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ND female reports rape on campus

Incident is third assault, second rape at University in past month according to NDSP

By BILL BRINK
News Editor

A Notre Dame student reported a sexual assault to the Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) on April 16, the third sexual assault reported on campus in the past month.

According to an e-mail sent to the Notre Dame student body, the student said an acquaintance committed the assault on April 12.

The NDSP police blotter

classified the offense as "rape" and said it occurred between 8 and 11:15 p.m. on April 12.

The alleged assault occurred in a residence hall, and the victim was not physically injured, NDSP Assistant Director Dave Chapman said.

"The case is still under investigation," he said.

This alleged assault is the second reported rape and the third sexual assault case this semester. A student reported being sexually assaulted by

an acquaintance in a residence hall on March 23, and a student reported being assaulted, but not raped, between Pasquerilla West and Siegfried Halls on March 30.

Under the Clery Act, which requires disclosure of campus security information, Chapman said, NDSP is required by law to publish information about reported crimes. In 2004, there were two "forcible sex offenses" on campus reported to NDSP,

according to Chapman and NDSP's Safety Information pamphlet. In 2005, there was one, and in 2006 there were five.

Chapman did not know the number of previous assaults that were allegedly committed by someone the victim knew. He also said the presence or absence of drugs or alcohol during the incident was still under investigation.

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Freshman registers voters

Rhodenbaugh signs up out-of-state students

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Spurred by one of the most competitive primary elections in recent history, freshman Chris Rhodenbaugh has been helping out-of-state Notre Dame students register to vote in the May 6 Indiana primary.

"Before [this election] youth votes were not taken as seriously, but this year, students are making a difference by voting and actively participating in campaigns," Rhodenbaugh said. "I wanted to get students involved. Apathetic campuses are really frustrating."

About two weeks before April 7, the state's registration deadline, Rhodenbaugh organized a group of volunteers to encourage students who didn't vote in their own state's primary election to instead cast their vote in the Indiana primary. Rhodenbaugh said the group is non-partisan, and unaffiliated with other campus political groups.

"We just wanted to give students a chance to be politically active on campus," he said. "It is rare that Indiana plays a role in primary politics, and students wanted to be a part of it."

Rhodenbaugh said many students usually choose to vote in their home states. However, many missed the deadline, and registering in Indiana allows students to still cast their vote and

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Local students travel to see pope

Group of 13 makes trip to New York for Youth Rally and papal mass at Yankee Stadium



TESS CIVANTOS/The Observer

The pope speaks to a crowd at the St. Joseph's Seminary in New York during his American tour.

By TESS CIVANTOS
News Writer

NEW YORK — A group of 13 students from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's trekked to New York this weekend to attend the Youth Rally with Pope Benedict XVI on Saturday and the Papal Mass on Sunday at Yankee Stadium.

The students left the Inn at Saint Mary's Friday evening and drove through the night until they arrived at St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie, N.Y., on Saturday morning, joining a crowd of over 25,000 people.

While waiting, the students heard brief performances by Kelly Clarkson, Three Graces and Father Stan, the rapping priest.

"It was amazing how people were just relaxing and enjoy-

ing the bright sunny day until the pope got there, and as soon as he arrived everyone was just drawn into his presence," freshman Brittani Russell said.

When the pope arrived, he drove through the crowds in a bulletproof "pope-mobile" mounted on the back of a pick-up truck.

"Only in the USA would the pope-mobile be on a pick-up truck," senior Bridget Higgins said.

The entire crowd treated the pope to a rendition of "Happy Birthday" in German, using a pronunciation guide in the program, as the Holy Father listened from the stage.

"I wish to acknowledge your singing to me 'Happy Birthday,'" the pope said.

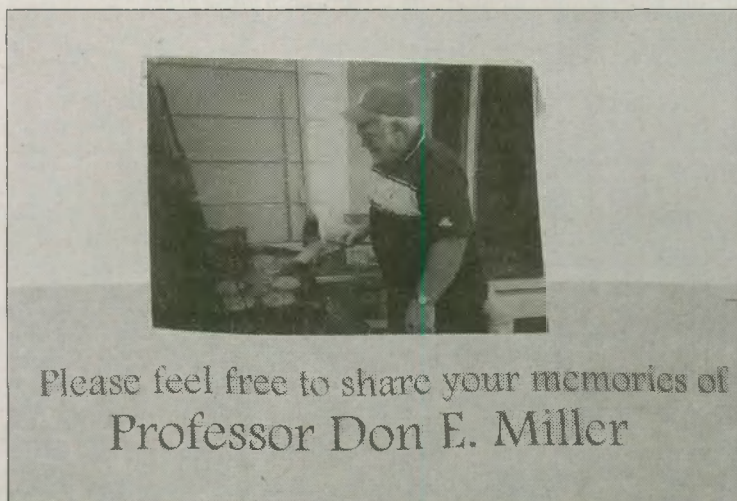
College remembers Miller

Math professor taught at SMC for 40 years, chaired department for 10

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

The Saint Mary's community is paying tribute to former chair of the department of mathematics and professor Donald E. Miller who died Sunday, April 13, in his home after a six-month battle with cancer.

Miller, 67, taught mathematics at the College since 1967 and chaired the department since 1997. He was assistant coach of the Belles softball team, a position he took over in the 2000-2001 year. He also



LIZ HARTER/The Observer

Pictures and memories of Professor Miller are posted on a bulletin board in the math department's hallway.

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Political science faculty debates Electoral College

By BRIAN MCKENZIE
News Writer

Five political science faculty members weighed the pros and cons of the Electoral College and discussed how the current system is practical but not democratic at the LaFortune Student Center Monday.

Professor Peri Arnold criticized the Electoral College, saying that it encourage Democrats and Republicans to simply ignore some states.

"What it also does is suppress the vote by excluding Republicans in Oregon and New York and Democrats in Idaho and Utah," he said.

Professor Joshua Kaplan said

the current electoral system shifts power toward the South, encouraging candidates to conceive more conservative platforms.

"It bothers me the most is that the Electoral College has given the South influence disproportionate to its numbers," he said. "The Electoral College has been the vehicle through which the South has exerted its influence."

However, Kaplan said finding a replacement for the College would not be simple, and there was no guarantee that it would fix the current system's problems.

"Procedures aren't neutral,"

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INSIDE COLUMN

On being a Cubs fan

Trust me: you don't understand how it feels.

I don't want to hear a thing from those Red Sox fans that endured 90-plus years without winning a Series before the floodgates opened with two in the last few years.

Not a peep from the Buffalo Bills supporters that saw Jim Kelly lead them to four straight Super Bowl appearances before watching the likes of Scott Norwood kick it all away wide right.

And not a word from any rooter of any NBA team that hasn't won in awhile — it is the post-Jordan NBA, after all, which means it's not even worth discussing.

Matt Gamber

Associate Sports Editor

Honestly, I don't care who you are, where you're from, or what your team has (or better yet, hasn't) done since God-knows-when. You don't get it — you can't possibly get it — the way I do.

I'm a Cubs fan. Die-hard. Bleed Cubby blue. All that junk.

And for all the overpaid players I've worshipped, the overpriced tickets I've bought, and the over-worn apparel I've outgrown, I haven't seen a single World Series. Not even one World Series game.

But the Cubs were close, you'll say, back in 2003 (yes, that Bartman game you may have heard of). Take it from somebody who knows — coming so close only makes it worse.

Take it from somebody who may or may not have shed a tear when then-phenom Mark Prior gave up the lead with less than a handful of outs to go before a Wrigleyville eruption and a World Series berth.

Take it from somebody who may or may not have broken the back door of his house by throwing a baseball after Kerry Wood gave up a run in the first inning of that fateful Game 7 loss to the Marlins — those same Marlins who didn't even exist for the first 85 years of the now 100-year Cubs' championship drought and have now won two titles since 1997.

And yet, here I sit, watching anxiously as the immortal Ronny Cedeno and Felix Pie lift the Cubs to a mid-April victory that I can only see as another step toward a distant October celebration that cynics (hard to believe I'm not one, right?) don't believe can ever come to Chicago's North Side. But why?

Because there's nothing better than blasting "Go, Cubs Go" before a playoff game.

Because there's nothing as nostalgic as sitting in the stands for a vintage Cubbie comeback (or more likely, collapse).

Because there's nothing more exciting than watching the autumn leaves fall but the ivy on Wrigley's walls remain intact for significant baseball well past the dog days of summer.

Because there's nothing more heart-warming than watching your wheelchair-ridden grandmother cheer on her team the way you do yours.

And most importantly, it's because I know that every 100 years, like clockwork, things click into place for the Cubs. This year's the year.

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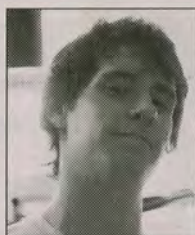
In the April 21, 2008 article "Clubs dispute in cross-fire debates," all quotes attributed to Mike Poyear should have been attributed to Ben Linskey. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD GIVE A NICKNAME TO A FOOTBALL PLAYER, WHO AND WHAT WOULD IT BE?



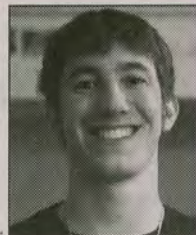
Joe O'Brien
sophomore
Fisher

"That Clausen character ... El Jimador."



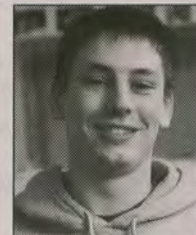
Tim LaBarge
sophomore
Fisher

"Quarterback No. 7, James Clausen. El Jimador Clausen."



Joe Mancuso
junior
Fisher

"Picture this ... as Jimmy Clausen leads the Irish into the field, a brilliant sign exclaims simply, 'El Jimador.'"



Matt Gelchion
junior
Fisher

"Gotta say James Richard Clausen — El Jimador."



Andrew Lorenz
junior
Fisher

"I'm not ambidextrous, so I'll keep it simple. JC — the Jimador."



WU YUE/The Observer

Senior Garrett Flynn of Team Mean Girls fights for the ball in final game against Saltines Monday. The Saltines defeated Mean Girls for the 2008 Bookstore Basketball championship.

OFFBEAT

Cop battles 12-foot python to save pet store owner

EUGENE, Ore. — A pet store owner is calling a police sergeant a hero for saving her from the coils of a 12-foot Burmese python doing its best to turn her into a meal.

Teresa Rossiter had reached into a cage Thursday to show the huge snake to a customer when it bit her right hand and coiled around her left arm to throw her to the floor.

A friend who happened to be at the store kept the snake off her neck and body while police were called. And when Sgt. Ryan Nelson rushed into

the store, he was ready to kill the snake with his knife.

But Rossiter asked him to spare the expensive python, so Nelson put on gloves and pried open the snake's mouth to free Rossiter's hand.

New church holds service in bar to reach people

SIDNEY, Ohio — Another round and amen! Beer was on tap and a mechanical bull inspired the sermon as a new church held its inaugural service in a western Ohio bar.

The Country Rock Church drew about 100 people to Sunday night's meeting at the Pub Lounge in Sidney, 35

miles north of Dayton. The barroom church is an offshoot of Sidney United First Methodist Church, whose head pastor says he's been looking for creative ways to reach people in unconventional places.

The church's Web site for its new branch advertises "Top regional bands, pizza, wings, rowdy fun & a short message."

The Rev. Chris Heckaman says people really seemed to enjoy themselves so he expects the Country Rock Church will meet weekly.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Frank Cahill Lecture in Business Ethics entitled "Social Entrepreneurship and Ethics in Banking" will be held today at 4:30 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

The Notre Dame baseball team will play Chicago State tonight at 6:05 p.m. at Eck Stadium.

The Student Union Board will show "Back to the Future" tonight on North Quad at 9 p.m. Free burgers and brats will be served.

Students for Environmental Action will hold a Vegetarian No Waste Dinner in the Coleman-Morse Lounge at 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies will host a lecture Thursday entitled "Sharpening Sanctions' Effectiveness" at 12:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center.

Women's Lacrosse: Big East Semifinals will be held Friday at 7:45 p.m. against Georgetown in the Notre Dame Football Stadium.

The band "The Starting Line" will perform Friday in Legends at 10 p.m. as part of the Student Union Board's AnTostal festivities.

The Notre Dame Battle of the Bands will be at Legends Saturday at 8 p.m.

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

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 80 LOW 68	HIGH 67 LOW 53	HIGH 70 LOW 45	HIGH 70 LOW 48	HIGH 65 LOW 50	HIGH 60 LOW 40

Institute launches online poetry journal

Latinas Letras has only literary publication in United States dedicated to Latino poets

Special to the Observer

Letras Latinas, the literary program of the University of Notre Dame's Institute for Latino Studies (ILS), recently launched its online publication Latino Poetry Review (LPR), the only literary journal in the United States dedicated to Latino poetry.

Designed to spur inquiry and dialogue in Latino poetry and poetics (an often-overlooked area of literary studies), the LPR will be published twice a year at <http://www.latinopoetryreview.com/>.

"Certainly we want to draw critical attention to Latino poetry," said founding editor and Letras Latinas director Francisco Aragón. "But Notre Dame also has one of the strongest poetics programs around, and I'd like LPR to eventually play a pedagogical role in this program by providing a venue for graduate students in the English department."

"In a time when there is very little reviewing of poetry, Latino Poetry Review performs a great service, bring-

ing the work of established and emerging poets to a larger, and now more informed, reading audience," said Notre Dame poetry scholar Stephen Fredman, professor of English.

In its first week, LPR attracted significant attention in the online poetry community. Poet and critic Ron Silliman, who runs Silliman's Blog, one of the most well-known and visited poetry Web logs, linked several LPR pieces to his March 31 blog and concluded that day's post by writing "A big tip of the hat to Latino Poetry Review."

Letras Latinas seeks to enhance the visibility, appreciation and study of Latino literature, both on and off the Notre Dame campus, with a focus on projects that identify and support emerging Latino writers.

Founded in 1999, the ILS fosters understanding of the U.S. Latino experience by advancing research, expanding knowledge and strengthening community. It supports interdisciplinary initiatives in Latino studies as a key component of the University's academic mission.

Rep. forced to leave House podium

Colorado legislator called Mexican immigrants 'illiterate peasants'

Associated Press

DENVER — A Colorado legislator known for kicking a photographer was ordered to leave the podium of the state House of Representatives on Monday because he called Mexican workers "illiterate peasants."

State Rep. Douglas Bruce, who has a history of provoking controversy, made the comment during debate on a bill that would allow the state to help immigrant workers get temporary federal visas. The measure is intended to ease a shortage of farm workers in the state.

"I would like to have the opportunity to state at the microphone why I don't think we need 5,000 more illiterate peasants in Colorado," Bruce said.

His outburst drew an audible gasp from the House.

"How dare you," said state Rep. Kathleen Curry, a Democrat who was serving as chairwoman during the debate. She told the Republican lawmaker he was no longer recognized to speak.

House Minority Leader Mike May, head of the GOP caucus, said legislative leaders were trying to determine what action to take against

Bruce.

Rep. Terrance Carroll, a Democrat, said the remark could result in a formal ethics complaint that would require a hearing and possible suspension, censure or expulsion.

Bruce later defended his remarks.

"I looked up 'illiterate' in the dictionary and it means somebody who is lacking in formal education or is unable to read and write," he said. "I don't think these people who are planning to come over here and pick potatoes or peaches are likely to have much of a formal education. I looked up the word 'peasant.' The word 'peasant' means a person who works in agricultural fields.

"These people, most of them, don't speak English. Most of them haven't had any formal education, that's why they're coming over here. I don't blame them for trying, but I don't think we

should pave the way for more aliens to come here," he said.

Eduardo Arnal, the Consul General of Mexico in Denver, called Bruce's remarks "unfortunate" and "offensive."

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consul general of Mexico

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Bruce became the first Colorado lawmaker censured by the House after he kicked a

newspaper photographer for taking his picture during a prayer.

Republicans later removed him from the powerful State, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee because he refused to co-sponsor a resolution honoring military veterans. Bruce said he believed resolutions were a waste of time because they have no legal effect.

This Sunday, April 27, the following candidates will complete their initiation into the Catholic Church by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11:45 a.m. Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Please keep them in your prayers and join us in congratulating them.



University of Notre Dame

- Jacqueline Margaret Acuna
- Ellen Margaret Becker
- Chantelle Alicia Bryant
- Douglas Patrick Cannon
- Erin Cloelia Connor
- Andrew Deters
- Mary Elizabeth Edwards
- Ericka Francis Erickson
- Marie Forney
- Nathaniel Giovanni Grams
- Nicolas Jude Guzman
- Christopher Francis Hynes
- Sherry Michaela Kim
- Matthew Anthony Lynch
- Michelle Margaret Maloney
- John Christopher Maltese
- Sean Cosmas McGarvey
- Robert McKeon
- Elizabeth Beatrice Mitchell
- Emily Nicole O'Malley
- Heejeong Veronica Son
- William Thomas Staruk
- Courtney Flora Sullivan
- Andrea Vergara Bernal
- Kristen Rose Zepeda
- Javi Frantzisko Xabierkoa Zubizarreta

RCIA

University of Notre Dame

- James Anthony Buffi
- Stewart Patrick Carlin
- Christiaan Patrick Minella
- Sarah Cecilia Skillen

Holy Cross College

- Kevin Cecilia McGuigan-Jones



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"Thank you for this moving gesture. I give you all an 'A plus' for your German pronunciation."

