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Writer criticizes post-genocide actions

Rosenbaum claims American society utilizes movies to numb feelings toward atrocities

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Thane Rosenbaum speaks about American society's tendency to forget the horrors of genocide at McKenna Hall Monday.

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Renowned novelist and essayist Thane Rosenbaum criticized America's numb response to atrocity and the movie industry's tendency to fictionalize the horrors of genocide in a lecture entitled "After Auschwitz and the Twin Towers: Trauma and Memory," Monday at McKenna Hall.

Rosenbaum condemned "forgetting" and the "pretense of knowledge" as methods of coping with atrocity, and cited them as prolific in our culture.

"It is much better for our sanity to forget it, and pretend it didn't happen," he said.

Rosenbaum credited the need to ignore suffering as a product of American society. Americans are not good at mourning loss.

"Our impulse is to move on and not look back," he said.

The immediate flow of information enabled by new technologies that Americans have grown used to have desensitized them to the proper shock and awe that the dead require, Rosenbaum said.

The "shockless" American society is exemplified in Giuliani's reaction to the tragedy of 9/11, which "has the framework of atrocity," Rosenbaum said.

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Howard struck by burglaries

NDSP says incident similar to one in Lyons

By BILL BRINK
News Editor

Howard Hall residents reported three laptops and two wallets stolen from three different rooms on April 1, Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) Assistant Director Dave Chapman said.

A laptop was taken out of each room, he said, and two wallets were taken. The burglaries happened between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., he said.

Chapman said NDSP believes the burglaries to be related to the recent burglaries in Lyons Hall, where laptops and wallets were also taken. Chapman said the same suspect is believed to be behind these burglaries.

NDSP director Phil Johnson said last Monday that the suspect was identified by "several people" as a black male, between 5-foot-8 and 5-foot-11, with a thin build, "frizzy long black hair" in a pony tail or braid, possibly bad or missing teeth and possibly sporting facial hair stubble.

According to Johnson, the suspect carried a duffel bag and entered unlocked

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Sophomores begin drink delivery service

Hansmann and Jeffrey found dormdrinks.com, plan to deliver to all 27 residence halls

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Assistant News Editor

Fed up with the high prices of the Huddle Mart and campus vending machines and tired of trudging cases of water back from the D6 parking lot, Morrissey sophomores Adam Hansmann and John Jeffrey regularly joked that they would gladly pay for a drink delivery service. The two enterprising business majors then realized back in February that they themselves could provide this service, using Hansmann's minivan to make deliveries.

"Basically, the idea came from two places," Hansmann said. "We wanted to start a business on campus and we realized the need from our own experience going off-campus to buy drinks."

The pair began developing dormdrinks.com, a Web site where, starting this week, Notre Dame students can order drinks using a Google check-out account.

"The Web site is key to everything we do," Hansmann said. "It allows you to go through and pick the products you want."

On their Web site, Hansmann and Jeffrey list convenience, affordability, and integrity as their values.

"Dorm Drinks is not an overly-complicated business and does not use sophisticated pricing or marketing strategies," the Web site reads. "If a student can get affordable, reliable beverage deliveries without the hassle of going off-campus or hauling cases of water or soda back to the dorm, we believe that he or she will find definite value in the service our business provides."

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College security issues campus-wide safety alert

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's security issued a safety alert about a suspicious person on the College's campus through e-mails and flyers Monday.

The alert described a "white male of medium build with a bald head" who was spotted on the roof of Regina Hall by a student around 11:43 p.m. Saturday night.

A Saint Mary's security officer responded to a call made by the student and saw a male fitting this description on the lower roof of the building.

The initial responding officer called for backup and proceeded to investigate the lower roof of the residence hall.

However, according to the security alert, the suspect had managed to make his way off the roof and escape by the time this search was completed.

According to the alert, "there should not be anybody working on the roof of buildings during nighttime hours unless Security has been made aware of it."

It asks that students familiarize themselves with the description of the suspect and immediately report persons matching this description to security, as they should be considered suspicious.

The Observer was unable to contact Saint Mary's security Monday.

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Student protests in Cyber Café

Pence says her project targets animal cruelty in food industries

By MANDI STIRONE
News Writer

Students at Saint Mary's found some unusual decorations in the Cyber Café in the Student Center last week in the form of white, poultry-shaped forms hanging from the ceiling. The decorations, along with fowl-shaped posters hanging along one of the walls, are part of senior Mary Pence's senior comprehensive project, she said.

Pence said her project aims to raise awareness about animal cruelty, specifically in the food production industries.

"Its essentially to make them think twice about processed food that they eat," she said.

Sodexho director Barry

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MANDI STIRONE/The Observer

Mary Pence's posters and sculptures resembling poultry adorn Saint Mary's Cyber Cafe as a protest against animal cruelty.

INSIDE COLUMN

Study break at Yankee Stadium

I don't know about everyone else, but I cannot wait until finals week. You see, my finals schedule is a little peculiar. I start off with a cosmology exam on Monday morning. (Side note: I've been in that class for three months and still can't adequately explain what "cosmology" is, except that it has to do with stars, not makeup.)

From 12:30 p.m. on Monday until 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, I am finals-free. Now, some people would spend that time partying. Not me. Some people would spend that time studying. Definitely not me. No, I am going on a trip.

Not to Mishawaka. Not to Chicago.

To Yankee Stadium.

Laura Myers

Sports Writer

On Tuesday, May 6, the Cleveland Indians begin a three-game series with the Yanks in New York. Barring the possibility that the Indians get another chance to whip the Bronx Bombers in the playoffs, this will be their last ever visit to Yankee Stadium before it is torn down in the off-season.

It is for this reason that I am hopping a Greyhound on Monday afternoon for a six-hour ride to Cleveland. After a brief night in my hometown, my best friend Michelle and I will be on the road for another six hours. We should arrive just in time for the game, which we each paid $33 to see from the upper deck, section six, row P. At the Jake (excuse me, the Prog), those seats are $7. I'd just like to take a second here to point out that the number six has appeared three times as I discussed seeing the Yankees play.

At the game, I will undoubtedly pay obscene amounts of money for a real ballpark frank and some fresh-squeezed lemonade. I will make catcalls when Grady Sizemore comes to the plate. I will hold up a sign explaining my journey to the viewers in Cleveland. It will have pictures.

After the inevitable triumph of good over evil, Michelle and I plan to eat some New York Style Pizza. Unlike our friend Michael Scott, we will not be getting it at Sbarro. We will then immediately begin our drive back to Cleveland, and I will be on a Greyhound heading back to the Bend at 7:35 Wednesday morning. I'll arrive at Notre Dame no later than 2:00, ready to study for Thursday's history exam.

That is, until 7:05. That's game time.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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CORRECTIONS

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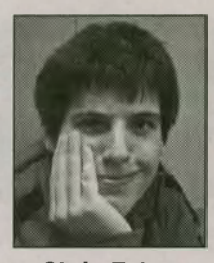
QUESTION OF THE DAY: *WHAT DO YOU THINK IS MORE IMPORTANT–SHOWERING OR SAVING WATER?*

Aidan Fitzgerald
sophomore
Knott
"See the funny thing about my back is ..."

Carmen Adams
senior
Welsh Family
"Short showers to save water and stay clean!"



Chris Esber
junior
Knott
"Saving water, because the environment transcends popularity!"

Gabriela Cobos
senior
off-campus
"Saving water, because I love Hillary...and Sue."

Sohaib Hashmi
junior
Knott
"Group showers. I'll scrub your back if you scrub mine."

Sue Kippels
senior
off-campus
"Saving water, because I love Hillary...and Gaby."

VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Graduate student Sarah Shariq, left, gives sophomore Anne Barbera a henna tattoo during Mehndi Night in LaFortune's Sorin Room.

OFFBEAT

Postal workers attacked by wild turkeys

MADISON, Wis. — Rather than rain or snow, or even dogs, postal workers in a West Side neighborhood near Owen Conservation Park are being pestered by wild turkeys this spring. Mara Wilhite, manager of the Hilldale Station Post Office, said she expected to deal with all manner of issues when she went to work for the U.S. Post Office. But that was not one of them.

"Just when you thought you'd heard it all," she said.

About five to 10 of the birds have been pecking at the postal workers as they make their rounds, and some of the birds have attacked the letter carriers with the sharp spurs on their legs. One of the birds went through the open door of a mail truck and scratched the driver.

Wilhite sought help in the matter from Eric Lobner, regional wildlife program supervisor for the state Department of Natural Resources.

Bride, groom spend wedding night in jail

VALLEJO, Calif. — A weekend wedding turned into an unforgettable first night for these two newlyweds. Police said a bride and groom spent their first night as a married couple in jail after their wedding party at a Vallejo home got out of hand.

When police had to return a second time to the home Saturday night, officers stunned both the groom and his cousin with a Taser when they both became aggressive towards the officers.

The groom and cousin were arrested for allegedly resisting arrest.

The bride was taken into custody on suspicion of public intoxication.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Rev. Robert Dowd will give a lecture **Wednesday** entitled **"The Religious Factor in African Politics: Christians, Muslims and Political Culture in Nigeria, Uganda and Senegal"** at **12:30 p.m.** in the **Hesburgh Center for International Studies.**

A town hall discussion called **"Evaluating Obama's Speech on Race: A Town Hall Meeting on Race Relations in America"** will take place **Wednesday** at **7 p.m.** in the **McKenna Hall Auditorium.**

The **Student Immigration Forum** will take place **Tuesday** at **7:30 p.m.** in the **LaFortune Ballroom.**

The play **"The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus"**, a Christopher Marlowe play about a professor who sells his soul to the devil, will be performed **April 8-13, 17** and **18** at **7:30 p.m.** in the **Decio Mainstage Theater** at the **DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.**

The Howard Hall **Bone Marrow Drive** will take place from **12** to **8 p.m. Thursday** in the **O'Dooley Room** of **LaFortune.**

Anne Thompson, Chief Environmental Correspondent at NBC News, will give a lecture called **"Green is the 'new black', but will it stay in style?"** at **10:40 a.m.** in the **Jordan Auditorium** at the **Mendoza College of Business.**

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

LOCAL WEATHER

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HIGH	60	49	55	58	43	50
LOW	50	40	42	40	32	35

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New York 81 / 67 **Philadelphia** 82 / 62 **Phoenix** 92 / 71 **Seattle** 66 / 52 **St. Louis** 82 / 70 **Tampa** 91 / 77 **Washington** 81 / 62

Lopez installed as new Hesburgh Chair

Professor of Peace Studies first to be appointed to position established by Kroc Institute

Special to the Observer

George A. Lopez was installed as Notre Dame's first Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Professor of Peace Studies on April 1.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1986, Lopez is a leading scholar of repression and human rights violations, ethics and the use of force, and economic sanctions. He is a founding faculty member of Notre Dame's Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

Lopez serves as an advisor to the U.N. Security Council, the European Union, and governments, foundations and organizations involved in human rights, international affairs and peace research. He has written extensively on repression and state terror. Since 1992, he and Kroc research fellow David Cortright have published five books and more than 25 articles and book chapters on economic sanctions.

In 2002, Lopez and Cortright became particularly influential among those seeking an alternative to war with Iraq. Their research disputing the presence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq was published before the war in "Arms Control Today" and later in "Foreign Affairs." Their most recent book, "Uniting Against Terror" concerns the application of sanctions to counterterrorism.

A popular speaker, teacher and media commentator, Lopez has twice received Notre Dame's Kaneb Teaching Award. He also is the 2008 recipient of the Frank O'Malley award, given annually by the student government to an outstanding member of the Notre Dame faculty.

The Hesburgh Chair was established by the Kroc Institute to honor Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president emeritus of Notre Dame, for his lifetime commitment to peace and justice.

Video of Lopez' inaugural lecture, "The Sanctions Mystique: The Power and Perils of Multilateral Economic Coercion," is available at http://kroc.nd.edu/pastevents.

Doctor opposes use of lethal injection

Ohio anesthesiologist says procedure is inappropriate for animals, humans

Associated Press

ELYRIA, Ohio — An anesthesiologist testified Monday that Ohio's lethal injection procedure isn't appropriate for dogs or cats, let alone humans.

Dr. Mark Heath's testimony on behalf of two murder defendants came in a Lorain County hearing on the constitutionality of state's method for putting prisoners to death.

Heath, an assistant professor of anesthesiology at Columbia University, says it's possible to perform lethal injection of prisoners in a humane manner, but that Ohio's method falls below the standard for euthanizing household pets.

Under cross-examination, Heath testified that he is personally opposed to the death penalty in whatever form it's carried out. Heath, who has testified about lethal injection in 11 states, also said he has not found an acceptable method for lethal injection of humans in any state.

Ohio requires its executions to be carried out "in a professional, humane, sensitive and dignified manner."

The two men facing murder charges say the state's lethal injection procedure doesn't give the quick and painless deaths required by state law.

Lethal injections are on hold nationally while the U.S. Supreme Court considers a challenge in a case from Kentucky, which is among the roughly three dozen states that administer three drugs in succession to sedate, paralyze and kill prisoners.

The major criticism of the three-drug execution procedure is that if the executioner administers too little anesthetic or makes mistakes in injecting it, the inmate could suffer excruciating pain from the other two drugs.

"That's a major violation or departure from any acceptable veterinary standard."

Mark Heath
anesthesiologist

Heath testified that the design of Ohio's death house was problematic because it separates the inmate from the person administering the drugs in two separate rooms. The rooms are separated by a one-way mirror.

"Doing it that way substantially increases the risk of a major problem occurring," said Heath, adding later, "I would never induce general anesthesia from a different room through long tubing."

Anesthesiologists always administer drugs while standing next to the patient so they can detect if problems occur, such as a leak or a ruptured vein, Heath said. He also warned drugs could go into the tissue instead of the vein.

Heath said potassium chloride, the third drug administered, which stops the heart, is sometimes used for euthanizing animals. He added that in veterinary procedures the person administering the drug has to be trained in assessing the depth in which the animal is sedated and would have to be present at the bedside.

"That's a major violation or departure from any acceptable veterinary standard," Heath said of Ohio's method.

Other problems that could occur come during the mixing of the anesthetic — sodium thiopental, which is sold in powder form — and the insertion of the catheters in the veins and kinks in the IV tubing, he said.

Difficulties with two executions in recent years, in which the execution team struggled to find suitable veins in inmates' arms, brought complaints that the method is unconstitutionally cruel and unusual. Ohio officials stand by the procedure.

The Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture's Schmitt Lecture Series

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Alasdair MacIntyre
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University of Notre Dame

Tuesday, April 8, 2008
McKenna Hall Auditorium
4:00 PM

For more information go to ethicscenter.nd.edu

Drinks

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When asked why a student would order from dormdrinks.com rather than just utilizing the Huddle Mart or vending machines, Jeffrey explained that while every bottle of water from a vending machine costs $1.35, a bottle of water from dormdrinks.com costs only $0.25 on average.

"Even with the delivery fee tacked on, it is much cheaper than the Huddle or the vending machines," Jeffrey said.

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John Jeffrey
sophomore

Last week, when the duo ran a beta-test of their service in Morrissey and Lyons, they received nine orders. Jeffrey said that he expects to receive about four orders from each dorm.

"We're not expecting the numbers to be through the roof originally," he said. "But we did get really good feedback from the people we delivered to."

Right now, the Web site lists mostly Pepsi products such as Gatorade, Lipton Green Tea and Mountain Dew, but Hansmann said he is interested in expanding to include other non-alcoholic beverages.

"The store we're going to get all the stuff carries mostly Pepsi," he said. "We're open to most products other than beer."

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Protest

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Bowles said Pence's protest was not specifically aimed at the Saint Mary's dining service, and Pence asked him for permission to hang her artwork in the Cyber Café.

"I'm quite pleased with the message she's putting out," he said. "I think it's a worthwhile cause."

Instead, Pence said she was hoping to raise awareness about how poorly animals are treated in some parts of the food industry, specifically those run by big corporations.

"It's all for economic profit of big corporations so they can kill their products quicker and get things on the shelves faster even though it's not the healthiest of products," Pence said.

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Mary Pence
SMC senior

Pence's faculty advisor Julie Tourtillotte said the artwork called attention to "the often inhumane treatment of animals in the meat production industry," she said.

The images hanging from the ceiling, which Tourtillotte described as "ghostlike forms or spirits of these animals" are there to remind students that these animals had lives and were killed in cruel manners.

When people think about how animals are raised they often have these picturesque images in their minds of farms with chickens running around freely, Tourtillotte said.

"We don't think about the long buildings that smell strongly of ammonia and a dozen chickens are crammed into a cage and not allowed to move at all during their life times," she said.

Pence also compiled a video using video clips from various Web sites for display in the Cyber Café. But the film, which showed the actual inhumane acts, was deemed inappropriate for display in an eating establishment, Pence said.

"They wouldn't allow me to incorporate that because it was too graphic," she said.

No one from Sodexho was available for comment about this.

Pence stressed that she wasn't displaying the "ghostlike" poultry and the posters, which can also be seen in Moreau Art Gallery, to be offensive or "in-your-face."

"You know, being an artist, I don't try to affect any one point of view by making a statement saying that they have to agree with me, its more of an attempt to make people think," she said. "I'm not trying to offend anyone."

Pence said she only wants students to stop for a moment and think about the life of the animal that they are eating and whether or not they were treated humanely.

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Mendoza endorses U.N. initiative

Business school says it will encourage corporate responsibility

Special to The Observer

The Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME), a United Nations-backed global initiative developed to promote corporate responsibility and sustainability in business education, has now been endorsed by more than 100 business schools and universities from around the world, including Notre Dame.

Carolyn Woo, Martin J. Gillen Dean of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business, was among the international task force of 60 deans, university presidents and official representatives of leading business schools that developed the initiative, which was launched under the patronage of U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in July 2007.

