studying and benefit a charitable cause.

"The pie eating contest was my favorite part. Everyone was yelling football cheers and chanting 'Suck it, pie!'" Lyons Hall freshman Megan Malley said.

Giant inflatable games attracted students from afar, and the sounds of "Living on a Prayer," "Sweet Caroline" and "Dancing in the Street" blasted across South Quad. The event featured games, contests and delicious food donated from local vendors.

"I need a goldfish!" sophomore John Aversa said.

He was one of many students excited about the goldfish game, a basic hand-eye coordination challenge in exchange for a dorm room pet.

"He will be named Dominic," said freshman Sam Lee of his fish. "I just hope that he lives through freshman year."

Event coordinator Nicole O'Connor described the Block Party as incredibly success-

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Tonight's pep rally to admit only students

Players Sergio Brown, Brian Smith and Michael Floyd to speak along with Coach Charlie Weis



DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Students cheer at the October 31, 2008 pep rally that preceded the football game against Pittsburgh.

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

When planning tonight's pep rally, student body president Grant Schmidt said student government's mantra was "back to the basics."

About 2,500 people will be packed into Stepan Center for only 30 minutes of cheering on the band and the football team.

And the catch?

Breaking the usual pep rally tradition, only students will be admitted.

"It will literally just be students," Schmidt said. "This is

one of the things people have been constantly asking me about."

Students will have to show a Notre Dame, Saint Mary's or Holy Cross ID to enter Stepan Center.

Kevin Doyle, student government's representative to the Athletic Department, said they have eliminated all filler material that usually takes up time in pep rallies.

"There will be no sitting around, waiting and watching videos," he said. "There won't be any commercialization, no

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Reporter lectures on Iraq conflict

War confuses the much of the American public, Thomas E. Ricks says

By LAUREN JACOBI
News Writer

The war in Iraq confuses most of the American public, a former military correspondent said in a lecture Wednesday.

Thomas E. Ricks, former correspondent for the Washington Post and current Contributing Editor for Foreign Policy Magazine, shared his knowledge and views on the war in Iraq during a lecture entitled "Three Things Americans Don't Understand About the War in Iraq Right Now" Wednesday.

"There are thousands of

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TOM LA/The Observer

Former Washington Post correspondent Thomas E. Ricks lectures about the public's perception of the Iraq war.

STUDENT SENATE

Worldwide water initiative discussed

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Student government's Global Water Initiative presented to Student Senate at its meeting Wednesday, and senators discussed how to advertise and encourage students to get excited about the project.

"It's pretty basic," student body vice president Cynthia Weber, who proposed the idea for the project, said. "People don't have water. We're Notre Dame and people don't have water."

Global Water Initiative hopes to partner with Water Project, a non-profit that will donate 100 percent of the money students raise to build wells in Africa, social concerns chair Rachel Roseberry said.

Global Water Initiative will be a year-long, campus-wide fundraiser to raise money for the nearly one billion people in the world who are without access to portable water, Roseberry said.

One well costs around \$5,000 to build, Global

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INSIDE COLUMN

What a picture says

You may have noticed a new feature of our inside columns this year — that is, if you're an upper-classman and still read The Observer. Not that there's anything wrong with that.

The new feature I'm referring to is the lovely picture now situated on the right side of this column, letting you know exactly what your columnist looks like.



Laura Myers

As you can imagine, I fought adamantly against this change. Oh, self-deprecating humor.

Assistant Sports Editor

Seriously though, I did not want this to happen. The reason I love journalism is its anonymity. I subscribe to the theory that what is being said is always more important than who is saying it.

I also get a real kick out of sitting in the dining hall next to someone who is reading my story out loud with no idea that I am there.

I made a mistake when I went to get my picture taken, too. Instead of dressing up all pretty like the other girls did, with my hair down and makeup perfect, I dressed the way I do every day.

My only caveat was that I couldn't have a double chin in the picture. It took two takes, and then I was done. Usually, it takes longer than that, because I have never mastered the art of smiling and tilting my head.

Because of the way I dressed for my photo shoot, the picture in this column is incredibly accurate, making the chance of people recognizing me that much larger.

On any given day, I can almost guarantee you that I am wearing my hair in a messy bun with a thin headband. If it's cold, I'm wearing a hoodie. I'm always wearing a smile.

Once, I went to Burger King for a cheeseburger (don't judge me, I'm anemic), and the kid at the register looked at my ID and said, "Laura Myers? You write sports for The Observer!"

I was creeped out by that.

So even though this picture obviously makes me famous, if you see me walking and recognize me, please do what we all do in that situation. Walk by awkwardly and avoid eye contact.

Be excited by the celebrity sighting, but keep it inside.

Remember that despite what certain staff members of The Observer suggest, this picture is in no way a personal ad. Any and all inquiries will be ignored.

Fortunately this picture won't be a problem in any of my classes, because there are no freshmen in any of them.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD BREAK ANY WORLD RECORD, WHAT WOULD IT BE?



Angela Salvo

senior Pangborn

"Richest woman on the planet."



David Riehm

junior Stanford

"Richest man in the universe. Ha!"



James Simonse

sophomore O'Neill

"5k: So Fast!"



Josh Diaz

senior Siegfried

"Loudest decibel ever sung!"

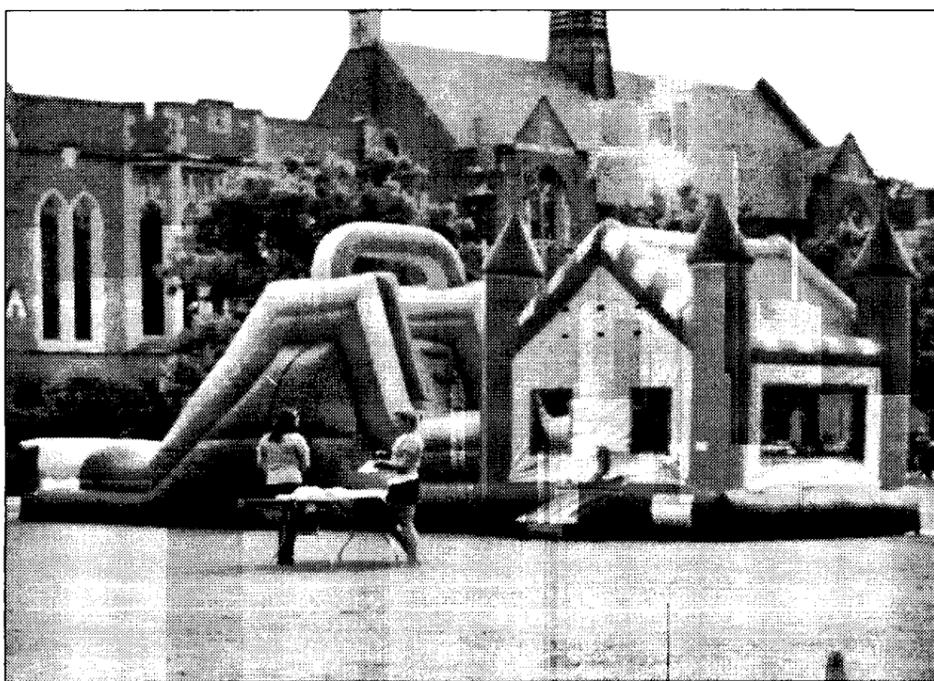


Hannah Greggs

freshman Ryan

"Oreo stacking!"

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Students from Welsh Family set up an inflatable obstacle course for their annual block party Wednesday on South Quad.

IN BRIEF

A students-only football pep rally will be held today in the Stepan Center. All Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students are invited to attend. Doors open at 7:15 p.m., and Coach Weis and a group of players will be present and arriving with the band at 8:30 p.m.

Multicultural Student Programs and Services will be hosting a welcome back picnic today at 4:00 p.m. on North Quad. Free hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided in addition to prizes and performances by The First Class Steppers, Voices of Faith Gospel Choir and The Irish Dance Team.

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will show "Chimes at Midnight," one of the few films over which Orson Welles wielded complete creative control, at 7:00 p.m. today in the Browning Cinema.

"King Lear" will be performed by the Actors From the London Stage (AFTLS) at Washington Hall at 7:30 p.m. today and Friday. Tickets are \$20 regular price, \$18 for faculty, staff and seniors and \$12 for students.

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will show "Pray the Devil Back to Hell," a film about a group of women who demanded peace for civil war-torn Liberia, on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in the Browning Cinema. Tickets are free, but must be reserved in advance.

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

OFFBEAT

Police: Ohio robbery suspect asked victim for date

COLUMBUS — Ohio police said a suspect in a robbery was arrested when he returned to the home about two hours later to ask the victim out on a date. Police say 20-year-old Stephon Bennett of Columbus was among three men who robbed a couple late Sunday.

Columbus police Sgt. Sean Laird said the woman recognized Bennett as one of the robbers when he returned to ask her out. She had a relative call

911.

Police said Bennett was arrested in front of the home. He was arraigned Tuesday on a charge of aggravated robbery and was being held in the Franklin County jail on \$100,000 bail.

A public defender had not yet been assigned to Bennett's case.

Yellow Labrador mix survives being shot 4 times

KANSAS CITY — A two-year-old yellow Labrador mix is recovering at a Kansas City shelter after being shot four times. And workers at Wayside Waifs

have dubbed him Bullet. Waifs spokeswoman Ashlee Parker said Bullet was found several weeks ago in Caldwell County, shot once in the head, once in each front shoulder and once in the neck.

The Kansas City Star reported that the Cameron-based rescue group Safe Haven took in the dog, paid for his treatments and nursed him mostly back to health. Parker said Bullet still has some pain in one of his shoulders and one leg.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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Real Life Project holds first dinner

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

The Real Life Project, a program designed to help Saint Mary's students discern vocations, sponsored its first faculty-student dinner Wednesday in a series that will give students the opportunity to discuss spirituality and career paths with their professors.

Though this is only the program's second year, Dr. Kathleen Dolphin, director of the Center for Spirituality and professor at the College, said The Real Life Project is starting to realize its potential as a resource for students.

"We subsidized it as a pilot project last year. The results were so overwhelmingly positive that we decided our finger was on the pulse of something here," Dolphin said. "It really prompted us to keep going with it."

Religious Studies Associate Professor Anita Houck and Kim Abeel, a Saint Mary's alumna from the class of 2008, originally created the program, Dolphin said.

For each of the semester's four sessions, students and faculty converse about how to think for the future over a dinner hosted in Welsh Parlor in Haggard Hall.

"Small groups of students and faculty share our experience in making major life decisions. And we do this over dinner," Dolphin said. "Faculty have goals and dreams as well, and to have conversations with students with what that looks like in our lives is really well received."

Dolphin said students think of the program as a chance to have an important conversation with their professors that they may not

have opportunities for during class.

"The students feel like this is really an adult conversation they're having with professors. It's a good opportunity for a quality conversation," Dolphin said. "Students tell me that these evening sessions are unique and that faculty and students have these adult conversations about personal matters in ways that may not be possible in the classroom."

According to Dolphin, before each meeting students and faculty are responsible for doing some "homework." These background exercises help participants to prepare for a more meaningful conversation.

"All of us enter into a discernment process. We all come prepared. We've all done our homework. Homework includes such things as journal keeping, quiet reflection, prayer and participating in a personality inventory," Dolphin said. "They come prepared, and they come for a meaningful discussion over dinner."

The project coincides with the Cross Currents Program at the College, which also attempts to help students determine their passions and life goals.

"The Real Life participants help sophomores address their questions of 'what are my passions?'" said Dolphin. "We are going to focus mostly on sophomores because of the Cross Currents Program."

Dolphin said after this semester, 40 students and 11 faculty members from seven different academic departments will have participated in the program.

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Alum discusses economic crisis

By LILY HOUGH
News Writer

There is no shortage of players who are to blame for the current economic crisis, Notre Dame alum John Russell said in his lecture, "The Ethical Implications of the Recent Financial Crisis," on Wednesday.

Russell was joined by the Department of Finance's Executive in Residence Jerry Langley and Director of the Center for Religious Values and Ethics in Business Rev. Oliver Williams to reflect on the recent financial meltdown, the poor decisions that caused it and the implications of those decisions for business ethics, as part of the Berges Lecture Series.

"The genesis of ethical errors that helped cause the crisis is rooted in two age-old themes: greed and pride," Russell said. "These two sins are at the center of every business ethics situation."

The "pursuit of power and prestige," Russell said, created a market that was undercut by excessive risk taking, unsustainable expansion for credit, poor judgment, lack of oversight and lack of a moral compass.

Among the parties involved, Russell blamed homeowners for their shortsighted behavior, which led to irresponsible spending and



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Notre Dame alum John Russell explains the lack of ethical concern that helped to cause the financial crisis.

overreliance on the government.

"America is all about accumulation," Russell said. "Keeping up with the Jones's, that is the game that most people play here. People are buying too much and saving nothing, and these are the seeds to an economic crisis."

"The genesis of ethical errors that helped cause the crisis is rooted in two age-old themes: greed and pride."

John Russell
Notre Dame alum

Deceitful mortgage brokers, the Federal Reserve Bank, Wall Street, rating agencies, local and global investors and the government were among the other parties that Russell blamed.

"All of these groups bear responsibility," Russell said. "Unfortunately, the problems that were occurring in each group spread to the entire economy and now, we are all paying the price."

According to Russell, the key question that remains in this financial crisis, which he sees as a moral dilemma at the core is: Will the human

condition be able to change?

"The question is how did so many good people contribute to such serious harm?" Williams said. "As an ethicist, this problem has deeply concerned all of us."

Williams argued that poor business decisions were not reflections of poor integrity, but rather self-deception.

"The role of ethics is to give us a sense of who we are, the sort of people we should try to become, the sort of communities we should try to build," Williams said. "This is what was lost in the financial crisis. Self-deception really took over."

It is possible for very intelligent and rational people to have their vision clouded, Langley said. "Having a solid foundation in ethics prevents this."

In terms of reforming the market, the speakers confronted whether or not we can overcome our personal desires for greed and pride.

"We met the enemy," Williams said. "It's us."

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SMC students to commemorate 9/11

By ALISON MEAGHER
News Writer

Since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, when 2,819 lives were lost, Saint Mary's Campus Ministry has held a prayer service each year to remember the victims of the attacks and to pray for peace in the Middle East and around the world.

"The prayer service consists of intercessions for the people who have died, and prayers for hope, peace and reconciliation," assistant director of campus ministry Regina Wilson said.

The prayer service will be held Friday in the Stapleton Lounge located on the first floor of Le Mans Hall at 12:15 p.m. The ceremony is expected to last a half hour.

"I share the sadness of what happened on the day," Wilson said. "I want to continue to join together in prayer for peace. We are all one humanity."

Freshman Caroline Gallagher-Duggan, who plans on attending the service, remembers sitting in her sixth-grade music class when the first planes crashed. Her hometown, New Canine, Conn., is a popular New York City commuter town, she said.

"A lot of people in my town had family members who worked in

New York," she said. "I remember seeing the kids that had parents working there running outside to the nearest phone."

That day, Gallagher-Duggan was worried for her mother, who worked in The World Trade Center on Tuesdays selling bags. But it happened that on September 11 her mom arrived late to work because she was jet-lagged from traveling back from London the previous day, she said.

"When I think about 9/11, I get goose bumps. I think of the families in my town that lost brothers doing college internships, and fathers who worked hard every day," she said. "I think about how sick the people who did this are."

Sophomore Remi White is unable to attend Friday's prayer service, because she has class at that time, but she said she wishes she could attend.

"[September 11] was a devastating moment in our country's history," White said. "But it reiterated the unity we have in our country."

White said she wishes the school offered more services so that she and other students could attend.

"It's always a chilling day," Gallagher-Duggan said.

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Senate

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Water Initiative Director Justin Pham said.

Roseberry said raising money to give people access to clean, portable water will help with a number of global issues.

"One in four deaths of children under five are related to water issues and sanitation issues," she said. "Eighty percent of illnesses in developing countries are related to water and sanitation issues."

The Global Water Initiative, which was part of Weber' and student body president Grant Schmidt's campaign, will help student government make a difference beyond Notre Dame.

"Notre Dame student body is one of the most powerful, energetic student bodies, if not the most powerful and energetic student body in the entire country," Weber said.

"What fundraising events do you think will be effective?" she said. "How do you think we can make students care about this?"

Marc Anthony Rosa, representative for Keough Hall, suggested utilizing the com-



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Student body president Grant Schmidt and vice president Cynthia Weber discuss the Global Water Initiative at Wednesday's meeting.

petitive nature of the student body to raise money.

"This is a huge idea and there is no reason why all of Notre Dame should not be a part of it," he said. "Notre Dame students are very competitive by nature. Maybe we could form some sort of competition between dorms."

Other senators agreed, suggesting penny wars or a well-building competition to rally students to the project. Senators also suggested creating something visible on

campus to remind students of the initiative.

University affairs chair Jeff Lakusta suggested something similar to the abortion crosses on South Quad to catch students' attention.

"We could do some sort of awareness like that. You could put wells on South Quad," he said. "What if you could flip your pennies into the well? And then you could collect your money."

Susan Esquivel from Pangborn Hall liked the idea of installing wishing wells on campus, and suggested putting them in locations where students would have change readily available.

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"It's pretty basic. People don't have water. We're Notre Dame and people don't have water"

Cynthia Weber
Student body vice president

Sex Ed

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What we are really promoting is to have the right knowledge because it will help us inform our decisions," GRC undergraduate student assistant Patrick Tighe said.

According to Rakoczy Russell, The Church's teachings, which state that premarital sex and contraception are immoral, are part of the GRC's program.

"We are part of the student life of the University, so the programs we design are always consistent with Catholic Church teaching," she said. "We would not promote anything that is inconsistent with Church teaching."

However, the pursuit of knowledge is different, and Rakoczy Russell said she is not opposed to educating students.

"For instance, if a student wanted to know how does birth control work, one of the doctors might address that question because it is in terms of gaining knowledge about a subject matter," she said.

However, Rakoczy Russell said if a student said he or she was planning on engaging in premarital sexual relations, the Church's moral teachings would direct her actions.

"The onus would be on us to ask, 'Why have you come to that moral decision and are you aware what the Church would have to say about that?'" she said. "Part of having an informed conscience is having an awareness of what the Catholic Church teaches and what our Catholic mission would call us to do."

Rakoczy Russell said she

does not feel limited by Church teachings, but rather, they guide her in how to best inform students about sexual issues.

"I suppose some people would say that it would be limiting. I actually find it incredibly helpful to know what my parameters are," she said. "I suppose some people would say that it would be limiting. I actually find it incredibly helpful to know what my parameters are."

While Rakoczy Russell is quick to point out that the GRC does not provide comprehensive sex education, and that there are other sources on campus, including professors and some student organizations, that can answer questions she cannot, she said the GRC is responsible for designing the curriculum for the sex education portion of Contemporary Topics — a curriculum which does adhere to Catholic teachings.