The pope spoke of his own youth under the "sinister regime" of Nazism and encouraged young people to seek "the truth about what is good" and to be "guiding stars" for others by walking in the way of Christ.

"What matters most is that you develop your personal relationship with God," he said. "Take courage."

The Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students in attendance reacted favorably to the pope's speech.

"I really liked that the Holy Father didn't say that we are the future of the Church. He said that we are the Church. That's an encouraging message to hear," Higgins said.

The next morning, the students traveled to Yankee Stadium to hear the pope say mass. Over 60,000 people attended the ceremony.

"It really showed the strength and unity of the Church to see so many people united like that," Russell said. "Not only that, but it was incredible to hear Mass from the Vicar of Christ, the direct successor to St. Peter. I love being Catholic."

Following the Mass, the Notre Dame and St. Mary's students boarded their bus and traveled back to Indiana.

"It was the best weekend ever," Higgins said.

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Election

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have a voice in the electoral process.

"The race is heating up and getting a lot of attention, and students want their voices heard," Rhodenbaugh said.

According to Indiana law, if a resident has lived in the state for more than 30 days prior to the election, they are eligible to register to vote in Indiana, even if they have a permanent address in another state, as long as the resident has not voted in their home state's primary already.

After voting in the Indiana primary, the students have the option of switching their registration back to their home state in order to participate in future elections there, Rhodenbaugh said.

The volunteers visited as many dorms as possible in addition to having a booth in both dining halls to distribute registration forms, Rhodenbaugh said. Although no official records were kept, Rhodenbaugh estimated that they aided the registration of over 100 students.

"We had a really good group of volunteers to do the work," he said.

Rhodenbaugh said he hoped helping students register to vote would inspire them to become more actively engaged in politics, especially the upcoming presidential election. Given the close Democratic race, Indiana has the rare chance to be competitive in the primaries, and this election in particular sees a more active student interest than in past years, he said.

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Miller

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served as the faculty advisor for the team, helping them to keep up with their majors, grades and other scholastic matters.

Shortly after the news was released to the College, Resident Advisors (RA) sent e-mails to their residents to inform them.

"If you would please pray for his soul as well as pray family and loved ones, I'm sure they would appreciate it," LeMans R.A. Christina Werner said in an e-mail.

A Facebook group, 'Donald E. Miller Memorial (and fan club!)', was also created to honor him.

Over 200 Saint Mary's students, alumnae and friends of

Miller's family joined the group, leaving notes of sympathy and memories of Miller on the group wall.

"As a teacher, he was always doing something crazy," sophomore Theresa Earle said. "He called tests celebrations and he made sure that everyone talked in every class. He often said that a day in which you did not contribute to class was a day wasted."

Associate professor of mathematics Mary Connolly agreed with Earle.

"Don was the consummate teacher," Connolly said. "His students would all say that he challenged them and led them to levels they never thought possible. Students were always his first priority, whether working with them in class, in the office, on the softball field or in developing new or enhanced programs of study."

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Mary Connolly professor

His enduring legacy will be the students whose lives he changed."

She said many students and alumnae attended Miller's funeral, which was held Thursday at Little Flower Catholic Church.

"His record of service to the College is extensive, but his real legacy will be the students whose lives he changed," Connolly said. "The number of students who found his course tough as nails and ended up loving him is astounding."

She said the department has been getting notes of sympathy from everyone imaginable. There is a bulletin board in the mathematics hallway where students and members of the community can write remembrances of Miller. The math professors have been adding notes they have received from alumnae and faculty at other local colleges.

Miller often donned a red

suit and transformed into Santa Claus during the holiday season and many students have written on the memory board "everyone already misses you dearly, Santa."

He also served as the marshal at Commencement ceremonies for more than two decades.

"Don was the ideal College marshal," Commencement Committee Chair Susan Dampeer said in a statement. "[The event] is consistently beautiful, dignified, and flawless because of his attention to detail. Don loved the ceremony and understood its significance in the lives of our students and their families. It is hard to imagine Commencement without him."

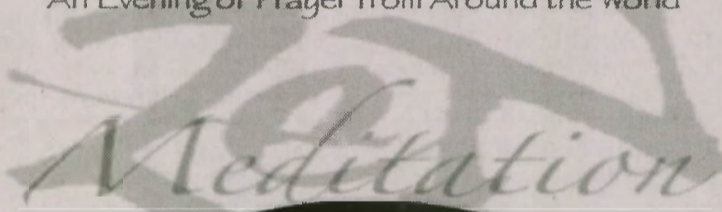
Miller's family asks any donations be made to the Donald E. Miller Memorial Fund at the College.

"As a teacher, he was always doing something crazy."

Theresa Earle sophomore

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An Evening of Prayer from Around the World




Please join us for an evening of **Zen Meditation** as part of a series exploring the beliefs and practices of the world's great faith traditions.


Guided by Dr. Thomas Petersen

Wednesday, April 23rd
330 Coleman-Morse Center
7-7:45 pm

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BCAC "GREEK" WEEK



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

France tries to ease torch protest tension

PARIS — France's government scrambled Monday to tamp down tensions with Beijing and calm anti-French sentiment that has swelled in China since pro-Tibet protesters disrupted the Olympic torch relay in Paris.

President Nicolas Sarkozy dispatched his top diplomatic adviser to China, where a French retail giant has become a boycott target, and he sent an emotional letter to a disabled Chinese athlete who struggled against a Paris protester trying to wrench the Olympic torch from her.

In his letter to "Mademoiselle Jin Jing," Sarkozy noted the "bitterness" felt in China over the incident and insisted that several such attacks by protesters during the April 7 Paris torch stopover "do not reflect the feelings of my countrymen toward the Chinese people."

Leftist trend continues with Paraguay

ASUNCION, Paraguay — The victory of the "bishop of the poor" in Paraguay's presidential election expands a wave of leftist leadership across Latin America and further isolates the few remaining conservative governments.

Once Fernando Lugo is inaugurated on Aug. 15, the only right-leaning governments in Latin America will be Colombia, El Salvador and Mexico — and arguably Peru, where a left-leaning populist party has gradually edged to the right.

"The triumph of comrade Fernando Lugo is ... yet another stone in the foundation of this new Latin America that is just, sovereign, independent — and why not, socialist," Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa gushed during a visit from Argentina's new leftist President Cristina Fernandez.

NATIONAL NEWS

EKG screening helpful before Ritalin

NEW YORK — Children should be screened for heart problems with an electrocardiogram before getting drugs like Ritalin to treat hyperactivity and attention-deficit disorder, the American Heart Association recommended Monday.

Stimulant drugs can increase blood pressure and heart rate. For most children, that isn't a problem. But in those with heart conditions, it could make them more vulnerable to sudden cardiac arrest — an erratic heartbeat that causes the heart to stop pumping blood through the body — and other heart problems.

Elderly woman convicted of murder

LOS ANGELES — A Los Angeles jury has convicted an elderly woman of two more counts in a scheme to kill homeless men to collect insurance payoffs.

Jurors convicted 75-year-old Olga Rutterschmidt on Monday of first-degree murder in the 1999 death of 73-year-old Paul Vados. She also was convicted of conspiracy to murder him for financial gain.

She and co-defendant Helen Golay were convicted of other counts last week.

Prosecutors said the two women collected \$2.8 million before their scheme was uncovered. Authorities said Vados and 50-year-old Kenneth McDavid were run over in murders staged to look like hit-and-run accidents.

LOCAL NEWS

Obama and Clinton to return to Indiana

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton expect to waste little time before bringing their campaigns back to Indiana.

Obama will travel Tuesday to Evansville, where he plans to speak during a rally that night at Roberts Stadium, his campaign announced. Rocker John Mellencamp will also perform during the event.

The rally will draw national attention as it will happen as votes are being totaled from that day's Pennsylvania primary.

Clinton plans to start a new Indiana campaign swing on Wednesday as both candidates start a two-week dash to the state's primary on May 6. Clinton will appear in Indianapolis on Wednesday. She is scheduled to visit East Chicago, South Bend and Fort Wayne on Friday and Saturday. Details were not immediately announced.

ISRAEL

Hamas sends conflicting messages

Carter said Islamic group is willing to be peaceful but their actions speak otherwise

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Former President Carter said Monday that the Islamic group Hamas was willing to accept the Jewish state as a "neighbor next door," but the militants did not match their upbeat words with concrete steps to halt violence.

Hamas, which advocates Israel's destruction, instead recycled previous offers, including a 10-year truce if Israel takes the unlikely step of withdrawing from the West Bank and Jerusalem first.

Hamas has repeatedly confounded observers with its conflicting messages. Actions on the ground — seven rockets were fired on Israel from Hamas-ruled Gaza Monday, including one that wounded a 4-year-old boy — contradicted the Islamic militant group's positive words about coexistence and a truce.

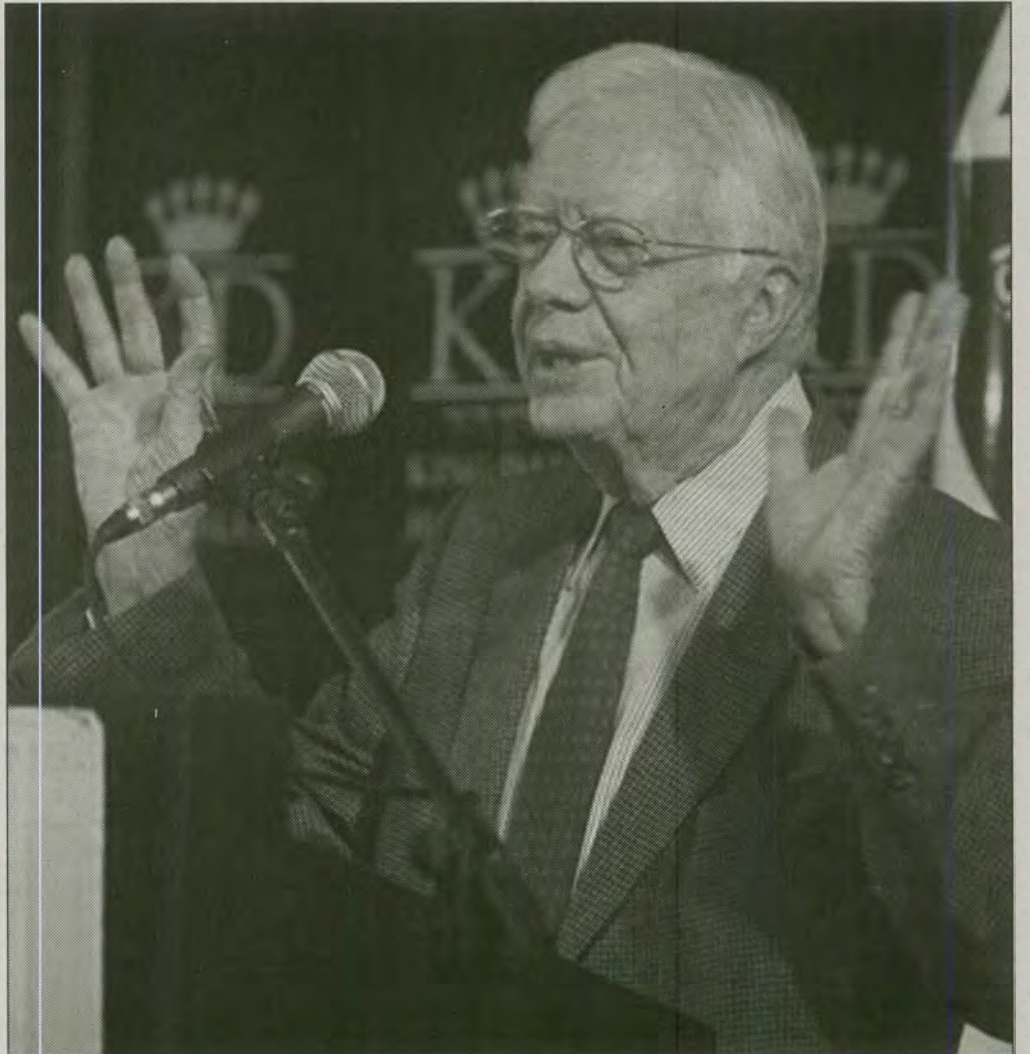
And a leader of the Hamas military wing, which carried out a twin suicide bombing on the Gaza border Saturday, said his group would step up attacks against Israel in coming days.

The salvo of rockets came despite a last-minute phone call from Carter, urging a one-month halt to attacks on Israel, to gain some international goodwill and defuse tensions.

"I did the best I could," Carter said of his conversation with Hamas supreme leader, Khaled Mashaal, pressing him to declare a one-month truce. "They turned me down, and I think they're wrong."

Carter, who delivered a speech in Jerusalem Monday summing up his visit, said top Hamas leaders told him during seven hours of talks in Damascus over the weekend that they are willing to live next to Israel.

Hours later, however, Mashaal sent mixed messages. He stressed that while the militants would accept a state in the 1967 borders,



Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter delivers a speech Monday during a meeting held by the Israeli Council of Foreign Relations in Jerusalem.

meaning alongside Israel, the group would never outright recognize the Jewish state.

The Bush administration and Israel, which shun Hamas as a terrorist group, have criticized the Carter mission as misguided. In Washington, a State Department official said Monday that it does not appear Hamas has changed its positions.

In Jerusalem, Carter defended his trip, saying peace in the region will be possible only if Israel and the U.S. start talking to Hamas and Syria, which supports several militant groups. He also called on the Bush administration to push harder to renew Israeli-Syrian

peace talks.

"The present strategy of excluding Hamas and excluding Syria is just not working," said Carter, who brokered a historic 1979 peace treaty between Israel and Egypt.

Analysts said Hamas apparently decided to send Carter off largely empty-handed, despite the possibility he might have paved an opening to a hostile West, because it prefers doing business with leaders in the region who can deliver concrete achievements. Egypt has been shuttling between Israel and Hamas for nearly two years trying to broker a cease-fire, a prisoner swap and an opening of Gaza's

border crossings.

Over the weekend, Carter met twice with Hamas' five-member politburo, headed by Mashaal. Carter said he won a written pledge from Hamas to accept any peace deal with Israel, even if Hamas disagrees with some of the terms, as long as it's approved in a Palestinian referendum.

Carter said Hamas leaders told him they're also ready to accept the Jewish state's right to "live as a neighbor next door in peace" one day. Since its founding 21 years ago, Hamas has carried out scores of suicide attacks in Israel and has fired hundreds of rockets from Gaza at Israeli border towns.

Army, Marines felony recruits on the rise

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Under pressure to meet combat needs, the Army and Marine Corps brought in significantly more recruits with felony convictions last year than in 2006, including some with manslaughter and sex crime convictions.

Data released by a congressional committee shows the number of soldiers admitted to the Army with felony records jumped from 249 in 2006 to 511 in 2007. And the number of Marines with felonies rose from 208 to 350.

Those numbers represent a fraction of the more than 180,000 recruits brought in by the active duty Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines during the

fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2007. But they highlight a trend that has raised concerns both within the military and on Capitol Hill.

The bulk of the crimes involved were burglaries, other thefts, and drug offenses, but nine involved sex crimes and six involved manslaughter or vehicular homicide convictions. Several dozen Army and Marine recruits had aggravated assault or robbery convictions, including incidents involving weapons.

Both the Army and Marine Corps have been struggling to increase their numbers as part of a broader effort to meet the combat needs of a military fighting wars on two fronts. As a result, the number of recruits needing waivers for crimes or other bad conduct has

grown in recent years, as well as those needing medical or aptitude waivers.

House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Henry Waxman, who released the data, noted that there may be valid reasons for granting the waivers and giving individuals a second chance.

But he added, "Concerns have been raised that the significant increase in the recruitment of persons with criminal records is a result of the strain put on the military by the Iraq war and may be undermining military readiness."

The services use a waiver process to let in recruits with felony convictions, and many of the crimes were committed when the service members were juveniles.

Debate

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he said. "The Electoral College has built-in biases and any potential replacement will have biases."

Arnold said the elimination of the Electoral College would lead to disorganized elections.

"In this messy political system, there's no other way to produce a real winner," he said. "Instead of just Florida [in the 2000 election], we would have been fighting in half the states if there was no Electoral College."

Professor Louis Ayala made the dire prediction that if the Electoral College was eliminated, the cost of campaigning would drastically increase.

"The cost of campaigning would increase significantly," he said. "[Eliminating the College would] lead candidates to campaign in previously uncontested states."

Senior analyst for Notre Dame Institutional Research John Mueller said while there are problems with the Electoral College, the American public's apathy is one of the greatest obstacles to reform.

"It's something we've lived with for 200 years," he said. "There isn't a political will to eliminate it."

Mueller said one major problem with the Electoral College was that it "creates a sense of false mandate for radical policy change." He cited the examples of President Clinton, who failed to win an outright majority in either of his elections, and President Bush, who failed to win even a plurality in 2000, both claiming they had received mandates.

However, instead of abolishing the College, Mueller said it could be reformed to reflect the popular vote. He said some states like Nebraska and Maine already award some electoral votes to the runner-up based on the outcomes of individual congressional districts.

Doctoral candidate in political science Patrick Kaplan said eliminating the Electoral College might have unintended, harmful consequences such as increased voter fraud.

"As opposed to competing for swing-states, eliminating it would create an incentive to run up the vote in states that are deeply Republican or Democratic," he said. "There's less oversight in those states, so you're bound to see more unsavory practices."