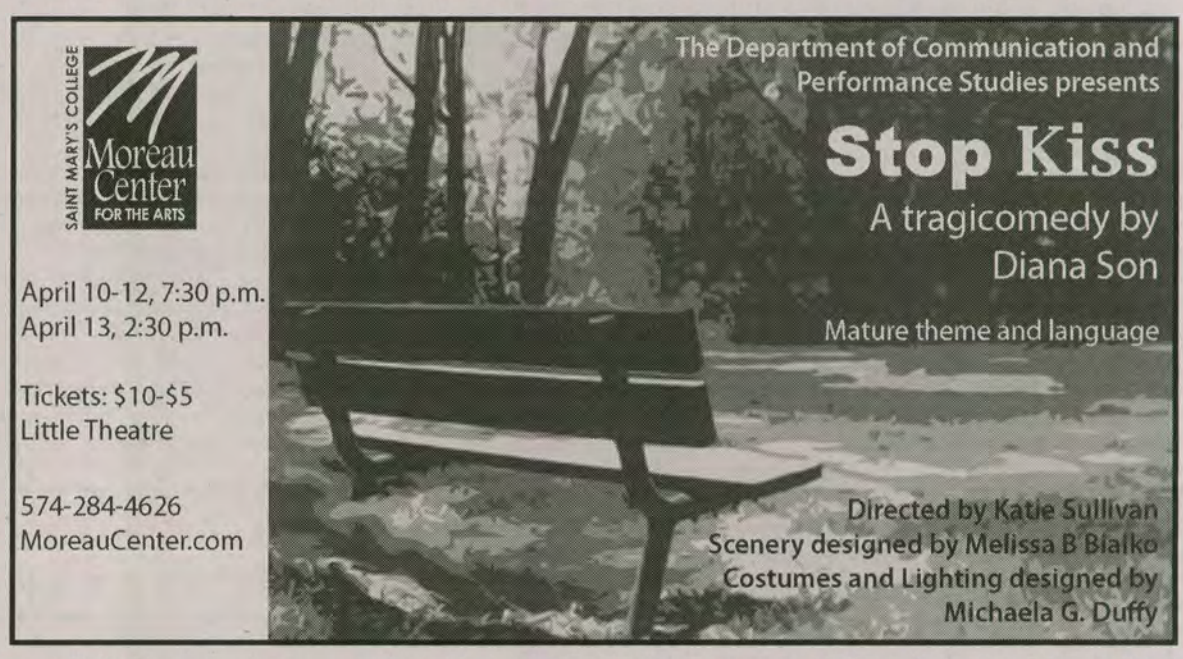
Participating institutions, including Mendoza, make a commitment to align their mission and strategy, as well as their core competencies — education, research and thought leadership — with U.N. values embodied by the six PRME principles.

Actions encouraged under the initiative's framework include curriculum development around the corporate responsibility agenda and research in support of sustainable management systems, as well as public advocacy and opinion leadership to advance responsible business practices.

"Thanks to the joint outreach by all partners, the PRME initiative has reached this critical milestone of 100 signatories," said Manuel Escudero, head of academic initiatives at the U.N. Global Compact, which is one of the initiative's co-conveners. Speaking on behalf of the PRME steering committee, Escudero stressed that "this will enable the initiative to bring good efforts to scale and truly embed the sustainability agenda in the training of future business leaders."

The PRME steering committee includes the U.N. Global Compact, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the European Foundation for Management Development, the Aspen Institute's Business and Society Program, the European Academy for Business in Society, the Globally Responsible Leadership Initiative, the Graduate Management Admission Council, and Net Impact.

Following its early outreach and awareness-raising efforts, the initiative is currently establishing several participant working groups to facilitate implementation of the principles and identify best practices. In addition, a Global Forum for Responsible Management Education will be convened Dec. 1 and 2 at U.N. Headquarters in New York.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Teenagers raid school with baseball bats

SYDNEY, Australia — Five teenagers brandishing baseball bats and machetes rampaged through a suburban school Monday and hit a teacher over the head, police said. Eighteen students were treated for minor injuries.

The drama unfolded as hundreds attended an assembly in an outdoor area of Merrylands High School. As the attackers moved in, teachers rushed the students back to class, where they sought refuge behind locked doors, under desks, even in a cupboard.

"I find it very difficult to believe the brazenness of how they entered the school," Police Detective Inspector Jim Stewart said. Such school violence is rare in Australia.

The teens, between the ages of 14 and 16, were arrested and likely would be charged with assault and other crimes, Stewart said.

Mugabe supporters target farmers

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Militant supporters of President Robert Mugabe targeted whites Monday, forcing about a dozen ranchers and farmers off their land as Zimbabwe's longtime ruler fanned racial tensions amid fears he will turn to violence to hold on to power.

Mugabe's opponents pressed a lawsuit seeking to compel the publication of results of the March 29 presidential election that they say Morgan Tsvangirai won.

The opposition leader urged the international community to persuade Mugabe to step down.

NATIONAL NEWS

Post most Pulitzer winning paper

NEW YORK — The Washington Post won six Pulitzer Prizes on Monday — the most in its history — including awards for its coverage of the Virginia Tech massacre and a series exposing shoddy treatment of America's war wounded at Walter Reed hospital.

The New York Times received two Pulitzers: one for investigative reporting, for stories on toxic ingredients in medicine and other products from China, and one for explanatory reporting, for examining the ethical issues surrounding DNA testing.

Previously, the Post won as many as four Pulitzers in a single year, in 2006. The record is seven, won by the Times in 2002, mostly for its coverage of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Coast Guard calls off search for pilot

BELFAST, Maine — The Coast Guard ended its search for the pilot of a small aerobatic plane that crashed into the ocean though state officials were continuing an underwater search Monday afternoon.

The Coast Guard received a call of a SIAI-Marchetti SF-260 with one person aboard crashing into Belfast Bay near the Belfast airport around 6 p.m. Sunday.

The Coast Guard identified the pilot as 60-year-old Doug Low of Lincolnville, the owner of Ace Aviation.

Coast Guard officials said an oil slick and debris matching the description of the plane were located about a mile offshore. During the nearly 15-hour search that ended Monday morning, Coast Guard and Maine Marine Patrol vessels and two Coast Guard helicopters were assisted by local agencies.

LOCAL NEWS

Blood Center debuts new technology

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Blood Center has added a touch of technology to make it easier for donors to register and give.

The center debuted fingerprint identification Monday and recently introduced an online system for donors to make appointments and monitor their profile.

It spent about $500,000 on a BIO-key system that allows donors to use their fingers for identification instead of presenting a picture ID or Social Security number.

"We just thought this kind of solves all kinds of issues that can arise," said Lora Poore, vice president of quality systems for the Indiana Blood Center. "Your finger is always with you."

Officials raid polygamist compound

More than 400 children put into state custody in largest welfare operation in Texas history

Associated Press

AP

Members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, wait outside Monday at their temporary housing in San Angelo, Texas.

ELDORADO, Texas — More than 400 children, mostly girls in pioneer dresses, were swept into state custody from a polygamist sect in what authorities described Monday as the largest child-welfare operation in Texas history.

The dayslong raid on the sprawling compound built by now-jailed polygamist leader Warren Jeffs was sparked by a 16-year-old girl's call to authorities that she was being abused and that girls as young as 14 and 15 were being forced into marriages with much older men.

Dressed in home-sewn, ankle-length dresses with their hair pinned up in braids, some 133 women left the Yearning for Zion Ranch of their own volition along with the children.

State troopers were holding an unknown number of men in the compound until investigators finished executing a house-to-house search of the 1,700-acre property, which includes a medical facility, numerous large housing units and an 80-foot white limestone temple that rises discordantly out of the brown scrub.

"In my opinion, this is the largest endeavor we've ever been involved in in the state of Texas," said Children's Protective Services spokesman Marleigh Meisner, who said she was also involved in the 1993 siege of the Branch Davidian compound in Waco.

The members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints spent their days raising numerous children, tilling small gardens and doing chores. But at least one former resident says life was not some idyllic replica of 19th-century life.

"Once you go into the compound, you don't ever leave it," said Carolyn Jessop, one of the wives of the alleged leader of the Eldorado complex. Jessop left with her eight children before the sect moved to Texas.

Jessop said the community emphasized self-sufficiency because they believed the apocalypse was near.

The women were not allowed to wear red — the color Jeffs said belonged to Jesus — and were not allowed to cut their hair. They were also kept isolated from the outside world.

They "were born into this," said Jessop, 40. "They have no concept of mainstream society, and their mothers were born into and have no concept of mainstream culture. Their grandmothers were born into it."

Meisner said each child will get an advocate and an attorney but predicted that if they end up permanently separated from their families, the sheltered children would have a tough acclimation to modern life.

Tela Mange, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Public Safety, said the criminal investigation was still under way, and that charges would be filed if investigators determined children were abused.

Still uncertain is the location of the girl whose call initiated the raid. She allegedly had a child at 15, and authorities were looking for documents, family photos or even a family Bible with lists of marriages and children to demonstrate the girl was married to Dale Barlow, 50.

Under Texas law, girls younger than 16 cannot marry, even with parental approval.

The church members were being held at Fort Concho, a 150-year-old fort built to protect frontier settlements, to be interviewed about the 16-year-old girl and whether, in fact, the teenager was among them.

DPS troopers arrested one man on a charge of interfering with the duties of a public servant during the search warrant, but it was not Barlow, Mange said.

"For the most part, residents at the ranch have been cooperative. However, because of some of the diplomatic efforts in regards to the residents, the process of serving the search warrants is taking longer than usual," said DPS spokesman Tom Vinger, who declined to elaborate. "The annex is extremely large and the temple is massive."

UNITED KINGDOM

Princess Diana's death ruled not murder

Associated Press

LONDON — A coroner's jury returned the most serious verdict within its power Monday, ruling that Princess Diana and her boyfriend were unlawfully killed because their driver and pursuing paparazzi were reckless — behavior tantamount to manslaughter.

Criminal charges were unlikely, however, because the incident happened in France outside the jurisdiction of British authorities.

Rejecting claims by the father of Diana's boyfriend, Dodi Fayed, that the couple were murdered, the jury concluded after six months of testimony they were victims of reckless speed by their drinking chauffeur and the pack of photographers chasing after them in Paris in 1997.

"The verdict is unlawful killing, grossly negligent driving of the following vehicles and of the Mercedes" carrying the couple, the jury foreman announced.

That was the verdict of nine of the 11 jurors. There was no indication why there were two dissenters.

All 11 agreed that the car slamming head-on into a concrete pillar rather than striking the wall on the other side was a key factor in their deaths. The jury also faulted Diana and Fayed for not buckling their seat belts.

But jurors laid the heaviest blame on the couple's driver, Henri Paul, who had been drinking shortly before the high-speed crash that killed all three in a Paris underpass on Aug. 31, 1997, and on the paparazzi following them.

Diana's sons, Princes William and Harry, issued a statement expressing support for the verdict and thanking the jurors for their long work.

"We agree with their verdicts, and are both hugely grateful to each and every one of them for the forbearance they have shown in accepting such significant disruption to their lives over the past six months," the princes said.

Fayed's wealthy father, Mohamed Al Fayed, declared that the jury got it wrong. "The most important thing is, it is murder," he said as he left the Royal Courts of Justice.

Genocide

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He said he was one of the only writers to criticize Giuliani's response to the attacks, and he took issue with Giuliani's request for New Yorkers to go about their day in a normal fashion.

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This numbness of American society is an obstacle to remembering the victims of genocide in a respectful and appropriate manner, Rosenbaum said.

In light of a genocide or similar atrocity, "the highest priority is memory, remembrance, and memorialization," he said.

However, according to Rosenbaum, many Americans are too desensitized to do so. Instead, the proper awe and humility are replaced with forgetfulness and even worse, false memory, he said.

Rosenbaum said false memory is the pretense of knowledge — it is the attempt to understand and share in the suffering of victims, when this is actually impossible to grasp.

"In America, we have a very smug idea of what it is to know. We are satisfied with empty knowledge," he said.

Rosenbaum claimed popular films contribute to the proliferation of false knowledge.

"Unfortunately, most Americans learn from seeing movies. They don't read books or newspapers," he said.

According to Rosenbaum, these films dishonor the dead because they perpetuate a pretense that one can know the plight of genocide victims — a pretense that, he believes, dishonors the dead.

"The truth is that the atrocities these movies describe are unimaginable and unknowable," Rosenbaum said.

People want to see films that are life affirming, so most filmmakers include these themes, Rosenbaum said. Films should teach about the failures of humans, not their successes, he said.

"We haven't learned anything."

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writer

"The vast majority of the people in the Holocaust died because there were no Oskar Schindlers [of Schindler's List]," Rosenbaum said. "This is not how the dead want to be remembered," he said.

These are misleading stories that make people feel better about themselves, and about humanity, Rosenbaum said.

"It is very selfish to engage in artistic representations that make you feel good. Its not about you," he said. This impulse to universalize the stories of the victims is "ultimately narcissistic."

Ultimately, the tragedy of genocide is owned by the dead and the survivors, not the filmmakers, Rosenbaum said.

"They have the right to have their stories told faithfully," he said.

Given the outsiders inability to comprehend genocide, the impulse to forget and transform it is great, but this is "selfish and narcissistic," Rosenbaum said.

"If we are going to remember, why not remember [genocide] in a way that doesn't force the dead to roll over and be revolted in the way that their suffering has been trivialized?" Rosenbaum said.

The outcome of false knowledge resulting from the movies and popular media has not helped anyway, he said. In the aftermath of the Holocaust, we have had four more genocides.

"We haven't learned anything," Rosenbaum said.

Rosenbaum's lecture concluded the two-day conference on genocide, "Witnessing Genocide: Truth, Reconciliation and the Media."

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Film to have U.S. premiere at ND

Special to The Observer

Award-winning film producer Leslee Udwin will introduce "Mrs. Ratcliffe's Revolution" at the film's U.S. premiere Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at Notre Dame.

The event is part of the Humor in European Film series, presented by Notre Dame's Nanovic Institute for European Studies. Tickets for the premiere performance and a second showing at 10 p.m. that evening are $3 to $6 and are available at the center's box office or may be purchased over the phone at 574-631-2800.

Directed by Billie Eltringham, "Mrs. Ratcliffe's Revolution" is a dark comedy that tells how one woman finds her voice, takes control of her life and restores the balance to her distinctively dysfunctional family. In her presentation, Udwin will share her experiences as a producer and her inspiration for the movie, which is based on the true story of a family's defection to – and later, escape from – East Berlin in the 1960s.

Udwin's other films include "Who Bombed Birmingham" and "East is East," which won 25 international awards, including British Film of the Year, the 2000 Cannes Media Prize and Best Film at the Galway Film Festival. Udwin also won the London Critics' Circle Award for British Producer of the Year in 2000.

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rooms. When he saw that some of the rooms he entered had students in them, he asked for someone by name who did not live in the room.

The thefts last week in Lyons took place during the same time of day, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Johnson said last week.

NDSP learned that Valparaiso University has experienced similar burglaries with a suspect whose description matched that of the suspect in Notre Dame's recent campus robberies, Johnson said last week.

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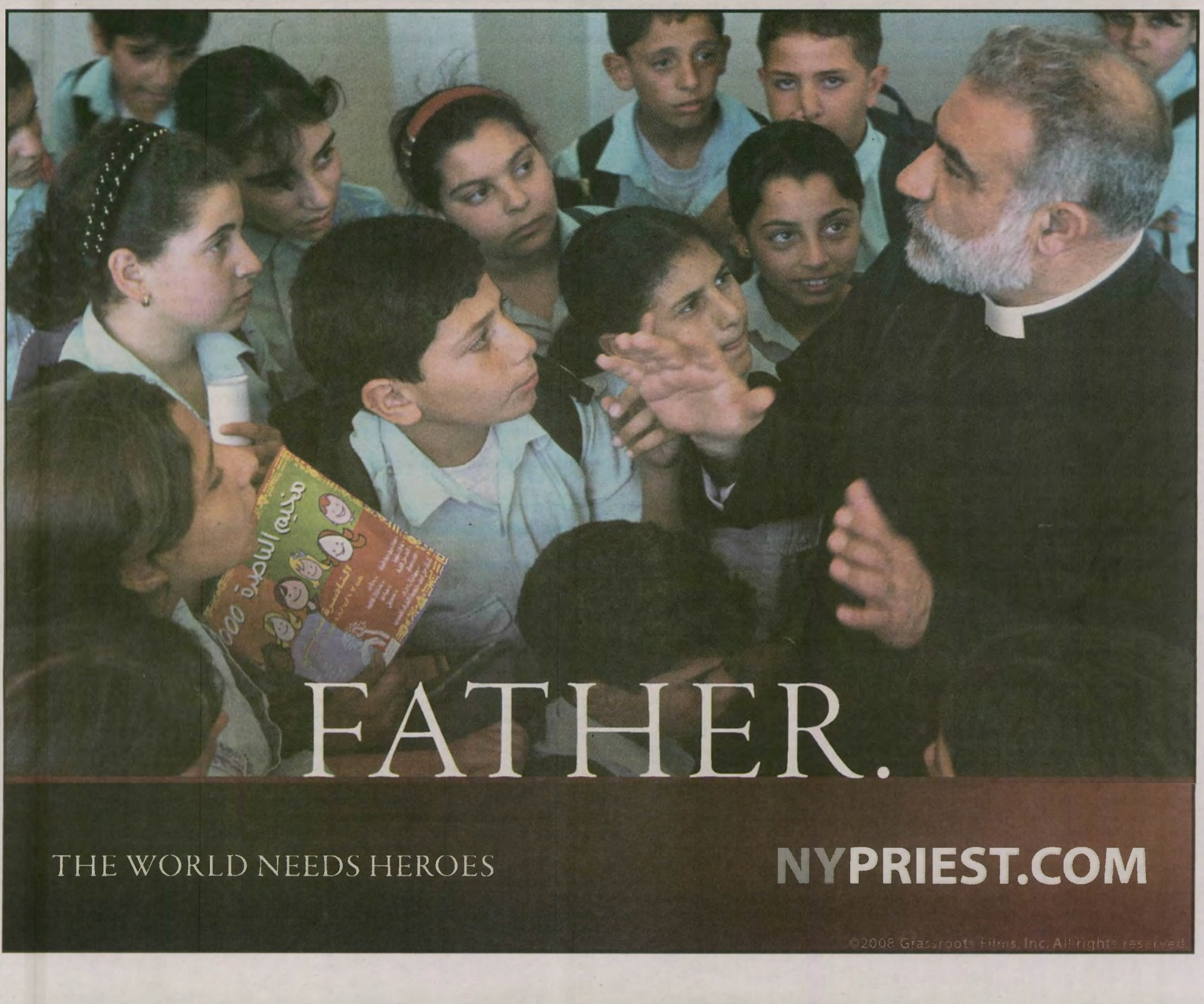

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AMEX	2,271.04	+5.02
NASDAQ	2,370.98	-6.15
NYSE	9,184.72	+27.19
S&P 500	1,372.54	+2.14
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	13,450.23	0.00
FTSE 100 (London)	6,014.80	+67.70

COMPANY	%CHANGE	$GAIN	PRICE
WASHINGTON MUTUAL (WM)	+29.30	+2.98	13.15
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POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	-0.22	-0.10	45.76
FINANCIAL SEL (XLF)	+0.61	+0.16	26.52

Treasuries

10-YEAR NOTE	+2.15	+0.075	3.556
13-WEEK BILL	+3.03	+0.04	1.360
30-YEAR BOND	+1.18	+0.051	4.369
5-YEAR NOTE	+4.18	+0.11	2.743

Commodities

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GOLD ($/Troy oz.)	+13.60	926.80
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+0.95	73.05

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CANADIAN DOLLAR	1.0127
BRITISH POUND	0.5030

IN BRIEF

Former city officials accused of fraud

SAN DIEGO — The Securities and Exchange Commission filed a civil complaint Monday against five former San Diego city officials, alleging they committed fraud by concealing a ballooning shortfall in the city pension fund.