"To be real honest, I wouldn't say that [our programs] are a comprehensive curriculum on sex education," she said.

However, Rakoczy Russell said in surveys she received about the classes, the student response was overwhelmingly positive when asked about the Catholic portion of the class.

Rakoczy Russell also made a distinction between what a faculty member could tell a student and what someone at a student life office, such as the GRC, could.

"When it's in the mouth of a faculty person, it is contributing to your well-rounded education," she said. "When it comes from someone in a student life office, then some people are concerned that we are promoting behavior that

is contradictory to Church teaching."

Rakoczy Russell also said dorm staff, including resident assistants and rectors, are more responsible for one-on-one sexual education and are in a better position to help students.

"I would say those are the frontline people charged with having these kinds of conversations because they share life with you," she said. "What our office is doing is a supplement to that."

Rakoczy Russell mentioned peer education as a viable alternative. She said the Identity Project of Notre Dame (idND), a division of the Edith Stein Project, is one student group that also helps educate students about the topic.

According to the idND Web site, "Informed by Catholic tradition, the Identity Project believes there are certain fundamental truths about the human person. We look to empower persons to live holistic lives consistent with these truths."

The group is especially renowned for the Edith Stein Project, "an annual conference that addresses various issues of gender, sexuality, and human dignity by exploring what it means to be authentic women and men."

According to the Web site, speakers and panelists include professors from Notre Dame's philosophy and theology departments, several guest lecturers and even some student speakers. One of the student panelists is sophomore Melissa Buddie, whose letter to the editor last year about the hook-up culture at Notre Dame set off a debate around campus.

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Rally

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catering to the alumni."

The rally will be about the students, the band and the football players, he said.

"I think students are going to like the pep rally back to the basics," Doyle said. "The football players will be right by the crowd and it will just be a bunch of people inside sweating and screaming."

Schmidt said although Game-Day Operations chose the venue, student government pushed for Stepan.

"We wanted it to be tight and we wanted some resemblance to pep rallies of the past," he said. "We're trying to bring back an older venue, something somewhat historic."

Since Stepan cannot fit the entire student body, Schmidt said students should line up early. The doors will open at 7:15 p.m. and the band will show up at 8:15.

"We can only fit 2,500 peo-

ple which I guarantee we will get," he said. "People might be frustrated, but we'll have to turn people away."

Players Sergio Brown, Michael Floyd, Brian Smith and Coach Charlie Weis will speak at the pep rally. Dan Collins, this year's leprechaun will run the show.

"Last year, there was some frustration with pep rallies. Obviously we would be lying if we said there weren't complaints," Schmidt said. "We're

trying to make this a true pep rally where people get really pumped."

As of now, tonight's pep rally is the only rally planned for an away game, but Schmidt said he wouldn't rule out doing another one.

"On one hand, this is a pep rally, but it's also a send-off for the football team," he said. "This will be such a cool way for these guys to go to Ann Arbor on Friday. We want to make sure when the team is leaving, they know students are behind them."

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"I think students are going to like the pep rally back to the basics."

Kevin Doyle
Student government representative to the athletic department

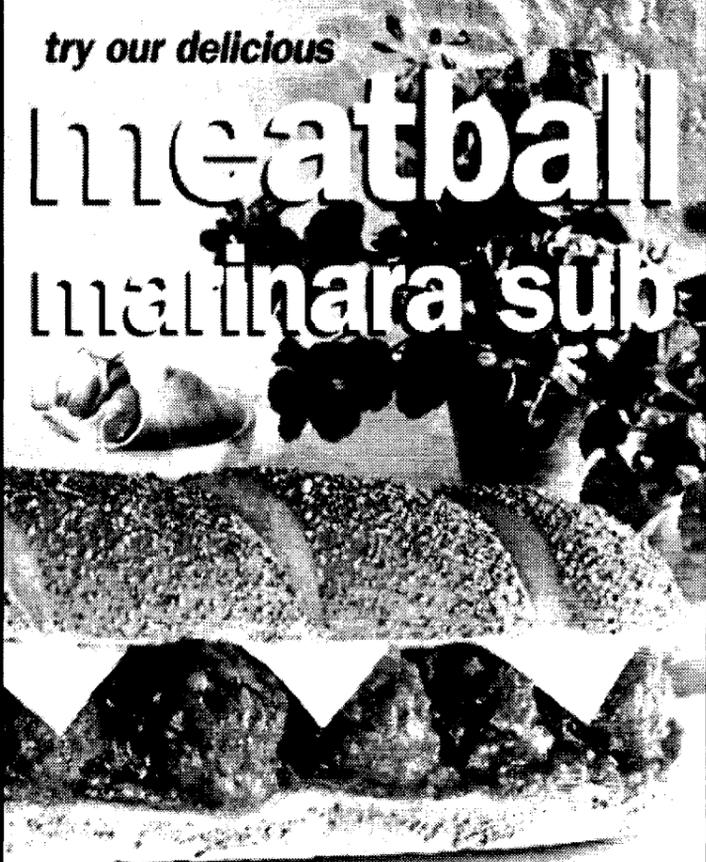


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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Boat capsizes, killing eight

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone — Police in Sierra Leone say a boat carrying 150 people has capsized on a river near the coast of the West African nation, killing at least eight people.

Deputy Police Inspector General Morie Lengor says 36 people have been rescued so far.

Lengor said Wednesday the boat was on the Rokel river traveling from the village of Shenge to Tombo, near Freetown, when the accident occurred. He said police and military forces were conducting a rescue mission for the remaining passengers.

Fanatic hijacks Mexican plane

MEXICO CITY — A Bolivian religious fanatic briefly hijacked a jetliner from the beach resort of Cancun as it landed in Mexico City on Wednesday, police said. All passengers and the crew were released unharmed.

The Bible-carrying hijacker used a juice can he said was a bomb to hold the 103 passengers and crew on the tarmac for more than an hour. Masked police stormed the aircraft with their guns drawn and escorted several handcuffed men away without firing a shot. Police later said there was only one hijacker.

Jose Flores, 44, told investigators he hijacked Aeromexico Flight 576 after a divine revelation, according to Public Safety Secretary Genaro Garcia Luna. Flores said Wednesday's date — 9-9-09 — is the satanic number 666 turned upside down.

NATIONAL NEWS

9-9-09 sees increase in weddings

LAS VEGAS — Two years after Las Vegas chapels hit the wedding date jackpot with lucky sevens, it's all eyes on the nines for 9-9-09.

Wedding officials in Sin City and elsewhere staged a marathon set of nuptials and vow renewals on Wednesday during what was anticipated to be of the busiest days of the year — the quirky date of Sept. 9, 2009, or 9-9-09.

The New York City Clerk's office said 200 couples had wed by midday at its refurbished marriage bureau — about four times the Wednesday average. Nine couples in Hollywood spent 99 cents each to get married at a 99 Cents Only store on Sunset Boulevard.

State investigates hepatitis outbreak

TRENTON, N.J. — Several thousand patients of a New Jersey doctor should get tested for blood-borne diseases because of an outbreak linked to his office that has led to more than two dozen being diagnosed with hepatitis B, state health officials said.

In March, the state said five of Dr. Parvez Dara's patients were found to have hepatitis B and that nearly 2,800 patients should get tested for it. There are now 29 positive cases, plus 68 others who tested positive for antibodies cannot be definitely linked to the outbreak, according to the state Health Department.

Health Department spokeswoman Donna Leusner said the investigation is ongoing, but a report was prepared at the request of the Board of Medical Examiners, which suspended Dara's license in April.

LOCAL NEWS

Indiana expects jobless fund troubles

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana will take longer to resolve money troubles with the state's bankrupt unemployment insurance fund than expected when a law aimed at fixing the system was enacted in April, officials said Wednesday.

Lawmakers enacted a hike in unemployment taxes on employers, which is set to take effect next year, and made operational changes in the system that are designed to help make the fund solvent. It has borrowed \$1.1 billion so far from the federal government to stay afloat, a figure expected to climb to \$1.7 billion by year's end.

Melting ice alters species' habitat

Climate Change causes walrus to congregate on Alaska's northwest coast

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Thousands of walrus are congregating on Alaska's northwest coast, a sign that their Arctic sea ice environment has been altered by climate change.

Chad Jay, a U.S. Geological Survey walrus researcher, said Wednesday that about 3,500 walrus were near Icy Cape on the Chukchi Sea, some 140 miles southwest of Barrow.

Animals the agency tagged with satellite transmitters also were detected on shore at Cape Lisburne about 150 miles farther down the coast.

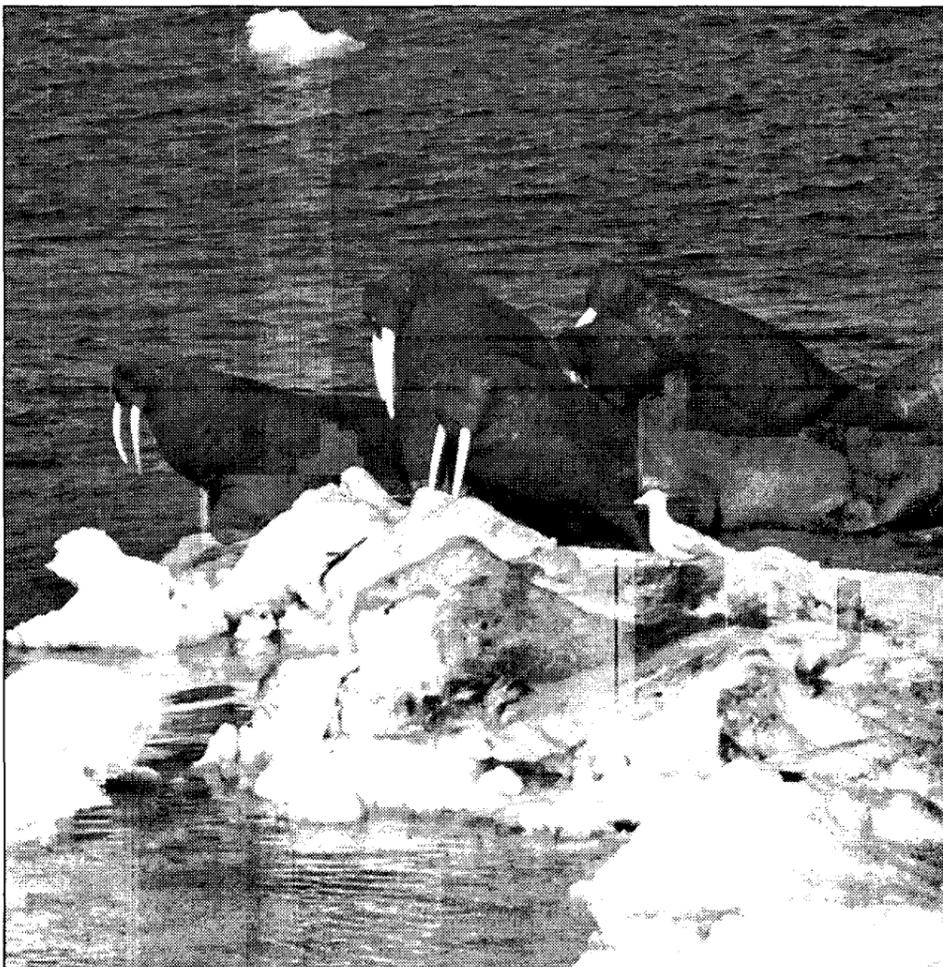
Walrus for years came ashore intermittently during their fall southward migration but not so early and not in such numbers.

"This is actually all new," Jay said. "They did this in 2007, and it's a result of the sea ice retreating off the continental shelf."

Federal managers and researchers say walrus hauling out on shore could lead to deadly stampedes and too much pressure on prey within swimming range. Projections of continued sea ice loss means the phenomenon likely is not going away.

"It's more of the same," Jay said. "What we've been seeing over the past few years with reduced sea ice conditions, we might be seeing this more and more often, and it's probably not good for the walrus," he said.

Unlike many seals, walrus cannot swim indefinitely and must rest periodically between feeding forays. They rely on sea ice as a platform for foraging for clams in the shallow waters of the outer continental shelf. They can dive up to 630 feet for clams and other sea floor creatures but mostly feed in waters of less than 330 feet, Jay said. Beyond the continental shelf, water can reach depths of 10,000 feet or more.



The Center for Biological Diversity released a petition with substantial information for listing the walrus under the Endangered Species Act as a result of the species' habitat loss.

An estimated 6,000 or more walrus congregated on Alaska's shore in the fall of 2007, taking scientists by surprise.

Herds were in the tens of thousands at some locations on the Russian side of the Chukchi Sea, with an estimated 40,000 animals at Point Shmidt. Russian biologists reported 3,000 to 4,000 walrus out of population of perhaps 200,000 died, mostly young animals crushed in stampedes.

Alaska herds did not experience that sort of mortality but scientists acknowledge a concern when the marine mammals are concentrated on a rocky shore rather than hundreds of miles of sea ice edge.

"They may have a much

higher predation pressure on those nearshore areas when they're using those land haulouts than when they're using sea ice," Jay said.

The Center for Biological Diversity has petitioned to list the Pacific walrus as an endangered or threatened because of habitat loss due to warming. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Tuesday agreed to begin a detailed status review. A 60-day public comment period will precede an agency listing decision by October 2010. A final decision would be made by the Interior secretary by October 2011.

The agency is working with the Federal Aviation Administration to warn away pilots, who can cause

stampedes, said walrus researcher Joel Garlich-Miller. So can polar bears or human hunters. There is no legal mechanism to keep hunters away, he said, but people have been letting the animals rest.

USGS researchers plan to head to the Chukchi coast next week to place satellite tags on up to 30 animals so their foraging habits can be studied, Jay said.

Their reappearance put the research plans into motion.

"We're trying to get more information on how the walrus are responding to the loss of sea ice over the continental shelf, where do they go when they do come to shore like this, how far offshore are they foraging," he said.

UNITED NATIONS

U.S. signs anti-piracy agreement for Somalia

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The United States and four other nations signed onto an international plan to fight piracy off the coast of Somalia, committing Wednesday to playing a leadership role in protecting one of the world's busiest shipping routes.

The so-called "New York Declaration" signed by U.S. Deputy Ambassador Rosemary DiCarlo and her counterparts from Britain, Cyprus, Japan and Singapore is an attempt to pool resources and agree on the best ways of deterring the Somali pirates who prey on vessels passing between Europe and Asia.

"We realize that the fight against piracy in the Horn of Africa region cannot be solved entirely at sea," DiCarlo said. Other needed measures, she said, involve nations adopting legal mechanisms to prosecute suspected pirates and Somalia improving its capacity to police its own territory.

Though it is a nonbinding political document, proponents say it will commit ship registry nations to adopt "best management practices" for ship security such as increased lookouts, raised ladders and emergency fire pumps readied to repel boarders.

It was first proposed in May by Panama, the Bahamas, Liberia and the Marshall Islands, four of the

world's biggest ship registries. Those nations signed the declaration previously.

In Washington, Andrew Shapiro, the assistant secretary of state for political-military affairs, told the ComDef 2009 defense policy conference on Wednesday that the document represents what Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton has called "a 21st century solution to the 17th century problem" of piracy.

By signing, the United States says the Coast Guard and U.S. shipping companies will continue adopting measures to protect against piracy that comply with the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code.

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things Americans don't know when it comes to the War in Iraq, but there are three things that are the most crucial," Ricks said.

Ricks' first point was that Americans do not realize just how difficult the surge was in 2007.

"It was a horrific nightmare. The first half of 2007 was the toughest fighting Americans have ever seen," Ricks said.

Ricks reiterated this point as he revealed the number of troops killed in each month from February to May 2007 — a total that reached almost 400.

Ricks said the surge ultimately failed. The war has not improved, and in fact, one of George W. Bush's original premises for the war — to improve the security in Iraq by installing a stable democracy — is nowhere close to being accomplished, Ricks said.

"All we've done is postpone an inevitable civil war," Ricks said. "With every passing day, a civil war is becoming more

and more likely."

The war is far from over, Ricks said. The situation in Iraq is a long-term problem that will require troops to remain in Iraq for many years.

For those who might claim otherwise, Ricks argued that there are three problems which make it impossible to end the war in the short term.

The first problem is the three upcoming elections in Iraq, Ricks said. Unlike the United States where elections occur peacefully, elections in Iraq bring violent disputes.

According to Ricks, the second and third problems comprise a Catch-22: The small number of troops withdrawn prevents Iraq from securing independent stability, but at the same time, the fewer troops present the more likely that Iraq will descend into civil war.

"Obama's war in Iraq will be longer than Bush's," Ricks said.

Ricks explained the paradox of pulling troops out of Iraq: "Staying in Iraq is immoral, but leaving is even more immoral."

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Forum

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Cohoon said, "We do prescribe birth control for non-contraceptive purposes."

When remembering his own experiences as a Notre Dame student, Harmon said, "I don't think there were any resources at all [on campus] to talk about [sexuality] ... we've come a long way, but we still have a long way to go."

The forum began with an icebreaker, asking students to share what they had learned from their own sexual education, their various sexual health information sources and what their education had neglected.

The range of questions included alternatives to abstinence-only programs, the various resources that University Health Services

provides students and the beliefs of the Catholic Church in the areas of sex education and sexual practices. Students also heard the panelists' views on media and its influence on young adults and the choice to become sexually active.

This year's forum was the result of student requests for more campus-wide and co-ed discussion on sexual health.

"In the last three years we've had a lot more questions that have to do with

moral decision-making," said Russell, "For that reason, Beth is here."

The forum was the first in a year-long series of lectures and discussions on a broad range of topics the GRC covers, such as

body image, domestic violence and dating. The forums are held on Wednesdays and feature a variety of guest speakers.

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ful. "We had a really great turnout from students as well as faculty and their families, and the community atmosphere was awesome," she said.

O'Connor also emphasized her gratitude to the Welsh Family volunteers.

"Over 75 girls contributed to this event in some way," she said. "So many people got involved with everything from selling shirts in LaFortune to advertising in the dining halls to working shifts at the actual event."

Wednesday night's fun will contribute to a greater cause as the proceeds from the Block Party go to the Touching Tiny Lives Foundation, an organization that seeks to help children impacted by HIV/AIDS in Africa. O'Connor estimated a donation of over \$1,000 from the Block Party resulting from the dorm's fundraising efforts, which include a raffle for an iPod Shuffle, T-shirt sales and carnival games.

"The Touching Tiny Lives Foundation is the signature charity for our dorm, and this event really helps us support their work," Welsh Family president junior Vickey McBride said.

"The cotton candy was definitely the main attraction for me," Junior Greg Torrisi said. "I was psyched about it."

The cake walk, a new feature of this year's event, provided a musical chairs showcase for a baked goods shop opening in Welsh Family on Monday, Sept. 14. The shop will provide treats on Monday through Wednesday as well as Sundays.