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US, France draft resolution to battle pirates

U.N. document is response to series of attacks off Somalian coast, Spanish boat hijacking

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The United States and France are drafting a U.N. resolution that would allow countries to chase and arrest pirates off Somalia's coast, responding to a spate of attacks including this week's hijacking of a Spanish tuna boat, U.N. diplomats said Monday.

France's U.N. Ambassador Jean-Maurice Ripert said the resolution would authorize foreign governments to pursue pirate vessels into territorial waters, make arrests, and prosecute suspects.

"We want to do it fast, but it could take one or two weeks because it has to be by consensus — it's not confrontational," he told the Associated Press.

The push by key U.N. Security Council nations to tackle the issue follows an alarming increase in piracy by well-armed bandits, prompting international demands for better protection of the world's shipping lanes.

Pirates in the lawless Gulf of Aden off Somalia fired on a Japanese oil tanker Monday, unleashing hundreds of gallons of fuel into the sea, a day after a Spanish tuna boat was hijacked using rocket-propelled grenades. Earlier this month, a French luxury yacht was hijacked.

The tanker attack helped send crude oil prices to a new record, spiking above \$117 a barrel Monday before falling back slightly.

"The issue of piracy is an important issue, and within that framework we're focusing in particular on the threat of piracy off the coast of Somalia," U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad told The Associated Press.

In Sunday's attack in the Gulf of Aden, pirates approached the Spanish Playa de Bakio and opened fire with rocket-propelled grenades, striking it but causing no serious damage, said an official in Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero's office.

Spain sent a frigate to the site of the hijacking about 200 miles off the coast of Somalia. Twenty-six crew were aboard the 250-foot vessel when the pirates forced their way on the ship.

The Spanish prime minister's office said efforts were under way to secure the sailors' release, and that aid was being sought from NATO, the African Union, France and Britain. Spain does not have an embassy in Somalia, which has not had an effective government since 1991.

The hijackers are demanding money but have not specified how much, Rosa Maria Alvarez, the daughter of the ship's skipper, Amadeo Alvarez Gomez, told Spanish National Radio. The government declined to comment on her remarks.

Last week, French judges filed preliminary charges against six Somali pirates accused of holding 30 hostages aboard a French luxury yacht for a week in the Gulf of Aden. A French military

helicopter captured them after the April 11 release of the yacht's crew. The ship's owners reportedly paid a ransom.

According to a report from the International Maritime Bureau, piracy is on the rise, with seafarers suffering 49 attacks between January and March — up 20 percent from the period last year.

Pirates boarded 36 vessels and hijacked one, the report said. Seven crew members were taken hostage, six were kidnapped, three were killed and one went missing. Most of the attackers were heavily armed with guns or knives, the report said.

Nigeria ranked as the No. 1 trouble spot. India and the Gulf of Aden tied for second, with each reporting five incidents. Nearly two dozen piracy incidents were recorded off the coast of Somalia since January 2007, according to Andrew Mwangura of the Kenya-based Seafarers Assistance Program.



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IN BRIEF

Bush defends free trade in North America

NEW ORLEANS — President Bush and Mexican President Felipe Calderon strongly defended free trade across North America on Monday, fending off anti-trade remarks that Democrats running for the White House are using to lure working class voters.

Opening a two-day summit with Calderon and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Bush hailed the benefits of cross-border trade despite a rising protectionist sentiment on Capitol Hill. The president said that when he and Calderon were growing up, the border was poor, but today it's prospering.

"Our trade has tripled, and our economies have grown," said Bush, who decided to host the summit in New Orleans to showcase its rebirth following Hurricane Katrina. "This has been a very positive aspect for both our countries."

Calderon was more specific, saying the North American Free Trade Agreement is misunderstood. Launched in 1994, the accord eliminated trade barriers among the United States, Mexico and Canada.

Midwest crop prices drop after rainfall

NEW YORK — Corn and soybean prices plunged Monday as investors set aside their supply worries and bet that dry weather in the U.S. corn belt will allow growers to speed up planting.

Other commodities traded mostly lower, with crude oil falling from a record above \$117 and silver and copper also retreating.

Dry, warm weather is expected this week across the U.S. corn belt after days of heavy rainfall that have soaked fields and slowed spring planting. The favorable forecast raised hopes that planting could resume at a faster pace, touching off a broad agriculture sell-off in everything from corn to wheat to oats.

"Planting is still going to be very slow, but we have a drier outlook for this week, so you've got prices dropping back," said Jason Ward, analyst with North Star Commodity in Minneapolis.

Soybeans for May delivery fell 46 cents to settle at \$13.155 a bushel on the Chicago Board of Trade, after earlier dropping as low as \$12.915, its lowest level in two weeks. Corn for May delivery lost 19.25 cents to settle at \$5.8025 a bushel on the CBOT after earlier falling as low as \$5.695.

Average gas prices hit \$3.50 a gallon

Attack on Japanese oil tanker sends crude oil prices up over \$117 a barrel

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rising gasoline prices tightened the squeeze on drivers Monday, jumping for the first time to an average \$3.50 a gallon at filling stations across the country with no sign of relief.

Crude oil set a record for the sixth day in a row — this time closing above \$117 a barrel — after an attack on a Japanese oil tanker in the Middle East rattled investors.

"It's killing us," said Jean Beuns, a New York cab driver who estimated he now makes \$125 to \$150 less per month than in the fall because of costlier gas. "And it was so quick. Every day you see the price go up 5, 6, 10 cents more."

Diesel prices at the pump also struck a record high of \$4.20 a gallon, according to AAA and the Oil Price Information Service. That's sure to add to truckers' costs and drive up the price of food, clothing and other goods shipped by truck.

"You and I are going to pay more," said Bob Costello, chief economist of American Trucking Associations. "Exactly how much ... I can't tell you, but it's got to show up."

Gasoline and diesel prices are expected to keep climbing as they trace the path of crude. Oil prices are charging ahead along with a host of commodities that are enticing speculators seeking hedges against a weakening dollar.

Light, sweet crude for May delivery rose to a record \$117.76 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange before settling at \$117.48, up 79 cents from Friday's close.

Gas jumped more than a nickel over the weekend and is up 23 percent from a year ago. Drivers in New Jersey are paying the least, while drivers in California pay the



Traders deal oil options on the floor of the New York Mercantile Exchange, Monday. Oil prices spiked to a record \$117.40 a barrel.

most, \$3.86 a gallon for regular unleaded.

The Energy Department predicted earlier this month that monthly average gasoline price will peak at more than \$3.60 per gallon in June and could even reach \$4.

"It's uncharted territory," said Tom Kloza of the Oil Price Information Service, Wall, N.J. "I don't think we're done, but I have to believe we're in the eighth or ninth inning" of price increases.

The higher prices are already prompting some drivers to cut back. In New

York, Elvis Ragbir and Anthony Winckler said they are driving less and taking the subway more.

"I'm spending my gas money on MetroCards," Winckler said in the waiting room of a vehicle inspection station in Manhattan. Ragbir, a delivery truck driver, said he is looking to trade in his Lexus LS 400 for a smaller car.

In downtown Chicago, Sharon Cooper spent \$52 to fill up three-quarters of the tank in her Toyota Highlander SUV. She said she tries not to let the prices get

to her, although she too is changing her habits and buying a bike to commute to work.

Energy Department data show Americans used about 1 percent less gas in the four weeks ended April 11 than they did a year earlier.

That change, while not drastic, is significant, Mariano Gurfinkel, project manager at the Center for Energy Economics at the University of Texas at Austin, who expects per-capita demand to drop further this summer unless gas prices fall.

Cause of heparin reactions unknown

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — China and the United States traded charges Monday about whether a contaminant in the blood thinner heparin caused severe allergic reactions linked to as many as 81 deaths.

Federal health officials said new tests indicated a solid link. China said the contaminant could not be the "root cause" of the problem.

Chinese officials suggested at an embassy news conference that the problem with the drug could have occurred in the United States. They plan to visit a Baxter International plant in Cherry Hill, N.J., to get a better picture of how the finished product is manufactured.

Raw heparin is derived from pig intestines, often processed by small, unregistered workshops in China. The raw ingredient for Baxter's recalled heparin came from Wisconsin-based Scientific Protein

Laboratories, which in turn owns a Chinese factory — Changzhou SPL — and buys additional raw heparin from other Chinese suppliers.

The Food and Drug Administration warned Changzhou SPL on Monday that the company does not have adequate systems for ensuring that the raw materials it uses are safe and that any impurities are removed. The FDA noted that as many as 12 companies in China are involved in the supply chain for heparin. Agency officials don't know at what point the contaminant was introduced.

Hundreds of patients have suffered severe allergic reactions to large doses of the blood thinner. The FDA said it suspects the problems stem from a contaminant that the agency discovered in supplies of raw heparin coming from China — a compound derived from animal cartilage that so closely mimics heparin that routine purity tests can't detect it.

"We have data in the test tube as well as animal data that shows this contaminant can trigger events that would lead to these type of reactions," said Janet Woodcock, director of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. "That doesn't tell us the whole story. But it establishes a link."

Chinese officials claimed that adverse events were reported in patients who got heparin even when the blood thinner did not contain the contaminant — over-sulfated chondroitin. But FDA officials said that premise is incorrect.

The Chinese said they hope to get some samples from Baxter for their own investigation.

"When you see it, then you believe it," said Jin Shaohong, the deputy director general for the National Institute for the Control of Pharmaceutical and Biological Products in China.

Authorities attempt to match parents, kids

Judge ordered DNA tests to determine familial relations in West Texas polygamist compound

Associated Press

SAN ANGELO, Texas — Using cotton swabs and cameras, lab technicians began taking DNA samples Monday from hundreds of children and mothers — wearing long, pioneer-style dresses — in hopes of sorting out the tangled family relationships within the West Texas polygamist sect.

A judge ordered last week that the genetic material be taken to help determine which children belong to which parents.

Authorities need to figure that out before they begin custody hearings to determine which children may have been abused and need to be permanently removed from the sect compound in Eldorado, and which ones can be safely returned to the fold.

State social workers have complained that over the past few weeks, sect members have offered different names and ages. Also, the children refer to all of their fathers' wives as their "mothers," and all men in the community as "uncles."

The testing went on behind closed doors at the crowded coliseum where the children seized in the raid earlier this month on the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints compound are staying.

The collecting of DNA is likely to take 10 technicians most of the week, and it will be a month or more before the results are available, said Janiece Rolfe, a spokeswoman for the Texas attorney general's office.

Rod Parker, an FLDS attorney, acknowledged that family names within the sect can be confusing, but said: "No one is trying to deceive anyone. ... It's not sinister." Instead, he said that because many of the sect's marriages are not legal, adults and their children may legally have one name but use another within the community.

The April 3 nighttime raid on the 1,700-acre compound probably frightened the children, said Ken Driggs, who has studied the sect extensively. "If somebody had taken the time to approach them in a way that was respectful, they probably would have gotten the information they needed," Driggs said.

The children will be placed in group homes or other quarters until individual custody hearings can be completed by early June. Officials said they will try to keep siblings together when possible, though some polygamous families may have dozens of siblings.

The testing will involve 437 children and possibly hundreds of adults. State authorities revised their count of the children from 416 as they developed better lists and discovered that not all the female members who claimed to be adults were over 18.

The testing will be more far complicated than that of the

typical custody or support case.

In a typical custody case, "maternity is already established," Rolfe said, but in this case, researchers will have to determine the identity of both parents.

UNITED KINGDOM

Shakira praises British PM Brown

Associated Press

LONDON — George Clooney, Angelina Jolie, Shakira.

Not a red carpet lineup, but a roll call of celebrities the sometimes dour British Prime Minister Gordon Brown has recruited to inject glamour into his appeals to help the developing world.

Brown joined a telephone conference Monday with Shakira, praising the Colombian pop sensation for

taking an inspirational role in work to provide a basic education for every child in the world.

The Grammy-winning singer, famed for her hit "Hips Don't Lie," is supporting a week of events to highlight the cause of education advocacy group the Global Campaign for Education.

She said the group is pressing world leaders to provide funding for primary education for 72 million young chil-

dren who now miss out on schooling as a result of poverty.


The group also aims to generate support for some 226 million older children who miss out on classes because of a lack of access to schools, or because of truancy.

Brown is the world's "No. 1 champion of education," said the group's chairman, Gene Sperling, an ex-White House economic adviser to former President Clinton.

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IRAQ

Leader calls for support from Arab states

PM urges neighboring nations to forgive Iraqi debts, open embassies

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's prime minister appealed Monday for support from his Arab neighbors, urging them to open embassies and forgive Iraqi debts as his government tries to crack down on Shiite militias in a crucial power struggle.

But the government plea came as militia leaders warned more violence could await.

Followers of Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, leader of the biggest militia, said they could widen the battles with the government — even asking supporters for blood donations to aid fighters injured during weeks of urban clashes.

With tension rising, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki flew to Kuwait for a meeting Tuesday of Iraq's neighbors to discuss ways they can help Iraq's Shiite-led government as it confronts both Shiite militias and Sunni extremists including al-Qaida in Iraq.

Al-Maliki said he will be looking for tangible support, including relief from Iraq's \$67 billion foreign debt — most of it owed to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar.

"There are countries that support the political process and are opening embassies here. We need the others to open embassies here, too," al-Maliki told reporters.

The direct appeal to Arab heavyweights highlights the regional dilemma posed by Iraq.

Sunni Arabs have a strong stake in keeping Iraq — which is majority Shiite — firmly in the Arab orbit as a buffer against expanding influence by Iran, the largest Shiite nation. But Arab neighbors are still leery of al-Maliki's government and the deep Iranian ties of its main backers.

Al-Maliki is hoping that the

ongoing crackdown against Shiite militants will allay their fears of Iranian leanings and a bias against his own Sunni population — which long held a privileged position under Saddam Hussein.

But he also pointed the finger at "some nations" he claimed were supporting extremist groups and "inciting strife through the media" — an apparent reference to Arab satellite TV stations based in the Gulf which the leadership here considers hostile to the government.

"I am a bewildered by the position of these nations," al-Maliki added, without specifically naming a country. "Do they want to support Iraq? Iraq has emerged from a crisis and needs to be supported."

U.S. officials have accused Iran — which will attend the Kuwait conference — of supporting Shiite extremists in Iraq, an allegation the Iranians deny.

The United States, too, has pressed Arab governments to respond to security improvements and political advances in Iraq with financial and political support. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who visited Baghdad on Sunday, is scheduled to be at the Kuwait meeting to lend support to Iraq.

In Najaf, a top Sadrist spokesman, Salah al-Obeidi, warned that open warfare was a "strong possibility" if the government did not ease the pressure on al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia.

The government has demanded that al-Sadr disband the Mahdi Army or else the Sadrists will not be allowed to run in provincial elections this fall.

Al-Obeidi complained that government officials and Shiite intermediaries had offered "no serious proposals" for ending the confrontation and "we are ready for all possibilities."

Last weekend, al-Sadr, who is believed to be in Iran, threatened in a Web site statement to declare full-scale war on the U.S.-backed government if attacks on his followers continue.

The crisis began nearly a month ago when al-Maliki launched a military offensive against the Mahdi Army and other Shiite militias in the southern port city of Basra.

Militiamen responded by shelling Baghdad's U.S.-protected Green Zone, which houses the U.S. Embassy and offices of the Iraqi government. U.S. and Iraqi forces then laid siege to the Baghdad militia stronghold of Sadr City.

The daily clashes have raised fears that al-Sadr may formally scrap the unilateral truce he declared last August — a move that American officials credit with helping dramatically reduce violence.

In Sadr City — a sprawling slum of 2.5 million people — mosques broadcast appeals Monday for people to donate blood to help the hundreds who had been injured in the fighting. Residents contacted by telephone said many donors showed up at two hospitals in response to the call.

No major fighting was reported in Sadr City on Monday.

But U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. Steve Stover said an unmanned U.S. aircraft fired a Hellfire missile at a group of gunmen late Sunday, killing all three.

In Basra, a roadside bomb exploded near a U.S. convoy in the central part of the city, setting a Humvee ablaze and causing casualties, the U.S. military said. No further details were released.

Elsewhere, Sunni insurgents struck twice Monday against U.S. troops and their new Sunni allies, who have turned against al-Qaida in Iraq.

SOUTH AFRICA

Mother honored for reconciliation efforts

Daughter was stabbed, stoned to death during apartheid; parents forgive attackers, found charity

Associated Press

PRETORIA — South Africa is honoring her for helping it overcome the legacy of apartheid, but Linda Biehl says she has simply done what any parent would after the death of a child: tried to find meaning in loss.

Amy Biehl was stabbed and stoned to death in the waning days of apartheid in a township near Cape Town, where she was studying how women were contributing to change in South Africa. Her black assailants claimed the attack on the 26-year-old American, who was white, was part of the war on white rule.

"People don't want a death to be in vain or senseless," Linda Biehl told The Associated Press Monday — her 65th birthday and the eve of a ceremony at which President Thabo Mbeki is to grant her one of his nation's highest honors.

Biehl and her husband Peter, who died in 2002, forgave the four men convicted in their daughter's 1993 slaying, and embraced the truth and reconciliation process on which South Africa embarked after white rule ended in 1994.