The complaint said the officials knew the city was underfunding its pension obligations and failed to disclose the extent of its problems to bond-rating agencies or to the investors who bought city bonds in 2002 and 2003.

The complaint mirrors allegations against the nation's eighth-largest city that were settled in November 2006 after the scandal helped force the mayor's resignation. The SEC ordered the city to hire an independent financial consultant but stopped short of levying fines.

The latest complaint filed in federal court in San Diego seeks unspecified civil fines from former City Manager Michael Uberuaga; former Auditor Edward P. Ryan; former Treasurer Mary E. Vattimo; Patricia Frazier, former deputy city manager for finance; and Teresa A. Webster, former assistant auditor and comptroller.

Airline consumer quality rating down

WASHINGTON — Low-cost carriers AirTran, Jet Blue and Southwest took the top three spots in a national survey of airline quality, while the industry overall hit its lowest rating in the nearly two decades of the study.

The poor ratings come at a time of rising fuel prices and increasingly fed-up consumers.

At the bottom of the list released Monday were Comair, American Eagle and in last place: Atlantic Southeast Airlines.

The past year "was the worst year ever for the U.S. airlines," said Brent Bowen, a study co-author and professor at the Aviation Institute at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. "Overall operational performance and quality declined once again to the lowest level that it's ever been."

The annual Airline Quality Rating survey found that more bags were lost, more passengers were bumped, more consumers complained and fewer flights arrived on-time than in the previous year. The overall "quality score" the researchers gave the industry (-2.16) was the lowest in the nearly two decades they've been studying the airlines.

UAW negotiations set to resume

Bargaining teams will meet Wednesday in hopes of ending six-week axle strike

Associated Press

DETROIT — Full bargaining teams for the United Auto Workers and American Axle and Manufacturing Holdings Inc. will return to negotiations Wednesday for the first time in nearly a month as a strike against the auto parts supplier entered its sixth week.

The resumption of talks came after a meeting Monday between UAW President Ron Gettelfinger and company CEO Richard Dauch. Although details of the meeting weren't released, company spokeswoman Renee Rogers said the meeting was productive.

Top negotiators for both sides will meet Tuesday and full teams will bargain on Wednesday, Rogers said. The full teams have not met since March 10.

Adrian King, who heads a UAW local at the American Axle complex in Detroit and sits on the bargaining team, said negotiators were told to come to Detroit on Tuesday, but were given no other details of Monday's meeting.

Gettelfinger and Dauch met Monday in an effort to end the strike against the auto parts maker that has forced General Motors Corp. to cut production across the nation.

King said he is optimistic about returning to bargaining.

"I've got a thousand things running through my mind right now," he said.

About 3,600 workers at five American Axle plants in Michigan and New York went on strike Feb. 26 mainly over wage and benefit cuts that the company is seeking.

AP

American Axle and Manufacturing Holdings Inc. worker Scott Reinke walks the picket line outside the plant in Detroit. The UAW strike is now in it's sixth week.

The strike has caused a parts shortage that has forced General Motors Corp. to close or curtail work at 29 factories, as well as a Hummer plant run by AM General LLC.

But on Monday, GM confirmed it would restart pickup truck plants in Fort Wayne, Ind., and Oshawa, Ontario, that had been closed since late February because of the strike.

The Fort Wayne plant will go to one shift this week, then to the normal two shifts for the next four weeks, spokesman Dan Flores said. Oshawa will resume two-shift production for three weeks starting April 21, he said.

Flores would not say from where the plants will get parts. GM announced last week that it would shut down its Arlington, Texas, large SUV plant for three weeks starting April 14. That plant had remained in operation using parts from an American Axle plant in Mexico.

GM has not built full-sized pickup trucks since Feb. 29, yet the company still has a 118-day supply, according to Ward's AutoInfoBank.

On the American Axle picket lines in Detroit Monday, there was optimism that the high-level meeting could lead to a settlement ending the strike.

Worker Scott Reinke of New Baltimore said it's a sign that GM is starting to pressure American Axle to settle the dispute, which until recently had affected only factories that make large sport utility vehicles and pickup trucks that aren't selling well.

Tribes reach deal to protect salmon

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A compromise reached Monday with four Northwest Indian tribes would commit federal agencies to spend $900 million over the next decade on improving conditions for endangered salmon while leaving intact hydroelectric dams that harm fish.

The deal would end years of legal battles between the Bush administration and the four Northwest tribes. However, it would not affect a fifth tribe that is party to a lawsuit nor environmental groups that vowed to press on in their efforts to breach four dams on the Lower Snake River in eastern Washington.

Federal officials called the agreement a landmark in the long-running dispute over balancing tribal and commercial fishing rights, protection for threatened salmon and power demands from the region's network of hydroelectric dams.

"This deal defies the decades of salmon science that say salmon recovery in the Columbia and Snake River Basin is not possible with habitat and hatchery programs alone," said Bill Shake, a retired U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service official who advises a Northwest sportfishing group.

Any scientifically sound plan must include increased spill at the two dozen dams and irrigation projects along the Columbia and Snake rivers as well as removal of four outdated dams on the lower Snake River in Eastern Washington, Shake said.

Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski called the agreement premature and said tribes were taking a short-term view.

"It's a sad day for me," Kulongoski said.

Washington Gov. Chris Gregoire called the deal a "positive development" and said federal and tribal leaders should be commended for their efforts.

"We can best protect and enhance our salmon by working together collaboratively throughout the region focusing on real on-the-ground solutions that make a difference," she said. Both governors are Democrats.

Steve Wright, administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration, a regional power agency that led the settlement talks, said the new agreements should benefit salmon and Northwest ratepayers alike.

"We have spent decades arguing with each other. Today these parties are saying let's lay down the swords, let's spend more time working collaboratively to ... help fish and less time litigating," Wright said.

The agreement calls for federal agencies to expand tribal efforts to protect endangered and threatened fish in the Columbia River Basin, spending up to $900 million over 10 years for hatchery improvements, stream restoration work, screens to protect fish and additional spillways on some of the dams.

Donor organs cause cancer in recipients

Four patients receive transplant organs with lymphoma after doctors misdiagnosed teen

Associated Press

GARDEN CITY, N.Y. — Alex Koehne had a love for life, and always wanted to help people.

So when his parents were told that their 15-year-old son was dying of bacterial meningitis, the couple didn't hesitate in donating his organs to desperately ill transplant recipients.

"I immediately said, 'Let's do it'," Jim Koehne recalled. "We both thought it was a great idea. This is who Alex was."

A year later, their dream that Alex's spirit might somehow live on has become a nightmare.

It turned out that Alex did not die of bacterial meningitis, but rather a rare form of lymphoma that wasn't found until his autopsy, and apparently spread to the organ recipients. The Long Island couple was told that two of the recipients have died, and two others had the donor kidneys removed and are getting cancer treatment.

The revelation has led two hospitals to revise transplant procedures, although the state Health Department found that no one was to blame. Experts say the possibility of getting cancer from an organ donor is extremely rare: Only 64 cases have been identified in a national study of 230,000 cases, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing.

"A 15-year-old boy's organs are a gift from the Almighty," said transplant surgeon Lewis Teperman, noting the majority of organ donors are much older than Alex. "Usually the organs from a 15-year-old are perfect. In this case, they weren't."

Teperman is the director of transplantation at New York University Medical Center, where two of the transplants were done and lead author of a report on the case.

Last March, Alex was taken to Stony Brook University Hospital on Long Island after treatment at another hospital for nausea, vomiting, severe back and neck pain, seizures and double vision. Doctors told his parents they suspected he had bacterial meningitis — an infection of the fluid surrounding the spinal cord and brain — although tests didn't reveal what bacteria caused it.

He was treated with antibiotics but died on March 30.

The Koehnes requested an autopsy. They were told a month later that Alex had actually died from a rare form of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a blood cancer which affects fewer than 1,500 patients in the U.S. annually.

"Our jaws dropped," Jim Koehne recalled. "We walked out of there crying."

Jim and Lisa Koehne (pronounced KAY-na) later learned that a 52-year-old man died of the same rare lymphoma about four months after receiving Alex's liver. The couple said they were also told a 36-year-old woman who received Alex's pancreas also developed lymphoma and died.

Two patients who received the kidneys are undergoing cancer treatment and are faring well, according to the report in the January issue of the American Journal of Transplantation.

All four recipients were notified immediately of the autopsy results and got chemotherapy, the report said. None have been publicly identified.

The transplants were done at Stony Brook, NYU Medical Center and the University of Minnesota, according to Newsday, which first reported on the case.

The report's authors noted a diagnosis of bacterial meningitis does not preclude donating organs because the recipients can be given antibiotics to prevent infection, but they concluded "a more thorough evaluation of the donor" should be done when there is any doubt.

"Tumors, especially lymphoma, can masquerade as other causes of death, and may be missed in potential donors," they wrote.

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Lewis Teperman
surgeon

Teperman, who was not involved in the case, said the review did not fault anyone who made the incorrect diagnosis.

"No one was able to say they could have figured out that this diagnosis was lymphoma," he said. "We are recommending that if the reported case is bacterial meningitis, maybe wait and get more cultures, possibly don't take the organs."

But, he added, this case is so rare that it would have been difficult for anyone to predict what might have happened, and that physicians acted in good faith in trying to harvest organs for desperately ill recipients.

NYU and Minnesota now follow the recommendation for additional tests for bacterial meningitis.

Stony Brook officials said they followed organ donor network guidelines, but cited federal privacy laws in declining to specifically discuss the Koehne case.

A review by the state Health Department "did not find flaws in policies, procedures and actions at Stony Brook" involving Alex's case, said agency spokeswoman Claudia Hutton.

The New York Organ Donor Network, which coordinated the transplants, issued a statement of sympathy for the family. The network pointed out that 22,000 patients received life-saving organ transplants in the U.S. in 2007, and another 6,411 patients died while awaiting organ donations.

Soldier's widow has sperm salvaged

Medical experts say it's unlikely wife will bear late husband's child

Associated Press

ATLANTA — A soldier's widow has succeeded in having sperm taken from his body and frozen four days after he was slain in Iraq, though medical experts said it's highly unlikely she would be able to bear his child.

Sgt. Dayne Darren Dhanoolal, 26, died March 31 when an explosive detonated near his vehicle in Baghdad. He had talked often with his wife Kynesha about having children, according to court papers filed by her lawyer.

On Friday, a federal judge in Columbus, Ga., granted her request for a temporary restraining order preventing the military from embalming the body until samples of Dhanoolal's sperm were extracted. The samples were taken later that day and are in the custody of a medical representative for the widow, who is hoping to be inseminated even though fertility experts said the procedure almost certainly would not work with her late husband's sperm.

"It's not viable," Dr. Andrew McCullough, associate professor at the New York University School of Medicine, said Monday.

Sperm maintain nearly normal movement and some function for the first three hours after a man's death. After that, their movement and viability declines, according to the Web site for the department of urology at Cornell University's Joan and Sanford I. Weill Medical College.

Dr. John Park, a fertility expert and assistant professor at Emory University School of Medicine, said there have been reports of viable sperm being retrieved up to 36 hours after a man's death. But he said it is "highly unlikely" any viable sperm could be retrieved four days later.

Recovery of viable sperm appears relatively uncommon after 24 hours post-mortem unless the body has been cooled, the Cornell site says. It was not known what, if any, precautions were taken to keep Dhanoolal's body sufficiently cool before his sperm were extracted.

"This is strictly a personal choice of the family and not something we're involved with."

Monica Manganaro
Fort Benning
spokeswoman

Despite the odds, Kynesha Dhanoolal persuaded the judge to allow the sperm to be collected. Dhanoolal did not have a will but had signed a military form designating his mother, Monica Brown, to handle disposition of his remains.

His widow asserted in court papers that Brown initially did not agree with her wishes.

However, "There's no battle anymore," Kynesha Dhanoolal said Monday after speaking with her mother-in-law over the weekend.

The widow's attorney, Frank Myers, said emotions got in the way of reaching an agreement earlier. Now, "I think everybody is on the same page," he said.

Brown did not return two calls to her Killeen, Texas, home on Monday.

As of Monday, no agreement had been filed with the court, which will determine who gets possession of the sperm.

"Hopefully, the peace will last and everybody will be happy in the end," Myers said.

Dhanoolal was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Benning, in west Georgia. Fort Benning spokeswoman Monica Manganaro said she was not aware of another time where the widow of a soldier stationed at the base made such a request.

"This is strictly a personal choice of the family and not something we're involved with," Manganaro said.

Dhanoolal's body was to be flown Monday from Dover Air Force Base in Delaware to Texas, where a funeral is planned this Friday, according to the widow's family.

The widow's mother, Yvonne Watkins, said her daughter hopes to have her husband's sperm artificially inseminated as early as this summer.

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EGYPT

Police attack rioters as violence escalates

Associated Press

MAHALLA EL-KOBRA, — Egyptian police attacked protesters who tore down a billboard of President Hosni Mubarak in a northern city Monday in the second day of violence fueled by anger over low wages and rising prices.

In another sign of dissatisfaction with the U.S.-backed government, the country's most powerful opposition group, the Muslim Brotherhood, said it was reversing a decision to participate in local elections Tuesday because of mass arrests of its members in recent months.

Prices of cooking oil, rice and other staples have nearly doubled since the beginning of the year and there are widespread shortages of government-subsidized bread throughout the country of 76 million people. Nearly 40 percent of Egyptians live under the internationally defined poverty line of $2 a day. Complaints that the government is not doing enough to help the poor have turned simmering dissatisfaction with repression and lack of economic opportunity into rare open unrest.

Thousands of demonstrators torched buildings, looted shops and hurled bricks at police in the Nile Delta city of Mahalla al-Kobra on Sunday. Nearly 100 others were arrested elsewhere in protests over economic problems. Thousands skipped work and school and hundreds protested.

Several hundred young men massed in Mahalla al-Kobra's main square on Monday, throwing rocks at a billboard of Mubarak and slashing it with knives before toppling it.

Riot police charged the group, firing heavy volleys of tear gas, pulling some of the men to the pavement and beating them with batons or fists. Protesters threw stones or canisters of tear gas at the police.

At least 25 people were arrested, and 15 protesters and five policemen were hurt, security officials said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the press.

The government appears worried by the unrest and lifted import duties on some food items last week in an effort to lower prices. It strongly warned citizens against participating in the strikes and demonstrations, which are illegal in Egypt.

The Muslim Brotherhood said Mubarak's administration also had arrested more than 1,000 of its members and potential candidates, detaining 400 after the group announced last month that it would take part in Tuesday's municipal elections.

BELGIUM

EU OKs cell phone usage on planes

Calls will be connected through onboard base station linked to satellite

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — You can use your cell phone in the skies over Europe later this year under new rules that will allow air travelers to stay in touch — and raise the cringe-inducing prospect of sitting next to a chatterbox at 30,000 feet.

But don't expect to use your phone on a U.S. flight anytime soon.

The decision Monday by the European Union makes the 27-nation bloc the first region in the world to scrap bans on the use of cell phones in the sky. The EU insists the change will not compromise safety.

Cell phone calls will be connected through an onboard base station — think of a miniature cell phone tower — linked to a satellite and then to ground networks. A flight's captain will have the power to turn off service anytime.

Phone service will be blocked during takeoff and landing, EU spokesman Martin Selmayr said. That means using your cell phone will fall under roughly the same restrictions as using your laptop or iPod.

EU officials also say the system has been thoroughly tested. They say the calls will not interfere with flight navigation and will have additional safeguard to protect against terrorism.

Meanwhile, travelers are already expressing concern about another kind of disruption — noisy passengers. The friendly skies are one of the last refuges against shrill ringtones and yapping callers.