"I am incredibly happy with all of the great work from Welsh Fam girls and the student turnout at this year's Block Party," O'Connor said. "I am so grateful. The event definitely brought good times to all, both creating fun activities for students and benefiting a worthy cause."

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Swine flu hits Washington State University

Associated Press

SPOKANE — Washington State University is in the midst of a swine flu outbreak since classes started last month, with 2,500 people contacting student health to report flu-like symptoms and officials handing out flu kits around campus.

The number of cases of suspected swine flu dropped dramatically as students left campus over the Labor Day weekend, but school officials were closely watching the numbers Tuesday to see if this would rise as students returned.

Attendance at Saturday's football game against Stanford was down, likely because of publicity about the flu, and the school took precautions that included placing hand sanitizer at concession stands. Coach Paul Wulff said 16 players have come down with cases of flu at different times, and top receiver Daniel Blackledge missed practice Tuesday because

of the flu.

Officials have distributed about 200 free flu kits, including a thermometer, painkillers, throat lozenges, sport drinks, hand sanitizer and tissues. Some students wore surgical masks around campus, but most were taking it in stride.

"The students are taking it like any other type of flu," said 21-year-old Molly Aigner, whose boyfriend came down with the flu. "It's not like we're growing tails or anything."

There have been no deaths or even hospitalizations from the cases at WSU, a school with an enrollment of about 18,000 in Pullman. About a dozen patients with nausea and vomiting have required hydration, the school said.

Officials at Washington State, and at other colleges around the nation, have been anticipating large numbers of flu cases this fall because swine flu targets young

people and thrives in the tight living quarters common on college campuses, said Paula Adams, community coordinator for WSU Health and Wellness Services.

Washington State started classes on Aug. 24, much earlier than most schools, and thus its outbreak has been getting more attention, Adams said. Other colleges across the country are seeing spikes in the number of suspected cases of swine flu as dorms fill up and classes begin.

Federal health officials say they have been girding for a spike in cases as schools and colleges came back into session in August and September. "Some colleges have already seen upticks but the majority of colleges haven't," Dr. Anne Schuchat of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said at a briefing Tuesday.

Based on federal guidelines, WSU is assuming everyone who calls with flu-like symptoms has

swine flu, as there would be only a handful of normal flu cases this time of year, Adams said. "To see hundreds if not thousands of people is unusual," she said.

Anyone who calls Health and Wellness to report flu-like symptoms is counted as a swine flu case. People who call are advised to stay home, treat symptoms and drink fluids.

Dr. Dennis Garcia, senior associate director of Health and Wellness Services, said federal estimates would indicate that some 5,000 WSU students might eventually come down with the bug.

The number of flu contacts dropped sharply on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, as thousands of students headed home for the holiday. A total of 64 people contacted WSU Health and Wellness Services those three days, compared with 146 who contacted the office on Friday alone.

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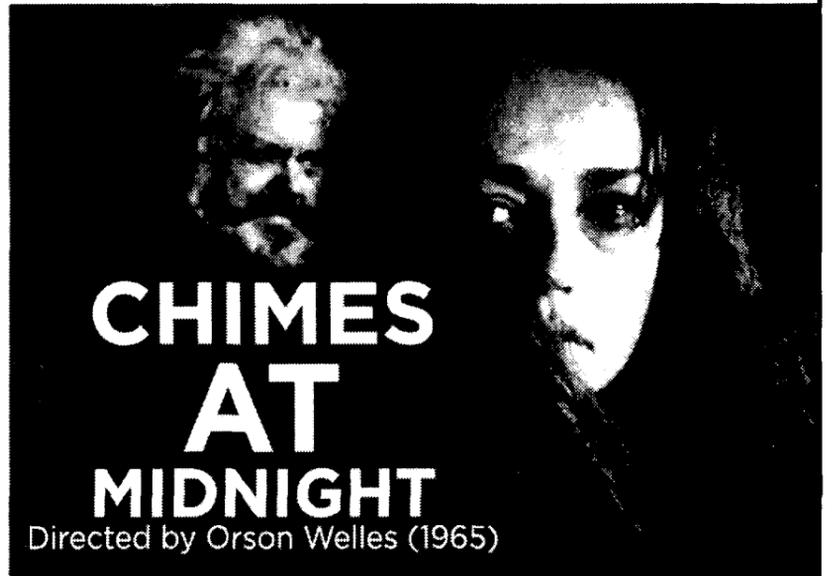
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Coinstar sells video game business

BELLEVUE, Wash. — Coinstar Inc., the owner of the DVD vendor Redbox, said on Wednesday that it has closed the sale of its business of coin-operated gumball machines, children's rides, and video games.

Coinstar sold the business to National Entertainment Network Inc., a business created last month in Louisville, Colo., for the purpose of buying Coinstar's entertainment division. Coinstar said it received "nominal consideration" for the business and expects to record a pretax loss of \$52 million to \$57 million. It also expects a one-time tax benefit of \$82 million to \$87 million.

The company said it expects a net gain of \$25 million to \$35 million in its third quarter.

The company said the sale leaves it focused on self-service retail businesses, including its Redbox kiosks and coin exchange machines.

Coinstar also said it has begun a public offering of \$175 million in convertible senior notes due in 2014. The notes are convertible into cash up to the principal amount, and into Coinstar shares if the notes are worth more than the principal. The underwriters will have an option to buy another \$25 million worth of notes.

Coinstar said it would use the money to repay its term loan under a secured credit facility.

GM to begin new ad campaign

DETROIT — A person briefed on General Motors Co.'s new advertising campaign says it will begin this weekend with television spots featuring Chairman Edward Whitacre Jr. urging people to try the automaker's new vehicles.

The person says Whitacre will point to vehicles such as the Chevrolet Malibu sedan, Chevrolet Equinox crossover and the Cadillac CTS sedan as signs of the company's resurgence. The person did not want to be identified because the plans have not been made public.

The spots will be followed by advertising that will focus on GM's four remaining brands, Chevrolet, Buick, GMC and Cadillac.

Whitacre is a former CEO of telecommunications giant AT&T who has been pushing for change at GM.

Palm to release cheaper cellphone

Company stays on top of competition with announcement of the Palm Pixi

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Palm Inc., which revitalized its product line with the Pre smart phone launch in June, is hoping to keep momentum going with the release of a lighter, cheaper handset called the Pixi.

The company said Wednesday that the Pixi will be available during the holiday season through Sprint Nextel Corp., currently the Pre's exclusive wireless carrier.

Sunnyvale, Calif.-based Palm would not divulge the Pixi's price tag, but confirmed it will be less than that of its big brother. Sprint shaved \$50 off the Pre's price to \$150 on Wednesday, including two rebates and a two-year service contract.

"The combination of announcing a new device and changing the price on the Pre show we're aggressively pursuing new customers to get them accessing the WebOS experience," Katie Mitic, Palm's senior vice president of product marketing, said in an interview Tuesday. WebOS is the operating system powering the Pre and the Pixi.

Contrary to a promotion briefly advertised on its Web site Tuesday, Sprint is not offering customers a \$100 credit to switch to the Pre from another carrier. Sprint spokeswoman Michelle Leff blamed the Web site glitch on the carrier's computer system. The company will honor the deal for new customers who bought the Pre that day, though.

The Pixi's release will mark Palm's second attempt in less than a year to use new software and streamlined designs to lure consumers in the still small but fast-growing smart phone market. According to market research firm NPD Group, smart phones made up 28 percent of consumer cell phone pur-



The Palm Pixi is a cheaper, lighter variation of the Palm Pre, which was released in June. The Pixi will include 8 gigabytes of built-in memory, a camera and two small speakers.

chases in the second quarter, up 47 percent from the same period last year.

Palm hasn't disclosed the number of Pre smart phones sold. But its stock has more than quadrupled since the company unveiled the device Jan. 8 at the Consumer Electronics Show.

The Pixi also offers Sprint — which has been bleeding subscribers to other carriers — another opportunity to attract new customers and get current ones to "trade up" from regular cell phones. Despite the Pre's availability, Overland Park, Kan.-based Sprint reported a net quarterly loss of 257,000 subscribers in the second quarter.

Like the Pre, the black,

shiny Pixi will come with a touch-screen, full QWERTY keyboard and Palm's latest operating system, WebOS. It will also have 8 gigabytes of built-in memory. But while the Pre's keyboard slides out from the bottom of the device, the Pixi's slightly smaller screen and keyboard both fit on the face of the candy bar-style handset.

The new smart phone is longer and slimmer than the Pre, and, at nearly 3.5 ounces, lighter. It trades the Pre's center button for a tiny touch-sensitive bar that sits between the screen and keyboard. As on the Pre, the real estate between the screen and keyboard also will be touch-sensitive for navigating the device.

The Pixi will sport a 2-megapixel camera, instead of its sibling's 3-megapixel version, and two small speakers rather than the Pre's single large one.

Building on an already available WebOS feature, the Pixi will be able to gather users' contacts from Yahoo and business-networking site LinkedIn. The Pixi will include standard smart phone features like Global Positioning System, video and music players and a Web browser, but it won't have Wi-Fi.

A dedicated Facebook application will be released with the Pixi, Palm said. It is not yet clear if it will come loaded on the phone or will be available through Palm's online application store.

Oregonian publisher Stickel to retire

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Fred Stickel, publisher of The Oregonian, said Wednesday he will retire after guiding Oregon's largest paper for more than three decades that included toasts to five Pulitzer Prizes as well as sharp staff cuts in the newspaper industry's current slump.

"I am 87 years old," Stickel said. "I love this newspaper and the essential role it plays in Oregon and this community. But it is time for me to retire and make way for new leadership."

He announced his retirement, effective Sept. 18, in a meeting with department heads and a statement.

The Oregonian reported that Stickel's son Patrick, president of the paper, will serve as interim publisher

but will not be a candidate to succeed his father.

The newspaper is owned by the Newhouse family's Advance Publications. It has won five Pulitzer Prizes during Stickel's tenure and has suffered in recent years with the rest of the newspaper industry in the face of declining advertising revenue.

In the past two years, it has slashed staff by a third through early retirement offers, buyouts and layoffs of part-time employees. In August, it announced it is ending a policy that protected full-time employees from layoffs for economic or technological reasons, and Editor Sandy Rowe said another buyout is in the works.

Stickel came to Oregon from New Jersey in 1967 to be general manager of the paper. In 1972 he was

named president of the company and in 1975 publisher.

Stickel was known for civic activities and cited his work with the Citizens Crime Commission. He was a founder and chairman in 1987.

Tim Gleason, dean of the University of Oregon's School of Journalism, said there can't be many American publishers with so long a tenure, and he said Stickel was a force for newsroom innovation.

"The Oregonian is and remains today one of the best regional newspapers in the United States, and he's the publisher who built that," Gleason said.

Stickel recruited Rowe, the paper's editor since 1993. She said he promised her support and independence in building a stronger newsroom.

Families abandon waterfront homes

Associated Press

LAKE WENATCHEE, Wash. — Tucked in on the shores of Lake Wenatchee is a row of rustic cabins that were built long before this spectacular mountain lake became a recreation gold coast.

Most homeowners would welcome a spike in land value. But for the six families who own these cabins, an inverse real-estate calculus is in effect. Instead of profiting, they say they may soon have to abandon the cabins, leaving behind generations of memories.

The cabins are privately owned but are on land leased from the U.S. Forest Service. The agency recently sent notice that a long-delayed increase in annual lease fees is due, spiking fees up more than 1,000 percent, from \$1,400 to more than \$17,000.

Those bills have made the Lake Wenatchee cabins central to questions about the future of the Forest Service's 94-year-old policy of enticing middle-class families to the woods by offering cut-rate deals on land for cabins. With fees steeply up nationwide, to as high as \$76,000 a year, cabin owners wonder how many of the 14,500 cabins across the United States will still be occupied in a few years.

Not all would mourn the loss. Some environmental groups question such use of public forest land, and fiscal conservatives have viewed past lease fees as sweetheart deals benefiting just a few.

The Minard family has been among those few since 1920, when Everett "Laury" Minard's grandfather built a cabin on North Shore. Minard, 84 years old and still a Metro bus driver, spent each summer of his childhood there, learning to drive at age 13 on the lakeshore roads. But he says he'll not pay when the fee jumps to \$13,000 in January.

"I'm resigned to the fact that we won't have the cabin anymore," said Minard, of Seattle. "Losing it will be a little like dying — sad but painless. There's nothing you can do."

The Minard family built their

cabin just five years after the Forest Service in 1915 welcomed private cabins on its land as a way to lure families out to forests with few roads and primitive conditions. Today, there are about 2,800 cabins scattered around Washington and Oregon national forests, including 643 in the Okanogan-Wenatchee forest.

The Forest Service leases land under the cabins for a yearly fee of 5 percent of fair market value, on renewable, transferable 20-year contracts. The agency keeps tight control, restricting everything from paint color (Forest Service brown, green or gray) to size (1,200 square feet) to satellite dishes. Owners must let the public camp around their cabins, even on the leased land.

Interpretation of "fair market value" has varied. Criticism of sweetheart deals led to more rigorous appraisals in the 1990s and a nearly 10-year moratorium on fee increases while the Forest Service installed a new law, the Cabin User Fee Fairness Act. The moratorium expired in January.

Recent reappraisals required by the law have only inflamed the situation as sales from the real-estate bubble are included. Fees are doubling in many areas, including Oregon's Lake of the Woods, while fees for some cabins near Crystal Mountain remain below \$1,500.

Jim Sauser, a Forest Service official who oversees the cabin program in the Northwest, said the appraisals are time consuming and result in fees that are either too high or too low.

"It's an old real-estate principle — location, location, location," he said. "Ultimately some can't afford it. Everyone wants to go back in time when things were kinder and gentler and cheaper. I'd like to go back and buy a \$3,900 brand-new car again."

Few areas in the country have spiked as much as the North Shore cabins. The leases have historically been \$1,400 a year or less. But a 1999 appraisal boosted fees to \$17,000 by including waterfront sold during the dot-com bubble to King County's high-tech wealth. (Much of the lake is privately owned.)

Health workers need vaccine

Associated Press

ALBANY — Tens of thousands of health care workers who typically avoid flu shots are under more pressure than ever to get vaccinated as hospitals and clinics prepare for a spike in swine flu cases this fall and winter.

Roughly half of health workers skip the immunizations, raising two concerns: If doctors and nurses get sick, who will treat what could be millions of Americans reeling from seasonal or swine flu? And could infected health workers make things worse by spreading flu to patients?

New York, the first state to be hard-hit by swine flu, is requiring all health workers to get immunized against both types of flu. Other states are weighing whether to follow suit.

But shots for all health workers may not be an easy sell.

Fewer than half of them got flu vaccinations last year, according to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention survey of about 1,000 workers. That includes physicians in clinics, lab technicians, respiratory therapists and home health aides. Rates are highest among doctors and nurses in hospitals — 70 to 80 percent, but the overall rate shows many still shun the shots.

Why? The reasons vary from safety concerns to skepticism over vaccine effectiveness.

Sandra Morales, a labor and delivery nurse in New York City, had her last flu shot 16 years ago. She says she got the flu anyway.

She objects to New York's new law, saying it infringes on free-choice rights. "It's crossing the line, and I'm opposed to that."

Hospital workers "are at risk for being exposed to many, many diseases," she said. "Imagine if we had to take a vaccine for everything that comes in the door."

Morales worries she might lose her job if she refuses — it will be up to individual clinics and health centers to decide how to enforce the law. She has until Nov. 30 to get her shots. Both the seasonal flu vaccine (available this month) and swine flu vaccine (expected in October) are required for workers in hospitals, treatment cen-

ters and in home care.

That may mean three separate shots, if the swine flu vaccine requires two doses to be effective. Testing in the U.S. is still under way to determine the dose.

The uncertainty about the new swine flu vaccine has added to the challenge.

"If health care workers have concerns about the safety and efficacy of a vaccine that has been around for decades, I'm sure they're going to have those same concerns about a vaccine that we've never used before," said Dr. Gregory Poland, a Mayo Clinic vaccine specialist.

He says health workers are ethically obligated to get vaccinated for both kinds of flu. He supports requiring them. New York, which had the first big surge of swine flu cases in the spring, is the only state doing that, although some states are considering the issue.

The theory that health care workers could spread the infection is supported by only isolated evidence, but the fear persists.

Some large hospitals have adopted rules requiring employees to get flu shots. Loyola University Medical Center near Chicago and Charleston Area Medical Center in West Virginia recently joined a handful of hospitals that have made seasonal flu shots mandatory for all workers. Some also plan to include swine flu. Several infectious disease groups support required flu vaccination for health workers.

Federal health officials say health care workers are among the priority groups for flu shots, but the government is not ordering anyone to get shots.

In New York, Health Commissioner Dr. Richard Daines notes that health employees are already required to get other vaccinations, including rubella and measles shots.

Under the new flu shot law, workers can opt out only for certain health reasons, including an allergy to flu shots.

Bill Van Slyke of the Healthcare Association of New York state, which represents hospitals, said hospitals have concerns about what action they can legally take if staffers refuse vaccinations.

"We don't expect that to happen to any significant degree — we think most recognize the value of doing this, but there are one or two challenging scenarios out there," he said.

Dr. Brian Currie, an infectious disease specialist at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, supports the law but said including swine flu vaccinations could be a headache.

"It means twice as much time, tracking people to make sure they get a timely second vaccination" if required. "It's a lot more work," Currie said. "We'll do our best."

Though infectious disease specialists say they have seen no serious complications during the swine flu vaccine testing that began last month, some critics say it is being fast-tracked without adequate safety tests. Some also fear a repeat of a rare paralysis called Guillain-Barre syndrome that occurred during a 1976 swine flu vaccination effort, though there is no evidence the vaccine caused that condition.

Dr. William Schaffner has had two swine flu shots during testing at Vanderbilt University, with no ill effects. The current flu virus is molecularly different from the one circulating in 1976, so Schaffner, who has consulted for the swine flu vaccine makers, said similar problems are unlikely.

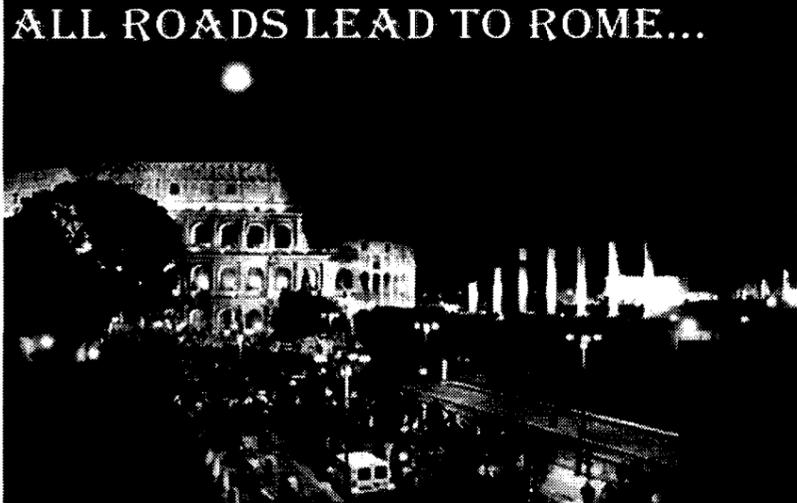
Deborah Burger, a president of the California Nurses Association/National Nurses Organizing Committee, said safety concerns persist. That union, with 86,000 members in 50 states, is weighing whether to support required flu shots for nurses.