Amy Biehl's attackers were granted amnesty after confessing before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission headed by former Cape Town Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Two of them now work for a charity the Biehls founded that has provided training in arts, sports and other areas to young South Africans.

"If it weren't for the institutionalized process that we went through, we would not be connected in a personal reconciliation," said Biehl, who divides her time between Newport Beach, Calif., and Cape Town. "I'm just interest-

ed in finding the humanity in all of us, which I thought was the essence of" the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Biehl said she sees her daughter's attackers as victims, too caught up in the struggle against apartheid to value life or consider personal responsibility. And now they and many like them are unequipped to prosper in post-apartheid South Africa.

"They had the skills to make the bombs, to strategize in guerrilla warfare," Biehl said, noting many slipped into crime after apartheid ended. She hopes working with her foundation will mean a better future for at least some of the generation that embraced the call for liberation before education.

"These are committed people ... they should also be part of the change," she said.

Composed under a sweep of blonde hair, Linda Biehl looks like an art gallery owner or manager of an upscale clothing store — both jobs she once held. In the years since her daughter's death, she has devoted most of her time to the Amy Biehl Foundation, and to speaking about forgiveness to audiences ranging from high school students in urban America to forums bringing together Palestinians and Israelis.

In announcing she was being awarded the Order of the Companion of O.R. Tambo, the president's office cited Linda Biehl's "outstanding spirit of forgiveness in the wake of the murder of her daughter and contributing to the promotion of non-racism in post-apartheid South Africa."

The award, named for the late African National Congress hero Oliver Tambo, has previously been granted to former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and, posthumously, to India's independence leader Mohandas Gandhi. Musician and civil rights activist Harry Belafonte was a fellow honoree this year.

Many people don't understand her decision to transform grief into commitment to racial reconciliation, Biehl said. Even in South Africa, some are baffled or suspicious, she said, adding with a rueful laugh that she has the hate mail to prove it. But she also has been embraced.

Last June, officials at a Johannesburg high school asked her to speak at anniversary celebrations for the school, where crime and violence had touched many students and their families. Biehl said she found herself facing a mostly white audience. Afterward, a woman told her of her brother's murder during a robbery, and how she was now working for gun control.

South Africans are "trying to understand the forgiveness and reconciliation process," Biehl said. "If an example can be helpful to people, if a story can be helpful to people, I'm happy to share my story."

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Dear Graduating Business Majors,
It has been a long four years for all of you. Graduation approaches, and I know this light at the end of the tunnel means a relief from ages of toil and struggles. It's not easy to wake up at noon, skip two classes, visit the LaFortune cluster and grab six chairs around one computer to work on a group PowerPoint presentation, then still get out of there in time to visit Noma. I applaud you for your hard work and congratulate you on surviving.



James Dechant

Foregone Conclusion

But this letter is not a laudatory paean praising your prestigious efforts. No, I write you today, Minions of Mendoza, with a need far more pressing and urgent. The impending graduation may signify to you but a stepping-stone on the way to a promising future — a destiny of upward mobility, 401(k)'s, and financial prosperity shining brighter than a newly polished class ring. Yet for some of your less fortunate classmates, next month's celebration of Notre Dame's 163rd Commencement exercises signals not the start of success, but the dawn of destitution.

I speak on behalf of the great mass of the tired, the poor, the huddled masses of the College of Arts and Letters. You see, kind business majors, students like myself are not prepared for the modern globalized economy. We lack marketable entrepreneurial skills, such as making slideshows and balancing our checkbooks. While you lounge on leather thrones and feast on succulent grapes like Roman senators, we face the prospect of homelessness next year.

For us, there are no chairs being kept warm at Goldman Sachs or Berkshire Hathaway. There are no five-thousand

dollar signing bonuses for joining PricewaterhouseCoopers. There are no dynamic opportunities for energetic, synergetic, motivated young people to put their summer internship experience (of which we have none) to use at Procter & Gamble.

Instead, we have our parents' couches and houses in the projects. We have excluded healthcare coverage, a shrinking job market, and a monthly stipend on which to support ourselves. We have freeganism and rusty bikes and buying used clothes.

This is where you come in, business majors. You see, the majority of you are going to be making ridiculous, scandalous, obscene amounts of money within a year. You will buy new cars and take ski trips to Aspen and donate to our University to be entered in the football ticket lottery. I write to ask a very simple thing of you today: share the wealth.

Imagine the following scenario: the scene is one year from today. You, Sally Mendoza, park your car outside the elegant new downtown restaurant. It has been a long day at the offices of Consulters International, getting paid lots of money to tell people at other companies how to spend their money, but you are looking forward to the meal. You are meeting up with several fellow Domers who were in your marketing class and now live near you in the Chicago suburbs.

On the way into the restaurant, you hear a rustling from the alleyway next to the main entrance. The sound startles you, but you shake it off. You were listening to Bon Jovi on your iPhone anyway, and you couldn't hear clearly.

But upon leaving the restaurant some time later an even louder noise disturbs you. You carefully peek around the corner of the restaurant, seeing there a plain white dumpster. You start to turn away but then freeze as a shadowy figure emerges from the rubbish. A scream catches in your throat and you can only stare in shock and horror at

the disheveled man crawling out of the dumpster

Then recognition begins to dawn. The unkempt figure, bent under the weight of a bundle and clutching a half-eaten banana, resembles somebody from your college days. Suddenly, you realize the rabid-eyed, frizzy-haired hobo standing before you is Joe Humanities, that one guy who lived next door to you in Turtle Creek and graduated with a degree in Philosophy and Peace Studies. He took a position with AmeriCorps in the city and was never heard from again.

Approaching you with a limp, he speaks with a raspy inflection. "Hello, Sally". Those two words are enough. You scream and run down the street to your double-parked Lexus.

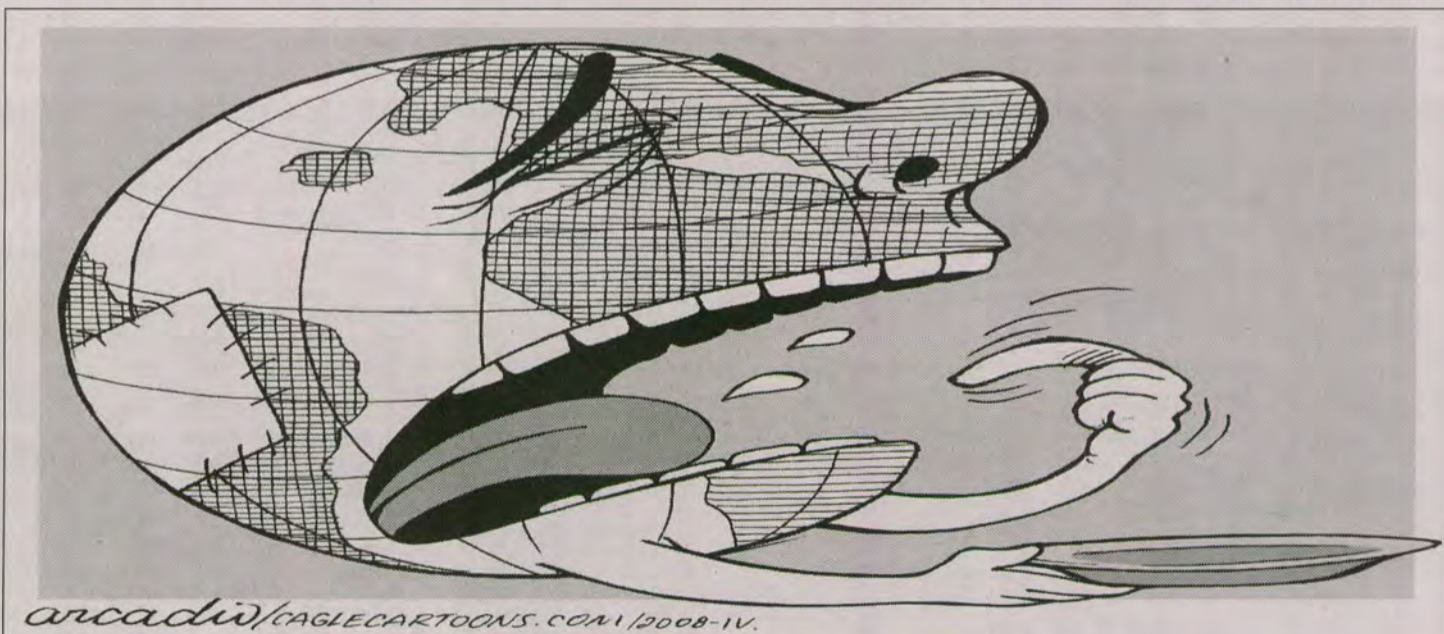
If this scene frightens you, well, it should. The solution? Give. There are hundreds of Joe Humanities preparing to leave college and enter a world of indigence next year. You business majors, with your investment portfolios and knowledge of upward revenue stream dynamics, hold the power to give them another chance. I implore you to donate to their cause. Set up a trust fund, establish a grant program for graduating Arts & Letters students, or just buy them lunch at the Huddle.

Graduating business majors, the need is tremendous, but so are your bank accounts. Somewhere out there, a liberal arts student is crouched in the fetal position, frightened to death of the future. You can lift that student out of despondency and show him the happy side of American capitalism. Don't wait another minute — give today.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."

Anne Bradstreet
American Poet

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for 'Finish on the Fifty'

On behalf of Hannah and Friends, we would like to thank the students of Notre Dame, St. Mary's, and Holy Cross for making the inaugural "Finish on the Fifty" charity run on Saturday a resounding success. We were extremely impressed and pleased to see such a strong turnout despite the rain and early morning start on a weekend filled with campus festivities. We were inspired by the enthusiasm of the hundreds of students who helped raise awareness and compassion for children and adults with special needs.

We extend our appreciation to Alumni Hall for sponsoring the run, along with the committee chaired by Clint Bergstrom with fellow members Eric Harvan, Kyle Nickoderm, Patrick Schenkel, Mike Streit, and Maribeth Yingling for their leadership and countless hours spent organizing the event. Additionally, we would like to thank Circle K and

ROTC from Notre Dame and St. Mary's for providing volunteers and resources for the run. Special thanks to Cappy Gagnon and fellow stadium ushers, Mike Danch and the stadium facilities staff, Molly Anderson from Adidas, RecSports, Women's Running Club, Student Activities Office, and to all other students, faculty, and administration that contributed to the success of this event.

We find ourselves blessed to be part of a community that continually supports the mission of Hannah and Friends.

Maura Weis
Charlie Weis

Founders, Hannah and Friends

Sharon Bui Green

Executive Director, Hannah and Friends

April 21

Bring Matthews to Notre Dame

After reading Bob Costa's interview with Dave Matthews prior to his concert in support of Barack Obama at Indiana University (April 15th), and recalling Tim Staub's request to "Revive the concert" and bring more high-profile performers to campus (March 30th), I asked myself why an artist of Matthews' caliber has not played at Notre Dame since U2 in 2001. U2 is without question one of the most successful bands of all-time. They have won more Grammy Awards than any other band, and their ticket prices reflect this success. The average U2 ticket costs over \$100. On the other hand, Matthews is arguably the most popular touring artist among young adults today, and tickets to his shows are much easier on the wallets of college students than any U2 show. Matthews is a musician who has always been more about the music than the money. In this age of music piracy and illegal file sharing, he allows fans to record live shows and share them with others online. During both his acoustic shows with Tim Reynolds, as well as during full band performances, Matthews' setlists eclipse the two-hour mark, certainly giving loyal fans their money's worth. Even though such a performance would cost more than either Lupe Fiasco or Ok Go, the length and quality of this duo's set would mean that only one act would need to be booked, rather than two. In addition, I think if given the opportunity to see the likes of Matthews and Reynolds in the friendly confines of the Joyce Center, many students would gladly pay

more than the \$10 or \$15 cover of other Notre Dame concerts. In his article, Bob Costa mentioned how Tim Reynolds has played at Legends on Notre Dame's campus twice in recent years. However, few people probably know that the Dave Matthews Band played at the Joyce Center in 1996. Both Matthews and Reynolds have some history with the university. Given this relationship, as well as the relative ease of production for just two acoustic guitarists, getting this duo to play at ND would certainly be easier than bringing Matthews' entire band back to the JACC. While the concert at IU had political undertones, Matthews and Reynolds consistently play regular tour concerts on campuses across the country, at schools both larger and smaller than Notre Dame, so it is not as if they have become too large of an act to play college shows. According to the Notre Dame athletics website, "Recent performers to perform in the Joyce Center in the past five years include Elton John, Rod Stewart, Garth Brooks, Neil Diamond, James Taylor and U2." Before I graduate, I hope that we can once again bring A-list performers such as Matthews & Reynolds to Notre Dame. The university is clearly one of the nation's premier, and I think that students should again be able to enjoy some of their generation's premier performers on campus.

Josh Flynt

freshman

Keenan Hall

April 15

Discrimination policy too narrow

It is unacceptable that the University of Notre Dame refuses to include sexual orientation in the discrimination clause. We pride ourselves on the unbreakable bonds of the "Notre Dame family" but Notre Dame seems to think this doesn't apply with sexual orientation. Opposing discrimination towards homosexuals does not condone their lifestyle or compromise our Catholic character; it affirms that we oppose hate and welcome all as equal human beings. Notre Dame officials worry about the legal consequences of this act. But shouldn't our principles of humanity hold more weight than the threat of a lawsuit? The day that Notre Dame values the popular opinion of her alumni and their pocketbooks more than her morals is the day I transfer. Let's hope that Notre Dame acts faster on this issue than the Catholic Church did with Galileo.

Casey Cockerham

freshman

Stanford Hall

April 19

Parietals not an issue

Mr. Meehan, I do not find humor in your sarcastic article about extending the hours of parietals. As an upstanding member of the Notre Dame community, I will tell you right now that the only times I have sex are during the week, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 12:00 AM. I find it appalling and frankly, frustrating that you would even consider restricting my hours of commingling with others. Parietals simply do not affect me because, like you actually pointed out in your essay (effectively refuting your point, if I might add), "students either ignore parietals, or they merely work around them, committing the sin earlier in the evening instead".

Now, you have simply put me in a tough position, as a Catholic citizen, who drinks too much, has premarital sex with countless women, supports gay rights, abortion and social interaction with the opposite sex, I cannot possibly attend this school any longer. You can expect my letter requesting the release of my transcripts on your desk, hopefully to be forwarded to the Pope for my condemnation to hell.

But before I leave, I would like to let you know, I have never made fun of someone for going to mass — not because the student population attends mass, but rather because I am mature enough to realize people, at some point in their lives should have the right to make their own decisions about how to lead their lives. I hope at some time, you understand that. America promotes freedom and general autonomy. Stop listening to your mother and make decisions for yourself. And by the way, when you do get there, wrap it up.

Sincerely,

Progressive Society

Robby Schoder

sophomore

Keough Hall

April 21

Celebrating Earth Day

A summary of university efforts

Dear Members of the Notre Dame Community,

The University of Notre Dame is committed to incorporating energy conservation and environmental stewardship in its institutional goals. The Energy and Environmental Issues Committee has been a driving force behind many of these green initiatives at Notre Dame.

Undoubtedly, the biggest environmental news of this year is the creation of the Office of Sustainability. The office was established the first of the year and its director, James Mazurek, is scheduled to start May 1. Mr. Mazurek joins Notre Dame from Accenture, where he served as a partner in the Corporate Strategy Group for Utilities, Energy and Government Practices. He brings valuable experience in developing and executing sound sustainability strategies.

The Office of Sustainability will build institutional learning capacities to support continuous improvement in building design and operations, landscaping, procurement, energy and water conservation, waste disposal, recycling and service provision. The University has generously provided the office with a \$2 million green loan fund to provide capital for environmental improvements in

both campus buildings and operations, illustrating a long-term commitment to sustainability efforts.

Sustained collaboration between many groups within the Notre Dame community has demonstrated the University's dedication to energy and environmental issues. It is our hope that this interest will gather momentum in the wake of the upcoming Presidential Forum on Sustainable Energy.

Throughout the year, we have sponsored initiatives such as Game Day Recycling, the Green Summit and RecycleMania in order to spread awareness and inspire change. Institutional changes are most effective when coupled with personal conservation measures. We encourage all members of the Notre Dame community to examine current practices and not to underestimate the importance of simple actions such as turning off the lights, powering down computers, and recycling bottles, cans and paper.

Happy Earth Day.

Lourdes Long

Colleen Kelly

Energy & Environmental Issues Committee

April 21

Not a joke

What's up with all you so-called serious politicians and politically active "educated" people who think the environment is not worth your time? You think that you're too cool for school, but I have a newsflash for you, Walter Cronkite... you aren't. Seriously though, the environment is a pressing political issue with real consequences. (got money for gas?) So why is it routinely swept under the carpet while several flavor-of-the-week political issues are debated incessantly? It's a joke! We are talking about the survival of our planet! Not a game, our planet! Honestly... if you like going outside, breathing air, using your paycheck for things other than gas, not living underwater, or the color green... you should probably try to wake up.

Daniel Colt Collins

sophomore

Alumni Hall

April 20

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Talking politics with State Radio's Chad Stokes

Scene & Heard

AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH CHAD STOKES - FORMERLY OF DISPATCH

Somewhere outside Albany, Chad Stokes is frustrated. Stokes, 32, is the outspoken and shaggy-haired lead singer and guitarist for State Radio, an independent roots-rock band with reggae influences based in Boston.