"If they use a mobile phone on long distance flights, it would be an inconvenience, especially at night," said Stein Smulders of Halle, Belgium, who commutes by train.

In the United States, cell phone use on flights is banned by two regulatory agencies. Both said Monday they had no plans to change their rules.

Alison Duquette, a spokeswoman for the Federal Aviation Administration, said the agency had a concern that the phones could interfere with planes' electronic equipment.

"The bottom line for us is that the FAA has no plans to allow passengers to use cell phones on commercial flights," Duquette said.

The Federal Communications Commission also bans cell phone use on flights, out of concern for interfering with cell phone networks on the ground. That agency opened a review of the issue in 2004 but ended it last year without taking action.

On European flights, installing a base station on the plane will allow calls to go directly to a satellite system, preventing phones from wreaking havoc with flight instruments by sending out signals indiscriminately, EU officials said.

The system will rely on European GSM technology. Although the technical standards for American and European GSM phones are different, American GSM phones would work on European flights.

Installing small base stations on planes helps ensure phones won't give off strong signals trying to connect with a tower on the ground. But Dave Carson, co-chairman of an RTCA Inc. committee studying wireless safety on planes for the FAA, said there was still a risk that a phone might try to connect with a ground tower.

In Europe, travelers will be allowed to turn on their phones after planes climb past 10,000 feet. That's when other electronic devices are typically permitted. Captains will also be able to block cell phone service during turbulence.

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Right or Wrong?

"[T]hese crimes ... started ... with ... the attitude ... that there is such a thing as life not worthy to be lived. This attitude in its early stages concerned itself merely with the severely and chronically sick. Gradually the sphere ... was enlarged to encompass ... the racially unwanted and finally all non-Germans. But ... the infinitely small wedged-in lever from which this entire trend of mind received its impetus was the attitude toward the nonrehabilitable sick." That summary is from Dr. Leo Alexander's classic analysis of the Nazi euthanasia program.

One wonders what Dr. Alexander would think of the treatment of the "nonrehabilitable sick" in American law and culture today. This comes to mind because of Lauren Richardson, a 23 year-old Delaware woman who may become the new Terri Schiavo. In 2005, Terri Schiavo, a disabled, brain-damaged woman on a feeding tube, was starved and dehydrated to death by order of a Florida court. Her parents and siblings wanted to keep her alive and care for her but her estranged husband wanted to remove the tube in accord with what he claimed were her wishes. After years of litigation that gained world attention, the husband prevailed and Terri died.

In August 2006, Lauren Richardson overdosed on heroin, with resulting brain damage, while she was three months pregnant. On a respirator and feeding tube, she gave birth to a healthy girl in February 2007. She is off the respirator but remains on a feeding and hydration tube in the nursing home to which she was transferred after the birth of her child. Lauren's parents divorced when she was an infant and each has remarried. Both parents seek to be Lauren's guardian. The mother, Edith Towers, who has custody of Lauren's baby, would terminate Lauren's feeding. The father, Randy Richardson, would keep her alive, bring her home and provide treatment for her. Both sides agree that Lauren is in a persistent vegetative state, which is sort of an awake unconsciousness. Lauren did not execute an advance directive indicating whether she would want to be kept alive on a tube.

On January 24, 2008, a Master in the Delaware Court of Chancery appointed the mother as guardian because he found that Lauren, while a competent adult, had orally "expressed her wish not to be artificially sustained by medical treatment, including hydration and nutrition, in a persistent vegetative state." The appeals could take years.

Cases like Schiavo and Richardson are dramatic but they are like the tip of an iceberg. Such cases come to court and public view only because the family members disagree. More ominous is the acceptance by American law and culture of the quiet execution of incompetent patients when the family and caregivers agree that it is time for the patient to die.

A competent adult has the legal right to refuse any and all medical treatment. Since the 1980s that legal right has included the refusal of food and water whether naturally or artificially provided. A refusal of food and water with the intent to die is a form of suicide. "Suicide," as John Paul II put it, "is always as morally objectionable as murder."

If a patient is incompetent and on a feeding tube, the law permits the tube to be removed if the patient had expressed such a desire when he or she was competent, or, in some states, if such removal is in the best interest of the patient. In moral terms, as John Paul said on March 20, 2004, "the administration of food and water, even ... by artificial means, [is] a natural means for preserving life, not a medical act. Its use [is] morally obligatory" as long as it achieves its purpose of "providing nourishment to the patient and alleviation of his suffering." Nutrition and hydration are not intended to cure the cancer or other disease; the suffering they are designed to relieve is the suffering from hunger and thirst.

Morally, a feeding tube can be removed from a patient when it is excessively painful, when the patient cannot absorb the nourishment and in the closing of the dying process when the lack of nourishment would not contribute to the death. When such factors are not present, if you remove a feeding tube from a patient with the intent not to put it back, the act and your intent are homicidal. It is, as John Paul put it, "euthanasia by omission." But the law permits such removal, when the parents and caregivers are in agreement that the incompetent patient would want to die or that it is in his best interest to die. Similarly, palliative sedation, which can be morally justified even if it shortens life, can be used with the intent not to relieve pain but to kill; it is ordinarily difficult, if not impossible, to prove such intent.

Starvation and dehydration can be an unpleasant way to go. "I watched my own sister anguish through 13 days without food or water," Terri Schiavo's brother, Bobby Schindler, recently said, "and there are no words that can properly describe this inhumanity. .... If you did the same thing to a dog, you would rightly join Michael Vick in jail for animal abuse." We can, however, expect starvation and dehydration of incompetents to give way to the lethal injection as the method of killing.

"Euthanasia," said John Paul, "is a grave violation of the law of God." One reason we accept the intentional killing of the innocent as an optional problem-solving technique, in abortion and now euthanasia, is that we have forgotten that life comes from God and that it comes on his terms. In the nearly universal practice of contraception, we have claimed "a power that belongs solely to God: the power to decide... the coming into existence of a human person." John Paul II, Sept. 17, 1983. If, through contraception, you make yourself the arbiter of whether and when life shall begin, you will predictably make yourself the arbiter of when life shall end, as in abortion, euthanasia, etc. Contraception also affirms that there is such a thing as a "life not worthy to be lived," i.e., the life you prevent. Ideas do have consequences.

Let Terri Schiavo's brother have the last word: "Persons with disabilities ... are just that — persons. They should be treated as our most precious treasures reflecting who we should be as a nation — not as damaged goods to be discarded when they outlive their 'usefulness.'" Dr. Leo Alexander would agree.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The best of us must sometimes eat our words."

J.K. Rowling
British children's author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A toast to Daniel Cerrone

As I sit on the penultimate floor of Morrissey Manor and look down on the plebeians running around with their foul smelling liquids in their cups of Solo, it brings a tear to mine eye that they do not understand responsibility as you and I do so well.

I exult in the fact that we stand so high above the vulgar commoners and their sophomoric debauchery. We shall not descend from our ivory towers and indulge in their sinful libations and prurience. I raise my chalice to you and sip on the sweet ambrosia that is my grandfather's '52 Château Margaux Cabernet Sauvignon, which I have been savoring for the past three fortnights.

Let us hope they hear the wisdom of our words and embrace virtue and Christian values. I sincerely hope you continue the good fight, but as for me I must return to my life of excessive solitude and hubris

Steve Brennen
Nick Caprino
John Fletcher
Alex Reiner
juniors
Morrissey Manor
April 6

Alcohol personal choice

It is 2:07 AM Sunday morning, and parietals just struck Siegfried Hall. I just had a great time hanging out with my friends tonight, and yes, alcohol was involved. The young men of my section enjoyed the Final Four games tonight with the help of our faithful friends from Milwaukee. Hearty laughs were aplenty, and beer was certainly a part of enjoying our time together. What possesses some to knock on such an enjoyable beverage?

The Observer recently received a letter ranting on the immorality of intoxication and those who choose to consume alcohol ("Rethinking alcohol consumption, April 4). The letter cited Catholic morality and the virtue of responsibility as the reasons for alcohol's sinfulness. We as a Notre Dame community must question this questioning of alcohol's morality.

Jesus himself condoned the consumption of alcohol amongst friends. What was His first miracle, the coming out party of His reign on earth? It was the biblical equivalent of a late night booze run. And not only did Jesus turn water into wine in order to keep the wedding party going, but He made the good stuff. His friends and family raved about how great it was for Jesus to save the best, albeit miraculous, booze for last. Jesus and his friends partied on, and all was well.

The truth is, alcohol consumption is a personal choice. While I cannot justifiably condemn Cerrone's personal opinion, I can condemn his implication that his opinion is the moral authority on the matter.

Those who choose to partake in alcohol consumption are not wrong for doing so, and the good times they enjoy with friends are not immoral. Moreover, alcohol does not change one's opinions; it just turns off the censor. It has been said that drunken words are sober thoughts, and if someone only appears sexist or racist when they are drunk, they are just good at hiding it when they are sober.

Cerrone also said that friendships formed while under alcohol's influence are false. I have plenty of real, live friends that I met while drinking who would beg to differ. Alcohol can be a social lubricant, helping strangers get to know each other with a common activity and without some of the awkward inhibitions.

This is college. Alcohol is a part of social life. Notre Dame's party scene is modest at best, and we can do without people like Cerrone attacking our morality for trying to have a good time. There is nothing evil about choosing to involve alcohol in what little free time we have to enjoy with the good friends we are with for but a few years of our waning youth. Jesus is welcome to party with me anytime. Cerrone, you're welcome to tag along too; who knows, you might just have fun.

Danny Wemple
sophomore
Siegfried Hall
April 6

Consumption thought out

I am writing to commend Daniel Cerrone on his insightful and brave commentary on alcohol consumption ("Rethinking alcohol consumption," April 4). I agree completely with Cerrone. I often find myself disgusted at the abhorrent behavior of good people under the influence of alcohol. Why not have more respect for ourselves as human beings and intellectuals? Why willingly surrender control of your body and mind to a liquid?

The recreational consumption of alcohol is something I will never understand. Everyone has the right to make their own decisions regarding their own bodies. My real problem with alcohol is when the others' recreational drinking infringes on my life. Drunk drivers kill many innocent victims every year. I have been rudely awakened at 4:00 a.m. by drunk girls shrieking in the hallway. I've seen vomit on sidewalks that are supposed to serve everyone. Where is the consideration for others?

Recreational use of alcohol too often turns normally decent people into inconsiderate pigs. I for one am sick and tired of having my safety and comfort compromised by those who have surrendered themselves to alcohol. I call on my fellow students to make responsible and polite choices regarding alcohol. If you do choose to drink, never drive. Also, try to remember that the world does not revolve around you and your drunken escapades. Thanks!

Kelsey Robertson
sophomore
Regina Hall
April 7

Give North a chance at equality

From the moment I stepped on campus, I was told that South Dining Hall was the superior dining facility. It took me some time to come to my own conclusion, but location aside, it is nearly impossible to argue that North is the best. As a North Quader, it is a tough pill to swallow, but we can still take pride in the two best services of North: the pizza station and the stir fry.

Unfortunately, recent changes have ruined the stir fry. I trust that the administrators at North make changes in an effort to improve the dining experience. So when dining hall workers started preparing the plates of pasta instead of allowing students to do it, there must have been some rationale for the change.

The problem is this rationale is impossible for me and others to figure out. Before the change was made, I doubt anyone thought, "I really wish someone else was putting my plate of pasta together for me." As much as possible, people like to be in control of what goes into their food. That very idea is what makes the stir fry so appealing; the ability to choose exactly what you eat. But when the dining hall employees do it, you lose some of that control, and you can end up with too little meat and too much of the healthy stuff, or vice versa. I add the healthy stuff just so I can rationalize eating ice cream after nearly every meal, not so it blocks out the taste of the slices of pepperoni swimming in oil on the bottom of the bowl. Similar problems arose last Friday when I ate what was probably the worst non-Lenten fajitas of my time here.

A friend explained that the crepes and omelets are prepared by employees so that all the ingredients can actually fit into their respective wraps. This is not an issue with the pasta or fajitas; if you can reasonably fit the ingredients into the bowl, then they will fit into the identical serving bowl. If someone carefully balances an incredibly large pile of food into the bowl, then it is their loss if some of it is spilled. As it is, most people don't try to get an unreasonably large amount of food stuffed into their bowl.

Unlike the crepes and omelets, it is easy to judge how manageable the amount of food is, and most people respect that fact. Some people have suggested that it makes the stir fry quicker, but regardless of who prepares the food, there is still always food cooking on the stoves. The time it takes to cook the food is what makes the wait so long at times, not the preparation of the dishes. To improve the dining experience at North, the stir fry simply needs to return back to the previous system. There will be much less groaning with no adverse effects.

Until then, I may need to take the time to walk to South.

Stephen Siena
freshman
Keenan Hall
March 31

Unnecessary change in stir fry

Spider-Man. JFK. Syphilis. You may be wondering what any of these things have in common. You may think the answer is absolutely nothing, but you would be mistaken. I humbly beseech you my peers for a few moments of your time, but I forgive you if you skip over this to read another viewpoint article about the Vagina Monologues, or one of those hilarious comic strips. But for those of you who have stayed with me so far, I would like to address a serious issue: the stir fry situation in North Dining Hall.

As I'm sure many of you have noticed, Notre Dame food services at North Dining Hall no longer deems students intelligent enough to tackle the nigh impossible task of putting ingredients onto a plate. Perhaps they think that Notre Dame students are so stressed out with schoolwork, parietals, the upcoming presidential election, unplanned pregnancies, syphilis and the like that they have taken it upon themselves to remove the stress of handling our own ingredients. Or could it be that NDFS think all college kids are just genuinely unhygienic and are trying to prevent the spread of an epidemic like Mad Cow Disease?

Whatever their motives, this problem, like 25 percent of all problems, requires a solution. My solution? Change the stir fry system back to the way it was. I will not even dare use the word revert, because that has implications of regression, of going backwards. This is not what we would be doing. The real regression was when this nonsensical system began.

What makes this proposal the best? Obviously it is a practical system as it has been in use before. And it is useful in saving food. People know how much they are going to eat and won't take more than they can eat. And they also know how much of each ingredient they want. How is a Notre Dame food Services person going to know if I want a lot of pasta and a little pepperoni? This is only going to waste more food. Also, this would save the valuable time of the workers who have better things to be doing than trying to guess how much broccoli you want.

We have clearly seen that the older system is better than the current system. Are there any other practical solutions? I think not. I mean every other food station is choose your own, why not the stir fry?

If my words do not stir you to action perhaps Spider-Man's can. "With great power comes great responsibility." Notre Dame students have proven that they can handle the "great power" of choosing their own stir fry ingredients with "great responsibility." We should have never had it taken away in the first place. To paraphrase the late great JFK, "Ask not what your [dining hall] can do for you, but what you can do for your [dining hall]." I'll tell you what I can do for my dining hall, put on my own ingredients.

So what do Spider-Man, JFK, and syphilis have in common? They are all heroes, except the last one. They are all part of the reason why we should change the stir-fry system back to the way it was. As I am sure many of you are familiar with the movie 300, I urge you: "Go stranger passing by and tell the Spartans [and NDFS] that [we should change the stir fry system back to the way it was]."

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April 3

The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus by Christopher Marlowe

By STEPHANIE DePREZ
Assistant Scene Editor

The phrase "Faust at Notre Dame" has been thrown around a lot this year, appearing on posters and in seminars across campus, but this month is comes to its grand climax. Two productions of Faust, a play and an opera, are opening. The renowned work "The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus" opens this evening on the Decio Mainstage Theatre, in what will prove to be one of the most inventive and innovative productions of the piece this side of Shakespeare.

This production will prove to be far more than a simple retelling of the Faust story. Its conventions are unexpected, especially of a work as old and revered as Faust. Faust himself is the only character to wear seemingly normal clothing. The rest of the cast dons tight-fitting body suits in different colors. The idea of "ensemble" is stressed, and the actors portray devils present among us in the world.

Huyen Nguyen, one of the actresses of the ensemble, says she found herself in this production because she enjoyed working with the director, Anton Juan, in voice and movement class. She says that he is "a wonderful director. World renown. This is the first show I've worked with him, and it's quite an experience. He makes you think outside the box," she said. She hints that the show "will be very stimulating for the senses." Nguyen described how Juan asked that their voices be "otherworldly, because sins are not of this world."

It is a technically heavy show. Caitlyn Madden, Assistant Technical Director, stressed that it is "one of the best shows going on here, and will have plenty of spectacle. There's a lot to see." The costumes and tech work help create a show that is "exciting, dark and intriguing."

Juan describes it as "fluid as a nightmare, but as hilarious as burlesque." It centers on "the choice of man between good and evil, and the edges of presumption and despair." The production is worked so that it invokes the general feeling of the painting "Garden of Delight" by Bosch, which is three panels visual of debauchery, but has very strong similarities to the Garden of Eden.

The cast is large at 23 people, and several stage managers and dressers. It is one of the biggest shows FTT has ever put on. "It is visually delightful with lots of surprises," Juan said. "There are surprises from theatre floor to theatre ceiling."

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"The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus" us one of Marlowe's most famous plays. The story follows the tale of a prideful professor who sells his soul to the devil in exchange for great power.

The play originally debuted in connection with the works of Shakespeare in the 1590s and is widely considered the first theatrical representation of the legend of Faust.

According to the play's official website, the production is part of the College of Arts and Letter's "Faust at Notre Dame," a series of events that explores the figure of Faust, the ideas behind the figure, its 500-year tradition and how it connects the many disciplines of the College.

Other events include a series of Faust-related films, a reconstruction of the 1859 version of Gounod's opera, Faust , an exhibit of illustrations in the Snite Museum of Art, a Faust at Notre Dame interdisciplinary scholarly conference, a University Seminar, "Doctor Faustus: Selling One's Soul to the Devil" and College Seminar classes.