She said the union believes patients should be protected but also wants to protect nurses from any potential vaccine-related problems, saying, "It's a difficult tightrope to walk right now."

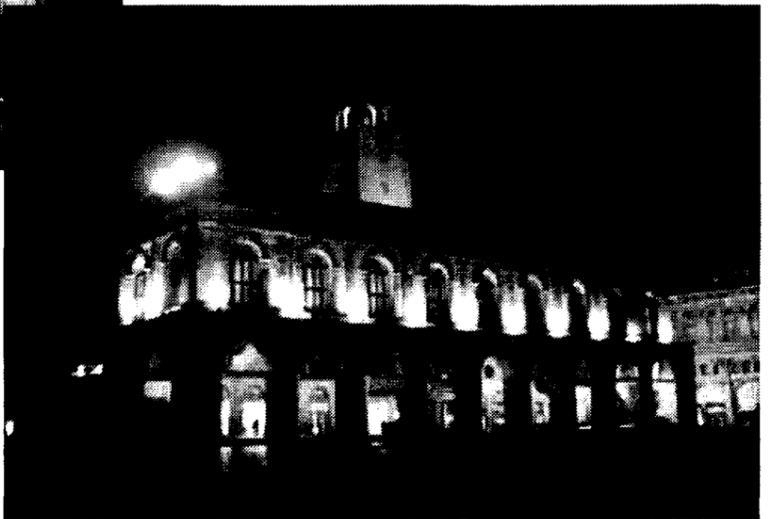
More than 550 U.S. deaths have been attributed to the new H1N1 swine flu. So far it does not appear to be more deadly than regular seasonal flu. Projections for the upcoming season vary. A worst-case scenario from a scientific panel advising the White House said up to half the population might get sick and up to 90,000 might die.



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Forestry board to increase logging

Associated Press

SILVERTON — The Oregon Board of Forestry voted Wednesday to increase logging on the Tillamook and Clatsop state forests.

The unanimous vote Wednesday in Silverton, Ore., came over the objections of conservation groups, who argued that reducing the area devoted to restoring old growth characteristics in young forests will harm salmon restoration efforts and tourism.

"They are moving much more towards an industrial timber management approach for these publicly owned forests which provide clean water, tens of millions of dollars in recreation income for rural north coast counties, hunting and fishing opportunities and carbon sequestration," said Ivan Maluski of the Sierra Club.

John Blackwell, chairman of the board, said the new plan will replace one approved in 2001 that never delivered on promises of timber production, fish and wildlife habitat or recreational opportunities.

"It's really about balancing our expectations from the forest for its environmental contribution, economic contribution and the needs of a growing public to use the forests," Blackwell said. "The biological work that has been done suggests that both social and economic values can be increased without degradation of wildlife habitat."

Hoping to reverse the declines of salmon and the northern spotted owl while still providing for a struggling timber industry, the old plan set a minimum of 40 percent to 60 percent of the forest devoted to developing old growth characteristics in second growth forests.

After the old plan failed to deliver on expectations, the new plan will cut that minimum to 30 percent to 50 percent, with projections it will increase log production by 5 percent over current targets.

With log prices at rock-bottom levels since housing starts dwindled in the recession, the change was not driven by short-term

hopes of increased revenues or timber production, Blackwell said.

"This board is engaged in a process of managing change over time in a way that satisfies our long promises to counties while working out the needs of the environment and the public recreational interest," Blackwell said. "We know that social pressures over the next 50 to 100 years will reduce that level of harvest."

The Tillamook and Clatsop state forests cover 500,000 acres in the northwestern corner of Oregon. They burned and were heavily logged in the 1930s, then taken over by the counties for taxes. The counties turned the land over to the state with a promise that two-thirds of the logging revenues would go back to local counties and schools.

The public pitched in on replanting efforts, and over the years the area has become a focus of salmon restoration efforts, as well as a recreational outlet for urban Portland.

The vote initiates development of a new management plan for state forests in the northwest corner of the state, including the Tillamook, Clatsop and Santiam, plus scattered parcels through the Coast Range and in Polk, Benton, Lincoln and Lane counties.

The Department of Forestry is to develop a new management plan in time for a board vote this spring, said spokesman Jeff Foreman.

On-the-ground changes are not likely until 2012, by which time they hope rock-bottom log prices linked to the recession will have improved, he added.

Typical revenues of \$50 million a year from state forests have dropped in half, and many timber sales go begging due to the low demand for lumber linked to the recession, he added.

The board initially voted 4-3 in favor of the action, then after lunchtime discussions adopted it unanimously. Blackwell said there had been confusion over just what they were voting on, but that everyone agreed they wanted to get going on developing the new plan, with the understanding it could be revised along the way.

Dems discuss health care

Associated Press

BOSTON — The governor should be allowed to name an interim replacement to the late Edward Kennedy's vacant Senate seat because it would help ensure health care overhaul legislation gets passed, Democrats told a packed Statehouse public hearing Wednesday.

Before he died last month at age 77 of brain cancer, Kennedy had asked lawmakers to allow Gov. Deval Patrick, a Democrat, to name a temporary senator to fill the seat until voters can choose a permanent replacement during a special election, set for Jan. 19.

Senate Democrats, including U.S. Sen. John Kerry, support the change, in part to improve the chances of passing President Barack Obama's health care overhaul plan.

Kerry, testifying before state lawmakers and hundreds of supporters and critics, invoked the memory of Kennedy, who had said that expanding health care to all Americans was his life's work in the Senate.

Naming an interim replacement to Kennedy's seat would give Democrats a critical 60 votes in the Senate. Patrick, who would name the interim senator, is a strong supporter of Obama.

"We are closer than ever to providing health care coverage to every man, woman and

child in America," Kerry told lawmakers. "None of these big challenges will be decided by huge margins. ... These are times again when every vote will count."

Kerry, Patrick and other supporters of the change also say that naming an interim senator will let the state maintain two voices in the Senate and aid in constituent services.

In written testimony, Patrick, who is recuperating from hip replacement surgery, said he supports both the special election and the interim appointment. He said if he is allowed to make the appointment, he would extract from that individual "a personal commitment to me not to be a candidate in the upcoming special election."

Patrick pointed to the anticipated Senate debate on Obama's health care initiative, "framed in large measure around the bipartisan model we developed here in Massachusetts," as a key reason to appoint an interim successor to Kennedy's seat.

He also urged Massachusetts lawmakers not to get stuck in past debates on how to fill Senate vacancies and consider what's best for the state now.

"As elected officials, our job, especially in times like these, is to look past partisan or parochial interests to the best interests of the

Commonwealth," he said. Republicans, vastly outnumbered in heavily Democratic Massachusetts, called the proposal a power grab.

They point out that just five years ago, when Kerry was the Democratic nominee for president, the Democrat-controlled state House and Senate changed the law to block then-Gov. Mitt Romney from naming a fellow Republican to fill Kerry's seat if he became president.

Previously, the governor had been allowed to appoint a replacement until the next general election.

"It's a bad idea, it's clearly something that's meant for political gain by one party. You live by the sword, you die by the sword," said state Sen. Scott Brown, R-Wrentham, who is considering running for the seat. "You can't tell me that someone who's in that position temporarily isn't going to be actively campaigning for some person."

The GOP sent out e-mails urging "all Republican activists, concerned citizens and defenders of democracy" to attend the hearing and voice their opposition. Republicans also started an online petition and listed on the party's Web site the names and telephone numbers of mostly conservative radio talk show hosts in the Boston area, urging supporters to call.

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Sign of the times

In my last column in this esteemed newspaper, I wrote about using my privileged position as a junior in order to "hook-up" or "score" with insecure freshman girls. The column, written with tongue firmly planted in cheek, immediately ignited a blaze of controversy. My e-mail inbox was absolutely flooded with furious letters assailing me for my lack of respect for basic social decency. The fire burned so hot that several North Quad dorms needed to be evacuated in its aftermath.

Brooks Smith

Mighty
Morphin Power
Columnist

The offending column is, needless to say, no longer available on The Observer Web site, as it was far too provocative to be exposed to the eyes of our easily offended alumni. So for this, my second column, I decided to tone it down and write about something less controversial: politics.

The jumping-off point for this column actually originated in a "quick bit" I read in some newspaper or other last week. Rex Rammell, a hunting enthusiast campaigning to be governor of Idaho, made a quip about issuing hunting tags for, you guessed it, Barack Obama. When he came under fire for his remarks, he said, in effect, "Hey, I was just joking. Everyone knows hunting tags issued in Idaho aren't valid in Washington, D.C.!"

Ba-dam-pssh. As someone who leans to the left side of the fence, I had the opportunity to take offense at this tasteless (though admittedly clever) joke from Mr. Potato Head. But rather than have such a self-

serious and predictable response, I chose to be relieved that we finally have a president somebody thinks is worth assassinating.

Seriously, when was the last time that happened? (And I see you history buffs in the corner chanting Reagan's name. Shut up. That doesn't count and you know it.)

Even before he was elected, there were not one, but two plots to assassinate Obama during the campaign: one taking root in Denver, and one in Tennessee. That's pretty incredible. By comparison, there were zero assassination plots in all of the 20 years before that.

If you graph that data and make a chart of assassination attempts vs. time, a small but discernible spike occurs around the time Obama comes on the national scene. Coincidence? I think not.

These statistics are particularly shocking when you consider the controversy surrounding the presidency directly before Obama's. George W. Bush was at various times accused of lying to the American people (WMDs), authorizing torture, expanding the power of the executive branch to unconscionable levels (PATRIOT Act), running the economy into the ground and lying to the American people. Most of these accusations had at least some basis in fact, and Dubya himself certainly did little to prove them wrong.

Yet not one of the angry left-wing loonies ever volunteered to take his life into their own hands — by, say, killing him with a gun they got in a state with loose gun control laws. Why? They were probably too depressed to do much other than chuckle halfheartedly at Jon Stewart while slumped in front of the

TV. It was that kind of era.

Perhaps there are other causes as well. Various people have called Obama's adjectives like "socialist," "socialist," "communist," "socialist" and "socialist." Some have even gone so far as to label him a "socialist." He's come under fire for pulling out of Iraq too quickly, for not pulling out of Iraq quickly enough, for taking an approach to the financial crisis that was too limited and restrained, for taking an approach to the financial crisis that was too radical and risky and for an offense known as BPWB — Being President While Black. (Sample zingers: "It's called the White House for a reason!" You can safely deploy that one at any ND party.)

Me, I'm hesitant to tag Obama as a "socialist." To me, it just smacks too much of Joe McCarthy, circa 1954. But it's good to know there are other, braver souls out there who aren't afraid to call a spade a spade, so to speak.

So are there a number of attempts on Obama's life because conservatives are nutjobs? Or, conversely, were there no attempts on Bush's life because liberals are pansies? Sadly, the answers to such questions are far beyond the purview of a humble Viewpoint column. But the real take-away message is that Obama's presidency is an exciting time for everyone, from progressives to homicidal maniacs.

God bless America.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Sports do not build character. They reveal it."

Heywood Broun
U.S. Journalist

The secret of our Lady of Sorrows

On Tuesday, September 15, the University of Notre Dame and the Congregation of Holy Cross will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, patroness of the Congregation of Holy Cross. A campus-wide Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica at 5:15 on September 15.

Fr. Lou DeFra

Faith Point

Perhaps on first sight, the Marian title "Our Lady of Sorrows" appears anachronistic, medieval, a Church leftover from a different age — something dragged out of an ecclesiastical attic that also housed leather straps for self-flagellation and stories of saints who starved themselves for days on end. Mary, Notre Dame, as Our Lady of Sorrows. Doesn't sound too hopeful heading into the Michigan game (though, objectively speaking, Mary's title does not seem to preclude her inflicting sorrow on our neighbors to the north...) The question remains: in an enlightened society, and in this Land of Opportunity, who celebrates sorrow?

I am not sure that many people celebrate sorrow. It doesn't sound psychologically healthy. On the other hand, the lines at psychologists' offices aren't getting any shorter these days either. In fact, the little psychology that I think I know suggests that the suppression and denial of the

inevitable sorrows of our life is a common cause of depression, compulsions, addictive avoidance behaviors, and feelings of listlessness and low motivation. So, perhaps, Our Lady of Sorrows has something useful, helpful, and sound to teach us?

I suspect that several images of Our Lady of Sorrows will appear next week in honor of her feast day. If you have a chance, stop and look closely at her. You will see something counterintuitive. Not that Mary is not sad in the icon — she is. Her eyes are slightly downcast and her lips slightly downturned. But, contrary to my own intuitions about sorrow, her presence as a whole person in the icon does not present a defeated image. She is not in the least hunched over; rather, she rises upright, in a strong and serene posture. Her hands are open, in a gesture of inviting the full experience of her reality. It is the counter-image to the typical human gesture of crossing our arms in self-protectiveness when we are scared, uncertain, or hurt. Mary's posture in this icon "speaks" not that she is not sorrowful, but — rather instructively, I think — that she is not afraid of sorrow.

A slightly downcast face, yet a strong and serene posture and open hands. TS Eliot once wrote of Mary:

Lady of silences
Calm and distressed
Torn and most whole
Exhausted and life-giving

Worried reposeful...

How could Mary not be Our Lady of Sorrows? From the scandal of her husbandless pregnancy to a several days' flight into Egyptian exile on the eve of her delivery. From Simeon's prophecy, soon after Jesus is born, that "a sword will pierce your heart," to the most unimaginable fulfillment of that prophecy — watching her son nailed, crucified, dead.

This truly exquisite sorrow, however, is not Mary's only reality. We must hold her experience of sorrow side-by-side with her profoundly joyful experiences: her visitation by an angel asking her to accept a primary role in the deliverance of her people; her fear transformed into joy when she visits Elizabeth to tell her the news, and speaks words of the deepest elation: "My soul magnifies the Lord!" Simeon, in addition to predicting the piercing of her heart, also prophecies that her son, her love, is the Messiah for which all Israel had been waiting. Before anyone else, she understands the profound joy that her son promises for the entire human race, and so with an awesome self-assurance, at Cana she directs her son to begin his ministry of transforming sorrow into true happiness by turning water into wine at a wedding. And, after the soul-ripping sorrow of the Crucifixion, what words could capture Mary's emotions when her once-dead son visited her, raised from the dead?

Mary is not afraid of sorrow because she has directly experienced, in the most intense way, that the love of God — while it does not prevent sorrow, even tragic sorrow — is in the end more powerful than all that causes sorrow. Which means that all sorrow can ultimately be faced, indeed stared down.

Mary knows and accepts the deepest human reality. That some sorrow in our lives is real and inescapable. So she does not run from it. But she also knows in her depths the love and never-abandoning care of God for her. This knowledge gives her an ultimately triumphal courage in the face of her sorrows. Our Lady of Sorrows understands the great secret — sorrow, faced and overcome by God's love, brings us a powerful serenity, and enlarges our own hearts to love more fully and compassionately when we encounter others' sorrow and suffering.

As TS Eliot's poem-prayer concludes:

The single Rose
Is now the Garden
Where all love ends.
Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us.

This week's Faith Point was written by Fr. Lou DeFra, Director of Campus Bible Studies and ACE Chaplain. He can be reached at delfra.2@nd.edu

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Educational art

I have never written in to Viewpoint before, but felt that Morgan C. Caudle's letter to the editor ("Exhibit Indeed" Sept. 8) could not go unaddressed. Perhaps my biggest issue with Caudle's argument is her statement that "death and destruction are not art." I could not disagree more. The purpose of art, while heavily debated, is definitely not merely to aesthetically please the viewer. Glenn Close wrote that "All great art comes from a sense of outrage," and indeed passion stemming from a disturbance to one's reality is many times the root of great art.

In Lauren Greenfield's case, her photographs and documentary were spurred on by her exposure to the horrific nature and prevalence of eating disorders in our modern society. Greenfield began her artistic project not to entertain, but to change the fact that eight million Americans are suffering from eating disorders, and the numbers are steadily rising. Moreover, Caudle claims that Lauren Greenfield's documentary, "Thin," which traces the journeys of four women in a residential treatment facility for eating disorders, associates "a deadly mental illness with mere entertainment."

I watched this documentary last year on campus with five friends and remember looking down the row and seeing tears in nearly every

eye. As someone who visited the "Thin" exhibit at the Snite museum last week, I can assure you that no one would look at the photographs displayed in that room for "entertainment" either. I left the exhibit with tears in my eyes and physically could not look at some of the pictures because of the realities to which I knew they were attached. We do not attend these movies because they are aesthetically pleasing, but because they show us some truth in a world that is too many times censored. This exhibit is reality and to live with a knowledge of these atrocities is not only important, but essential to alleviating such conditions in the future.

It is not, as Caudle wrote, dangerous to "the mental and physical health of the students of the University of Notre Dame" for the Snite Museum to host such an exhibit, but the exact opposite. Without such art, we remain oblivious to the dangers of eating disorders and the existence of them in the first place. Such thinking as Caudle's is the reason our Notre Dame community remains ignorant to the roots of such a widespread issue on our very own campus.

Molly Krings
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Sept. 8

Anything but entertaining

Dear Ms. Caudle, ("Exhibit Indeed" Sept. 8)

Did you even go see the "Thin" exhibit at the Snite? I'm going to guess no, because if you did, I don't think you would have said that the museum is "equating a deadly mental illness with mere entertainment." I visited the exhibit last Saturday, and I am hard-pressed to think of a less "entertaining" experience. It was, however, a thought-provoking, sobering, and reflective experience.

In your letter you accuse the artist and the Snite of "fuel[ing] the obsession ... with dieting, exercise, and body image." On the contrary, I would say that the frank and horrifying portrayal of real women struggling from eating disorders encourages the viewer to take a step back and really consider how they view their own bodies and how much our own culture skews our perceptions of beauty and self-worth. Leaving the exhibit, I was at a loss for words, but powerfully and deeply touched. Far from trivializing these important issues as mere "entertainment," "Thin" brings the reality of eating disorders face-to-face with the

viewer, to the point where it's almost unbearable.

Through "Thin", these forgotten women were able to speak directly to the viewer about their lives, their hopes, and their struggles. There was nothing entertaining, objectifying, or exhibitionist about "Thin." I think your ire might be more properly directed at shows like "America's Next Top Model," where size 10 is "plus-size" and girls who probably wear a size 5 (max!) are told they are need to lose weight.