Stokes is best-known for his many years as one of the vocalists and guitarists for college-rock band Dispatch, who still enjoy a Grateful Dead-like cult following. Stokes spoke with *The Observer* last week about State Radio's music, his sometimes controversial political views and the break-up of Dispatch.

What was Stokes frustrated about last week during our interview? Zimbabwe. For Stokes, being a rock musician is more than just a trade, it's a calling. Stokes lived in Zimbabwe during his 18th year and the experience has deeply influenced both his songs and his commitment to community service and the peace movement.

When Stokes spoke with *The Observer*, State Radio (a trio also featuring bassist Chuck Fay and drummer Mike Najarian) had just finished a short community-service tour supporting Tom Morello of Audioslave and Rage Against The Machine.

"We just got off a short run with Tom Morello in California," said Stokes via phone from New York. "None of the artists were getting paid. It was about community service. Besides playing, we went to a homeless shelter and washed some dishes with Tom and friends."

In early April, Zimbabwe held national elections, although the country's current president, Robert Mugabe, widely-considered to be a ruthless dictator, reportedly has influenced his re-election victory through threats and terror.

"Right now, with the elections, it's a crucial time," said Stokes, passionately. "It's a country of empty bellies."

Stokes is worried about the future of Zimbabwe and what Mugabe may do to his people.

"If Mugabe stays in, through some of his strong-arm tactics and intimidation, I don't know what that country will do. It's at a very critical point in its history. I have some friends over there who I'm worried about."

Although Dispatch's tenure ended officially in 2002, its members have reunited for philanthropic causes. In July 2007, Stokes and former band-mates Pete Francis and Brad Corrigan hosted an epic, sold-out three-night stand at Madison Square Garden in New York to benefit the plight in Zimbabwe and raise awareness about the plethora of political and economic problems there.

"It was cool to play with those kids," reflected Stokes about playing with a Zimbabwe youth choir during the Madison Square Garden shows. "We were pretty psyched. I was just glad when it was over and we hadn't [messed] up royally," said Stokes, laughing.

State Radio is much more overtly political than Dispatch — and plays an intense live show. If you haven't heard their music, think Michael Franti meets John Butler Trio. State Radio released its first EP in 2002 but gained a higher profile after their first full-length studio album "Us Against the Crown" was released in 2006. In September 2007, State Radio released its second studio album, "Year of the Crow."

"In State Radio, we're all along the same lines," Stokes said. "We feel unfettered and like that we can let it roll, no matter what."

With Dispatch, Stokes said he was often frustrated with his band's disinterest in playing politically-tinged songs.

"With Dispatch, I knew certain things. (Francis and Corrigan) wouldn't be pleased with my lyrics. That was hard. It was hard to feel that when I knew there was an audience (for politically-minded music) — where we could make some change and contribute

to the peace movement. That was a little bit lost with Dispatch."

Dispatch disbanded in 2002, before the United States invaded Iraq a year later. Before breaking-up the band, Stokes recalled that members of Dispatch "didn't really get into it" when it came to politics, but admits that if the group was active during the Iraq invasion, Dispatch may have changed.

"If Dispatch was a working band when the invasion occurred, we would have had a serious conversation about what we should do, such as partnering with Iraq Veterans Against the War," Stokes said.

Stokes said in our interview that politics played a "small part" in Dispatch's break-up. "Personalities were diverging," Stokes said. "It wasn't totally political. Most of it was that we had stopped creating with each other. It was getting to be too tricky to write and play new songs together. For years, we kept playing old (songs) that had been recorded years ago."

The disconnect between the members of Dispatch from 1999 to 2002 was ultimately insurmountable said Stokes. "I think we all were writing new songs, but somehow they didn't fit in," Stokes said. "No one was bringing them to the table. No one would complain. I don't think anyone wanted new songs."

In a scene in director Helmut Schleppi's 2005 film "The Last Dispatch," which documents Dispatch's (at the time) last concert in 2004, Stokes is seen tersely talking politics with Dispatch drummer and vocalist Brad Corrigan. I mentioned the scene to Stokes and asked him about his relationship with Corrigan and their politics.

"Brad said to me, tell me why you don't like George Bush," remembered Stokes. "I said (Bush) was out of touch, in with big business, making wrong decisions for the people. Since then, Brad has been more open-minded to that. Pete has always just been pretty separate from politics."

When he started State Radio, Stokes says it was like "uncapping a bottle of new (stuff)" since he was able to develop his own songs, regardless of how controversial their message could be to some listeners.

State Radio's current live set mixes tracks from both of their studio albums and the band's various EP and live releases. "It's good for us to break it up," said Stokes of his band's philosophy on their live show. "We play a lot of the new tunes, with two or three of the older tunes. People have been really receptive and shouting back at us. It's been cool."

For their most-recent studio album "Year of the Crow," State Radio was aiming for a more live sounding record to capture the energy of their on-stage heroics. They enlisted producer Tchad Blake, well-known for his work with artists such as Phish, Pearl Jam and Peter Dinklage, to turn the knobs. They recorded "Year of the Crow" in Blake's studio outside London.

The lyrics on "Year of the Crow" are unforgiving and yearning, railing against perceived injustices on tracks such as "Guantanamo," "C.I.A." and "Sudan."

"We live in such a wild time in this country," Stokes said. "We have so much to be upset about. Upset about the war, the cutting of funding of different groups — not just veterans but for people with disabilities, housing shortages, this 'Every Child Left Behind' type thing."

Regarding the war in Iraq, which shades many State Radio songs, Stokes said he has "always been against it."

"Saddam Hussein was a bad man, but so is Kim Jong-il," Stokes said. "There are bad places out there, for sure, but a lot of this is channeling our anger from 9/11 to Iraq. It seems really see-through to me. Such a volatile region, but going in and disturbing it with our myopic, Americanized policy was a disaster ... we've ruined our international reputation."

Even though Stokes is politically active, he declined making a



by Bob Costa



presidential endorsement during our interview.

"I'm supporting the Democratic nominee," Stokes said. "I like Obama and Hillary, but I'm not enamored by either. I'm excited by change, what I think it could bring. If I had to be pushed in one direction, I'd lean towards Obama."

Stokes knows that some of his fans are not always pleased with his band's overt political tone. At times, Stokes said fans young and old, and some veterans, have given him their own opinions about State Radio's lyrics.

"I don't mind if people show up just for the music," Stokes said. "Ultimately, we're just a band. It's cool if they just want to come for the music, have a good time."

This summer, State Radio has landed a handful of coveted opening slots on the Dave Matthews Band's summer tour. Instead of playing to packed clubs, State Radio will be warming up thousands of fans in open-air amphitheaters across America.

"I'm sure we'll be pretty nervous," Stokes said. "It's a huge show. We've played some big shows and festivals, but we haven't been the sole opener for a band on a tour like this."

Stokes is adamant that music can play a vital role in getting citizens interested in their country and important issues. For Stokes, the activism of other bands in 2008 is refreshing.

"I think you see every election people coming out of the woodwork, more bands popping up," Stokes said. "Bands are a good counterweight to the media, especially Fox News. Playing in places like the Midwest, you can represent a different viewpoint."

Stokes describes State Radio's politics as "liberal, with leftist tendencies." The band is active in raising money and awareness for veterans' causes, Zimbabwe and the genocide in Darfur through Stokes' Elias Fund, the Dispatch Foundation and other groups. Stokes also has an obvious passion in supporting people with disabilities, which came through in our interview. Stokes was involved with the 2003 HBO film "How's Your News?" featuring people with disabilities reporting across the country.

"[State Radio] believes in nationalizing healthcare and having government take a larger role in taking on poverty," Stokes said. "There are some socialistic tendencies. We just want to stay away from the trend of corporations taking over, the corporate welfare state. Anything the [Bush administration] does, it does with the onus of keeping the CEOs happy."

Stokes is happy with the independent, grassroots route State Radio has taken.

"I'd say things are pretty good in the van right now," Stokes said. "The momentum of the band seems to be going at a nice pace. You bring a bunch of suits into it, it waters it down. It's not such a cool thing."

Stokes said that State Radio's path is similar to Dispatch's in some ways. But, Stokes now clearly wants to avoid even entertaining the idea of signing with a record label run by a major corporation.

"With Dispatch, we had some big dinners and lunches and met the big guns of the record labels in New York," Stokes said. "[Dispatch] was sort of open to it, but [the labels] never saw our vision completely. They said 'recut this album' or 'redo this album.' They never got us," Stokes said. "Besides, when the record companies came to Dispatch, we were already almost done with it. We were like you guys are coming at us way too late."

Stokes was at first hesitant to go into detail about Dispatch's break-up, but recalled that it was around 1999 that the band began to go downhill.

"Probably the recording of 'Who Are We Living For?' was when it started," Stokes said. "There were some arguments over what songs to pick. Lyrically, we weren't on the same page. Everyone started to be pissed with each other in 1999."

Stokes said it was the arguments over lyrics during the recording for Dispatch's fourth, and last, studio album that caused increasing friction within the band.

"People would say this is too racy, too risky," Stokes said. "People would come to the table and say here's a song. Then someone would say 'I'm not comfortable with that.' Then, someone would say 'what the [heck] are you talking about?'" Stokes said. "Artists are sensitive people. When they come to the table with a song that can be damaging it makes you less excited. Then you become a legacy act playing old tunes."

"[Dispatch] was three different guys," Stokes said. "I was political, Brad was spiritual and coming into his religion. Pete was more of the romantic and the poet. Pete wanted to push the envelope in terms of lyrics. I wanted to be edgier politically; Brad was honed in with his faith. It was a democracy, with people putting everything out there."

"I think the United States is in a tough place and it's our responsibility, and legacy of our forefathers, to speak out about what we think is wrong," Stokes said. "Like the bumper sticker says, dissent is patriotic. We should let our voices be heard."

As Stokes has become more politically active over the years, he said he still understands why some fans are not interested in his message.

"I don't blame people who aren't involved," Stokes said. "But, I think it's great when they are. When people come up to us after shows and tell us they've been affected by our music, or started a Save Darfur Club, an Elias Fund ... it's rewarding for us."

With State Radio, Stokes is confident that "we're in it for life." Even after the tense Dispatch break-up, Stokes said he wanted to continue to make music.

"I thought I'd give it one more try, to see if the same problems had to exist," Stokes said. "You put eight years into a band, you can finally afford a bus, you feel like all of your work has come to fruition," said Stokes on Dispatch.

The reality of starting State Radio from scratch was a major change for Stokes. "A year later, I'm back in a van, playing to forty people, if that," Stokes said. "It's pretty humbling trying to start again. We hit the road hard; we built it organically. It's been tough. I felt like I've done this before, he we are again - driving at 4:00 a.m., loading the van."

Now, State Radio is normally playing to 500 fans or more. "Once you get in the 500 range, it feels pretty big," Stokes said. "The weirdness is playing Madison Square Garden or the Hatch Shell in Boston with Dispatch when we didn't have any real new songs, playing the same tunes we'd been playing for years in the basement of a dorm. That's the weird thing that's hard to process."

State Radio is looking to record their third studio album after the 2008 presidential election is over, probably in January 2009. Besides this summer's tour and planning future studio albums, Stokes said the band plans to release a "four or five song EP, spin-off type thing, more acoustic, like 2004's 'Simmer Kane' EP."

What will the next State Radio album sound like?

"Some of the tunes we're working on now are epic, more rock based," Stokes said. "I'd like to get more experimental, add more riffs. I'm not sure where it's going. Sometimes, we visualize our next record as rock-based, a 'big world' sound with (John) Bonham-sounding drums ... more of an airy, big sound."

Will Dispatch ever reunite?

"There might be a show or two in a few years," Stokes said. "I don't think we'll be a working band. I don't know. Not at the moment. Breaking up was the best thing for our friendships."

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CLUB SPORTS

Rugby puts up tough fight against OSU

Irish cycling qualifies for Collegiate Road Nationals; crew splits races at Northwestern

Special to The Observer

Rugby

Rugby stepped up in class this weekend as the club hosted No. 25 Ohio State. A nationally-ranked power matched with a first-year club is the proverbial recipe for disaster but the Irish hung tough throughout the game before falling 36-22 to the Buckeyes. Ohio State came out strong, dominating the first twenty minutes to the tune of a 21-0 lead.

But once the Irish settled down and moved play into the Buckeyes end of the field, the momentum swung to the home standing squad.

Don Greiwe was the first to crack the scoreboard for the Irish, kicking a drop goal. A quick drive off a lineout from Ohio State's five-meter line resulted in a score by David Bray. Chris Harrington then intercepted a pass deep in Notre Dame territory and returned it 70 meters for the score. Down 28-15, the Irish were near the Ohio State goal line once again when the half ended.

The second half was evenly played. Ohio State managed a score off a scrum and also kicked a drop goal but Harrington scored once more for the Irish. The Irish will next travel to another traditional Midwest power, Bowling Green, this Saturday.

Notre Dame's B-side prevailed 12-3 over Ohio State's B-side. Andy Mullen and Karun Ahuija each scored tries, and Sean Mitchell added two points on a conversion.

Cycling

Notre Dame's cycling team traveled to Sheboygan and Madison this weekend to compete in the conference championship road race, team time trial, and criterium. For the second consecutive year, the Irish qualified for the Collegiate Road Nationals, to be held next month in Fort Collins, Colo.

Irish rider Mike Lavery was crowned Division II Conference Champion, with

Tim Campbell finishing a close second. This is the second consecutive year that the Irish have boasted the conference champion. Notre Dame finished third overall among the Division II teams.

John Dailey was the first Irish rider Saturday in the men's D road race, placing 13th in the hilly 20-mile race. John McDonough and Kirk Post represented the Irish in the men's C race.

Meghan Johnson and Jenn Perricone rode in the women's A race, which started out at a slow clip. Perricone stayed with the second group of women and sprinted to finish second in her group and 11th overall. Johnson out-sprinted her partner for a top-20 finish.

On Sunday, the Irish raced a team time trial and a criterium around the capitol building in Madison. Lavery, Campbell, and Post rode well in the men's A team time trial to finish seventh overall.

Men's rowing

The Notre Dame Men's Crew team raced Northwestern and Wheaton College on the narrow Northwestern home course this Saturday. The eights focused mainly on Northwestern, while the four-man boats took on Wheaton.

The day started off with the men's varsity 8-plus between Notre Dame and Northwestern. The Irish crew gained a lead early and held on to win the race and the Alumni Blade, a trophy given to the winner of the race each year.

The Irish novice crew also jumped out to an early lead on the Northwestern boat in their race. Coming into the sprint, the Northwestern crew made a strong effort to pull ahead, but the Irish proved too much and held onto for the victory.

A compilation boat of novice and varsity rowers took on the Wheaton top varsity 8-plus and dominated the entire race to keep the Irish winning streak alive.

Notre Dame also raced two

4-plus boats against Wheaton. The first crew went out strong but could not keep up with the dominant Wheaton boat and crossed the finish line second. The other boat dominated in a wire-to-wire win.

Ultimate

The men's and women's clubs traveled to Naperville, Ill. to compete in College Sectionals, the first round of the UPA College Series. Fourteen women's teams competed in the tournament, and only eight qualified for Regionals. Notre Dame came in as the No. 3 seed in the talented group of teams looking to improve upon its seed for Regionals. Only six of twenty-three men's teams qualified.

Notre Dame's women opened up Saturday with four pool play games. Their first game was against Knox College, who they took care of quickly 15-0. The second game proved to be the hardest of the day against a strong Indiana team. Notre Dame was able to overcome a deficit late in the game and pull out an 11-10 victory thanks in part to the strong offensive play of senior Shields Duss. The Irish then put away DePaul and the University of Illinois-Chicago by identical 13-6 scores.

On Sunday, the Irish prevailed 10-8 over Loyola-Chicago and defeated North Park 10-5.

With these victories, Notre Dame finished first in their pool and earned the right to play in the championship game against Northwestern, a team with a very similar offensive style. Notre Dame came out with intensity and controlled the pace of the game. Sophomores Erin Maxwell and Jenna Adsit impacted the game on both sides of the disc, and junior Jean Whitney helped the handlers move the disc consistently down field. The game was close, with the teams trading leads twice. Notre Dame pulled it out in the end, winning the game 11-9 and

taking the Central Plains Sectional title.

Notre Dame heads into its Regionals matchup next weekend in Detroit, Mich. as the top seed from its section. The top two Regional teams will advance to the National Championship tournament.

The No. 2-seeded men's squad opened pool play on Saturday against Western Illinois, and rolled to an easy 11-5 victory with solid play from sophomore Bill Carson. The Irish then routed Knox College 11-1. The next game of pool play was against Illinois State and strong cutting from Andrew Schroeder led the team to an 11-5 victory. The final game of pool play contest was against a strong Chicago team. Notre Dame played its best game of the day and controlled the game from beginning to end. With Andy Crutchfield patrolling the skies, the team won 11-5.

The undefeated finish in pool play put Notre Dame into the semifinals on Sunday against an upstart North Park team. North Park came out playing hard and Notre Dame could not respond early. After falling behind, the team tried to claw their way back but was unable to recover in a 15-11 loss. In a backdoor bracket matchup against Northwestern, Notre Dame prevailed, 15-10. The next game was a rematch with Chicago, and this time Notre Dame would win even more convincingly by a tally of 15-7. This victory led to a rematch with North Park for the 2nd-place game. North Park had just dropped a hard-fought loss to Illinois in the finals and was not ready for the energy that Notre Dame brought to the beginning of the game. Notre Dame jumped out early and led at the half by a score of 8-0 en route to a 15-1 win.