Overall, the series examines the Faust theme, that is, the human desire for power, the temptations of the devil, and the idea of Christian redemption — all through the scope of one of the greatest and most powerful plays ever written.

Tickets are $12 for the general public, $10 for faculty/staff/senior citizens and $8 for all students and can be purchased at the DPAC box office or online at performingarts.nd.edu.

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Radio lives on and hits the big screen with THIS AMERICAN LIFE

By CHRISTINE NGUYEN
Scene Writer

A beloved "Saturday Night Live" skit opens with Molly Shannon and Ana Gasteyer speaking softly into microphones about cracked wheat and how exciting sandwiches are. In walks Alec Baldwin carrying what only he can describe as "Schweatty Balls." This is what most students imagine when someone mentions Public Radio.

Though occasionally Terri Gross does wax poetically about the smell of old books and the joys or fresh vegetables, NPR is much more than just news and old ladies.

Public Radio is a media outlet that offers reality outside of "Reality TV." While "Rock of Love II," "Flavor of Love 27," and "A Pitcher of Shame and Self-Loathing w/ Tila Tequila" may fill up the DVR of many Notre Dame students, there is an alternative. Now, to be fair, this alternative requires that the viewer give up what has become an integral part of entertainment: the visual part. However, the payoff is big, at the least big enough to merit actually listening to a radio broadcast.

"This American Life" is a truly unique and amazing show that is a much better commentary on real contemporary American society than most reality television. It was mentioned on "The O.C." for crying out loud. In an integral scene, which the show's host, Ira Glass, talks about during his live tour, Seth mentions TAL, to which Summer rebukes "'This American Life'? Isn't that the show by hipster know-it-alls who talk about how fascinating ordinary people are?" As unexciting and often pretentious as Public Radio may seem, there is an untapped source of humor and amazing storytelling that lies between the speakers. Listeners of TAL know that the stories and themes selected each week by the Ira and the staff of frequent contributors range anywhere from readings of salacious high school diaries, performed publicly by members of the traveling show "Mortified," then recorded by TAL, and broadcast to listeners free of censure, to real stories of boys traveling thousands of miles away to attend an Israeli Zionist-themed summer camp.

Each show has at least three or four different segments, all based around a common theme. Each segment focuses on either a documentary piece, with interviews and events being documented, the reading of a short story, or the recording of a performance. While stories range from sad to hilarious, there is something interesting for everyone. If you are not convinced, listen to the last segment of "My Experimental Life," if you ever wondered what the diary of a formerly sheltered Catholic school girl who got the chance to go to public school, and subsequently went what Flavor Flav would call "Buckwild," would sound like, here's your chance. Yes, it's everything you think it would be and worse.

Earlier this year, Ira Glass made the exciting announcement that TAL will be broadcast in theatres, via satellite, so that loyal listeners and new ones all over the country will be able to enjoy the show both visually and audibly. Last year, TAL also made the leap to television, showing just six episodes on Showtime, with TAL heading out to various locations. This time, instead of the usual recording with a tape and microphone on location, they took the time to film a live recording on stage, making this a completely new venture for the show.

The only theatre within fifty miles to be showing this live taping is the Mishawaka 14. Tickets went on sale April 4 for the May 1 showing at 8 p.m. and are sure to sell out. They are available online at the Mishawaka 14 website, as well as at the box office.

You can catch "This American Life" through the following:

Radio Broadcast: Tune in every Saturday at 4 p.m. WVPE 88.1 FM

Podcast: Search This American Life on iTunes. Totally free updated every Monday morning. The best way to listen because shows are downloaded automatically and can be loaded onto an iPod to be listened to in the car or on the way to class.

Streaming Online: ThisLife.org has every show ever aired available for free, streaming online. Click "On The Radio" and then "Listen".

On TV: The season may be over, but YouTube has segments of the TAL television show originally aired on Showtime.

In Theatres: May 1, 8 p.m. at the Mishawaka 14 Theatre.

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CLUB SPORTS

Ultimate highlights weekend of Irish club sports

Women's water polo wins three of four at Invitational; Men's rowing grabs two top-three finishes at Crew Classic

Men's Rowing

Notre Dame sent two boats to San Diego last weekend to compete in the 35th annual San Diego Crew Classic on Mission Bay.

The Notre Dame Novice eight boat finished third in the Petite Final on Saturday afternoon in a time of 6:30.25.

The Notre Dame Varsity eight boat also finished third in the Men's Collegiate Varsity Cal Cup Petite Final, 9th overall.

Notre Dame's top boat narrowly missed a second-place finish — which would have qualified them for the grand final — by a margin of only 0.35 seconds behind the University of California Davis Saturday morning. In the Petite Final, it was nip and tuck down the course between the top three boats, Notre Dame, Drexel, and the University of San Diego. Drexel jumped out to an early lead, which it would not relinquish despite a strong challenge from the San Diego and Notre Dame crews in the final 500 meters.

Notre Dame and San Diego battled back and forth before the Notre Dame boat took a slight advantage heading into the final 400 meters of the 2000-meter race. But San Diego made a push at the finish and the Irish couldn't answer.

Equestrian

The Notre Dame/Saint Mary's seven-rider team finished in fifth place in the IHSA Regionals at Purdue. Krista Jones' third-place in intermediate flat was the team's highest score. Heather LaDue, Jennifer Gilardi and Kelly Daniels placed fourth, fifth and sixth, respectively in the novice flat.

Daniels also took fifth in novice fences.

Sailing

Notre Dame finished second in a field of ten teams at the MCSA team race qualifier this weekend in Wilmette, Ill. With the strong showing, the Irish earned a spot in Team Race Nationals in Newport, Rhode Island on May 30-June 1. Wisconsin finished first in the qualifier, with Northwestern and Michigan finishing third and fourth, respectively.

Ultimate Frisbee

Notre Dame hosted 13 teams in the 12th annual Whitesmoke Invitational at South Bend's Tarkington Fields at Boehm Park.

The Notre Dame women's squad opened the weekend against Valparaiso, winning easily 13-1. It followed with another victory over DePaul, 13-3. The team's third game of the day came against long time rival, Purdue Brickhouse. Seniors Loretta Brown and Libby Whiting drove the offense against a quick Brickhouse defense, and junior handler Jean Whitney played exceptionally well as the Irish came out on top 13-6.

Sunday morning featured single-elimination bracket play, with Notre Dame facing North Park in the quarterfinals. The Irish came out looking flat in the beginning, falling behind 9-4. But the Irish put together 7 straight points to win 11-9 and advance to the semi-finals. The Irish were not able to sustain their intensity as they bowed out in the semifinals with a 15-1 loss to Michigan State.

The Notre Dame men opened up pool play against DePaul. The team came out a little slow but after some key plays by Thomas Rivas, Notre Dame pulled away for a 13-3 victory. The Irish then blew out both Lewis and Purdue by respective scores of 13-2 and 13-6.

This set up a showcase match against the Notre Dame alumni team, which also went undefeated in pool play. The Irish came out hard and played with an increased passion that wasn't seen earlier in the day. Leadership on the defensive side by grad student Steve Kurtz was the key to establishing the early tone of the game. After battling back and forth for most of the game, Notre Dame's conditioning proved to be the difference as it pulled away from the alumni late in the game. A final score thrown by senior Eric Morin capped Notre Dame's 15-10 victory.

Sunday proved to be a much more challenging day for the team. After a first-round bye, Notre Dame opened against the Michigan State alumni team. The alumni team was very talented but Notre Dame had the advantage of training and practice. In a grueling battle, the leadership of Irish senior captain Mike Florack was the difference in a 13-10 win. The Irish then took on a South Bend club team with more experienced and talented players. After a tight first half, the defense of sophomore Mike Carilli helped the team dominate the second half and win 15-8. The final was a rematch between Notre Dame and the Notre Dame alumni team. Notre Dame played open lines and strayed from its usual game plan as the Irish fell 15-11.

Fishing

Notre Dame competed in its first two events of the season, traveling to Fishers, Ind., for the Ice Box Bass Tournament before heading to Baldwin, Mich., for the WMU Steelhead Tournament. In the Ice Box, the Irish four-man squad placed third behind Indiana and Purdue. Garrett Coggon, Ted Kratschmer, Matt Dobertien and Matt Babcock competed for the Irish with Babcock catching the second-largest fish of the tournament.

The club did not place in the Steelhead tournament, as the only prizes captured were a couple of raffled door prizes.

Cycling

The Irish competed in the Marian Midwest Cycling Classic this weekend and were challenged by a mile of windy roads through the Marian College campus. John McDunough started things for the Irish in the men's D race. McDunough was aggressive throughout the race and was rewarded with a top-10 placing. In the men's C race, Irish rider Kirk Post finished in 10th place.

The only men's A rider to make the trip was Tim Campbell, who took sixth place in the sprint to finish 10th overall.

Women's Water Polo

Notre Dame headed to Purdue last weekend for the Boilermaker Invitational. They faced off against the Michigan State "B" team Saturday morning, and won by a convincing final score of 10-3. Irish goalie Maggie Hyde recorded six saves in the victory. Cristina Romano and Bridget O'Neill each had a hat trick, while Ali Durkin added two. Meghan Pearl and Kelly Horner each chipped in with a score.

The Irish faced a tough Purdue Alumni team later in the day but came away with a 12-5 victory. Romano zipped the ball by the goalie six times in the contest, and Horner put another three goals away. Pearl, Durkin and Ali Schilling each had one. Betsy O'Neill and Hyde split time in goal.

For the third game of the day, the Irish squared off against varsity opponent Wheaton College, with the Irish prevailing 11-6. Bridget O'Neill led the scoring with three goals, and Romano, Horner and Kristen Harchut each added two more. Schilling and Emily Harig completed the scoring with one each, and Betsy O'Neill and Hyde split the cage, making a combined eight saves.

On Sunday the Irish went up against Michigan for the fifth time this season. The Wolverines handed a flat Irish team its first lost of the year, an 8-2 blowout. Bridget O'Neill scored both of the Irish goals. The Irish will head to Dayton next weekend for the Midwest Division Championships.

Gymnastics

The Notre Dame/Saint Mary's gymnastics club sent four women to Ann Arbor for the Michigan Madness Meet. Despite competing as individuals since there were not enough athletes to field a complete team, the Irish looked strong. Sammy Bello, Sophie Troy, and Kelleen O'Leary were particularly strong on the balance beam. Each stuck her routine and turned in a season-best score.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Indiana's Gordon done with college; enters NBA draft

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Eric Gordon wasn't captivated by the glamour or riches of the NBA. He just wanted to compete against the best basketball players in the world.

Next season, the 19-year-old will finally get his chance.

Indiana's freshman guard told about 100 supporters Monday in his hometown of Indianapolis that he would skip his final three college seasons to enter the June draft.

"I'm doing this to compete at the highest level, not for the fame or the money," Gordon said at the news conference. "I just had a couple of weeks to really think about this after the season, and now is the right time to do it."

Gordon's father, Eric Sr., said his son has not yet signed with an agent but that he intends to. When that happens, Gordon would not be able to withdraw his name from the draft, something his father said was never considered an option.

It was the worst kept secret in the state.

From the moment Gordon signed with the Hoosiers in November 2006, most people expected the 6-foot-4 guard with the nifty moves and NBA 3-point range to go straight to the league after one college season. Rumors continued to swirl throughout the season, and when Tom Crean was named Indiana's new coach last week, Gordon did not attend the team meeting, fanning even more speculation.

Gordon is projected to go among the top 10 picks, and Crean said he did speak with Gordon at the Final Four in San Antonio over the weekend. In the end, it was the decision Crean anticipated.

"He's an outstanding player with his range, quickness, speed and ability to create his own shot," Crean said. "I definitely think he could be outstanding defensively as he gets older, too. It's not a surprise at all."

Of course, the big question is where Gordon will end up next season, and it was a young child seated on the floor in front of Gordon who finally asked which team he'd be playing for next season.

"I don't know yet," Gordon said, laughing.

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AROUND THE NATION

NBA Standings

Eastern Conference

team	wins	losses	GB
Boston	61	15	-
Detroit	55	21	6
Orlando	48	29	13.5
Cleveland	42	35	19.5
Washington	40	37	21.5
Philadelphia	39	38	22.5
Toronto	38	39	23.5
Atlanta	36	41	25.5
Indiana	33	44	28.5
New Jersey	32	45	29.5
Chicago	30	46	31
Charlotte	29	48	32.5
Milwaukee	26	50	35
New York	21	56	40.5
Miami	13	64	48.5

Western Conference

team	wins	losses	GB
New Orleans	54	22	-
San Antonio	53	24	1.5
LA Lakers	53	24	1.5
Utah	51	26	3.5
Houston	52	25	2.5
Phoenix	51	26	3.5
Dallas	48	29	6.5
Denver	46	31	8.5
Golden State	46	31	8.5
Portland	38	39	16.5
Sacramento	36	41	18.5
LA Clippers	23	54	31.5
Memphis	21	56	33.5
Minnesota	19	57	35
Seattle	18	59	36.5

NCAA Tennis FILA ITA Rankings

rank	*team*	*overall*
1	Virginia	21-0
2	Ohio State	20-1
3	Georgia	18-1
4	USC	15-3
5	Texas	15-3
6	UCLA	15-1
7	Mississippi	15-4
8	Tennessee	17-2
9	Florida State	14-4
10	Florida	11-5
11	North Carolina	12-3
12	Tulsa	16-3
13	Pepperdine	11-6
14	Baylor	13-7
15	Illinois	10-6
16	LSU	11-6
17	Texas Tech	16-2
18	Texas A&M	10-7
19	Rice	12-5
20	Oklahoma State	10-6
21	Arizona State	12-2
22	Washington	12-6
23	Alabama	14-8
24	Stanford	8-6
25	Michigan	15-2

around the dial

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Arsenal at Liverpool
2:30 p.m., ESPN2

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Tennessee vs. Stanford
8:30 p.m., ESPN

OLYMPICS

AP

Demonstrators shout in front of the Eiffel Tower during the Beijing 2008 Olympic Torch relay. They are protesting the boycott of the Olympics due to China's human rights violation in Tibet.

Olympic torch extinguished during protests

Associated Press

PARIS — Security officials extinguished the Olympictorch three times Monday as protests against China's human rights record turned a relay through Paris into a chaotic series of stops and starts.

Despite massive security, at least two activists got within almost an arm's length of the flame before they were grabbed by police. Officers tackled many protesters and carried off some of them. A protester threw water at the torch but failed to extinguish it and was also taken away.

At the start of the relay, a man identified as a Green Party activist was grabbed by security officers as he headed for 1997 400-meter world champion Stephane Diagana. The man was tackled before he got close to Diagana.

The procession continued but, soon after, a crowd of activists waving Tibetan flags interrupted it for the first time by confronting the torchbearer. The demonstrators did not appear to get close to the torch, but its flame was put out by security officers and brought on board a bus to continue along the route.

Less than an hour later, the flame was being carried out when the procession was halted by activists who booed and chanted "Tibet." Once again, the torch was temporarily extinguished and put on a bus despite protesters' apparent failure to get close.

Some 3,000 officers were deployed on motorcycles, in jogging gear and using inline roller skates. Still, police barely stopped the second rush at the torch, and the attempt to extinguish it with water.

The torch was extinguished for the third time when police interrupted the procession as a precaution because they spotted a crowd of demonstrators on a bridge they were approaching.

Riot police squirted tear gas to break up a sit-in protest by about 300 pro-Tibet demonstrators who blocked the torch route.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy has left open the possibility of boycotting the Olympic opening ceremony in Beijing depending on how the situation evolves in Tibet. Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner said Monday that was still the case.

The torch relay also is expected to face demonstrations in San Francisco, New Delhi and possibly elsewhere on its 21-stop, six-continent tour before arriving in mainland China May 4.

IN BRIEF

Former Cardinals player Spiezio charged with DUI

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Davydenko defeats No. 2 Nadal in Sony Ericsson Open

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Ochoa's impressive win alludes to four majors titles

RANCHO MIRAGE — Lorena Ochoa continued her dominance of women's golf with a five-shot victory in the Kraft Nabisco Championship, giving her the last two majors by a combined nine shots. She was the only player without a bogey in the final round on a tough Mission Hills course, closing with a 5-under 67 and taking the greatest swim of her life.

She won by five shots over Suzann Pettersen and Annika Sorenstam, among many major champions being left behind in the massive wake of Ochoa.

Ochoa, who finished at 11-under 277, never trailed under the blazing desert sun, and was threatened only briefly.

Ochoa became the first player since Sorenstam in 2005 to win consecutive majors, and with as much dominance as Tiger Woods enjoys on the PGA Tour, she also has raised possibilities of winning all four majors.

ATP

Davydenko looks to close gap in rankings

Federer's struggles have opened up ATP race

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"Maybe something changes with my tennis here in Miami," Davydenko said. "The clay- court season's coming now, and for me it should be different tennis. Maybe I feel more confidence, because I beat very good guys here."

Davydenko became the first Russian to win the Key Biscayne men's championship. He won a U.S. tournament for only the second time, and he laughed when asked if the accomplishment will make him famous.

"Famous? Here? Yes, I would say if I would like to be famous, I need to win tournaments here," Davydenko said.

In recent months, Davydenko has been best known for an ATP investigation into heavy wagering on a match he lost last August at an obscure tournament in Poland. He retired in the third set, citing a foot injury, and says he did nothing wrong.

He has accused the ATP of dragging out the investigation, but it proved not to be a distraction at Key Biscayne.

"It's not every day in my mind," he said. "I don't think about the investigation. It should be my lawyer thinking, and my manager."

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"For me it's surprising standing here," he said. "It's crazy."

Serena Williams won her fifth Key Biscayne women's title Saturday by beating Jelena Jankovic 6-1, 5-7, 6-3.

Davydenko overcame a match point in the second round against Ernests Gulbis and became the fourth ATP player this year to win a title after facing match point. He beat Andy Roddick in the semifinals.