P.S. Since when is art equated with entertainment? When Picasso painted Guernica was he trivializing the Spanish Civil War and the innocents who died, or was he trying to show the world the horrors of war? At its best, art holds a mirror up to life. Sometimes, life isn't pretty. Exhibits like "Thin" show us what we are unwilling to see about our society and ourselves; forcing contemplation of these issues in our own lives.

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Laughing at the wrong side

I know it's cute to make fun of Republican voters (Editorial Cartoon Sept. 9) for being uneducated. But the cartoon rang with hypocrisy when I realized the cartoon would be more telling without the G.O.P. pin in the final scene. The Democrats are the ones who are in hot water now. They are expected to lose upwards of 10 seats in the 2010 elections and are clearly trying to pass all their "wonderful" legislation quickly, while they still have a majority.

During the 2008 election it was clear that Obama was the media's candidate. Polls done by Zogby show that Obama voters know so much more about the negative aspects about Palin and her family than the Obama campaign. Fifty-

seven percent didn't know which party controlled congress (the Democrats). And it should be even more troubling to read that Obama voters could not identify important and well known facts about the Obama and his policies (e.g. Biden's plagiarism). Obama often likes to bend the truth, especially in his presentation of tonsil-extracting, greedy doctors.

Waking up to the truth through education and a balanced media would really mean trouble for the Democratic Party.

Nate Balmert
freshman
Dillon Hall
Sept. 9

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By **MARY CLAIRE O'DONNELL**
Scene Writer

Movie Recipe:
3 cups Julie Powell
1.5 cups Julia Child
4 tablespoons hilarity
3 teaspoons obstacles to success
3 teaspoons drama/angst
1 teaspoon success
Production time: a few months
Best served: over a two-hour period

It's often hard to find a good summer movie sorting through such bombs as "Fast and Furious" and "GI Joe: Rise of Cobra." However, the culinary comedy "Julie & Julia" is a refreshing exception. Is it not fitting that food, a source of comfort for many people, should bring such delight in the form of a movie?

"Julie and Julia" intertwines the lives of Julie Powell (Amy Adams), an almost-30-year-old living in Queens, and Julia Child (Meryl Streep), a 40-something living in Paris, as both try to find meaning in their changing lives. The two women, worlds apart, each find themselves stuck while those around them succeed and advance in their careers.

Julie, a cubicle worker, fields calls

from survivors and families of victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. As Julie flounders, feeling lost, her one solace is cooking and food. And so, she decides to cook her way through Julia Child's revolutionary cookbook, "Mastering the Art of French Cooking," all while blogging about it.

The intermittent scenes of Julia Child's life portray her early years in Paris and her struggles to fit in. Large and outspoken, she is at odds with the typical Parisian women. She ends up in the all male Cordon

Bleu Cooking School for professional chefs. Nothing can

Powell finds herself in a tiny kitchen with three recipes to complete every two days, while Child and her friends face unresponsive publishers and trans-European moves. The two women employ different attitudes in overcoming their own stumbling blocks. With her boisterous, upbeat personality, Child's method is more endearing. Regrettably, though, Powell's self-absorption, a common side effect of blogging, receives more screen time.

hold her back, though, not even an ornery dean, as she cooks her way to the top of her class. Eventually, she meets Simone Beck (Linda Emond) and Louisette Bertholle (Helen Carey). The women, with whom she will write her cookbook, at a party, and they embark on their journey from there.

The journeys of Julie and Julia, however, are not without obstacles.

Meryl Streep shines in this movie. She nails the extremely distinctive voice of Child, causing no doubt as to why she has been nominated for 15 Oscars. An appropriate mannerism or personality quirk accompanies every perfect-

ly delivered line, making the character come alive in the minds of the audience. Adams's performance also deserves praise, but unfortunately, Streep overshadows her. It also does not help that Adams's character is the less appealing of the two. Furthermore, it is a pity that the plot only allowed for the inclusion of one scene from Julia Child's amusing and informing television cooking shows.

Overall, the movie ends happily for both characters as each find their place in their respective worlds, resulting in an enjoyable two hours. One suggestion, though, for the interested viewer: do not watch this on an empty stomach. While in the theater, you will invariably be overcome with incredible hunger pangs, but these will be easier to bear on a full stomach or with the promise of food following the movie.

Recipe Review:
Overemphasis on Julie leaves a sour taste in the mouth

Bitter taste easily overcome with extra doses of Julia
Refreshing mix of drama and humor

Perfect for an evening in with friends
Best served with food.

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Julie & Julia

Directed by: Nora Ephron

Starring: Meryl Streep, Amy Adams, Stanley Tucci, Chris Messina, Linda Emond, Jane Lynch, Mary Lynn Rajskub, Vanessa Ferlito, Casy Wilson



By **CONOR ROGERS**
Scene Writer

The fall is usually an off-season for comedies. Viewers have already seen the smash hits of the summer, and know that they will have something to look forward to for Christmas break. "Extract," the newest comedy out in theaters, is just living proof that autumn means comedy is on hiatus.

The movie's advertising campaign was nothing short of strong. The director was Mike Judge, who has previ-

ously helmed "Beavis and Butthead," "Office Space" kiting slo-

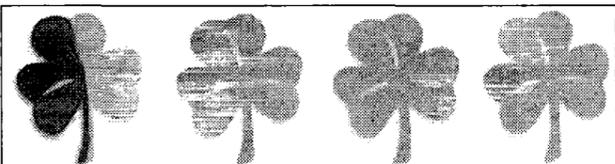


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think that someone with these comedic credentials would be able to provide a few chuckles. One

Wiiig of "SNL" fame, Mila Kunis ("Forgetting Sarah Marshall"), J.K. Simmons ("Burn After Reading," "I Love You, Man") and perhaps most surprisingly of all Ben Affleck.

The premise of the movie is that Joel (Bateman's character) manages an extract plant and must deal with problems occurring both on the job and in his home. But instead of the crazy antics that the trailers promise, the movie falls short at delivering

anything resembling a punch line or gag.

The closest attempt at humor is an accident on the job—a worker having his testicles injured. Mr. Judge seems to be the only one who finds this funny. The rest of us have grown tired of this since "America's Funniest Home Videos." As for Joel's personal problems, these

hiring of a male prostitute. Viewers will find this bizarre at best and pathetic at worst.

The only dim light at the end of an otherwise dark tunnel comes from Ben Affleck. Mr. Affleck plays a bartender/drug dealer, but by this point in the movie, viewers are already realizing this looks less and less like an office satire.

All in all, "Extract's" hastily thrown-together plot lines along with its flagrant waste of superb comedic talent make it a movie to be avoided at all costs.



include sexual frustration with his wife, culminating in the

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Actors from the London Stage presents "King Lear" at DPAC 7:30 p.m. and Samurai Jim at Legends 10 p.m.

One of Shakespeare's best known tragedies, this production of "King Lear" is presented by the Actors from the London Stage, a world-renowned troupe which has worked in tandem with Shakespeare at Notre Dame for several years now. "King Lear," showing at DPAC Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m., includes the usual level of intrigue, deception, love and death that can be found in most Shakespearean tragedies.

Some may remember Samurai Jim as one of the opening acts for Matisyahu at the B1 Block Party. Self defined as an alternative-rock progressive group, Samurai Jim will be back on campus Thursday and sure to entertain with guitar-driven melodies and a general rock feel. Go out and support a home-grown talent from right here in South Bend.

Carbon Leaf at Legends 10 p.m.

The Richmond-based group, featuring members Terry Clark, Carter Gravatt, Jason Neal, Jon Markel and Barry Privett, returns to Legends this weekend for their second show. Just having released their seventh album, "Nothing Rhymes with Woman," Carbon Leaf is known for a folk-pop-rock sound. Somewhat similar to Dave Matthews Band and other groups from the mid-90's generation, Carbon Leaf promises to be a great show. It is anticipated that this will be a popular show, so be sure to get there early. And don't miss the Black light Nightclub following the concert.

Dan Levy at Legends 10 p.m.

After being named Funniest College Comedian his sophomore year at Emerson, Dan Levy has done well making a name for himself in the comedy industry. For the past several years, he has been seen at the Montreal Just for Laughs Comedy Festival and has made appearances on "Chelsea Lately," "The Late Late Show" and "MTV Spring Break." Additionally, Levy has appeared on his own Comedy Central special, "Comedy Central Presents: Dan Levy." Still in touch with his college roots, Levy now spends most of his time performing on college campuses across the country. He will be performing at Legends at 10 p.m. Saturday night. Following his performance, the infamous Hip Hop night returns to Legends at midnight.

Robert Clark at DPAC 2:30 and 5 p.m.

The widely known organist and former director of the program of organ instruction at Arizona State University will be performing his organ recital series on campus Sunday. Clark has performed as a recitalist in North America and Europe and directed a symposium, "The Historical Organ in America" at Arizona State University in 1992, drawing in 350 organists, organ builders and teachers from North America, Asia and Europe. Clark's recital series will take place at Debartolo Performing Arts Center's Reyes Organ and Choral Hall at 2:30 and 5 p.m.

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Dining Hall Dish

By ELIZABETH CHATEN
Scene Writer

As autumn approaches, temperatures and hemlines drop. Starbucks' pumpkin spice latté returns, wafting its savory autumnal scents through the halls of LaFortune. For me, autumn always meant a ceramic casserole dish full of my mom's rich, creamy home-style cooking. Fall's festive foods warm the spirit and cheer the soul. Perhaps this down-on-the-farm dinner menu can serve as one small, savory reminder of your home away from the dome.

Main Course: Deep-Dish

Chicken'n'Noodles

Inspired by my summer as a waitress at Bob Evans, this dish always pleased customers. I know its creamy, succulent broth will entice you too! First, grab a plate bowl. Take a biscuit. Break it in half and place in the plate bowl. Scoop mashed potatoes on top of the biscuit. From the soup station, ladle Chicken-in-the-Pot soup on top. Enjoy!

Side Dish: Glazed Carrots

Dulcet and decadent, this side dish always sat beside a turkey or ham at our family's table. First, place steamed carrots in a bowl. Add a spoonful of brown

sugar, a dab of melted honey butter (found by the rolls in South Dining Hall), and a dash of cinnamon sugar (found by the bagels). If no steamed carrots are available, steam your own by adding a small amount of water, covering the bowl and microwaving.

Beverage: Spiced Apple Tea

First, steep hot tea in a tall glass, filling only half way. Next, add apple juice till full. Sprinkle in cinnamon sugar and microwave till hot. Be careful not to burn your tongue on this ambrosial autumn classic!

Dessert: Apple Pie a la Mode

First, scoop vanilla ice cream or frozen yogurt into a bowl. From the waffle bar, spoon warm spiced apples on top. Although this recipe relies on the waffle bar's fruit-of-the-day, warm cherries work just fine for a variation of this homey dessert classic. Sprinkle Cinnamon Toast Crunch on top for a whimsical crust. Finally, for added flair and flavor, drizzle caramel (found in the ice cream section) and cinnamon sugar on top. Close your eyes, take a bite, and remember the warm feeling of grandma's homemade pie.

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MLB

Rangers complete sweep of Tribe in shutout

Pujols' two home runs lead Cardinals past Brewers; Gonzalez's three RBIs pace Padre's victory over Giants

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Scott Feldman started the season in the bullpen. He'll end it as a Cy Young award candidate.

Feldman (16-4) pitched seven shutout innings, Esteban German went 5 for 5 and Marlon Byrd hit a three-run homer as the Texas Rangers beat the Cleveland Indians 10-0 on Wednesday, completing a three-game sweep within 24 hours.

Feldman tied New York's CC Sabathia and Detroit's Justin Verlander for the AL lead in victories despite not entering Texas' rotation until April 25. Verlander was scheduled to pitch Wednesday night at Kansas City.

Feldman allowed five hits and struck out five to win his eighth consecutive road start, a new club record. His 12 road victories this year are also a new team mark and tops in the AL.

"I think it's a pretty humbling game, so you can't get too high or low," Feldman said. "I just try to focus on my next start and stay prepared."

Feldman has been one of the biggest surprises in the AL after entering this season with a 7-13 career mark and a 4.97 ERA. He has allowed one earned run in his last four starts, going 4-0 with a 0.34 ERA.

"I know he's getting credit in Texas, I don't know if he's getting it other places," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "As long as he keeps winning ball games, I couldn't care less if he gets (attention) nationally. It'd be nice for Feldman, but it's all about us right now."

The victory assures Texas will keep pace with Boston in the AL wild card standings. The Rangers entered the day two games behind the Red Sox, who host Baltimore Wednesday night.

The Rangers, who started the day 4½ games behind the division-leading Angels, return home Friday to open a nine-game homestand against AL West opponents. Texas is 24-13 within the division this year.

"It's a big one," Washington said. "It's going to be a tough nine days. It's going to be huge."

The Rangers can only hope to hit the ball as well as they did against the Indians.

Even without sluggers Josh Hamilton and Michael Young, who are out with injuries,

Texas battered Cleveland pitching during Tuesday's doubleheader and then again on Wednesday. Indians starters Carlos Carrasco, Aaron Laffey and Carmona combined to give up 16 earned runs in just nine innings. The Rangers scored 31 runs on 48 hits, including seven homers, in the three games.

"We certainly have been looking for this to happen with our offense," Washington said. "I'm glad they're feeling good about themselves because it's been awhile since we really put some runs up. Hopefully this offense is finally putting it together."

Texas knocked out Tribe starter Fausto Carmona (3-10) with a five-run first inning, then added five more in the ninth. Three of the game's first four batters scored on Byrd's three-run homer, his second in as many nights.

Byrd, who had been 0 for 12 lifetime off Carmona, went 9 for 14 in the series with two homers and seven RBIs. Ivan Rodriguez also hit a two-run homer in the first inning and finished with three RBIs.

Carmona lasted just two-thirds of an inning, the shortest start of his career. He has battled with his mechanics this year, being demoted to rookie ball in June.

"Today was a step back" for Carmona, Indians manager Eric Wedge said. "That goes without saying. Today was not a good day."

Carmona left without speaking to reporters.

German more than doubled his batting average to .320 with his perfect day at the plate. The five hits are a new career high after he entered with three hits for the season.

It marked the first time Texas swept a series in Cleveland since 1992. Texas improved to 8-1 against the Indians this year.

Cardinals 5, Brewers 1

Albert Pujols hit two home runs for a majors-leading 47 and Adam Wainwright picked up his 18th win with seven scoreless innings in the St. Louis Cardinals' victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Wednesday.

Wainwright struck out six and scattered five hits to become the first pitcher this season to 18 wins and Pujols powered the offense with his homers in the fifth and sev-



Rangers outfielder Julio Borbon slides safely into third base under the tag of Indians third baseman Jhonny Peralta in the first inning of Texas' 10-0 victory Wednesday.

enth innings to complete a three-game sweep of the Brewers.

But St. Louis got a scare when Matt Holliday tumbled running out a grounder in the third and left with a bruised left knee.

The Cardinals have won 25 of their last 31 overall, and are well on their way to a fourth NL Central title in six years behind Pujols, Holliday, Wainwright (18-7) and Chris Carpenter.

All the enthusiasm could be tempered if Holliday misses any time.

St. Louis is 32-11 since acquiring Holliday on July 24 from Oakland and he's hitting .360 with 12 homers and 42 RBIs for the Cardinals. He stumbled in the third inning after passing first base on a routine grounder and stayed in the game in left field for two innings before being pulled as precaution.

Wainwright couldn't match Carpenter's one-hit shutout in Monday's opener, but the right-hander was sharp after allowing six runs in his previous appearance to snap a streak of 13 straight with two runs or less.

St. Louis made sure Wainwright had the lead from the start after Holliday's sacrifice fly in the first when Brewers starter Jeff Suppan (6-9) walked Colby Rasmus and allowed a single to Pujols

to put runners on the corners.

In the fifth, Wainwright doubled and scored on a triple by Rasmus before Pujols' two-run homer made it 4-0. Pujols sprinted around the bases, hardly stopping to greet teammates at the plate, and ran into the dugout to celebrate there.

He'd have more to cheer about in the seventh with a solo shot to left-center field that gave St. Louis a 5-0 lead and increased his RBI total to 124, one behind Milwaukee's Prince Fielder for most in the majors this season.

Milwaukee squandered its only chance against Wainwright in the bottom of the fifth. With runners on the corners and two outs, Wainwright struck out pinch hitter Casey McGehee, who broke his bat over his knee in frustration.

Felipe Lopez homered in the eighth off Trevor Miller, but the Brewers scored just 10 runs total in this 1-5 homestand.

Padres 4, Giants 2

Adrian Gonzalez hit his career-high 37th homer and drove in three runs, helping the San Diego Padres beat the San Francisco Giants Wednesday.

Wade LeBlanc (2-1) pitched a career-best seven innings to win his second straight start.

Gonzalez connected for a two-run shot in the third. Oscar Salazar also homered for the Padres, who have won 10 of their last 13 series.

Andres Torres hit a two-run homer for the Giants. The NL wild-card contenders have lost three of their last four.

Barry Zito (9-12) gave up three runs on six hits over five innings. He lost his fourth straight decision to the Padres.

LeBlanc allowed two runs on four hits. He retired 11 straight before walking the first two batters of the eighth.

Luke Gregerson, who earned his first major league win Tuesday night, came on to get pinch hitter Kevin Frandsen to pop up a bunt attempt, struck out pinch hitter Eugenio Velez and retired Freddy Sanchez on a pop-up.

Heath Bell pitched the ninth for his 37th save in 40 chances, matching St. Louis closer Ryan Franklin for the NL lead.

The Padres took a 1-0 lead in the first when Everth Cabrera beat out an infield single, stole second, went to third on a passed ball and scored on a single by Gonzalez.

Torres' third home run in the third brought the Giants within 3-2 but they never seriously threatened again until the eighth.

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Somebody please write in something inflammatory for the Viewpoint so we can finally have some controversy to read about.

I got guitars, basses, amplifiers and drums,

Accordians and mandolins and things that sometimes hum,

Cymbals and harmonicas, capos by the score, And lots of things in boxes laying all around the floor.