Notre Dame qualified for the Great Lakes Regionals next weekend in Detroit, Mich. Senior captains Nick Chambers and Mike Florack will lead the team as it competes for a spot at the UPA College National Championships in Boulder, Colo., on May 16-18.

Cavs get win over Wizards

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Maybe Gilbert Arenas was talking about some other Cavaliers.

The Cleveland team he and the Washington Wizards faced Monday night doesn't look so beatable.

LeBron James scored 30 points, Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 16, and the Cavaliers played their best game in months, blowing out Arenas and Co. 116-86 to take a 2-0 lead in an opening-round playoff series oozing with bad blood.

The 30-point margin of victory was the largest in Cleveland's postseason history. The Cavs were playing in their 112th playoff game.

James scored 14 points in the third quarter when the Cavs opened a 25-point lead over the Wizards, whose defensive scheme coming into their third series in as many years with Cleveland was to slow James by roughing him up with hard, clean fouls.

It may be time for Plan B.

The Wizards hardly bothered James, who finished with 12 assists and nine rebounds to barely missed his third career postseason triple-double. James went to the bench with 6:12 left. At that point, the Cavaliers were leading by 24 points and coach Mike Brown inserted seldom-used reserves Dwayne Jones and Damon Jones.

Wally Szczerbiak added 15 points for the defending Eastern Conference champions, who have struggled since a big trade in February changed their roster. As the playoffs neared, Arenas called the Cavs out, saying "I think everybody wants Cleveland in that first round" and "We don't think they can beat us in the playoffs three years straight."

With their blowout win Monday, the Cavs took only their fourth 2-0 series lead in franchise history. That may not be the best look for the Wizards, as the Cavs won all of those previous series.

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team	average
1 Virginia	84.38
2 Ohio State	79.75
3 Georgia	72.89
4 USC	67.35
5 UCLA	65.56
6 Mississippi	64.12
7 Texas	62.16
8 Tennessee	59.64
9 Tulsa	52.44
10 Florida State	51.40
11 UNC	51.12
12 Florida	50.79
13 Baylor	50.00
14 Pepperdine	46.94
15 Michigan	44.53
16 Texas Tech	43.62
17 Illinois	43.16
18 Louisiana State	40.79
19 Alabama	39.65
20 Oklahoma State	35.71
21 Arizona State	35.10
22 Rice	33.70
23 Texas A&M	32.55
24 Stanford	32.47
25 Miami (Florida)	31.73

MLB

American League, East Division

team	record	perc.	RF	RA
Boston	14-7	.667	112	100
Baltimore	11-8	.579	84	84
NY Yankees	10-10	.500	85	93
Toronto	10-10	.500	95	81
Tampa Bay	8-11	.421	92	86

American League, Central Division

team	record	perc.	RF	RA
Chicago Sox	11-7	.611	98	66
Kansas City	9-10	.474	63	77
Minnesota	9-10	.474	71	78
Cleveland	7-12	.368	79	90
Detroit	7-13	.350	82	118

American League, West Division

team	record	perc.	RF	RA
LA Angels	12-8	.600	97	87
Oakland	12-8	.600	91	75
Seattle	10-10	.500	94	85
Texas	7-13	.350	82	105

National League, East Division

team	record	perc.	RF	RA
Florida	12-7	.632	92	99
NY Mets	10-8	.556	87	69
Atlanta	10-9	.526	103	68
Philadelphia	9-10	.474	85	83
Washington	5-15	.250	70	107

National League, Central Division

team	record	perc.	RF	RA
Chicago Cubs	13-6	.684	118	87
St. Louis	12-7	.632	87	68
Milwaukee	11-7	.611	87	74
Houston	8-12	.400	83	91
Cincinnati	8-12	.400	81	96
Pittsburgh	7-12	.368	85	127

National League, West Division

team	record	perc.	RF	RA
Arizona	13-5	.722	116	65
Colorado	9-9	.500	76	87
San Diego	9-11	.450	65	92
LA Dodgers	8-11	.421	82	71
San Francisco	8-11	.421	61	94

NBA



Spurs guard Manu Ginobili receives the NBA sixth man award for the 2007-2008 season, given to the league's best reserve. Ginobili earned 123 of 124 first place votes.

Ginobili honored with sixth man award

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — San Antonio Spurs guard Manu Ginobili — good enough to be a starter on about any team — won the NBA's sixth man award given to the league's best reserve on Monday.

Ginobili led the Spurs in scoring, averaging a career-high 19.5 points to go with 4.8 rebounds and 4.5 assists. Ginobili came off the bench in 51 of the 74 games he played this season.

"I really don't care about coming from the bench if that helps the team to win a championship," Ginobili said.

The Spurs have a 1-0 lead

over the Phoenix Suns in their best-of-seven first-round playoff series. Suns guard Leandro Barbosa won the award last year and Ginobili came in second.

"He's one of the better players in the NBA, who just happens to come off the bench," said Spurs starting guard Michael Finley. "Any other team in the league, he'd probably be starting, but for him to come off the bench and put his ego aside it just shows what kind of team we have, and more importantly what kind of player and All-Star he is."

Ginobili got 123 of 124 first-place votes for 615 points. Barbosa came in

second with 283 points and the Dallas Mavericks' Jason Terry was third with 44.

"It was no race. Just like, when (is it) going to happen," said Spurs point guard Tony Parker. "He was our best player all year long."

The 6-foot-6 guard who gives the team a boost of energy off the bench. He was drafted by the Spurs in 1999 in the second round with the 57th overall pick. The Argentinian has been with the team for three of its four title runs.

"That is what I'm going to remember when I retire, the rings I have," Ginobili said. "Not the fact I played 28 minutes or 33 or my

name being called in the starting lineup. That's not going to make the difference in 10 to 15 years."

Ginobili enters the game, usually about midway through the first quarter, to huge roars from the crowd when the Spurs announcer yells "Here comes Manu!"

"I just consider myself a player, a team player," Ginobili said. "So this year he (Spurs coach Gregg Popovich) thought it was more important for me to come from the bench, so I just try to do it the best way I can."

Popovich gave all the credit to Ginobili, who is the first Spurs player to win the award.

IN BRIEF

Bengals' Thurman back with Cincy after suspension

CINCINNATI — Linebacker Odell Thurman was reinstated from an NFL suspension after sitting out the last two seasons.

The Cincinnati Bengals said Monday they were informed by commissioner Roger Goodell that Thurman is eligible to play. He was suspended the last two seasons because of violations of the NFL's substance abuse policy.

He had been cleared in January by the NFL to resume working out with the Bengals pending word on his status.

A second-round draft pick from Georgia in 2005, Thurman started 15 games at middle linebacker, led the team in tackles and tied the team rookie record with five interceptions.

His reinstatement comes less than three weeks after the Bengals cut wide receiver Chris Henry following his fifth arrest since 2005. Henry was suspended by Goodell for the first half of the 2007 season for misconduct.

Haywood's foul against James sparks controversy

CLEVELAND — Washington Wizards center Brendan Haywood was ejected in the third quarter of Monday night's Game 2 against Cleveland for a hard foul on LeBron James, the most flagrant foul in a series already full of them.

With 6:59 left, James was driving to the basket when Haywood came across the lane and shoved the All-Star with both hands without going for the ball. The officials called a flagrant 2 foul, leading to Haywood's automatic ejection. The play can be reviewed and Haywood could face a possible suspension.

Tensions have been high between the teams for weeks, fueled by comments from DeShawn Stevenson and Gilbert Arenas of the Wizards.

Game 1, which Cleveland won 93-86, was chippy from the start and Haywood and James had an altercation just before half-time. In the first half of Game 2, Arenas was called for a technical foul and Cavaliers forward Anderson Varejao was given a flagrant foul.

Colts RB Keith arrested for multiple misdemeanors

INDIANAPOLIS — Colts running back Kenton Keith was out of jail Monday after being arrested for refusing to leave a nightclub parking lot and yelling at officers that he was a Colts player who had done nothing wrong, police said.

Officers working security tried to clear a crowd from the parking lot of the Cloud 9 club after it closed. The 27-year-old Keith and several others refused to leave and were laughing, dancing and joking, police said.

Keith was charged with misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct, resisting law enforcement, public intoxication and contributing to the delinquency of a minor, because a man he brought to the club with him was 19, police said. He was released from jail later Sunday on his own recognizance.

Keith has been with the Colts for one season after playing in the Canadian Football League.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish sit atop Big East leaderboard

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

After a torrid start, No. 25 Notre Dame holds a nine-stroke lead over the rest of the field heading into the final day of competition at the Big East championship tournament at the Elks Run Golf Club in Batavia, Ohio.

The Irish (597) shot the two lowest rounds of the tournament, carding a 296 and 301, to stake out a comfortable lead over second-place No. 28 Louisville (606). Notre Dame sophomore Annie Brophy recorded back-to-back 74s to head into the final round tied for first.

Three other Irish golfers played their way into the top-10.

Before play Sunday, Notre Dame head coach Susan Holt expressed confidence in her team.

"Our goal all year has been winning the Big East championship," Holt said. "That's what we expect to do, and we deserve to have that happen. We've been playing good golf. We're hitting the ball well and we

want to keep that going. The only thing that will beat us is ourselves."

The entire Irish squad turned in solid performances, with no golfer ending Monday lower than 16th overall. Behind leader Brophy, junior captain Lisa Maunu added a 76 to her first-round best 73 to finish the five-over par day tied for fourth overall, a single stroke behind the leaders. Also tied for fourth overall, freshman standout So-Hyun Park fired a 75 on top of her first round 74 to finish five-over par. Kristin Wetzel shot 75-76, seven-over par, to end up tied for seventh as the fourth Notre Dame golfer in the

top 10. Completing the Irish squad, freshman Katie Conway contributed a 79 and a 77 to head into the final round tied for 16th at 12-over par.

The Big East championship tournament concludes today, with the third and final round beginning with a staggered start at 8:00 a.m.

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"Our goal all year has been winning the Big East championship. That's what we expect to do, and we deserve to have that happen."

Susan Holt
Irish coach

NHL

Price, Montreal send Bruins home

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Carey Price put a couple of tough losses behind him to save the Montreal Canadiens' playoff run and dash the Boston Bruins' hopes of an improbable comeback.

Price got his second shutout and Andrei Kostitsyn scored twice to lead Montreal to a 5-0 win over Boston on Monday night in the deciding game of their first-round playoff series.

The 20-year-old rookie stopped 25 shots overall, including 11 shots in the opening period. Price had allowed 10 goals overall in a pair of Canadiens losses after he got his first playoff shutout in a 1-0 win in Game 4.

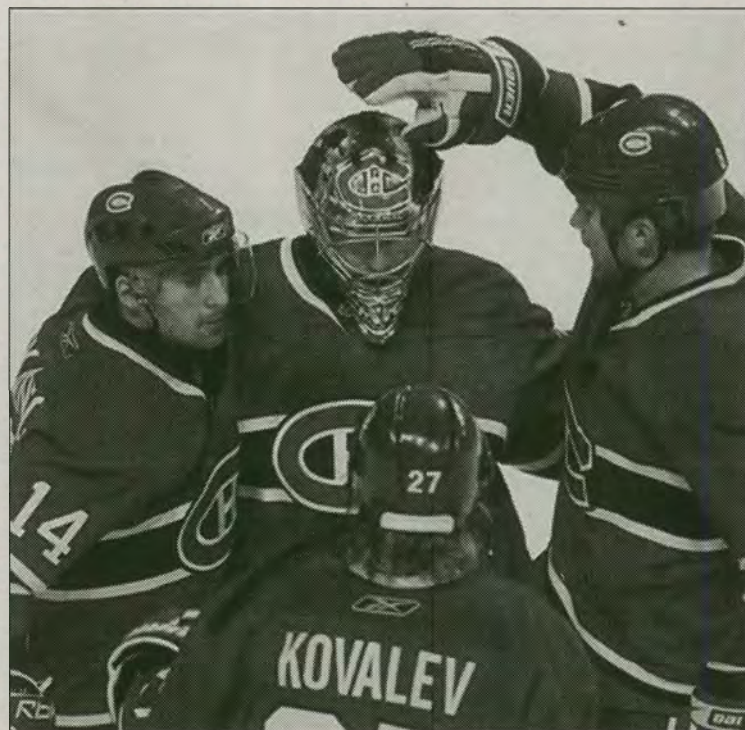
"It was a rough couple of games and we knew it just wasn't going our way," Price said. "I knew it was going to turn around eventually, and tonight it did."

Mike Komisarek opened the scoring 3:31 in amid one of the first of countless roars from the raucous Bell Centre crowd over the course of the evening.

The Canadiens took control of the game in the second, outshooting the Bruins 17-6 while building a three-goal lead on a superb goal by Mark Streit midway through the period and Kostitsyn's second goal of the series at 15:13.

Kostitsyn punctuated the win with his second of the game, a power-play goal with 2:02 remaining in the third. Sergei Kostitsyn scored with 7.3 seconds remaining.

Top-seeded Montreal will face Philadelphia in the second round, if the Flyers win their Eastern Conference quarterfinal



Canadiens' players celebrate around goaltender Carey Price after their 5-0 win over Boston in game 7 of their first-round playoff series.

against Washington. Otherwise, the Canadiens will face the New York Rangers.

Tim Thomas stopped 30 shots for Boston, which fell short in its bid to overcome both 2-0 and 3-1 series deficits for the first time in team history.

"The character of this team can't be overemphasized, I don't think, for what we battled through all year and even in this seven-game series," Thomas said.

Bruins coach Claude Julien was behind the Canadiens' bench in 2004 when Montreal won three straight to overcome a 3-1 deficit in a first-round win over Boston.

"You've got to give them cred-

it," said Alex Kovalev, who assisted on the Canadiens' first two goals. "They battled back and even down 3-1 and coming back to our building they were able to regroup and get a couple of wins, but the mistakes we made, we didn't compete like we did today. If we had played the way we played tonight I think we could have done it earlier."

Montreal coach Guy Carbonneau moved Kovalev to a line with Saku Koivu and Chris Higgins.

The move allowed rookie Sergei Kostitsyn to play on another line alongside his brother, Andrei, and center Tomas Plekanec as Carbonneau spread out the Canadiens' offense.

"We were trying to give some space to them, to be able to move around and control the puck," Kovalev said.

Komisarek got credit for his first career playoff goal as his point shot struck Bruins center Petteri Nokelainen's stick, causing a deflection that left Thomas no chance to recover and stop.

Streit made it a 2-0 lead 10:45 into the second as he slipped past Bruins captain Zdeno Chara to finish off a sensational passing play. Kovalev passed the puck back to Komisarek in the Canadiens' zone and waited on the right boards at center ice for the return pass.

The high-scoring Russian fed a cross ice pass to Maxim Lapierre as the Canadiens center entered the Bruins zone, and Lapierre dished off to Streit, who pushed the puck past Chara before driving the net to put a backhand between Thomas' pads for his first playoff goal.

"My mouth was wide open seeing that goal," Komisarek said. "The patience and poise that he had with the puck, and to bury it was pretty special."

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MLB

Rookie Galarraga, Tigers take down Blue Jays

Armando Galarraga has sparked Detroit to two victories since being called up; Ortiz leads Red Sox over Rangers

Associated Press

TORONTO — An unlikely rookie is leading the Detroit Tigers in wins.

Armando Galarraga won his second straight start, Edgar Renteria homered and the Tigers beat the Toronto Blue Jays 5-1 Monday.

Ivan Rodriguez had four hits and Renteria scored twice for the Tigers.

Galarraga (2-0) has won back-to-back starts since being called up from Triple-A Toledo last week to replace Dontrelle Willis, sidelined by a hyperextended knee.

Acquired in an offseason trade with Texas, Galarraga won't face the Rangers when they visit Detroit this week, but still had a message for his former team.

"They made a mistake," he said, laughing.

No other Tigers pitcher has more than one win, and the quintet of Jeremy Bonderman, Nate Robertson, Kenny Rogers, Justin Verlander and Willis have just two victories between them so far.

The 26-year-old Galarraga blanked the Blue Jays on three singles for 5 1-3 innings. He struck out four and walked four.

"He had a lot of late movement," Blue Jays second baseman Aaron Hill said. "He was running pitches in, he was doing well with his slider."

Galarraga, who beat Cleveland last week, lowered his ERA to 1.50. He has not allowed a hit to a right-hander in 21 at-bats since joining the Tigers.

"He's got a good sinker, a good slider," Rodriguez said. "He was able to use them today and make the right-handed hitters hit the ball on the ground."

The Blue Jays loaded the bases against Galarraga in both the third and fourth innings, but failed to score each time.

"I was trying to be more aggressive when I had runners

on base," Galarraga said. "When the bases were loaded, I tried to be aggressive in that moment."

"His control wasn't as good today, but he dodged a couple of bullets," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said.

Toronto finished 0-for-8 with runners in scoring position Monday and went 7-for-56 (.125) with runners in scoring position on this six-game homestand, winning just twice.

Tigers reliever Clay Rapada got one out in the sixth, Aquilino Lopez worked 1 1-3 innings and Denny Bautista pitched the eighth.