The 26-year-old Davydenko is ranked fourth and has finished each of the past three years in the top five. But he has yet to reach a Grand Slam final, and the Key Biscayne title was only his second in a Masters Series event.

"He's playing unbelievable tennis," Nadal said. "People like to write more about Roger, about me, about Andy. People outside tennis can think different about Nikolay, but we know he's a very, very good player."

Davydenko quickly became comfortable with a new racket model he tried for the first time at Key Biscayne. He used the same racket in all six matches.

"I have only one," he said. "Surprising I didn't break a string. Warm up and play match, warm up and play match, every match, and I finish with the racket.

"I'm going to keep forever this racket."

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>
> **Nikolay Davydenko**
> **ATP player**

In the final, that racket delivered serves at up to 132 mph, allowing the 5-foot-10 Davydenko to win five service games at love. He totaled 19 winners and had only 12 unforced errors, and his penetrating groundstrokes to the corners repeatedly made Nadal hit shots late and wide.

The speedy Davydenko also came forward to win 17 points at the net.

"I can't play better today, because he played at an unbelievable level," Nadal said. "I didn't feel my rhythm on court. He played more aggressive, with more good feelings."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Vols, Stanford meet in finals

Parker, Wiggins renew old youth rivalry on college's biggest stage

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Candace Parker and Candice Wiggins made memorable first impressions on each other when they met on a basketball court as kids. Both hope the final snapshot from their stellar college careers will include a national championship.

"We were in a 13-year-and-under AAU tournament in Florida, actually. She was like 6-foot-2 at 12," Wiggins said. "I remember being just like, wow, because she was different then. There's nobody in the game like her. I think she's carrying all the pressure and all of that really well and I really respect her for that."

The feeling is mutual. Parker led Tennessee to its seventh national title a year ago and will try to help the Lady Vols become the first repeat champs since Connecticut won three straight from 2002-04, when they meet Stanford on Tuesday night for the championship.

"I remember watching her play when we were in eighth grade and we were watching the championship national game," Parker said. "She was a ball of energy, always moving. I think she's a great leader for her team and she really inspires by her play."

While Parker clearly has raised the profile of her sport with her talent and persona, Wiggins has quietly led Stanford back to its first Final Four in 11 years.

"I understand what Candace Parker is to women's basketball. She's a very prominent figure, a prominent face, and I don't expect any of that to change," Wiggins said. "I don't really see myself as 'the other Candice, but I definitely understand the exposure that she gives to women's basketball."

Wiggins has done much for Stanford in four years, but kept her humility.

"She almost acts so surprised about everything, to be the USA Basketball player of the year, and if anyone saw her when she got the Wade she was shocked," Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer said. "She really is just very real and down to earth and it's really fun to see someone with that kind of demeanor to have all these great things happen to them."

The spotlight, of course, will be on the two stars, but the title might well be settled by others.

"We both realize we've got great support around us and I think that's what it really comes down to," Wiggins said. "And so it's not me versus her, it's Stanford vs. Tennessee."

The Lady Vols (35-2), who beat LSU on Sunday night on Alexis Hornbuckle's putback with seven-tenths of a second remaining and the Cardinal (35-3), who shocked UConn 82-73 in the other semifinal, are not strangers. The teams met Dec. 22 at Stanford, with the Cardinal winning 73-69 in overtime.

"I remember the Stanford game like it was yesterday," Parker said. "We talk about how it ruined our Christmas and ending the year on a loss."

Wiggins scored 22 and Rosalyn Gold-Onwude scored nine of Stanford's 10 points in OT to end the Cardinal's 11-game skid in the series. Parker had 25 points, 10 rebounds, four assists, four blocks and two steals.

"For us, the confidence of beating Tennessee is huge," VanDerveer said. "I'm sure Pat (Summitt) might pull out that tape."

Stanford enters the final with the nation's longest winning streak at 23 games. The Pac-10 champs haven't lost since dropping consecutive road games to UCLA and USC in the first week of January.

The Cardinal are riding high after avenging a November loss to UConn, a 12-point setback that prompted VanDerveer to tinker with her offense and gave Wiggins and her teammates a sense of how much work needed to be done.

"They're a better team now," Summitt said. "I'm glad that we've played them. We know their tendencies. ... We've got our work cut out for us."

Wiggins had 25 points, 13 rebounds and five assists to pace Stanford's upset of UConn. Kayla Pedersen added 17 points and Jayne Appel, the Cardinal's other 6-foot-4 post player, finished with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Tennessee is 7-5 in championship games and barely made it to No. 13, needing that last-second putback from Hornbuckle and shooting just 30 percent.

"We've got to make shots," Summitt said. "We were really overanxious and after watching the tape. I'm even more convinced of that."

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MLS

Fans vote in naming of team

MLS's newest expansion team will take the name Seattle Sounders FC

Associated Press

SEATTLE — The newest Major League Soccer team will be called Seattle Sounders FC.

About half the 14,500 fans who voted on the team name wrote in Sounders. That was about 20 percent more than the choices offered by the club: Alliance, Republic or Seattle FC.

Club officials didn't want the traditional Sounders name, but fans had the write-in option. The Sounders name has been identified with soccer in Seattle since 1974.

The team also unveiled its logo Monday, which shows a silhouette of the Space Needle against a a blue and green background with the words "Seattle Sounders FC" written across it.

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NCAA Football

LSU meets President on White House trip

National champion Tigers meet with Bush

WASHINGTON — Louisiana State University's football team took a wild route to the national championship — losing twice in triple overtime, taking lots of fourth-down risks, grabbing a spot in the title game only when other teams lost late in the year. It was a season in which no school was on top for long.

Until the end.

"LSU was number one on the day it counted," President Bush said Monday in a White House ceremony honoring the team. "That's why they're here."

LSU clobbered Ohio State 38-24 to win it all in January. Bush lauded the team's success on a damp, misty afternoon on the South Lawn. The players, standing on a riser behind Bush and along both staircases of the South Portico, smiled as Bush cracked one-liners and recapped their dramatic season.

The president noted some of the team's best known contributors, including quarterback Matt Flynn and defensive standout Glenn Dorsey. He described the team's coach, Les Miles, as a risk-taker and a strong leader. (He also ribbed him for not wearing his customary LSU hat, calling the sight rare and memorable.)

LSU became the first two-time champion in the 10-year history of the Bowl Championship Series and the first to lose two games in a championship season. In the title game, LSU fell behind 10-0, then scored 31 unanswered points to blow open the game.

As he usually does in sports ceremonies, Bush made a point of saying the team has off-the-field duties, too. "When you leave here, I hope you leave here knowing that you've got a special responsibility, not only to represent your school on the football field, but to help make America a better place," he said.

MLB

Spiezio pleads guilty to criminal charges

Braves' Spiezio agrees to offered plea deal

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Spiezio was charged with misdemeanor counts of aggravated assault, assault and battery in connection to the neighbor's claims, but prosecutors dropped those charges because he "was pleading guilty to two counts and had a relationship" with the neighbor, Emami said.

The 35-year-old Spiezio agreed March 31 to a minor league contract with the Atlanta Braves.

"The penalty ... is fair, and permits Scott to move ahead with his career," Spiezio's attorney, Paul S. Meyer, said in a statement. "Scott appreciates the opportunity to demonstrate his good faith and his commitment to a successful season."

Spiezio won World Series championships with Anaheim in 2002 and St. Louis in 2006 during 12 seasons in the majors.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Chalmers lifts Kansas past Memphis in final

Down by nine, Kansas storms back in final minutes to send game to overtime; win third title in school history

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — So patient for 20 years, Kansas had no problem working an extra five minutes to bring a long-awaited championship back to the heartland.

Mario Chalmers hit a 3-pointer with 2.1 seconds left in regulation to push the game into overtime, and the Jayhawks grinded it out from there for a 75-68 victory Monday night over Memphis in one of the best title games in recent memory.

Chalmers' shot pulled Kansas into a tie after being down nine with 2:12 left.

"We got the ball in our most clutch player's hands, and he delivered," Kansas coach Bill Self said.

It was the first title for Kansas since 1988, when Danny Manning, now an assistant coach for the Jayhawks, led them to an upset of Oklahoma. And the shot earned Chalmers the most outstanding player honor.

"I had a good look at it," Chalmers said. "When it left my hands it felt like it was good, and it just went in."

The most memorable performance in this one came from freshman Derrick Rose of Memphis, who completely took over the game in the second half, scoring 14 of his team's 16 points during one stretch to lift the Tigers to a 60-51 lead with 2:12 left.

But Kansas (37-3) used the strategy any smart opponent of Memphis' would — fouling the heck out of one of the country's worst free-throw-shooting teams — and when Rose and Chris Douglas-Roberts combined to miss four of five over the last 1:12, it left the door open for KU.

Hustling the ball down the court with 10.8 seconds left and no timeouts, Sherron Collins handed off to Chalmers at the top of the 3-point line and Chalmers took the shot. It hit nothing but net and tied the score at 63.

Robert Dozier missed a desperation shot at the buzzer, and Rose went limping to the bench, favoring his right leg. Brandon Rush, Darrell Arthur and Darnell Jackson scored the first six points of overtime to put Kansas ahead 69-63. Memphis, clearly exhausted, didn't pull within three.

Arthur was dominant inside, finishing with 20 points and 10 rebounds, lots on dunks and easy lay-ups off lob passes. Chalmers finished with 18 points. Rush had 12 and Collins had 11 points, six assists and did a wonderful job shutting Rose for the first 28 minutes.

Rose wound up with 18 points in a game that showed how ready he is for the NBA. He was 3-for-4 from the line, however, and that one miss with 10.8 seconds left is what almost certainly would have sealed the game and given the Tigers (38-2) their first title.

Instead, the title goes back to Lawrence for the third time in the fabled program's history.

"If we played 10 times, it'd probably go five and five," Self said. "We got fortunate late."

The inventor of the game, James Naismith, was the first Jayhawks coach. It's the school that made household names of Wilt Chamberlain, Manning — and yes, even North Carolina's Roy Williams, the coach who famously left the Jayhawks, lost to them in the semifinals, but was, indeed, in the Kansas cheering section to watch Self bring the title back that he never could.

This game was not about coaches or sidestories, though. It was about the game, and what a dandy it was — a well-needed reprieve from a more-or-less blah tournament in which 42 of 63 games were decided by double digits.

This was the first overtime in the title game since 1997, when Arizona beat Kentucky 84-79.

Kansas, mostly Collins, put the clamps on Rose for the first half, allowing the freshman only four shots and leaving him spiking the ball on the floor as he walked to the locker room after a frustrating 20 minutes.

It stayed that way for the first five of the second half, but Kansas couldn't pull away. Douglas-Roberts made sure of it, winning enough of the 1-on-1 matchups that the Memphis offense creates to keep the Tigers in range.

Then, finally Rose took over — a 3-pointer here, a scooping layup for a three-point play next. Then, the capper, an off-balance, 18-foot shot off glass with the shot-clock buzzer sounding. It gave Memphis a 56-49 lead. Most teams would have been demoralized.

Clearly, Kansas is not like most teams.

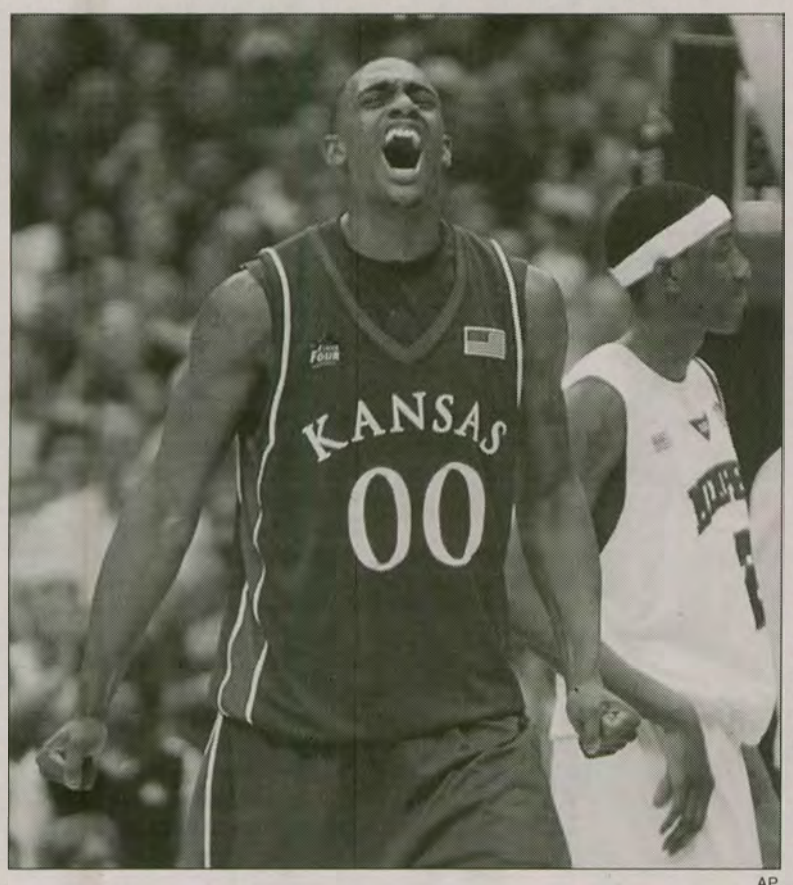
In fact, the Jayhawks are a team that has come together in tragedy over the last several months. The deaths of friends and family of Jackson, Sasha Kaun and Rodrick Stewart all cast a bit of a pall over this team, making Jackson wonder at times if staying at Kansas was even worth it.

But it was an injury, not a tragedy, that might have been most responsible for blending this championship formula. Rush tore up his knee during a practice game last May, and his NBA plans were put on hiatus.

He worked his way back into shape this season and is playing his best right now. He didn't have the most impressive stat line of the night, but it hasn't all been about stats for him in this, his junior season. His defense was stellar, as usual, and surely his experience and resolve played into Kansas' refusal to go away.

AP

Kansas players celebrate their 75-68 victory over Memphis in the national championship game Monday night.



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Kansas forward Darrell Arthur reacts in overtime of the Jayhawk's 75-68 defeat of Memphis Monday night.

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Huff's homer seals Orioles' sweep of Mariners

Tejada's home-run leads Astros to victory over Cardinals; Mussina passes Gibson on wins list as Yankees beat Rays

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Surprise, surprise: The Baltimore Orioles own the best record in the American League and the Seattle Mariners are in last place.

Sure, the season is only in its second week. Yet the rebuilding Orioles already have plenty to celebrate, most notably their first four-game sweep of Seattle since 1999 and their best start in 10 years.

Aubrey Huff homered to break an eighth-inning tie, Baltimore beat Seattle 5-4 Monday to remain atop the AL East at 5-1.

"As a team, as a whole, we're playing great baseball right now," Huff said. "I know it's early, but we just swept a pretty good team over there. So obviously we're feeling pretty good, and we just want to keep up the momentum."

The Mariners and Orioles were involved in one of baseball's biggest trades during the offseason, a 5-for-1 swap that sent Erik Bedard to Seattle. Baltimore got George Sherrill and Adam Jones, and they both played key roles in the sweep.

Sherrill pitched a perfect ninth inning Monday for his fourth save, his third in the series. Jones had an RBI on Sunday and scored the tying run in the finale to set the stage for Huff's winning hit.

Bedard, meanwhile, was scratched from his scheduled start Sunday and has only pitched in one game.

Astros 5, Cardinals 3

Miguel Tejada's two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth gave the Houston Astros a win over St. Louis on Monday night, snapping a five game winning streak for the Cardinals.

Tejada's home run to right field off Kyle McClellan (0-1) scored pinch runner Darin Erstad.

The Astros led 3-0 before the Cardinals three-hit ninth inning. Ryan Ludwick's two-out, two RBI double off closer Jose Valverde (2-0) tied it at 3 in the top of the ninth. Cesar Izturis scored easily on the hit to right center field. Astros pitcher J.R. Towles was in position to tag Troy Glaus at home, but couldn't hold onto the ball during a collision and Glaus scored the tying run.

A single by Aaron Miles and a walk by Izturis set up an RBI single by Glaus.

Yadier Molina grounded into a force out to end that inning.

Back-to-back homers by Lance Berkman and Carlos Lee broke a scoreless tie in the seventh inning. Berkman's home run, which came off Cardinals starter Todd Wellemeyer, bounced off the wall in center field and put Houston ahead 1-0. Lee followed with his third home run of the year, a shot that bounced off the facade in left field.

Yankees 6, Rays 1

Mike Mussina tied Bob Gibson on the career wins list by pitching six sharp innings, Bobby Abreu hit a two-run homer and the New York Yankees beat the Tampa Bay Rays Monday night.

Abreu went 3-for-3 with a walk and Hideki Matsui drove in two runs for the Yankees, who lost Derek Jeter after two innings but salvaged a split of the four-game series before they headed west to start a difficult stretch.

New York, which scored just 17 runs in its first six games, finished with season highs for runs and hits with 11.

Mussina earned win No. 251 and is tied with Gibson for 42nd place. He struck out three to equal Yankees TV broadcaster David Cone for 21st place with 2,668 Ks.