AROUND THE NATION

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NSCAA/adidas Division I Men's Soccer Top 25

team	record	points
1 Akron	2-0-0	506
2 Wake Forest	2-0-1	498
3 North Carolina	2-0-1	480
4 St. John's (N.Y.)	1-0-1	470
5 Creighton	1-0-1	382
6 UC Santa Barbara	3-0-0	381
7 Maryland	1-1-0	376
8 South Florida	2-0-0	329
9 UC Irvine	2-0-0	309
10 NOTRE DAME	1-1-1	303
11 California	1-1-0	291
12 Indiana	0-1-1	285
13 Dartmouth	2-0-0	241
14 Boston U.	1-0-1	237
15 UCLA	1-1-0	222
16 Virginia	2-0-0	220
17 Louisville	2-0-0	178
18 North Carolina St.	3-0-0	140
19 Duke	3-0-0	115
20 Michigan St.	1-0-1	114
21 Tulsa	1-1-1	108
22 Northwestern	0-0-1	89
23 San Francisco	2-0-0	83
24 Monmouth	3-0-0	65
25 Connecticut	1-1-0	61

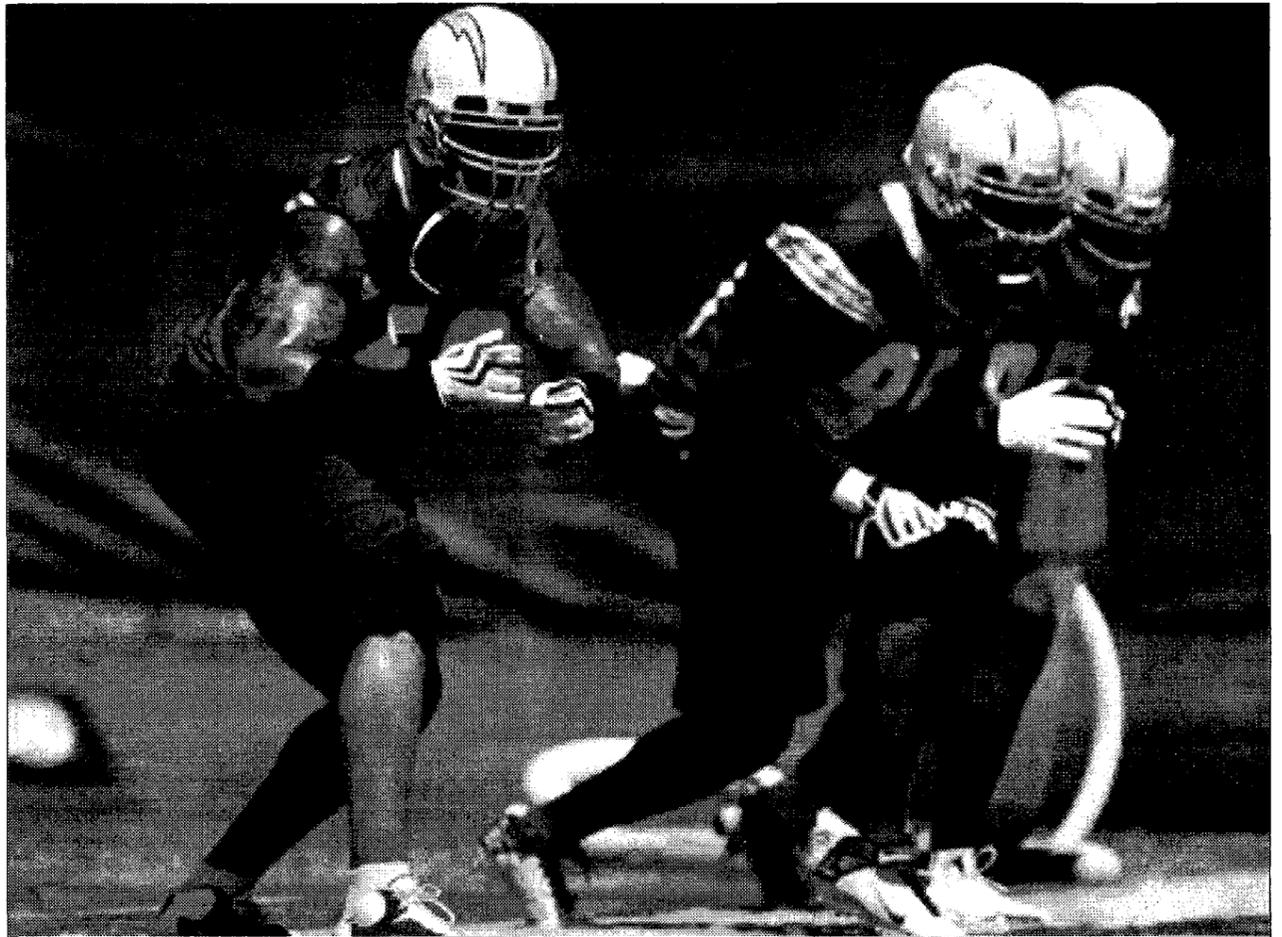
NSCAA/adidas Division I Women's Soccer Top 25

team	record	points
1 North Carolina	5-0-0	825
2 Portland	5-0-0	781
3 Stanford	5-0-0	756
4 Florida State	5-0-0	726
5 NOTRE DAME	3-1-0	663
6 UCLA	3-1-1	646
7 Purdue	4-0-0	558
8 Wake Forest	6-0-0	521
9 Virginia	3-1-1	515
10 Boston College	4-0-0	465
11 Illinois	3-1-1	442
12 West Virginia	2-1-2	414
13 Texas A&M	3-2-0	365
14 Florida	3-2-0	340
15 Georgia	4-0-1	294
16 California	3-1-0	293
17 Rutgers	4-0-1	270
18 South Carolina	4-0-0	217
19 Oklahoma State	3-1-0	186
20 Colorado	3-2-0	183

Bison/AVCA Division I Women's Volleyball Top 15

team	previous
1 Penn State	1
2 Texas	2
3 Washington	3
4 Florida	5
5 Nebraska	6
6 Hawaii	4
7 Michigan	7
8 UCLA	9
9 Minnesota	13
10 Stanford	11
11 Iowa State	12
12 Oregon	14
13 California	10
14 Illinois	8
15 Southern California	16

NFL



Chargers linebacker Shawne Merriman, left, runs a drill with teammates during a practice in San Diego Monday. Merriman was arrested on suspicion of choking girlfriend and reality TV star Tila Tequila.

District Attorney to review Merriman's case

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The District Attorney's Office on Wednesday began reviewing accusations of domestic violence that reality TV star Tila Tequila brought against star linebacker Shawne Merriman of the San Diego Chargers.

The DA will review reports from the San Diego County Sheriff's Department and decide if the player known as "Lights Out" will be charged.

Merriman was arrested early Sunday after Tequila accused him of choking and throwing her to the ground while she was trying to leave his home in

suburban Poway. Tequila signed a citizen's arrest warrant accusing Merriman of battery and false imprisonment. Both are felonies.

Spokesman Paul Levikow said the DA's office can charge Merriman, reject the accusations or refer them to the San Diego City Attorney's Office for consideration as misdemeanors.

Tequila Nguyen, is best known for "A Shot at Love with Tila Tequila," which ran for two seasons on MTV. The bisexual dating show featured men and women vying for Tequila's affections. She has also modeled for Playboy and other men's magazines.

Merriman and his attorney, Todd Macaluso, have said they expect him to be vindicated. Merriman issued a statement Sunday denying wrongdoing and saying he was trying to keep Tequila from leaving his home because she appeared to be intoxicated.

"I in no way caused any harm to Ms. Nguyen, however, paramedics were called and she was examined but no injuries were reported," Merriman's statement read.

On Tuesday night, Merriman's explanation "spin" and predicted it would be discredited.

"It is never justifiable to brutally assault, choke,

strike and imprison a woman," attorney Alan S. Gutman wrote. "Once the truth is fully revealed, Mr. Merriman's fantastic story of how he was trying to keep Ms. Tequila safe will be completely discredited."

Gutman didn't return calls seeking comment Wednesday. Merriman and Macaluso said they had no further comment.

When Merriman bailed out of jail on Sunday, a court appearance was scheduled for next Tuesday.

If no charges are filed, that appearance will be removed from the court calendar, Levikow said. If the DA's office hasn't decided by then, the appearance will be rescheduled.

IN BRIEF

Perjury charges filed against two Broncos players

DENVER — Perjury charges have been filed against two men who police say were in an SUV when it was used in the drive-by shooting death of Denver Broncos cornerback Darrent Williams.

An indictment made public this week alleges Mario Anderson, 22, and Katarina "Markie" Jackson-Keeling, 21, lied to a grand jury. Each faces charges of perjury and attempting to influence a public servant.

Neither has been charged with shooting Williams, who was killed on New Year's Day 2007.

Twenty-six-year-old Willie Clark has been charged with first-degree murder and other crimes in Williams' death. Investigators are still pursuing a suspected second shooter.

The indictment was unsealed on Friday, but prosecutors waited until this week to release the public document because Jackson-Keeling had not yet been arrested.

Ripken '8' monument stolen, recovered by police

BALTIMORE — As if things weren't bad enough for the Baltimore Orioles, who just clinched their 12th consecutive losing season: On Wednesday, a temporary fence and police tape surrounded the spot that had been occupied by a monument to one of the team's all-time greats, Cal Ripken.

The large aluminum No. 8 outside the Camden Yards ballpark was stolen Tuesday night by four young men who were arrested about two hours later, Baltimore police said. The monument was recovered.

Surveillance cameras captured video of the men removing the 4-foot monument and placing it in the bed of a pickup truck, police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said.

Police put out an all-points bulletin, and the men were arrested in east Baltimore after officers responding to a disorderly conduct report spotted the object in the truck bed, Guglielmi said.

Plans for new NBA arena in Brooklyn announced

NEW YORK — With just months to go until a critical financing deadline, the developer trying to move the New Jersey Nets to Brooklyn unveiled a revamped design for the team's new arena Wednesday.

The latest plans for the Barclays Center call for a domed, irregularly shaped arena with glass walls wrapped in two bands of brownish weathered steel.

In drawings and models, the woven steel bands give the building the appearance of being covered in wicker.

People arriving for basketball games or concerts will enter the building beneath a huge overhang that cantilevers over a public plaza. Some glimpses of the interior stadium bowl and the scoreboard will be visible from the street.

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NFL

Sanchez calls first game a 'must win'

Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Mark Sanchez is approaching his regular-season debut for the New York Jets with a slight sense of desperation.

"This is a must win for us," the rookie quarterback said after practice Wednesday. "That's the way we feel, and it's going to be like that every week."

What's a little more pressure added to an already hyped-up season opener for the new face of the franchise, right?

"This first game," Sanchez said, "we just want to get things started off right."

The Jets take on the Texans at Houston on Sunday, and Sanchez realizes he's in for a rude welcome to the NFL.

"I know Houston feels the same way," Sanchez said. "They are tough to play at home, they're rowdy, they're tough, they're loud and we need to prepare for that. It's going to be a fun atmosphere and I'm excited to be a part of it."

Sanchez will have several family members in the stands at Reliant Stadium to witness him become the first rookie quarterback in Jets history to start a season.

"Prior to the game, hopefully it won't be too emotional because I'll just be excited and hopefully that'll be done by warmups," Sanchez said. "After that, it'll be snapping into game mode and getting my focus down and really honing into my keys."

The Texans' defense has also seen what made Sanchez so coveted in the draft.

"When you watch him on film, he's made some good plays moving around the pocket," linebacker DeMeco Ryans said. "He's a good player. We want to put the ball in his hands and make him beat us."

Coach Rex Ryan selected Sanchez as his starting quarterback two weeks ago, raving about his solid mental makeup — something the rookie has maintained even as he prepares for his first NFL start.

"You guys know, you guys have seen him," Ryan said. "He's the same guy, and that's a good thing. Be yourself, be consistent. He's going to do just fine."

Sanchez's teammates also believe that about their young offensive leader.

"Once he was named starter, he turned it up a notch," running back Leon Washington said. "You could even see it today in practice, the leadership skills he has been developing this entire preseason. I know in the back of my mind that he's a rookie and he's going to make mistakes, but this guy carries himself like a veteran already. I look forward to him to go out there and be special for us."

Wide receiver Jerricho Cotchery, expected to be one of Sanchez's primary targets, saw a lot of the quarterback on television in college at Southern California.

"He was very relaxed in every game I saw him play," Cotchery said. "He was just having fun out there and just making a lot of plays. He's a very talented guy, a true leader and a guy who's going to make plays, so just do your thing out there. It's no different from college."

Sanchez played well in the preseason, starting three games and working out any potential rookie jitters.

"I think the preseason helps with a lot of that," he said. "I know as soon as that game starts, I'll be more excited than nervous, I think. Excited to be out there, playing again and starting the season up. It's important to me. I want it to go right and I want to win. We'll see what happens."

Sanchez hasn't lacked confidence since being drafted by the Jets fifth overall in April following a trade with Cleveland. Like his brash head coach, Sanchez has been unafraid to say what's on his mind and point out what he's doing well — along with what he needs to improve.

"I think I learned a lot of that from growing up and having to go up against my brothers in everything," said Sanchez, the youngest of three boys. "I never wanted to show my brothers that I was hurt or I was tired or they were just kicking my butt in basketball, football or baseball, or anything."

One of the biggest areas Sanchez thinks he has improved is his ability to eliminate dwelling on negative plays.

"When I miss a play I know I had, I'm the first one yelling at myself and I have an ugly face on and I'm disappointed. But at the same point, this team doesn't need that. There's no time to go back to another play because you've got another third down coming up."

"If you miss a play on second down, forget it because if you're not ready on third down, you're going to miss that one and then we're punting."

As he reflected on his rise from college star to NFL starter, Sanchez credited Ryan for helping him make what so far has been a smooth transition.

"When it's football and it's serious, there's no doubt what he wants and what he expects from you," Sanchez said. "He expects your best every time. As soon as that play is over or as soon as practice is over, he's back to Rex, who's a good, ol' guy."

"He drives a pickup truck. He's awesome. He's everything you'd want in a coach."

U.S. OPEN

Oudin's run ends in quarterfinals

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Melanie Oudin's magical U.S. Open is over.

Even the comeback kid couldn't overturn this deficit.

Showing signs of shakiness in her first Grand Slam quarterfinal, the 17-year-old Oudin got off to a slow start against No. 9-seeded Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark and never really recovered, losing 6-2, 6-2 Wednesday night.

"This has been a great experience for me. I had a great run here," the 70th-ranked Oudin told the crowd of 23,881 during an on-court interview right after the match, an honor usually reserved for the winner. "I hope to come back next year and do even better."

It'll be hard to top her 2009 U.S. Open.

She upset four more established players — including three-time major champion Maria Sharapova and Beijing Olympic gold medalist Elena Dementieva — to become the youngest quarterfinalist at Flushing Meadows since Serena Williams in 1999.

Making the story even better: Oudin's last three victories each came after dropping the first set. But Wednesday's start was quite inauspicious: She lost 14 of the first 18 points under the bright lights in the big city.

With "BELIEVE" stamped in all capital letters on the heels of her pink-and-yellow sneakers — and, up in the player guest box, her twin sister and coach wearing black T-shirts bearing that word, too — the 5-foot-6 Oudin certainly never gave up.

Her groundstrokes let her down, though.

Oudin made 43 unforced errors, 23 more than Wozniacki. A relative veteran by comparison, the 19-year-old Wozniacki leads the women's tour in match victories this season.

"I'm sorry that I won against Melanie today," Wozniacki told the partisan fans, some of whom cheered when she double-faulted. "I know that many

of you wanted Melanie to win."

Now the Dane will play her first Grand Slam semifinal against another 19-year-old, Yanina Wickmayer of Belgium. The 50th-ranked Wickmayer — never before past the second round at a major tournament — beat Kateryna Bondarenko of Ukraine 7-5, 6-4.

The other women's semifinal Friday features two far more familiar names: defending champion Serena Williams against 2005 champion Kim Clijsters.

Never intimidated by the hostile crowd, Wozniacki was backed by her own cheering section of about 15 strong. Their applause and yells of encouragement were quite audible in a mostly empty Arthur Ashe Stadium as Oudin's error count mounted in the early going. It took less than 10 minutes for Wozniacki to seize a 3-0 lead, cleverly constructing points.

After many of her mistakes, Oudin would walk to the edge of the court, her back to the net, and fiddle with her strings. When she did find success with her deep groundstrokes, many of which landed right near the baseline, Oudin would turn toward Mom with a raised fist and a yell of "Come on!"

This was, don't forget, Wozniacki's first major quarterfinal, too, yet she only really showed some nerves after already leading 5-1. She missed a backhand, then a forehand, and later double-faulted to get broken for the only time. Still, Wozniacki righted herself right away, breaking back to take the set when Oudin missed a backhand.

To no one's surprise, Oudin made bids to make things interesting in the second set.

At 1-1, Oudin held two break points — and pushed a forehand return of a 71 mph second serve wide, then sailed a forehand long. Then, at 2-all, Oudin again earned two break points — and sent a backhand wide on the first, then a fore-

hand long on the second.

And that, essentially, was that. Wozniacki won that game and each of the next four.

In men's action Wednesday, No. 4-seeded Novak Djokovic reached the U.S. Open semifinals for the third consecutive year, beating No. 10 Fernando Verdasco of Spain 7-6 (2), 1-6, 7-5, 6-2.

Djokovic, the 2008 Australian Open champion, lost to Roger Federer in the 2007 final and the 2008 semifinals at Flushing Meadows.

He could meet Federer again this year: After the Oudin-Wozniacki match, Federer faced No. 12 Robin Soderling in the quarterfinals, with the winner facing Djokovic.

While so much of the focus around these parts has been on Oudin, Wickmayer's story is quite intriguing and inspiring.

When she was 9, her mother died of cancer, and little Yanina set out to find a fresh start, researching tennis academies on the Internet before settling on one in Florida.

Talk about precocious, ambitious and adventurous: Yanina had only recently started playing tennis. Neither she nor her father spoke English.

But this is what had to be done.

Her father closed his pool construction company in Belgium, and relatives supported the pair financially while they lived in Florida for 2½ years.

"He just gave everything up for me," Yanina said. "He just left. He listened to a girl that was 9 years old and left his life, left his dreams. I'm always going to respect him for that."

Marc Wickmayer was in the Arthur Ashe Stadium stands Wednesday, watching his daughter play the biggest match of her career — and win it.

"I have no words for what he's done," Yanina said. "There is no way of thanking him in any way for what he did, but I hope with my semis here this week, I can show him that I really thank him for everything."



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NHL

Bankrupt Coyotes' fate to be decided on Friday

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Fittingly, the fight for what's left of the Phoenix Coyotes has been narrowed to Canadian billionaire James Balsillie against the National Hockey League.

They have, after all, been the chief antagonists in this twisted tale played out with a large cast of high-priced lawyers in U.S. Bankruptcy Court over the past four months.

Balsillie's company, PSE, and the NHL are the lone bidders on

record for an auction before Judge Redfield T. Baum on Thursday and Friday.

The chief issue facing the judge, who has studiously avoided any precedent-setting decisions thus far, is whether he should overrule the NHL's overwhelming rejection of Balsillie as an owner and allow the Canadian to move the team to Hamilton, Ontario.

A third potential bidder, Ice Edge Holdings, formally pulled out of contention on Wednesday but hinted it may try to buy the

team later.