Gregg Zaun hit a leadoff homer in the ninth Toronto off Todd Jones. Zaun shook his head after fouling off a high, 3-2 pitch, then hit the next delivery over the right-field wall for his first home run of the season.

The Tigers gave Galarraga all the support he needed with a four-run second off Shaun Marcum (2-1). Ryan Raburn hit a two-run single, Brandon Inge followed with a sacrifice fly and Rodriguez capped the burst with an RBI single.

"We got some big hits today and took advantage of our opportunities," Leyland said. "That's huge, that's what you've got to do."

Renteria led off the sixth with his third homer of the season and second of this series.

Marcum lost for the first time in four starts, allowing five runs in 5 2-3 innings, his shortest outing this season. He walked a season-high four and struck out two.

"Obviously we didn't bring anything to the table today," Hill said. "Marcum didn't have his best day, we didn't hit, didn't play defense. It's one of those games that's going to be easy to forget."

Red Sox 8, Rangers 3

Two of Boston's leading hitters got the holiday off.

And the Red Sox kept on win-

ning.

They beat the Texas Rangers Monday on Patriots Day and swept the four-game series while Manny Ramirez and Sean Casey watched from the dugout.

Clay Buchholz pitched six shutout innings, David Ortiz continued his surge from a horrible slump with two doubles and three RBIs and Julio Lugo went 4-for-4.

Four Red Sox batters had at least two of Boston's 12 hits.

"They rely on everybody and it seems like everybody seems to contribute," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "I think [if] you ask any manager if it's nice not to see Manny in the lineup and they'll tell you, 'yes.' I'm no different. These guys, they scored runs."

Boston scored at least five runs for the ninth straight game. The Red Sox have won nine of 10 overall.

"That's the key for us," lead-off man Jacoby Ellsbury said, "getting on base and allowing our great batters in our lineup to get up. As long as we get runners on, we know we're going to score some runs."

Ramirez, who was ejected for arguing a third strike in the second inning Sunday, is batting .338 and got the day off. Lefty hitter Casey, with a .349 average, rested against lefty Kevin Gabbard.

Gabbard pitched a perfect first inning then hurt his back when he slipped pitching to Kevin Youkilis, leading off the second. He walked three bat-



Tiger pitcher Armando Galarraga delivers a pitch during Detroit's 5-1 victory over Toronto.

ters but allowed no runs in the inning. But after throwing his warmups before the third, he left with a stiff back.

"That doesn't help them," Boston manager Terry Francona said. "We got into their bullpen and they got into situations where they had to

leave [pitchers] out there, but we took advantage of it."

Boston rallied late to win its previous two games but didn't need a comeback this time as it scored five runs in a wild fourth inning and three in the fifth, all off Dustin Nippert (1-2).

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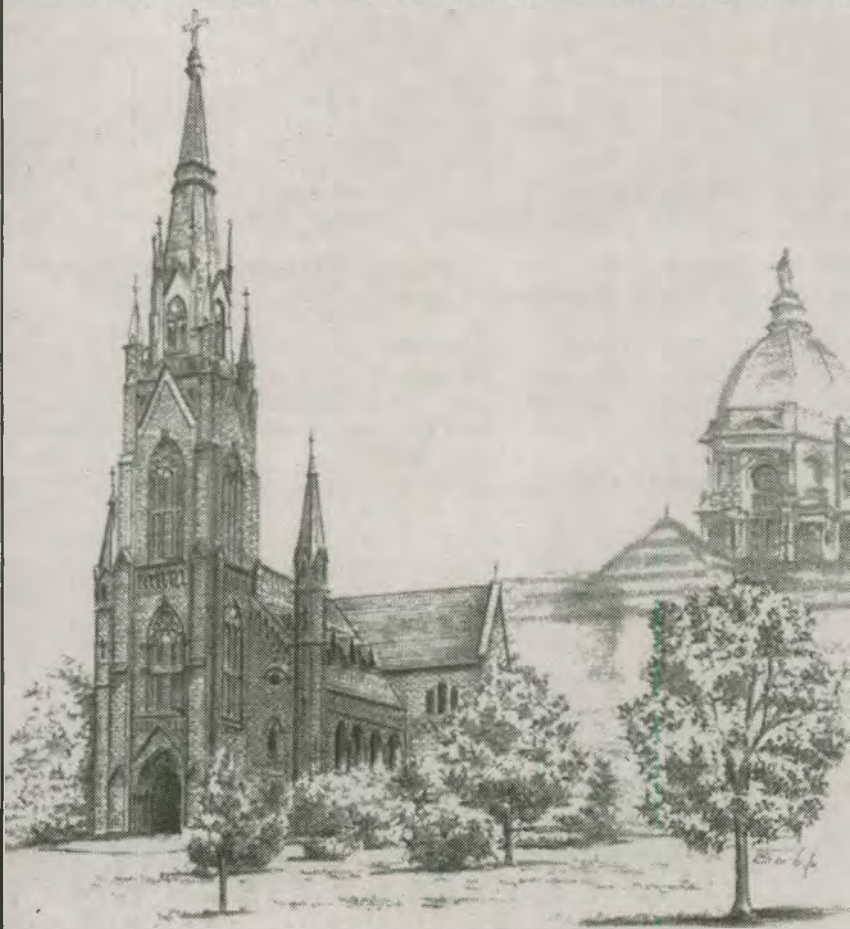
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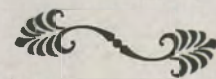
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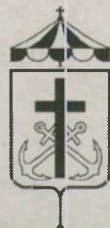
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BOSTON MARATHON

Cheruiyot wins third consecutive Marathon

Kenya's Robert Cheruiyot cruises to a 27-second victory; Ethiopia's Dire Tune takes women's race by historic margin

Associated Press

BOSTON — Robert Cheruiyot is well-versed in the Boston Marathon course, with four victories in five trips from Hopkinton to the Back Bay.

Abderrahime Bouramdane visited for the first time on Monday, learning what thousands before him have come to understand as they reached Heartbreak Hill, 20 miles in.

"Up," he said, "is the problem."

Cheruiyot pulled away from Bouramdane as they entered the Newton Hills, reaching the crest of Heartbreak Hill with a 27-second lead and coasting to the sixth-fastest time in Boston Marathon history.

Dire Tune outkicked Alevtina Biktimirova after a back-and-forth last mile to win by 2 seconds in the closest finish in the history of the women's race. Cheruiyot, of Kenya, and Tune, of Ethiopia, each earned a recently enhanced prize of \$150,000 — the biggest in major marathon history.

Cheruiyot won in 2 hours, 7 minutes, 46 seconds to become the fourth man to win the race four times. After crossing the finish line, he dropped to his knees to kiss the ground before standing up and counting off his four victories with an upraised arm.

"This was the hardest," Cheruiyot said. "Boston is not a very easy course, it's very difficult. (But) I enjoy running the hills."

Although he repeatedly checked his watch as he ran alone for the last miles, Cheruiyot did not challenge the course record of 2:07:14 he set two years ago.

His problem: No one to race with.

"It's very difficult when you're running alone here in Boston," he said. "You need company."

Tune, who finished in 2:25:25, was the first Ethiopian woman to win since Fatuma Roba won three straight from 1997-99. She ran side-by-side with Biktimirova into Kenmore

Square, and appeared to give up an edge when she nearly missed one of the final turns.

Tune quickly composed herself and took the lead before the last turn, but Biktimirova caught her and regained the lead briefly. Tune pulled ahead for the good on Boylston Street in the last few city blocks and beat the Russian to the line.

"I was fighting until the end," Biktimirova said. "And in the end I just didn't have enough speed."

The previous closest women's finish came two years ago, when Rita Jeptoo beat Jelena Prokopcuka by 10 seconds. Jeptoo finished third this year, 69 second behind Tune.

Cheruiyot's third straight victory gave Kenya its 15th men's title in 17 years; Kenyans also finished sixth through ninth. But Cheruiyot's countrymen struggled more than usual overall, with just the one man in the top five — the fewest since 1992 — and one woman in the top 10.

Cheruiyot couldn't say whether the performance was related to the postelection violence back home, in which some of his country's top runners have been killed and threatened. Cheruiyot missed two months of training because of the unrest before his coach moved their camp to Namibia.

"My training has been going well despite the problems in Kenya," he said. "When something happens, you have to forget and train."

Bouramdane finished 1:18 back and fellow Moroccan Khalid El Boumlili came in third, another 1:31 back. Nicholas Arciniaga, of Rochester Hills, Mich., was 10th to give the Americans a top-10 finish for the fourth straight year.

Cheruiyot pulled away from a pack of four at the base of the Newton Hills, running the 19th mile in 4:37. He passed defending women's champion Lidiya Grigoryeva, with the two No. 1 bibs running side-by-side, just before the 24-mile mark.

Cheruiyot remained on a



Robert Cheruiyot, right, and Dire Tune, left, celebrate on the winner's podium after their victories in the men's and women's Boston Marathons Monday.

record pace as he approached Kenmore Square before slowing over the last mile. Although his course record remained intact, he still beat his winning time of 2:14:13 in last year's monsoon-like conditions.

"Myself, I tried to push," he said. "Last year, I wanted the race to be faster."

The race came a day after the U.S. trials featured the top American women running for a berth in the Olympics. Deena Kastor, Magdalena Lewy Boulet and Blake Russell finished in the

top three to make the U.S. team that will go to Beijing.

With the three new Olympians serving as grand marshals, more than 25,000 runners left Hopkinton under a cloudy but calm sky and temperatures in the 50s — a major improvement over last year's rain and wind that threatened to scuttle the race.

Among those in the event's second-largest field: cyclist Lance Armstrong and astronaut Sunita Williams, who ran a simulated Boston Marathon last

year while in orbit on the International Space Station.

Armstrong won the Tour de France seven times on the strength of his work in the mountains. When he started preparing for Boston, his third marathon, some race veterans told him the hills weren't as difficult as their reputation made them out to be.

"They were wrong," said Armstrong, who finished 496th in 2:50:58. "They are harder, and they do come at a difficult time in the race."

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MLB

Hudson shines, Braves win

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Tim Hudson pitched six scoreless innings before tiring and drove in two runs, leading the Braves past the Washington Nationals 7-3 on Monday night for Atlanta's fifth straight win.

The Braves have allowed only six runs during their winning streak, which pushed them above .500 for the first time this season at 10-9.

Washington keeps falling farther and farther back in the NL East race. The Nationals lost their third in a row and have dropped 15 of 17 since starting the season with three straight wins.

Matt Chico (0-4) lasted only four innings, giving up six runs and eight hits.

Hudson (3-1) went to the seventh with a 7-0 lead, but the Nationals touched him for a couple of runs. He might have gotten through it if not for an error by first baseman Mark Teixeira, who dropped a routine throw and gave Washington an unearned run.

Cubs 7, Mets 1

CHICAGO — Carlos Zambrano pitched seven strong innings, and Aramis Ramirez and Felix Pie homered as the surging Chicago Cubs won for the 12th time in 15 games.

Zambrano (3-1) allowed five hits and a run with two walks and four strikeouts. Chicago's ace was backed by four double plays, including one in the sixth started by shortstop Ronny Cedeno that doused a big inning for the New York Mets.

Ramirez homered to left-center after Derrek Lee led off the fourth with a single off John Maine (1-2). The Cubs added five runs in the eighth, including three on Pie's first homer off Jorge Sosa.

Astros 10, Padres 3

HOUSTON — Roy Oswalt won consecutive starts for the first time since August, and Miguel Tejada and Lance Berkman drove in three runs each to lead Houston over San Diego.

Oswalt (2-3) allowed three runs and six hits in seven innings as the Astros won their second straight following a three-game losing streak. Oswalt was 6-0 over eight starts from July 20 to Sept. 3, then went 0-4 in six starts before winning at Philadelphia on April 16.

Justin Germano (0-2) allowed a career-high 10 runs in 3 1-3 innings, and the 10 hits he gave up matched the most off him in 39 major league appearances. He also walked three, and his ERA for the season rose from 1.35 to 5.01.

San Diego's Jim Edmonds hit a solo home run in the second, his first homer since Sept. 14.

Dodgers 9, Reds 3

CINCINNATI — Nomar Garciaparra hit his first home run since Sept. 14 and drove in three runs, Brad Penny stayed perfect at Great American Ball Park and Los Angeles beat Cincinnati.

Rafael Furcal also homered, and James Loney added three RBI for the Dodgers, who equalled their season high with 15 hits after scoring one run in each of their three losses at

Atlanta last weekend.

Andrew Jones was dropped to eighth in the starting batting order for the first time since Aug. 22, 1998. He went 0-for-4, lowering the five-time All-Star's average to .159.

Penny (3-2) allowed a run and six hits while improving to 5-0 in five career starts at Great American. Chan Ho Park pitched three innings for his first save in 330 career pitching appearances.

Matt Belisle (0-1), in his first start after opening the season on the disabled list due to a sore right forearm, gave up 12 hits and seven runs in four innings.

Marlins 10, Pirates 4

PITTSBURGH — Hanley Ramirez, Josh Willingham and Dan Uggla homered and Mark Hendrickson, normally one of the majors' worst hitters, had two hits while pitching eight innings in Florida's win over slumping Pittsburgh.

Ramirez hit a two-run homer during a four-run second inning against Matt Morris (0-3), giving him three homers in two games. Willingham added a two-run drive as Florida scored three more times in the third to make it 7-2.

The Pirates lost their sixth in a row and gave up double-digit runs for the third consecutive game. They hadn't done that since Montreal scored a combined 35 runs against them during three games in June 1994.

Hendrickson (4-1) gave up four runs, three earned, and eight hits. He doubled and scored in the fourth inning before hitting a run-scoring single an inning later. Hendrickson came in to the game 1-for-46 the last two seasons.

Phillies 9, Rockies 5

DENVER — Now that there's no playoff pressure, the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Colorado Rockies with relative ease.

Chase Utley homered for the fifth straight game, Jayson Werth hit an inside-the-park home run and Philadelphia rallied for a win over Colorado on Monday night in the first meeting between the teams since the Rockies' first-round sweep last October.

Utley hit his major league-leading ninth home run -- his sixth in five games. He became

the fourth player in Philadelphia franchise history to homer in five straight games. Bobby Abreu was the last to do it on May 8-12, 2005.

The All-Star second baseman became the first major leaguer to homer in five straight games since the New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez from Sept. 4-9 last year, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Garrett Atkins and Yorvit Torrealba homered for the Rockies, who blew an eighth-inning lead for the second straight day.

The Phillies mounted the winning rally off Taylor Buchholz (1-1) with two outs and no one on. Ryan Howard and Pat Burrell singled, and Pedro Feliz walked. Brian Fuentes came on in relief, and Carlos Ruiz doubled down the right-field line to drive in two runs.

Philadelphia added three runs in the top of the ninth off Micah Bowie on doubles by Werth and T.J. Bohn. Rudy Seanez (2-1) got the win in relief.

Cardinals 4, Brewers 3

MILWAUKEE — Skip Schumaker doubled in the go-ahead run in the ninth and the St. Louis Cardinals overcame a fielding blunder in the eighth to beat the Milwaukee Brewers on Monday night in the opener of a two-game set.

Brian Barton, who pinch hit for reliever Ryan Franklin, doubled off embattled Brewers reliever Derrick Turnbow (0-1) to start the inning and Schumaker drove him in with a double to the wall after a sacrifice bunt.

Turnbow, frustrated since he's no longer the setup man, has failed to inspire confidence for the Brewers, who lost for the 10th time in 13 games against the Cardinals.

Franklin (1-1) got the win despite giving up an unearned run by limiting the damage in the eighth, and Jason Istringhausen earned his seventh save in eight chances with a perfect ninth.

It appeared the Brewers had all the momentum before Franklin stopped them cold.

With St. Louis leading 3-2, Ryan Braun doubled to start the eighth inning and right fielder Ryan Ludwick charged hard on a fly ball from Corey Hart, but slipped and lost the ball in the lights.

NBA

Kobe says he wants to finish career with L.A.

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Kobe Bryant made clear Monday what's been, at the very least, a bit ambiguous for nearly a year: He wants to stay with the Los Angeles Lakers and is open to finishing his career with them.

"Absolutely," Bryant said the day after the Lakers beat the Denver Nuggets 128-114 in their playoff series opener. "I've always wanted to be here. I just felt like I was in a position where I didn't really have a choice. They wanted to go in an opposite direction. My legs aren't as young as they used to be. Just let me know."

"I love the weather. I love my '63 drop-top Impala. I love the 405 [freeway]. I love my guys."

Bryant acknowledged he wouldn't have imagined things would have turned out this way late last May, when he publicly called the Lakers' front office a mess and demanded a trade, feeling he had been misled when he signed a seven-year, \$136.4 million contract in July 2004. The Lakers haven't won a playoff series since.

"I've been sitting on this for four years now," he said. "After three or four years of not getting anything done, to see it today, it feels pretty damn good. It's been a hell of a ride."

Bryant and Lakers owner

Jerry Buss met in Barcelona a few weeks after his trade demand, and he again told Buss he wanted out. Then, understanding the difficulty of trading someone of his ability, Bryant said all the right things entering training camp in October, but the peace was broken a few weeks later when Buss said he would "certainly listen to trade offers."

The situation was tenuous at best when the season began, and stories circulated throughout November concerning potential trade possibilities. The speculation stopped, Bryant stayed and the Lakers flourished, going 57-25 to earn the No. 1 seed in the Western Conference.