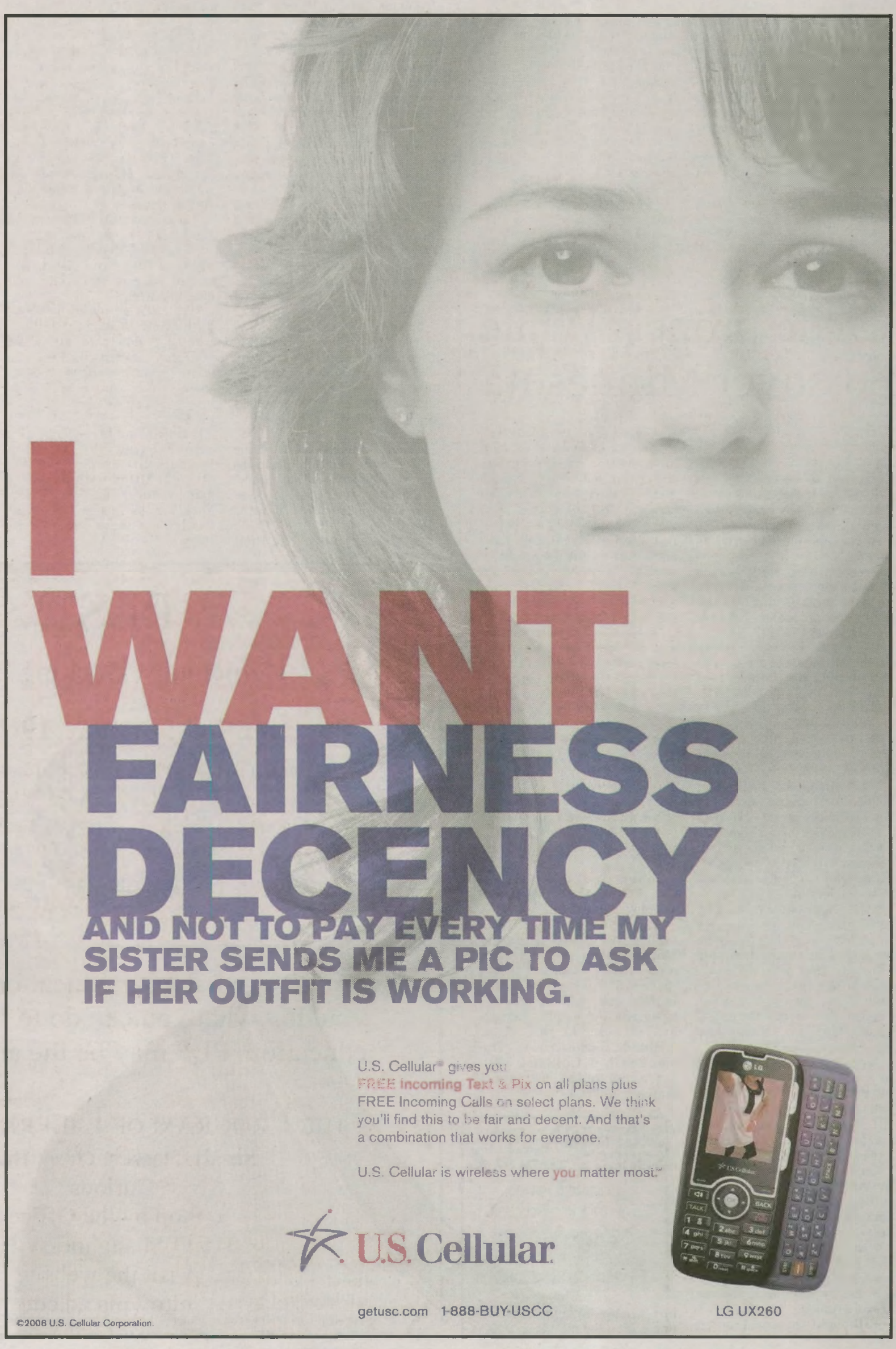
Jonny Gomes homered for the Rays, who are 3-3 heading into their home opener against Seattle on Tuesday. Tampa Bay has never finished with a winning record on its first road trip of the year.

The Yankees went 4-3 on their season-opening homestand and play 18 of their next 20 on the road. They were scheduled to fly to Kansas City after the game for the Royals' home opener Tuesday afternoon.

Joe Girardi may have a thin bench to work with as he starts his first trip as Yankees manager.

New York was without two regulars against the Rays and Jeter left before the third with a strained left quadriceps. First baseman Jason Giambi missed his second straight game with a sore left groin and catcher Jorge Posada got the day off.

Jeter beat out a potential double-play grounder after Johnny Damon led off the first with a single to left. Abreu then pulled a 3-1 pitch from Jason Hammel (0-1) over the wall in right to give New York a 2-0 lead on another chilly night in the Bronx.



ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish sit in sixth place in Florida

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

Following a rain-delayed start, No. 25 Notre Dame sits in sixth place after the conclusion of the first round at the Canes and Cardinal Classic at Don Shula's Golf Course in Miami, Fla. The Irish shot a respectable 10-over par 298 over 18 holes, 14 strokes out of first place. Notre Dame freshman So-Hyun Park shot a one-under 71 to finish the day tied for third place. Fellow freshman Katie Conway also finished the day in the top ten, carding a one-over 73, tied for ninth overall.

No. 27 Louisville sits comfortably atop the field of 14 with a 284 team score — four-under par. Junior Cindy Lacrosse led the Cardinals by shooting a stellar five-under par 67 in the first round. Louisville leads second-place Georgia State (293) by nine strokes heading into the third round of play. Tulsa (294), South Florida (296), and the College of Charleston (297) fill out the top five, just ahead of the Irish.

Irish junior captain Lisa Maunu shot a four-over 76 on the first day, with sophomores Kristin Wetzel (78) and Annie Brophy (80) rounding out the field for Notre Dame.

Monday morning's first round was delayed by two hours on account of heavy rain, and the second round concluded late Monday night. The third and final round begins today with a shotgun start at 8 a.m.

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MLB

Crede propels White Sox over Minnesota

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Joe Crede appeared to be the Chicago White Sox's forgotten man, but now that he's healthy, he's sending out reminders — like that loud one he delivered on Monday.

Crede hit a tiebreaking grand slam to cap a five-run seventh inning, and Chicago won its home opener 7-4 over the Minnesota Twins.

Coming off a weekend sweep at Detroit, Chicago has won five straight for the first time since Aug. 10-14, 2006. The White Sox have won six of their last seven home openers.

Crede, batting .393 with 10 RBIs, endured a back injury last season and trade rumors in the offseason. Last year, limited to 47 games because of his bad back, he hit .216 with 22 RBIs. With Josh Fields also available to play third, Chicago explored trade opportunities for Crede during much of the offseason.

"The biggest thing coming into this season was staying healthy," said Crede, who struggled in spring training. "For me that was my main goal in the spring, was to be able to get out there and feel comfortable at the plate, feel comfortable on defense and No. 1 to stay healthy."

Jermaine Dye tied the score at 3 with a one-out RBI single off Pat Neshek, who had just relieved Matt Guerrier (0-1). A.J. Pierzynski struck out, and Carlos Quentin loaded the bases with a single.

Crede broke his bat while driving a 1-0 pitch to the bullpen in left for the fifth slam, his first since June 24, 2006, against Houston. He didn't think that high arching shot had a chance to clear the wall. Nor did Neshek.

It did, by a few feet, and the crowd erupted.

"I thought Delmon (Young) was going to come over in foul territory and scoop it up or if anything it would go out into the crowd and be a foul ball," Neshek said. "But it stayed straight. You hate that stuff when it happens as a pitcher, but we have another 150-some games left. Hopefully, it doesn't happen too much more."

The White Sox would like to see more of this from Crede.

"Everyone knows what Joe can do when Joe's healthy," Pierzynski said. "I don't think there are too many people in this clubhouse worried about what Joe Crede's going to do if he's healthy."

Chicago's Javier Vazquez (1-1) struggled early before settling into a rhythm, and allowed three runs and seven hits in seven innings, striking out eight and walking one. He is 4-0 with a 2.74 ERA in his last six starts against the Twins.

Bobby Jenks pitched a scoreless ninth for his fourth save in as many chances.

White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen was ejected after plate umpire Phil Cuzzi called a second strike against Paul Konerko during the third inning. Guillen went nose-to-nose with the umpire for several minutes as the crowd chanted "Ozzie! Ozzie!" The ejection was Guillen's 13th since becoming Chicago's manager in 2004.

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BASKETBALL

Vitale among Hall of Fame class

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Broadcaster Dick Vitale, a man who had limited success as a coach but brought the game of basketball to millions of TV watchers, was selected to the game's Hall of Fame on Monday alongside Pat Riley, one of the most successful NBA coaches of all time.

Overcome with emotion, Vitale broke into tears during the announcement in San Antonio, site of the NCAA Men's Final Four.

"I can't run, can't jump, can't shoot, but just have had a tremendous — I'd like to think — passion about the game," said Vitale, who had a short stint as an NBA coach in the late 1970s but made his name as a college basketball analyst.

Others in the Class of 2008 were Hakeem Olajuwon and Patrick Ewing, two greats who battled on the court for years; player Adrian Dantley; coach Cathy Rush; and William Davidson, owner of the Detroit Pistons since 1974.

Over the decades, Vitale created his own lexicon with phrases such as "Get a T-O, baby," "You're a P-T-Per," and "Awesome, baby."

Monday, he said he "cried like a baby" upon learning of his selection and thanked Hall of Fame coach Bob Knight — now a fellow ESPN analyst — for spearheading a letter-writing campaign on his behalf.

"When I saw those letters, whether I'd ever gotten in the Hall of Fame or not, that was going to be my hall of fame," said the 68-year-old who was forced off-air for two months after throat surgery.

No matter how strong their credentials, each member of the Class of 2008 seemed a bit star-struck.

Riley, the third-winningest NBA coach ever, called his election "unbelievable, absolutely unbelievable."

Riley won four NBA titles with the Los Angeles Lakers, then grabbed another one two years ago with Miami. He also has one championship as an assistant and another as a player.

"Last night I lost my 64th game of the regular season," he said, referring to the Heat's current struggles. "And the next day I'm in the Hall of Fame. I think there's an integrity in the Hall of Fame that far surpasses whatever your record is, if you have a body of work."

The new class, which Riley joked will be the best-promoted ever because of Vitale's inclusion, will be inducted Sept. 5 in Springfield, Mass., home of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Olajuwon and Ewing both played in three Final Fours, with Ewing's Georgetown team beating Olajuwon's Houston squad for the 1984 national championship.

"We both are warriors. We both want to excel. We both wanted to dominate, and when you play against the best you want to perform at your best" Ewing said. "So we both definitely looked at each other as the best."

Olajuwon got his revenge as a pro, leading the Houston Rockets to the first of two straight titles with a seven-game victory over Ewing's New York Knicks in the 1994 NBA finals — a team coached by Riley.

"Growing up in Nigeria I didn't really understand the magnitude of what it means to be a hall of famer," said Olajuwon, a 12-time All-Star. "I still cannot believe that I'm in the same company with all these great legends."

Ewing, the Knicks' all-time leader in points, rebounds, blocked shots, and steals, among other categories, remembered field trips to the Hall of Fame as a child and said he never imagined being a part of it.

"And now I am," he said.

Dantley, a six-time NBA All-Star, played for seven teams during his 15-year NBA career, including Davidson's Detroit Pistons.

"To be included as a member of this elite group of men and women that have made significant contributions to the sport of basketball, I'm grateful," Davdison said in a statement.

Hall of Famer Joe Dumars, who works for the 85-year-old Davidson as the Pistons' president of basketball operations and played with Dantley in Detroit, said in an e-mail to The Associated Press: "I can't think of two more deserving people than Bill Davidson and Adrian Dantley."

Dantley was a finalist six times before finally making it in — more than anyone in the current class.

"It happened," he said. "It took a long time, but it happened."

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Senior second baseman Katie Laing takes a lead during Notre Dame's 2-1 victory over Toledo last Wednesday.

Awards

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RBIs, good enough to earn her Big East player of the week honors. On the year, Laing is hitting .353 with six home runs and 36 RBIs, and has put up a tremendous .676 slugging percentage. The player of the week award was Laing's second of the season. Laing and Bargar are the first teammates to win the Big East pitcher and player of the week awards in the same week this season.

The first pitch leaves the circle at 5:30 central time tonight.

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MLB

Burrell leads Phils over Reds

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Pat Burrell hit two of Philadelphia's four homers off Bronson Arroyo, a power splurge that swept Philadelphia to a 5-3 victory Monday and a split of their four-game series with the Cincinnati Reds.

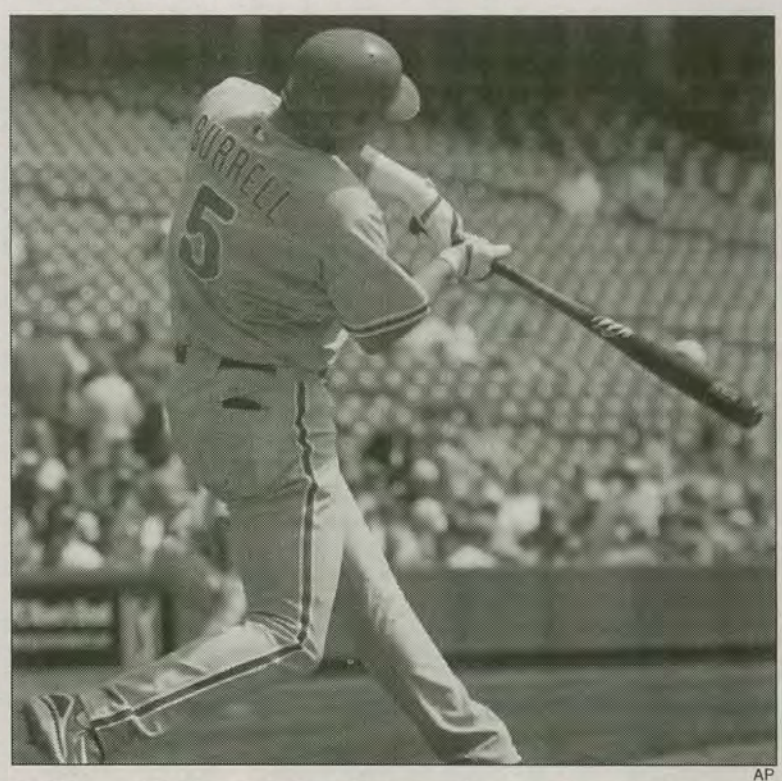
Jimmy Rollins and Geoff Jenkins also homered off Arroyo (0-1), who had never before given up more than three in a game.

Left-hander Cole Hamels (1-0) overcame a maddening first, when the Reds scored two run with the help of a walk and an error. Hamels gave up five hits and three walks in seven innings.

Brad Lidge, who came off the disabled list Saturday after recovering from knee surgery, gave up a run in the ninth before closing it out for his first save.

Cincinnati loaded the bases off Lidge when Paul Bako walked with two outs, left fielder So Taguchi dropped Corey Patterson's fly ball after a long run, and pinch-hitter Ken Griffey Jr. was intentionally walked.

Lidge bounced a wild pitch that let in a run, then got Javier Valentin on a 95 mph called third strike to end it.



AP

Phillies outfielder Pat Burrell connects on a two-run home run during the first inning of Philadelphia's 5-3 win Monday.

Cubs 10, Pirates 8, 12 innings

PITTSBURGH — Aramis Ramirez's sacrifice fly scored the go-ahead run during a two-run 12th inning in which the Cubs didn't have a hit off rookie Evan Meek, and Chicago rallied after squandering a seven-run lead to win Pittsburgh's home opener.

Former starter Jon Lieber (1-1) gave a depleted bullpen a big lift with three scoreless innings before Carlos Marmol finished up in the 12th for his first save since June 27, helping the Cubs win their third in the row.

Meek (0-1), the last remaining pitcher in the Pirates' bullpen, walked five — two intentionally. The Cubs' second run of the inning came on Mark DeRosa's bases-loaded walk.

Ramirez and Geovany Soto each drove in two runs and Pirates starter Tom Gorzelanny walked three and committed a run-scoring throwing error during a six-run third finished off by Ronny Cedeno's three-run double off Phil Dumatrait.

Rockies 2, Braves 1

DENVER — Matt Holliday hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the eighth, Aaron Cook pitched seven strong innings and Colorado snapped a five-game losing streak.

Tom Glavine gave up three hits in 6 1-3 shutout innings but got his second straight no-decision, despite owning a 0.79 ERA in two starts.

The game took just 2:05 to play, the shortest nine-inning game in Coors Field history.

Matt Herges (1-0) got the victory in relief of Cook, and Manny Corpas got his second save of the season.

The Rockies trailed 1-0 into the eighth before rallying. Troy Tulowitzki led off with a double to right-center off of reliever Blaine Boyer (0-2), and after Todd Helton struck out looking, Holliday blasted Boyer's first pitch over the center field wall.

Marlins 10, Nationals 7

WASHINGTON — Hanley Ramirez, Dan Uggla and Robert Andino homered, and four Florida relievers combined for 5 2-3 innings of one-run ball.

The Nationals dropped their fifth consecutive game after a 3-0 start, guilty of some sloppy fielding that led to six unearned runs at a less-than-half-full $611 million Nationals Park.

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SMC Softball

Belles fall to visiting Bethel in blowout

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's scored just one run as Bethel glided to an easy 10-1 victory Monday night at Ivy Field.

The strong pitching of Rachel Zirille, who allowed only two hits, aided the Lady Wildcats' effort.

The Belles' lone run came in the first inning on an RBI single by senior McKenna Corrigan.

The Lady Wildcats took control of the game from that point on, scoring in every inning but the second. Bethel had 14 hits off of junior Calli Davison, who took the loss to bring her record to 7-6.

The Belles' record now stands at 15-6.

On a positive note, a Saint Mary's player was named MIAA player of the week for the second week in a row. Junior Ashley Fusaro took the honor this week, following sophomore Ashley Peterson's title.

Fusaro helped the Belles to their two wins last week over Olivet and Alma. During that time, she went 6-for-13 at the plate with seven RBIs. In the team's 11-8 win against Alma on Saturday, Fusaro hit the game-winning home run in the fifth inning.

Fusaro is third on the team in several major batting categories, with a .353 batting average, 17 RBI, and 24 hits.

The Belles have a small break after a hectic few weeks, as they do not play again until Saturday. They will be traveling to play a doubleheader against MIAA opponent Albion.