The proposed agenda for the two-day auction includes, on Thursday, cross-examination and redirect questioning of various experts who filed declarations supporting one side or the other.

Things get more interesting on Friday when Balsillie and NHL commissioner Gary Bettman are to be subject to questioning under oath by the attorneys.

Then, presumably, Baum will award the team to somebody.

Almost certainly, that won't be the end of it. If Balsillie gets the

team, the NHL has vowed an immediate appeal and will seek a stay of the sale. Balsillie says he probably would appeal if loses.

The Canadian, who lists his personal wealth at \$3 billion, upped his bid on Tuesday to \$242.5 million when he offered the city of Glendale \$50 million to end its objections to the sale. Since the season opener is three weeks away, Balsillie said he might need to play a few games in Glendale before he can complete the cross-continent move to

Hamilton.

The NHL says such a move at this late date is out of the question.

The league, citing concerns that there may be no other bidder in the competition, made its own offer of \$140 million at the last minute. The league says it would resell the team outside the bankruptcy proceedings and give any net profit to the creditors. The NHL still says its first preference is to find a buyer to keep the team in Glendale, but if that doesn't happen, the league will seek to relocate the franchise.

Ice Edge issued a statement on Wednesday that it was withdrawing because of the inability to reach a new lease agreement with the city of Glendale.

That is the same reason given by a group headed by Chicago sports mogul Jerry Reinsdorf when it pulled out last week.

Ice Edge, made up of a group of Canadian and American investors, had said it would spend up to \$150 million to buy the team and keep it in Glendale. The group, whose supporters included Wayne Gretzky, wanted to play five games in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

"We continue to strongly believe in the potential of the Phoenix Coyotes for the long term in Glendale," Ice Edge said, "and therefore we will be examining our options after the conclusion of the bankruptcy auction process."

Bettman said in a declaration Tuesday that Ice Edge was pulling out of the competition. But Anthony LeBlanc, the Ice Edge CEO, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that his company and the city had additional talks Tuesday night and Wednesday morning to try to reach a deal.

"We just came to a collective decision that it just wasn't going to be possible to get this done in time for the bankruptcy auction," LeBlanc said.

The court proceedings will be conducted with the status of Gretzky under a cloud of uncertainty. The NHL's offer would reject the contract of Gretzky to coach the team at a salary of \$8.5 million in the coming season.

Meanwhile, the Coyotes are set to open training camp on Saturday with the first preseason game next Tuesday.

The number of documents filed in the case has approached 1,000 with several of the sticky issues yet to be resolved.

At the top of that list is whether the judge should overrule the 26-0 vote by the NHL's board of governors rejecting Balsillie as an owner, saying he is untrustworthy.

Balsillie also wants the judge to set a reasonable relocation fee since the league says it need not act on moving the team because the issue is moot now that the Canadian has been turned down as an owner.

Still, the NHL offered two studies that put a proposed relocation fee at between \$101 million and \$195 million. A study for Balsillie by an economics professor puts the amount at \$11.2 million to \$12.9 million.

"I respect the NHL and honor its rules and processes," Balsillie said in a declaration filed on Tuesday. "I have no interest in undermining the league's rules or processes and have never had an intention to do so. I only ask that the NHL's constitution and by-laws be fairly applied to me."

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NFL

Roethlisberger rejects settlement

Associated Press

CARSON CITY — The attorney for Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger on Wednesday rejected a settlement offer by a Nevada woman who claims the Super Bowl champion sexually assaulted her at a Lake Tahoe hotel-casino.

The rejection was in response to a letter, filed last week as part of a motion from Cal Dunlap, the woman's Reno attorney, that said she would be willing to settle the civil matter against Roethlisberger if he admits to raping her, apologizes and gives \$100,000 to the Committee to Aid Abused Women, a non-profit agency in Reno that helps victims of domestic violence.

In a written statement, Roethlisberger attorney David Cornwell called the woman's offer "bizarre" and an "insult to women who have legitimately suffered from sexual misconduct."

Last month, they demanded she drop the lawsuit and write a letter of apology to the NFL star. In return, Roethlisberger would release both the woman and Dunlap from any legal liability stemming from the "conspiracy to extort and defame" him.

Those demands have been rejected by the woman, Dunlap said in his letter. It added that her settlement offer was made to negate claims by the quarterback's attorneys that she filed her suit to get money from him.

Dunlap said the woman is a sexual assault victim who "was violated in every sense of the term."

Dunlap refused further comment when contacted Wednesday.

Cornwell countered that the woman was given the option for a "graceful exit."

"We will continue to press our defenses and claims and pursue our application for sanctions," he said.

In other developments, the case in Washoe District Court has been reassigned to another judge, the third since the case was filed. District Judge Brent Adams will consider pending motions on whether the case should be moved to Douglas County. Depending on that ruling, he also would decide various other motions, including whether the case should proceed or be dismissed, attorneys said.

No hearings have been scheduled.

The woman, a VIP casino hostess, filed the civil suit against Roethlisberger in July, claiming the Super Bowl-winning quarterback raped her in 2008 in a hotel penthouse across the street from a golf course where he

was playing in a celebrity tournament.

The AP, as a matter of policy, does not identify people who say they have been sexually assaulted.

In other documents filed late Tuesday, Dunlap said the woman was stationed as a concierge on the 17th floor on July 11, 2008, when Roethlisberger returned to his room with a young woman. About 20 minutes later, he walked that woman to the elevator, then stopped by the concierge desk and chatted with staff, including

his accuser.

A few minutes later, the documents said, Roethlisberger reportedly called the woman and asked her if she could fix his television. The woman said the television was working properly and that Roethlisberger then blocked her from leaving and

assaulted her.

In the same filing, Dunlap also said the woman told her roommate and others of the encounter soon after the alleged attack and in the months that followed.

She did not report the incident to police, something advocates for rape victims say is not unusual.

Roethlisberger has denied the allegations.

Dunlap late Tuesday also countered suggestions by Roethlisberger's lawyers that the woman is mentally ill.

"It is in fact their slanderous allegations and total trashing of every aspect of her life, relevant or not, that adds to her distress," he wrote. "But, despite this horrible barrage of unwarranted defamation, this woman has held her head high, has gone into the den of the defendants and has continued to do her job without fail under the most egregious circumstances possible.

"This is something that a mentally ill person would certainly not be able to carry off."

The civil suit also names eight Harrah's officials as defendants, alleging they orchestrated a cover-up of the incident. The suit says she suffered depression, was hospitalized and forced to take leave from her job in the year after the incident.

In previous court documents, the attorney for hotel security chief Guy Hyder and other Harrah's defendants said the woman kept him "informed with running e-mail commentary about her plan to have sex with Roethlisberger."

"Hyder did not report it to management, since having consensual sex with a hotel patron, while on the job, would get her fired," the motion said.

"It is in fact their slanderous allegations and total trashing of every aspect of her life, relevant or not, that adds to her distress."

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is the players who don't care about the depth charts because they figure they're going to come in here and play well enough they're going to move by people, and that was his attitude. Jonas didn't care who was here."

And now Gray will have the opportunity to shine in front of a hometown crowd. The Detroit-area native carried nine times for 50 yards in the opener, showing a burst Irish fans didn't see quite as often during Gray's freshman campaign in limited action.

With Hughes — who seems built more like a fullback than

Aldridge — thrown into the mix now, the backfield rotation will offer combinations of power and speed that Notre Dame has lacked in recent years.

As for Weis' concerns about Hughes filling in at the fullback position?

When asked at his press conference Tuesday whether Hughes had any experience as a fullback, Weis effectively brushed off the question.

"Uh huh," Weis said. And that was the end of it.

Moral of the story? Notre Dame's backfield, even with position movement and injuries, should be pretty darn good.

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NFL

Quinn leading Browns QB race

Still no official word from Mangini about Saturday's starter



Cleveland quarterback Brady Quinn prepares to throw during the Browns' preseason win over the Titans. A Cleveland Plain Dealer report said Quinn will start in the opener against Minnesota.

Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Derek Anderson stood in the middle of the media huddle in Cleveland's locker room and then stepped aside for Brady Quinn.

Perhaps for good. The mystery surrounding Browns coach Eric Mangini's choice as his starting quarterback became somewhat clearer on Wednesday when Quinn and Anderson were forced to answer questions about their recently completed competition — a battle that carried through training camp and the exhibition season.

Anderson was asked if it would be difficult to keep the starting QB a secret until Sunday's kickoff of the season opener against the Minnesota Vikings.

"No," Anderson said, "because after this next two minutes are over I'm not going to be talking to you guys. It's pretty easy. Obviously, the rest of us have to go about our regular preparations and continue to do what we always do and just not talk to our families."

By "the rest of us" Anderson seemed to mean the Browns backups, a group it looks as if he belongs to once again.

Mangini met with his quarterbacks on Tuesday night, told them who would start and explained the reasons for his decision. He said both handled the situation with class.

"They both took it exactly the way I expected them to take it—as pros, as good teammates," Mangini said. "It was really not surprising."

Quinn has been favored all along to win the starting job, and although it now appears to be his, the former first-round pick is playing along with Mangini's wishes to guard his secret and keep the Vikings guessing.

Quinn confirmed that he and Anderson met with Mangini, but said they weren't told who would take the season's first snaps from center.

"He talked to us about it, but he hasn't told us anything about a final decision for us," Quinn said. Those seem to be carefully chosen words since Mangini said he told his quarterbacks which one would open up against Brett Favre and the Vikings.

Mangini said he did feel the need to make an announcement to Cleveland's other players.

"I think they'll be able to figure it out," he said.

It seems everyone is figuring it out.

By the time the Browns finished practice, word was beginning to leak that Quinn, who made three starts last season, was the winner.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer, citing an anonymous league source, reported Quinn will start the opener.

Even Buffalo Bills wide receiver Terrell Owens (notes) offered Quinn congratulations on his Twitter page, posting: Congrats 2 Brady Quinn 4 starting job w/Cleveland Browns!!

Vikings cornerback Antoine Winfield (notes) shrugged off Mangini's cloak and dagger routine.

"It doesn't make a difference to me," he said. "I'm going to go home and watch film on Quinn and Anderson. It might just take me an extra half-hour at home to watch what they like to do, but nah, it doesn't bother me. I don't really pay attention to it."

In the past, quarterback controversies have divided teams — even good ones. The Browns, who collapsed under huge expectations

last season, are hoping to remain united as long as possible.

"We've got to stay together," running back Jamal Lewis said. "We can't really worry about that or concentrate on that. We have to concentrate on what we have to do and our job and what we're trying to accomplish no matter who's in there."

"After this next two minutes are over I'm not going to be talking to you guys."

Derek Anderson
Browns quarterback

During the 30 minutes of practice open to the media, there was no way to tell if Quinn or Anderson had taken over Cleveland's offense.

After stretching, Quinn worked with the running backs and Anderson threw to the wide receivers. Reporters were asked to leave before the team began 11-on-11 drills.

Mangini doesn't feel that asking his players to keep the Vikings — and everyone else — guessing the identity of Cleveland's starter puts them in a difficult situation.

"I don't think anybody is in an awkward spot of trying to maintain a competitive advantage," Mangini said. "We all do that, and that's all of our goals, trying to do everything we need to do to win the game on Sunday."

The competition between Anderson, a Pro Bowler in 2007, and Quinn went down to the wire. They finished with similar statistics, but Quinn may have gotten the nod after completing 11 of 15 passes and throwing a touchdown in the third exhibition game against Tennessee.

Mangini kept both players out of last week's preseason finale in Chicago.

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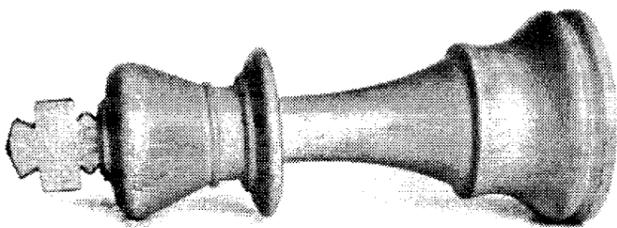
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leading scores in both conference and national competition, last spring as well as so far this fall.

In her first competition with the Belles at the Southwestern Invitational in Georgetown, Texas, Boyce came out strong with an 86 to tie for 11th place with two other golfers. In the second day of competition, she led the Belles to second in the competition, shooting the lowest round of the day for all golfers in the event with a 77. She finished second overall with a combined score of 163.

Boyce's domination on the course only continued as she

finished in a tie for second with an 80 at the MIAA's first qualifier for the NCAA tournament. Along with teammate Emily Gore, Boyce helped to lead Saint Mary's to come out on top over then-No.11 Olivet.

Boyce continued her strong season throughout the spring, placing in the top five for the Belles and in the top ten of every competition. In the second round of the NCAA qualifier, she shared medalist honors with a score of 80 for the day, and led the Belles to another first place finish. In the third round, Boyce shot an 85, tying her for ninth for the day behind three of her Saint Mary's teammates, and winning the Belles the spot at the NCAA Division III Championships.

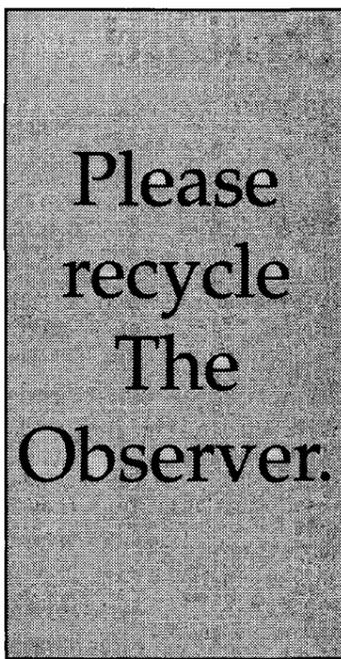
In the first of the four days of NCAA competition in Port Saint Lucie, Fla., Saint Mary's was tied for fifth place of the 21 teams after entering the competition at No. 17. Boyce personally shot a 79, tying her for 19th at the start. The second day of competition saw the Belles move into a tie for 12th, and Boyce sharing the 39th place spot with teammate Natalie Matuszak after she shot an 86. In the third day, Boyce moved into a tie for 40th as she shot an 83 and Saint Mary's moved into 10th. She shot an 87 on the last day of competition to help the Belles hold onto 10th overall, and give her a 335 for the four rounds and her first national competition.

Boyce's domination on the

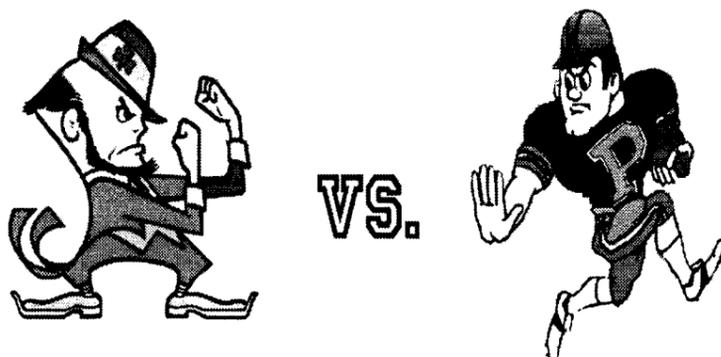
green carried over from the spring to this fall's competition. In Saint Mary's first day of MIAA competition this season, Boyce shot a 79, putting her in seventh place after the first day of competition in the Trine University Fall Invitational. In the second day, Boyce shot an 81 for the round, bringing her to a 160 for the weekend and overall ninth place, second for the Belles behind freshman Martyna Mierzwa.

Boyce and the Belles will play in the O'Brien Division III Championship at the Warren Golf Course at Notre Dame this Sunday and Monday, where she'll look once again to show her strength on the course.

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en route, the team settled into their lodging in the town of Shannon. After enjoying a breakfast that included some unique local cuisine, some sightseeing and a team-improvised rendition of "The Sound of Music" in the green hills, the golfers got down to business.

The squad tackled Waterville in their first round of golf in Ireland. Since opening in 1973, many elite professionals have found their way to the Waterville course, including Ernie Els, Jim Furyk, Mark O'Meara and Tiger Woods, all of whom prepared there for the 1998 British Open, which O'Meara eventually captured.

"The course itself is indescribable. This links-style course was right along the water with breathtaking views on every hole," senior Annie Brophy said. "One of my favorite holes, number 12, was deemed the 'Mass Hole' because in the 18th century when Catholics were being persecuted, the Irish would gather in a small vale to hold Mass in secret. It's incredible to be visiting Ireland as an Irish Catholic attending an Irish Catholic school. The history is unbelievable and it is truly a blessing to be here."

On the next day, the team took on the Old Course of Tralee in the only competitive round of the trip. The Tralee Golf Club in southwestern Ireland is known as one of the

most spectacularly beautiful golf courses in the world. The Notre Dame golfers duelled an assembled group of college-aged male and female members of Tralee.

"The views were truly incredible," sophomore Katie Allare said. "Across the water, we could see blankets of clouds hugging the mountain-side, and, although everything looked incredibly tranquil, it was maybe the windiest day I've ever spent on the golf course. I could see my ball wobbling back and forth as I prepared to putt, and there were times when my caddy had me aiming thirty yards left of the green."

On their third day of play, the Irish traveled to the Killarney Golf & Fishing Club. Nestled amidst the splendor of the Lakes of Killarney in the shadow of the majestic Macgillycuddy's Reeks mountain range, the Killeen Course is also rated amongst the world's top courses.

It is a fishing club as well as a golf course, and members are able to go out and fish on the lake. Members are allowed to catch one fish per day, and are then invite to cook and eat it with other members on an island in the lake's center.

The following day, the Irish took to the famed Old Head Golf Links, which is considered one of the most remarkable developments in the history of golf. Situated on cliffs overlooking the Atlantic, with views unrivaled in terms of drama and beauty, the course rises hundreds of feet above the coast and is surrounded

by the ocean on all sides. Eight of the holes play immediately upon the cliff tops, providing a thrilling test of skill and focus.

"The views at Old Head were an experience of a lifetime," junior So-Hyun Park said. "The entire course is basically surrounded by the ocean and every tee box left us in awe."

The Irish rounded out the trip at the Old Course at the Ballybunion Golf Club. The course has been rated one of the top 10 golf courses in the world and is a true seaside links, meaning it is virtually treeless with a distinct lack of man-made influences.

"Ballybunion is an amazing golf course. It was challenging and fun to play ... of course it would have been more fun if I had been able to hit it a little straighter," senior Julie Kim said. "The wind started to pick up like crazy and the greens and holes all of a sudden became narrow and more difficult to play."

For Holt, the trip was everything she had hoped for, and more.

"This trip exceeded my expectations in every way," she said. "From the driver/tour guide that was with our group every mile, to the spectacular golf, breathtaking countryside and exceptional dining, this has been a trip of a lifetime for all of us that shared the experience."