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Squires

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also energized the crowd, which was very much pro-Squires.

The Monstars hung in the game for the first half, but the team suffered from a lack of outside shooting. They were feisty on defense and had many steals. But when presented with the opportunities to finish, they could not pull the trigger.

A lasting image from the contest was the clash of the pink shirt of freshman Austin Olson with his red knees, bloodstained from hours of diving all over the blacktop. Olson won the shirt at the Saint Mary's dance marathon earlier that weekend, but he was all man on Sunday.

"The other team was disqualified due to lack of hustle," Olson said. "Deal with it."

He might have been alluding to Ben Stiller's character in "Heavyweights," but the message is clear. This team is serious about making a run for the championship. When asked how far he expected the Squires to go in the tournament, Olson was serious.

"I'll have to answer your question with a questions. How many games to the 'ship?" Olson said.

Do Work 21, Congratulations Billy and Susie 16

Do Work defeated Congratulations Billy & Susie in true David versus Goliath fashion. Do Work won despite having an injured player.

Congratulations Billy & Susie was named in honor of senior Billy Lewis, who will marry his high school sweetheart, Susie Quasny, in the Basilica on June 14. Both were present at the game and were happily surprised by the name.

The "Congratulations" players said Lewis and Quasny are both excited to have the full backing of their friends and family.

No. 10 Delivery Boys 21, The Swooblers 8

The underdog Swooblers started out on the right pace with a 2-1 lead, but a few baskets "delivered" by the favorites in the contest dealt the Swooblers down to an 11-6 halftime deficit.

"[The Swooblers] played their game really well," Delivery Boys junior captain Kevin Kelly (Captain Supreme) said. "They had a very good start."

The Delivery Boys, who hail from Pizzeria Siegfried, did not allow the Swooblers to get back in the game. Using their superior defense and counterattacking fast breaks, they finished off the underdogs by a tally of 21-8. Their 10-2 second half run was facilitated by forcing ugly shots and outrunning their opponents. Freshman David "Large Onion" Rudy was instrumental in the team's late success.

"Our fast-break success was the key to us winning," Kelly said.

The Swooblers, under the guidance of sophomore captain Tommy Clark, came into the game with a plan to shoot the lights out over the highly favored Delivery Boys.

"We figured that if we shot 100 percent, we could have pulled this one out," Clark said. "However, we shot 66 — no, I'd say 32 percent."

No. 22 I Can't Believe We're So Butter...SPRAY! 21, Team Five Pieces 8

Seniors Fritz Shadley and Rick Loesing and juniors Ryan Gorman, Bill Ehrlich, and Pete Leonard from I Can't Believe We're So Butter came in with a plan to move on to the next round.

The game was evenly contested at the start with the teams trading buckets. The No. 22 seed distanced itself a little from Team Five Pieces by going into halftime with an 11-7 lead.

Then, the higher seed completely took control in a second half that in no way mirrored the first stanza. A 10-1 run acquired from fast-break points, lack of fatigue and beautiful passing put the dagger in Team Five Pieces. Leonard consistently found his open teammates and getting it to the big men while Loesing had several key points and one assist down the stretch.

"Pushing the ball in the second half and getting it down to our big guys has been our game," Loesing said. "We've been playing together for three years."

Team Five Pieces seemed tired throughout the entire second half and the team's shooting suffered.

"We shot OK, but hit a cold streak once they hit a hot streak," Team Five Pieces senior Captain Ben Roesch said. "The small courts and tight rims hurt us as the smaller team."

Catastrophic Failure 21, Asian Invasion 5

In a match of "tackle basketball" that turned very aggressive, Asian Invasion simply could not get into a groove while Catastrophic Failure scored lay-up after lay-up.

The first half started with a 7-1 run for Catastrophic Failure, but the team's momentum slowed to a lull in the end of the first half and early second half as the Asian Invasion defense tightened up inside.

"We really had to concentrate on taking it to the hole," Catastrophic Failure captain Justin Deuerling, an aerospace mechanical engineer graduate student, said.

Catastrophic Failure moved the ball around to create more open shots and finally ended the game. Catastrophic Failure ended up having too much strength on the boards for Asian Invasion although the turnover ratio may have not been in the losing team's favor. Asian Invasion senior Andrea Kelly had five steals in the first half.

Asian Invasion was led by senior Anna Davis, who displayed her sweet jump shot and "top-notch tackling skills." The team also had support from seniors Monica Tesi, Meg McDonough, and Meg Gaule.

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Gold

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good things about him, though, because he'll probably poop in my lunch bucket."

As for Notre Dame's secondary, Brown's specialty, David Bruton has filled some of the leadership void left by the departure of Tom Zbikowski.

"David leads by example, which first and foremost that's the most important thing you have to do as a leader," Brown said. "You have to be able — without opening your mouth — show that a. you're dependable, and b. you're going to be there, you're going to make plays, you're going to do it the right way. And that's what leadership is all about. Leadership is not about being around four years and all of a sudden just because you've been here, you're a leader."

At cornerback, last year's starters, rising fifth-year senior Terrail Lambert and rising junior Darrin Walls, return.

VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Rising fifth-year senior Terrail Lambert makes a tackle during Notre Dame's 21-14 win over Stanford on Nov. 24, 2007.

But right behind them on the depth chart are rising sophomore Gary Gray and rising junior Raeshon McNeil, who have provided stiff competition for the returning starters this spring.

"The competition only helps us and I think that's one thing we've been pushing each other on is helping each other out," Walls said. "We just know that we're trying to make each other better and make this team better."

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Crusaders

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Ross Brezovsky had a series to remember — on 12 plate appearances, the senior produced six hits and four RBIs.

Notre Dame also displayed its speed against Rutgers. With sophomore David Mills now batting in the two-spot, the Irish have added another dimension to the top of the order. Between Mills and Pollock, who hits from the three-hole, Notre Dame is a legitimate threat to play small ball and steal bases.

Pollock leads the squad in stolen bases, swiping 12 on his 13 attempts. — four of those steals came against Rutgers.

The Irish have six players boasting hitting streaks of at least three games.

Mills is leading the way with an eight-game streak, followed by Brezovsky's six-game spurt.

Another hot Irish bat belongs to sophomore Billy Boockford, who is 5-for-12 with three RBIs during his current three-game hit streak.

Despite the hot bats, the Irish pitching carried its share of the load. In the first two games of the Rutgers series, it was the bullpen that rose to the occasion and picked up two solid wins.

Freshman Brian Dupra will take the mound for the Irish against Valparaiso (8-20) today. In his six starts, the righty has gone 1-2 with a 6.94 ERA. However, the freshman has continued to improve throughout the season. Although he started shaky, allowing 14 earned runs in 12 1/3 innings, he has found his rhythm, allowing only four runs in his last 11 frames.

His counterpart, senior right-hander John Snelten, will try to hold the Irish, despite having allowed opposing hitters to bat .354 against him.

The first pitch is scheduled for 5:05 p.m. today at Frank Eck Stadium. After taking on Valparaiso, Notre Dame will host Manchester on Wednesday.

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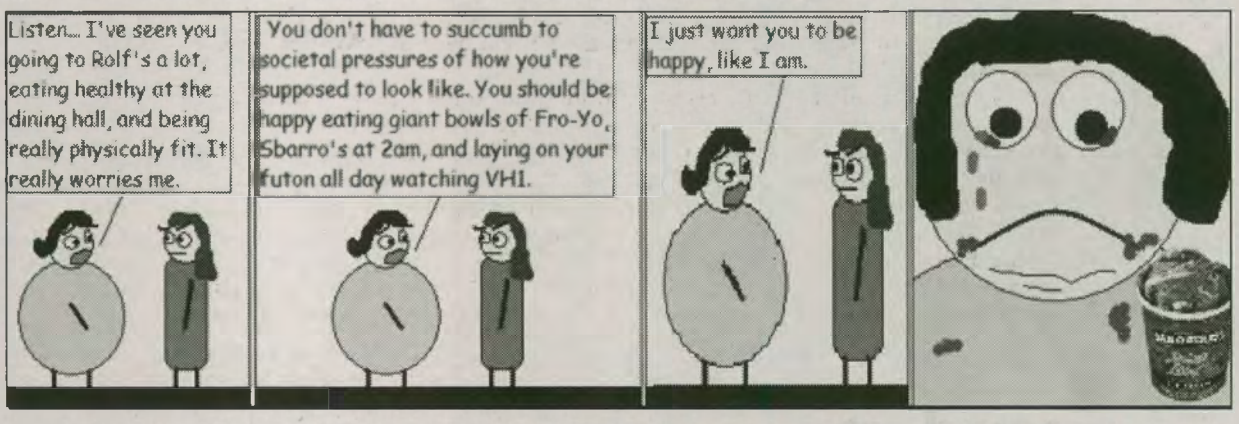

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29 Vegetarian's protein source
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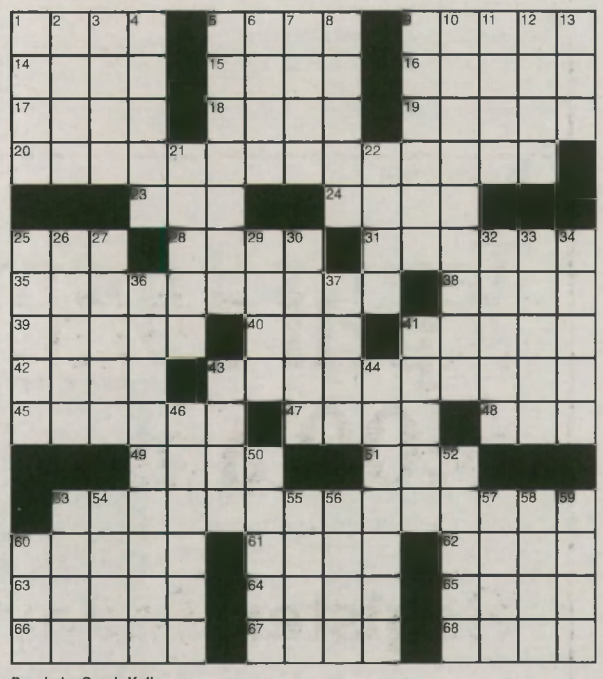

Puzzle by Sarah Keller

32 Paddled vessel
33 One of two choices on Halloween
34 Tournament favorites
36 Discovered by accident
37 A horse of a different color?
41 Towed items, sometimes
43 No ___ traffic
44 Conventioneer's wear
46 Close-fitting hats
50 French military hats
52 Nokia offering
53 Repast
54 Suffix with billion
55 Fuss
56 Adolescent
57 Melody for Dame Nellie Melba
58 Piper's followers
59 Ultimatum's ultimate word
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Jumble

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

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

TCHAB

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RUBECH

SMALEY

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

A:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TRULY SOUSE IMMUNE HEALTH
Answer: What the businessmen read before breakfast — THE MENU

Horoscope

EUGENIA LIST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Pavel Bure, 37; Ewan McGregor, 37; Rhea Perlman, 60; Christopher Walken, 65

Happy Birthday: Check out all the possibilities rather than assuming everything will go according to your plans this year. You are likely to overreact if you aren't prepared. Oversee everything. Detail and precision will be key to your success. Your numbers are 2, 10, 26, 29, 35, 40

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Settle down and let everyone else take care of things for a change. You need to break away from the stress and give yourself a chance to reclaim what's really important to you. 2 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You have the right idea and will certainly be able to convince others that you know what you are doing. Take care of any matters that require dealing with banks, institutions or government agencies. 5 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can pick up valuable information that will allow you to help someone from whom you need a favor. Make a change at home and you will rid yourself of some of the tension you've been facing. An older individual will reveal some family background. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take a dynamic approach to whatever you do and you will excel. Be a little unique, bold and no-nonsense and you will capture the attention of someone who will support what you are doing. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Emotional matters are likely to escalate. A business trip will lead to an interesting meeting with someone who can help you see and do things a little differently. An offer regarding your vocation and what you want to pursue is heading in your direction. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get your chores out of the way so you are free and clear to enjoy friends, family or someone you love. A love connection can be made if you are single or a commitment made from the heart to someone you are already involved with. Be a participant. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): So much of what you do will depend on how you treat the people close to you. If you have been overreacting, expect to apologize but, if you have been helpful and understanding, expect a pleasant surprise. Don't mix business with pleasure. 5 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't take anything or anyone for granted. You will not get the respect or the help you require even if you ask for it. Do the work yourself and you will have no regrets or apologies to make. Someone is probably withholding information. 2 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Hard work and dedication will pay off and will keep you too busy to get into trouble on a personal level. Someone you are involved with will be sizing up his or her situation. You may want to distance yourself. 4 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will be the driving force behind what gets done. Your outgoing nature and your big ideas will take you over the top and on to massive projects. An emotional encounter will prove beneficial in the end. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Hidden matters will lead to trouble. Try to keep everything out in the open so you aren't blamed for something that is not your fault. A partnership can take a turn that will lead to greater security if you are honest. Share how you see things unfolding. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can gain ground by the way you handle situations today. You will be able to make professional headway by making a few alterations to your resume. A change at home will allow you to make extra cash doing something that is second nature to you. 4 stars

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive and caring. You are strong, steadfast and determined. You aren't afraid to pitch in and help or to ask for assistance.

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FOOTBALL

Mining for gold

Brown experiments with Irish defense, hopes to hit "jackpot"

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

Notre Dame is halfway through spring practice. So how did defensive coordinator Corwin Brown say his defense is doing so far? Not that bad.

"From a schematic standpoint, I think the guys are picking what we're asking them to do," Brown said after practice Monday. "We're adding a lot of things to what we did last year and we're getting a lot of looks. They're getting comfortable ... We're starting to find out who does what fairly well."

Brown has been comfortable enough with the defense to move several players around and try some new looks. Rising sophomore linebacker Brian Smith has seen time on the inside of Notre Dame's 3-4 defensive scheme this spring and rising sophomore safety Harrison Smith, who's listed at 6-foot-2, 206-pounds, has taken snaps as a part of the linebacking corps. These moves, Brown said, represent an attempt to create depth on defense.

"We're trying to juggle some things around, put together some different combinations and see if we can get the same play from different spots but also create some depth just in case of injury or maybe a young guy that you plan on doesn't pan out as well or just trying to get different looks ... " Brown said. "You do that with a number of different combinations and hopefully you strike gold, you hit the jackpot and then you got something special."

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Rising junior Raeshon McNeil shuffles his feet during practice last Wednesday. McNeil has been challenging returning starters Terrail Lambert and Darrin Walls in spring practice at cornerback.

Brown also said he wanted to move Harrison Smith around because he has the ability to make big plays no matter where he is on the field. But Brown jokingly cautioned against giving him such glowing praise.

"If you see certain guys making plays, you kind of want to see how far you can take that, so you try to put them in different positions because you know what you have here ... " Brown said. "He's a hard-working [player], he's smart, he's tough. I don't want to say too many

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Chronert leads team to triumph

By ANDY ZICCARELLI and PAT O'BRIEN
Sports Writers

Squires 21, Monstars 14

In a game similar to the team's first round win, the Squires once again pulled away from the competition with a strong second half, turning an 11-9 halftime lead into a convincing victory. The squad also won its first round game by the score of 21-14. The game turned on a stretch of a few possessions that was dominated by Squires freshman Matt Chronert. He had a message for anyone who decides to challenge the Squires next.

"Returned to sender," said Chronert. "That's what they can expect."

The game was plodding along in the second half, with just a few points coming in the first few minutes. Both teams were visibly tired.

But Chronert brought life to the Squires with two baskets in two possessions. As if that weren't enough, Chronert made his presence felt on the defensive end with a thunderous block. He did his best impression of Dikembe Mutombo, wagging his finger as he ran back down the court with a huge smile on his face. The play

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish head to UIC in search of road victory

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame is looking to extend its winning streak to seven games tonight when it faces off against Illinois-Chicago in Chicago today.

The Irish are coming off a successful weekend of Big East play in which they beat St. John's 5-0 and 8-4, and Seton Hall 12-1 and 6-2. Junior pitcher Brittany Bargar earned the win in all four tilts, pushing her record to 17-6 on the year. She earned Big East pitcher of the week honors for her performance, the third time she has done so this season. Bargar currently leads the Big East in ERA (0.61), strikeouts (132), and wins (17).

So far this season, Bargar and freshman Jody Valdivia have stifled opposing offenses, combining for a 22-10 record and a miniscule 1.24 ERA.

Against the Flames, the duo will have to shut down an offense that has hit .285 this season. In their last game, a 17-2 drubbing of Youngstown State, Illinois-Chicago clobbered the Penguins pitching staff. Leading the charge for Illinois-Chicago is junior pitcher/infielder Sarah Clynes, who is hitting .328 with eight home runs and 24 RBIs. Teammate Ashlee Ackerman has also been on fire offensively, posting a .347 average to go with her 14 RBIs. The Flames are riding a six game win streak after sweeping Green Bay and Youngstown State.

The Irish will look to senior second baseman Katie Laing to jumpstart their offense. Last week, Laing batted .526 with four home runs and 13

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BASEBALL

Team set for mid-week games

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame returns to non-conference action today when Valparaiso visits Frank Eck Stadium looking to end the recent Irish hot streak.

Coming off of an impressive three-game win streak over Big East rival Rutgers last weekend, the Irish (16-9-1) want to continue their winning ways.

In order to take the series over the Scarlet Knights, Notre Dame used both its pitching prowess and its bats to get the job done.

Through the three-game stretch, the Irish outscored Rutgers 29-9, with sophomore A.J. Pollock leading the way. In the series, he went 6-of-11, with six RBIs. As a result, the sophomore was named Big East player of the week Monday.

In addition to Pollock's hot play at the plate, outfielder

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Irish third baseman Greg Sherry takes a pitch during Notre Dame's 11-2 win over Rutgers Saturday.