The squad took a little time to enjoy the Irish culture and sights before trekking back to the States. Not only did the experience improve their team bonds, but the excellent golf should have them looking sharp when they head to East Lansing this weekend to open the competitive season.

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Dike

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Dike made a statement when he returned to the team in 2008, leading the team and the Big East in goals (12) and in total points (29). He was named first-team all-Big East as well as first team all-Great Lakes Region.

"I think it's actually better because he's had that extra year of maturity," Clark said. "He's coming back with that extra year and that always helps a player."

In his first game of 2009, a 5-0 Notre Dame win over Michigan, Dike had his first hat trick, scoring three consecutive goals in the second half.

"He's got confidence as a person, and as a player," Clark said. "I think when he came in he was just a big strong athlete and now he's a student of the game. Before, he used his natural abilities by chance. I think now he's really starting to develop a very good game."

Dike is a good student off the field as well — he finished his degree in Information Technology last spring and is now a graduate student taking classes in entrepreneurship.

"Hopefully the big man ends up with a few goals and once the regular season ends, we'll see where that's taken us."

Bobby Clark
Irish coach

Of course, Dike said he hopes his future lies in soccer.

"It is a long way from now, but my goal is to play soccer after [this season] if I can," he said. "Whether that be here or overseas, it doesn't matter. I know that I want to play soccer. It's always been my goal, even when I was in high school. I think this is one of the best schools that can help all the players do that. We have one of the best coaching staffs."

But in the immediate future, Dike is focused on the ambitions of the whole team.

"This season is one of our best opportunities," he said. "I think we've got a real-

ly strong team, and we can make a run for the championship — that's the goal."

Though Clark was more conservative in his predictions, he agreed that Dike will play a big part for the Irish in 2009.

"We're not thinking about how far we go yet," he said. "We're just at the stage of getting set, just taking one day at a time. Hopefully the big man ends up with a few goals and once the regular season ends, we'll see where that's taken us."

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Singles

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spot, along with Watt.

Watt and Havens were named as two of the top 100 players in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's preseason poll. Watt is No. 90 and Havens is No. 98.

Notre Dame's greatest asset, however, may be the one sitting on the sideline. Irish coach Bobby Bayliss, a two-time national coach of the year, brings a wealth of knowledge and a set of intangibles that every team needs to be successful at the collegiate level.

"As far as stroke instruction goes, you really can't beat him anywhere," Davis said. "From that aspect, just getting the most out of players' talent, that's his specialty. He also

develops a tight bond with the players, which goes a long way."

Yet in spite of the positive signs leading into this season's action, the Irish realize that they still have to prove their worth before they can silence the critics.

"We had a pretty disappointing end of the year last year and we lost Brett Helgeson, who was pretty much an automatic point most of the time," Havens said. "I think a lot of people are going to doubt how we are going to do this year. I think we have a lot to prove."

Havens and the Irish will face their first test of the season on Sept. 18 at the Olympia Fields CC Invitational, a three-day event that will feature 11 Irish players.

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Monday, Oct. 19 The Wiggles "Go Bananas! Live" Saturday, Oct. 24 Casting Crowns With Matt Redman Christian Concert Saturday, Oct. 31 South Bend Symphony Pops "Latin Exposure" with Tito Puente, Jr. Band	Monday, Nov. 2 Celtic Thunder Show Tuesday, Nov. 10 Tyler Perry's "Laugh to Keep from Crying" Saturday, Nov. 14 South Bend Symphony Orchestra Concert "Signature Strings" with Euclid Quartet
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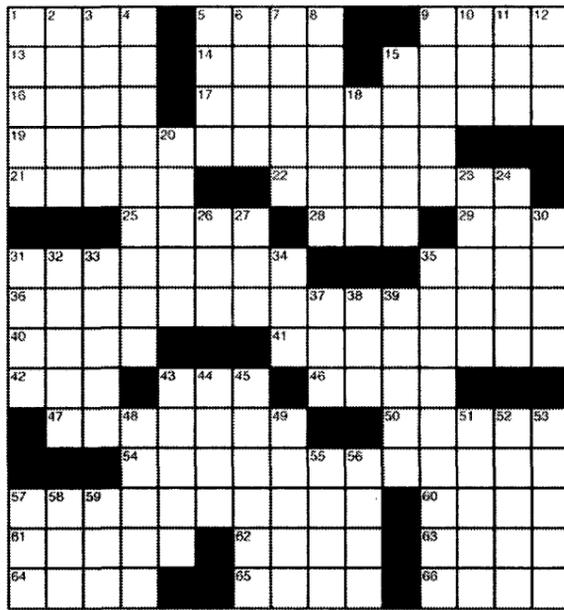
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CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- Across**
- 1 Commercial name that literally means "to the skies"
 - 5 Shouts while shaking pompoms
 - 9 Break
 - 13 "___ 18" (Leon Uris novel)
 - 14 "Law & Order: S.V.U." actor
 - 15 Insurance figure
 - 16 Opposite of hinder
 - 17 "Privilege
 - 19 "No matter
 - 21 Milch : German :: ___ : Italian
 - 22 Common seal
 - 25 Virgil described its "roar of frightful ruin"
 - 28 New Deal org.
- Down**
- 29 Use the answer to any of this puzzle's starred clues in ordinary conversation?
 - 31 "And so forth
 - 35 Lady of the Haus
 - 36 "Ways things are said
 - 40 All ___
 - 41 "Sign to look elsewhere
 - 42 Check out
 - 43 Comedian Margaret
 - 46 Some fund-raisers
 - 47 One side in Mideast talks
 - 50 Peak for Zeus, in Homer
 - 54 "Stumbled upon
 - 57 "As it's widely believed
 - 60 Morales of "NYPD Blue"
 - 61 Stocking caps, e.g.
- Down**
- 1 Modern letters
 - 2 Scales seen at night
 - 3 Ready
 - 4 Age range for most first-year college students
 - 5 TV host Kelly
 - 6 One-hit wonder?
 - 7 Range rovers
 - 8 Hot
 - 9 Much, slangily
 - 10 News inits.
 - 11 John
 - 12 Cause of some skin burns
 - 15 Conspirator against Caesar
 - 18 Backpack fill
 - 20 Really irk
 - 23 "Vive ___!"
 - 24 Coin with a laurel branch on the back
 - 26 Modern: Ger.
 - 27 Son of Prince Valiant
 - 30 Kennedy's secretary of state
 - 31 Individual and team event at the Olympics



Puzzle by Dan Naddor

- 32 Imaging lab output
- 33 Actor Feldman
- 34 Here, to Javier
- 35 Tournament favorite
- 37 Suffix with sex
- 38 Had
- 39 Juan's words of affection
- 43 Informal byes
- 44 Unlikely Oscar nominees
- 45 Without a break
- 48 Sales slips: Abbr.
- 49 New York hockey player
- 51 Put out
- 52 "The Wreck of the Mary ___"
- 53 Informal bye
- 55 Object under a magnifying glass, maybe
- 56 Some whiskeys
- 57 Make tracks?
- 58 Formula ___ (Italian auto racing)
- 59 A.T.M. need

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Michelle Williams, 29; Henry Thomas, 38; Adam Sandler, 43; Hugh Grant, 49

Happy Birthday: If you are unwilling to make a few concessions or sacrifices, you will lose out. This is a time to experience, experiment and exercise your will to make things happen, regardless of the obstacles you face. Your will and determination will bring you success and freedom in the future. Your numbers are 9, 11, 16, 18, 24, 36, 39

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Finances will be an issue that must be dealt with quickly and efficiently. Whether it's your desire to buy a high ticket item or to pay off debts that are causing you stress, a good place to start is with a strict budget. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let someone who doesn't have your best interests at heart influence you. A problem with a friend, lover or child in your life will escalate if you make the wrong choices. Focus on getting ahead. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take a wait-and-see attitude. If you make premature changes, you will have regrets. Put your time and effort into your personal and family life. Please the ones you love. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take a look around you and decide what you can do to make your home life better. A space for entertaining or meeting with colleagues will help broaden some of your current relationships. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Strike back if someone is putting pressure on you to do things you don't feel good about doing. You have to live within your means if you want to feel comfortable about your future. An emotional issue is likely to disrupt your work. Stay calm. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Keep your eyes and ears open and you will discover important information to help you make a decision about your work situation. A long-distance partnership can bring you greater recognition. Get the facts you need. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get what needs to be taken care of out of the way and you will avoid being criticized. Budget wisely. Romance can be yours if you get involved with a group that interests you. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your suspicious nature will lead to questioning the people you have to deal with about matters that concern your personal life, home and family. There is no point in moving forward with anyone you don't feel completely comfortable with. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you don't mean it, don't say it. You'll be requested to follow through and, if you don't deliver, your reputation will be damaged. Alterations at home will be emotionally tough to deal with if you don't act calmly and quickly. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will get your way if you put a little pressure on a situation involving a contract, payments or changes to your home or property. You mustn't let someone you love get away with something or disrupt your plans. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll have to do your best and try your hardest. Someone will complain if you are too emotional or you decide not to maintain the type of connection you have shared in the past. Protect your possessions and your cash. ★★

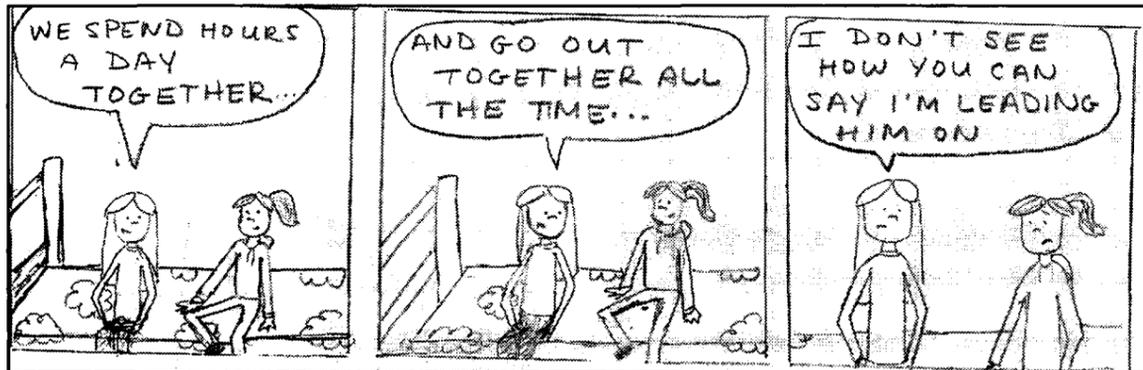
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look at an old partnership from a new angle. What might not have worked in the past may work now with a couple of alterations. Discuss the possibilities and you should be able to restructure an old project so it works for everyone. ★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You have strength and courage and will make a difference to a cause you believe in. You are interested in learning and applying what you know.

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A Song to the Tune of an Pirate Jig

We study and we work then we go to the Feve where the two hot chicks drink for free we'll go to mass then back to class.

Notre Dame Irish we!

With a A - A Lay and a eeu euuia we pray, beg and we plee, to God to forgive, the things we did.

Notre Dame Irish we!

We're all Pro-Life and are gunna have a wife in the next two years or three. But were think were the best, up to you to test the Pope and his army

and if you sail to our bubble you best hear this decree "Do what Jesus would, cuz Obama's no good!"

Notre Dame Irish We!

with a Hail Mary, and a do di du-lac Vote for the Grand - Old - Partyyyyy We'll cheer full of pride, Fighting Irish you and I

Notre Dame Irish We!

JUMBLE

JEFF KNUREK
MIKE ARGIRION

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

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

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GLOIC

SWUNIE

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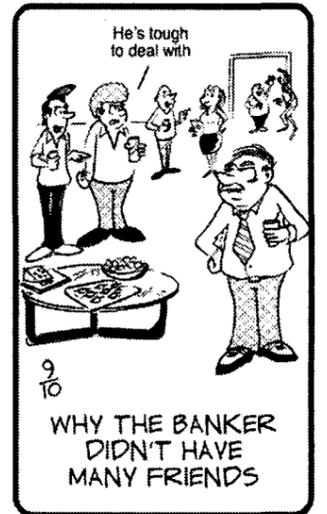
A: HE

A

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: RHYME CAMEO CANYON FORCED

Answer: What she hoped to develop with the trainer - A ROMANCE



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

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FOOTBALL

Hughes to take over for injured Aldridge at fullback

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

A shoulder injury that will hold senior fullback James Aldridge out of Saturday's game is just another shuffle of the deck that is the Irish backfield.

Junior Robert Hughes, who entered fall camp as the backup tailback behind Armando Allen but was then passed by

sophomore Jonas Gray, will start at fullback against Michigan. That seemingly makes freshman Theo Riddick the No. 3 halfback behind Allen and Gray.

Got it? Good.

Despite all the depth chart movement, the Irish backfield still appears to be a position of strength on an offense full of weapons. Part of that is Allen's constant presence at the top of the list, though the

depth behind him — while ever-changing — is another major advantage Irish coach Charlie Weis has noted.

Even during the Brady Quinn era, the Irish run attack was fairly one-dimensional, with only Darius Walker a major threat.

"Now we got extra guys," Weis said, comparing this talented backfield to the shallow pool of backs he inherited in his first year. "When you see

the next guy come in, Armando goes out and Jonas goes in, you don't see a big drop-off in performance, and that's the difference.

"If you have one guy and you keep on feeding him, you better get production out of him, or else you're going to have a long, hard day."

There isn't much doubt that if Notre Dame were to have a clear-cut feature back with no timeshare, Allen would be that

guy. But the talent behind him gives Notre Dame the luxury to split carries — something it seemed Gray was aware of when he decided to join the Irish.

"One thing about recruiting, sometimes in recruiting players look at depth charts," Weis said. "And when they look at depth charts and see how quick can I play but then there

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

In the Homeland

Summer trip to Ireland
inspires golfers for 2009

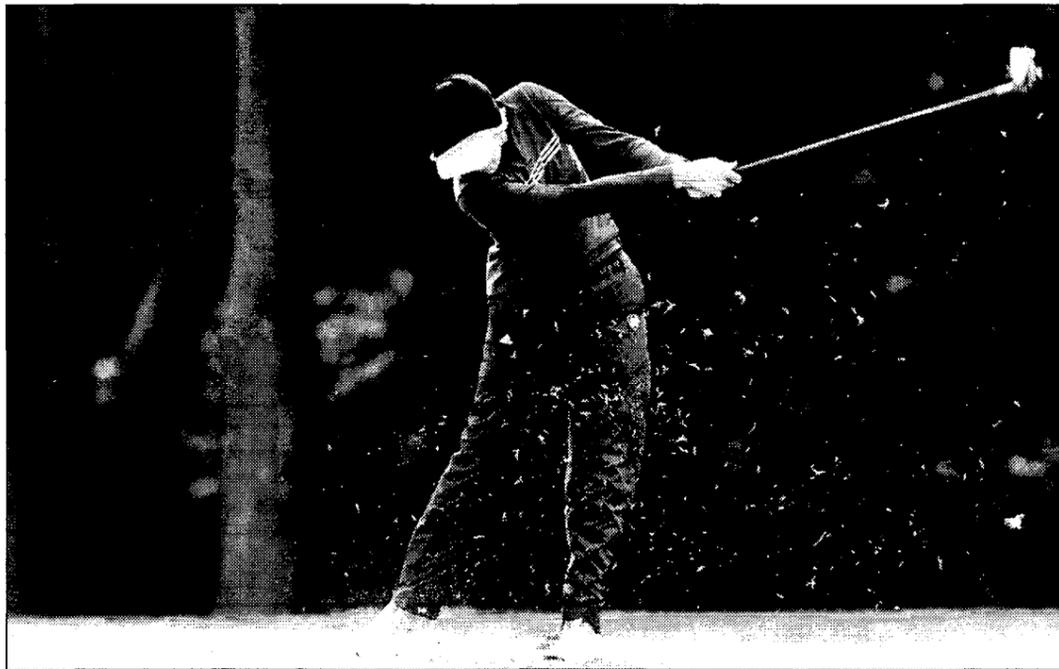
By NATHANIEL LEE
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will kick off its season this weekend at the Mary Fossum Invitational with a little extra Irish spirit. That's because the team took a preseason trip to the Emerald Isle to play five of the country's historic golf courses.

"When I arrived here three years ago as the head coach, taking the team to Ireland was something I discussed during my interview and really wanted to make happen," Irish coach Susan Holt said.

After a long day of travel, in which sophomore standout Becca Huffer was nearly lost

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Notre Dame senior Kristen Wetzel tees off during a 2007 tournament. Wetzel and the rest of the Irish team traveled to Ireland in the offseason to play on its most famous courses.

Observer File Photo

SMC GOLF

Latecomer has impact on Belles

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

If you looked at the Belles' statistics from last fall in comparison with the stats from this season, you'd notice not only new freshmen on the roster, but a new upperclassman as well.

Junior Mary Kate Boyce started on the team in the second semester of her sophomore year, and has since been showing not only the Belles, but also the MIAA the talent they had been missing out on. Since joining the Saint Mary's team, Boyce has been tearing up the course with her

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MEN'S SOCCER

Dike back for fifth year

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Bright Dike just couldn't get enough of Notre Dame soccer. And the Irish will take all they can get of him as well.

"Hopefully we'll get a lot out of him this year," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "He improves every season he's been here and hopefully he continues to do that."

Dike (pronounced DEE-KAY) was unable to play in 2007, his junior year, for personal reasons. Because of that absence, he remained eligible and was able to come back as a fifth-year senior for this season.

"I was always going to come back," Dike said. "That feeling of not getting a championship yet, you've got to come back. I enjoy being a part of this team."

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Senior forward Bright Dike fends off a Michigan defender during Notre Dame's 5-0 win over Michigan on Sept. 1.

CASEY CARNEY/The Observer

MEN'S TENNIS

Irish look to Havens, Watt to replace seniors

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

The Irish are hoping for significant contributions from a talented cast of incoming freshmen, but the returning players know they can count on the tried-and-tested nucleus of upperclassmen to lead the way to the NCAA Championships.

This year's squad features 11 returning juniors and seniors, an element that last year's team missed sorely down the stretch.

"We have a new group of leaders, but it'll be more of them this year which will be nice because we've had a young squad the last two years," junior captain Tyler Davis said. "This is a year we think we can do some things."

Because of the departure of ITA All-American Sheeva Parbhu and Big East all-tourna-

ment player Brett Helgeson, the Irish have significant holes to fill before the start of the season. The No. 1 singles spot, held by Helgeson for the past two seasons, will likely be a question mark until the start of tournament play.

But the Irish are confident that the team's leadership and experience will have a positive impact leading into postseason play.

"Casey Watt was pretty much unbeatable last year, he's pretty much a leader just by how he plays on the court," junior Stephen Havens said.

Watt, a sophomore, posted a 28-5 overall record last season as a freshman, going 8-2 in No. 3 singles play. Havens, who contributed 10 wins in No. 2 singles, is the leading candidate to take over the No. 1 singles

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