The 29-year-old Bryant, a leading candidate to win his first MVP award, has stated on several occasions that his 12th NBA season has been the most enjoyable, and did so again Monday.

He said he hasn't necessarily changed his mind about wanting to stay instead of wanting to leave.

"No, I just don't talk about it," Bryant said. "These are answers I've given all year long. I love this team. If they want to win right now, I'm all for them. That's all I've said the whole time. We have a job to do here, so it's important to focus on what we're doing and not get distracted from that."

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SOFTBALL

Irish to play two at Purdue

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame (29-15, 9-5 Big East) looks to rebound from two crucial Big East losses over the weekend against South Florida when it travels to West Lafayette for a non-conference doubleheader against Purdue (30-16, 6-6 Big Ten).

The Irish are looking to solidify their position for postseason play.

"We're two weeks away from the Big East championship," Notre Dame coach Deanna Gumpf said. "It's time for us to get some consistency in playing good softball."

The Boilermakers are tied for fourth place in the Big Ten but have struggled recently — going 3-6 over their last nine games. Purdue has dropped games against Ohio State, Valparaiso, Ball State, Michigan State, and North Western in that span.

Before being swept by the Bulls, the Irish were one of the hottest teams in the Big East, sporting a 13-3 record in their 16 games before Sunday's losses. Junior Brittny Bargar, who has a 22-9 record and a miniscule 1.03 ERA. Freshman Jody Valdivia has also been big in the circle, going 7-6 on the year and striking out 118 batters.

"They both know what it takes to be great," Gumpf said of her pitching duo. "They have it in them and they're capable of throwing great softball."

Bargar and Valdivia will be faced with the task of shutting down a Purdue offense that features four players hitting over .300 on the season. Junior shortstop Candace Curtis leads the Boilermaker offense with a .357 average, nine home runs, and 34



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Irish junior infielder Linda Kohan awaits a pitch during Notre Dame's doubleheader sweep of Eastern Michigan on Apr. 9.

RBI. Junior Katie Mitchell and sophomore Kelsey Hauptert have each added seven home runs of their own.

"They're the best-hitting Purdue team I've seen," Gumpf said.

For the Irish, senior outfielder Sarah Smith leads the team with a .349 average. Senior second baseman Katie Laing is Notre Dame's biggest run producer, with 41 RBIs on the season, good for second-best in the Big East.

If the Irish want to win today, they will have to avoid the errors that cost them against South Florida. In Tampa, the Irish gave up a combined 13 runs in two games, only five of which were earned.

"We hit pretty well in that

series," Gumpf said. "But our hitting wasn't enough."

Gumpf added that, even though her squad is going up against a Big Ten team instead of a Big East foe, their preparation will be exactly the same.

"We don't change anything," she said. "We're there to win the game, no matter what the name is on their jersey."

Notre Dame leads the all-time series against Purdue 11-8, but the Boilermakers won the last matchup 7-4 on April 26, 2006. The first pitch is set to leave the circle at 3 p.m. in game one, with the second game scheduled to start at 5 p.m.

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Champs

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semifinal victory. The strategy paid dividends early, as Andersen's touches were limited on the Saltines' first few possessions, allowing Mean Girls to build an early 3-1 lead before Saltines senior Steve Joyce scored the first of his five points on a pull-up jumper to cut the lead to one.

"They were playing Carl pretty tight early," Joyce said. "We were just trying to move the ball around and get everyone else better looks."

But even with Gillette and the rest of the Mean Girls defense zoning in on Andersen, it was as if everyone in attendance expected him to eventually take over. Needless to say, he didn't disappoint, finding some space and hitting a mid-range jumper on his first attempt.

"It took us a while to get some movement," Andersen said. "But when we did, I got some openings and was able to get some shots and find some other people, too."

After senior forward Chris Lund made a nifty jump-stop in the lane to give the Saltines a 4-3 lead, Andersen picked up a loose ball at the defensive end and beat everyone down the floor, showing off his leaping ability with a coast-to-coast

lay-up before hitting another jumper in traffic on the next possession.

"Early on he was just getting his jumper off and that's tough to guard," Gillette said. "I don't think he got too many lay-ups early, but he's definitely one of the best guys out here."

Mean Girls senior forward Garret Flynn made a pull-up jumper to break the drought and make it a 6-4 game, but Andersen immediately responded by soaring over three players for a tip-in basket that brought the Saltines' lead to three. Mean Girls never got closer than that.

By the time the first half was over, the Saltines owned an 11-6 lead, Andersen made five of his seven shots in the period. The Mean Girls' sharpshooting guard Alex Klupchak was held to just one first-half point and was visibly frustrated as he watched several of his jump shots rim in-and-out.

With the Mean Girls mainly in a 2-3 zone for the second half, Andersen found space under the hoop on multiple occasions, scoring twice on wide-open lay-ups before posting up and banking in a shot with his left hand.

Though Flynn got hot at the right time, scoring four of his six points in the second half, Andersen and Joyce proved to be too much, as Joyce scored three of the Saltines' final five points, including the game-winner

on a runner through traffic in the lane to bury the Mean Girls, who had to pull off multiple upsets to even reach the title game.

"It was a real good run," said Klupchak, who was named "Mr. Bookstore" following the game. "We were the No. 7 seed, but I don't want to say we were happy to be here because we really wanted to win. But they played a great game and they deserved it."

And while it was Andersen who got much of the attention throughout the whole tournament, there's a certain piece of facial hair that won't soon be forgotten along the Saltines' championship run.

Senior Dan Ott scored three points in the game, but he'll probably be remembered most for the bushy black moustache he sported throughout the Saltines' run to the title.

"It's been something I thought I'd keep through the whole tournament. It's kind of like my final beard," said Ott, who will sadly be shaving the moustache soon now that the tournament has ended. "It's just a part of the team — it's got a lot of sweat in here over the last couple of weeks. We're just really glad we could pull [the win] off, but a lot of people are going to be missing this."

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Kessler

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also adding six points of her own.

"Having a really big presence in the post really helped us win the game," Kessler said. "We passed very well and were able to set up a lot of easy lay-ups and shots." Picking up the Sportsmanship Award for the Sportsman was sophomore Alena Christiansen, who knocked down three deep shots, including two in the waning moments.

Anthony Travel made sure it was clear they were honoring longtime friend McAdams, who works in the Main Building for the Office of Information Technology. McAdams was seriously injured in a car accident in West Virginia three months ago while attending a Notre Dame women's basketball game.

"Patricia has always been our biggest fan," forward and assistant women's basketball coach Angie Potthoff said. "The whole point of this run was to raise money for Patricia and have fun."

Fans were able to pledge for the points that Anthony Travel scored, and Potthoff said the team was able to raise almost \$33,000 for McAdams.

Potthoff was dominant for Anthony Travel, controlling the boards on both sides of the ball and adding a team-high eight points, including the game-winning free-throw.

"Everyone was really great," Potthoff said. "Supreme Court came out and played very well, and we were able to raise money for a worthy cause."

Potthoff made a beautiful behind-the-back pass in the first half to sophomore Maja Hansen to give Anthony Travel an 8-4 lead.

Supreme Court relied on the deep ball all game and when those attempts stopped falling, Anthony Travel was able to extend the lead to 11-6 at half-time.

The second half began with the second of the same, with Anthony Travel continuing to drive to the basket and Supreme Court relying on deep jumpers.

Supreme Court juniors Erin Newson and Meghan Conaty turned it on in the second period, combining for five second-half points. But that was not enough as Anthony Travel continued to make tough baskets in the paint.

Frustration started to set in for Supreme Court, with the score at 14-8, when Supreme Court sophomore Meredith Perks grabbed the jersey of Director of Athletic Advancement Sarah Liebscher. Things quickly cooled down, however, thanks to quick calls from the officials.

Kessler split the Supreme Court defense several times in the second half, earning some tough points on fast breaks.

Anthony Travel stalled at 16 and 18 points, and it looked like Supreme Court might stage a comeback, but those hopes were dashed by one of Kessler's strong drives to the hoop and some dominant post-ups from Potthoff.

The game ended with Potthoff going to the free-throw line after a foul and nailing the shot.

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Ranking

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that make the difference."

Mills and his teammates will attempt to build on their recent success when they take on Chicago State today.

Freshman right-hander Brian Dupra will take the mound against the Cougars and look to improve on his 1-2 record.

Dupra's ERA stands at 6.83 as he has given up 22 earned runs over his seven appearances. But his numbers do not reflect recent improvement on his early-season struggles.

For Schrage, Chicago State is not a team to be taken lightly, especially since the Cougars are Notre Dame's first opponent since the team cracked the rankings.

"Well, the game scares me a little bit," Schrage said. "They

played on our field last week, so they know the park. Their record still isn't very good but they beat Cincinnati earlier this year. We still can't take them lightly because they're very capable of coming in and taking this game from us."

Now that the Irish are finally ranked, Schrage knows that there is only one place his squad wants to go: higher in the rankings.

"It's a goal for us to keep moving up," he said. "We're taking it each game as it comes. We have a pair of non-conference games this week before our big series against St. John's. I just don't want our guys looking ahead of the task at hand."

The first pitch between the Irish and Chicago State is scheduled for 6:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium.

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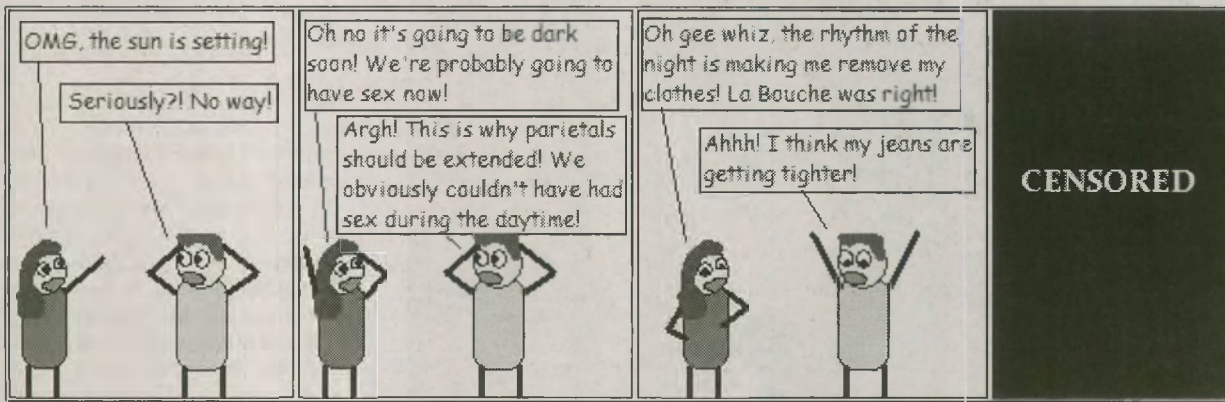
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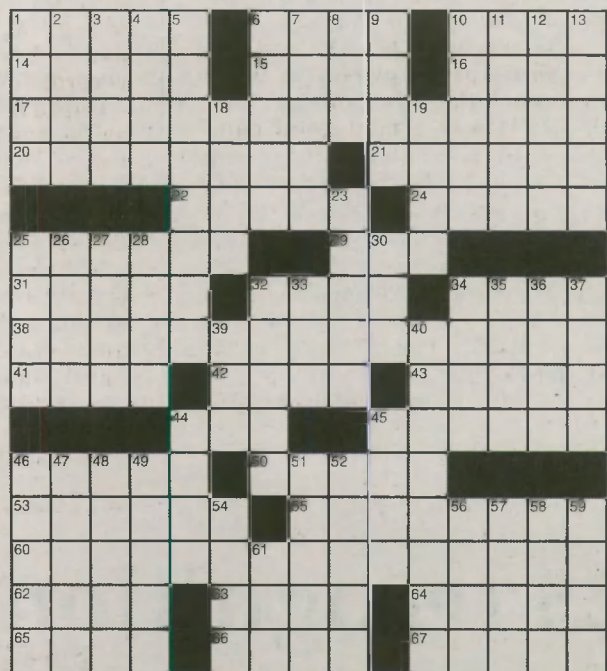
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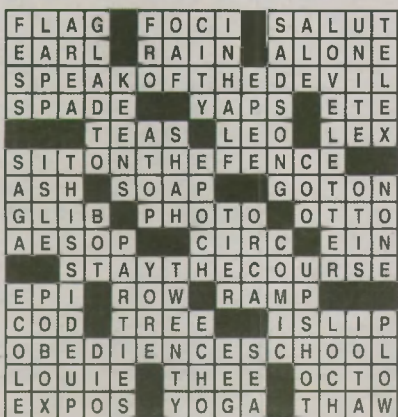


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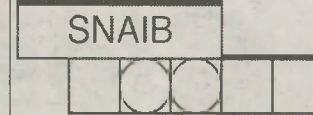
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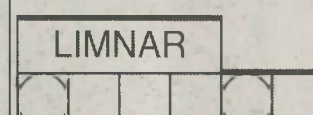
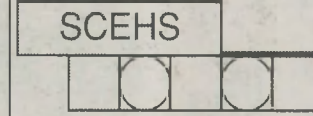
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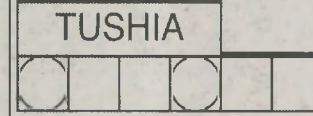
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Andie Macdowell, 50; Tony Danza, 57; Iggy Pop, 61; Charles Grodin, 73. Happy Birthday: You have so much to gain this year by staying focused and working toward your goals. ARIES (March 21-April 19): A blow-up is likely if you refuse to listen to good advice. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Emotional matters will leave you feeling vulnerable. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't change your mind too often today. CANCER (June 21-July 22): The more you combine work with pleasure, the further you will go today. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Whatever you do don't sit around home. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You should have everything in order today. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): There is no room for laziness. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Let your thoughts be known but not at the expense of looking silly. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): There is probably something going on behind your back. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can tie up loose ends. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't be fooled by a story. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Get ready for a good time. Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, caring, a little possessive, serious and determined.

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Closing the book

Saltines take men's championship behind steady play of Andersen

By MATT GAMBER
Associate Sports Editor

Call it cliché, but it's the truth — Carl Andersen did just about everything for the Saltines last night.

The junior guard was named the tournament MVP after scoring a game-best nine points, grabbing several offensive rebounds, taking two charges and adding a few blocks and steals to lead the Saltines to a 21-14 rout of Mean Girls.

"We came so close my freshman year and these other guys' sophomore year," Andersen said of a championship game defeat two years ago. "It's just good to end on a winning note."

Mean Girls opened the game in a box-and-one defense with senior guard Justin Gillette given the undesirable assignment of shadowing Andersen, who also scored 10 points in

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Left, junior Carl Andersen attempts a shot in the Saltines' 21-14 win in the men's Bookstore Basketball final Monday. Right, Anthony Travel senior Alison Kessler dribbles in the women's final.

Anthony Travel wins women's tournament, raises money for friend

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

They won it for their biggest fan.

Anthony Travel dominated the boards to cruise to a hard-fought 21-14 victory over Supreme Court in the Women's Bookstore Basketball championship Monday.

The team dedicated its win to friend Patricia McAdams, who attended the game courtside in a wheelchair after suffering a terrible car accident three months ago.

Saint Mary's senior Alison Kessler of Anthony Travel came away with the tournament MVP award.

"The MVP award is really a great honor for me, but I am more happy that we were able to win it all," Kessler said.

Kessler ran the point efficiently for Anthony Travel, setting up her teammates in the low post while

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Laxers travel to face Air Force in Colorado Springs

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

Coming off a 14-7 win over Lehigh, the No. 9 Irish travel to Colorado to take on Air Force in their penultimate conference game.

The match-up was originally scheduled for earlier this season, but inclement weather in the Chicago area prevented the Irish from traveling.

The Irish currently boast an overall record of 9-2 (2-1 GWLL), while the No. 43 Falcons, recently coming off

of an 11-10 overtime loss to Quinnipac, hold an overall record of 3-7 (1-2).

"[Air Force] plays like most [service] academy teams," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "They are disciplined, they play hard, they are well-conditioned, and you have to be ready for tough competition because they play hard for a full 60 minutes."

Despite the Lehigh game being the seventh time this year his squad has recorded 14 goals, Corrigan attributes Notre Dame's success to effective defensive tactics through-

out the season.

"We're playing good defense, winning faceoffs, and getting good goaltending," Corrigan said. "Those are pretty reliable things. When you can do those things well and consistently, you become a very hard team to beat. Our offense has been less effective but when you have those three things, you have a very tough team."

The Irish are led by junior attack Ryan Hoff, whose four goals in the Lehigh game moved his team-leading tally to 30. Senior attack Alex

Wharton leads the squad in assists after earning his 22nd against Lehigh. Senior goaltender Joey Kemp recorded his ninth win of the season in the same game.

Despite close competition and a tied first quarter score of 2-2 in the Lehigh contest, Notre Dame's senior midfielder Taylor Claggett ignited the Irish offense, scoring the second goal of a 9-0 Irish run.

"The biggest thing that was a turning point in the game for us was when Taylor Claggett won the face off [in the second quarter],"

Corrigan said. "Not only did he win it, but he scored a goal and allowed us to score four goals after that. It was make it-take it at that time and he allowed us to advance the score and separate from Lehigh."

The Irish hope to carry their success into the final two GWLL contests of the season against Air Force and Ohio State.

Tomorrow's contest against the Falcons begins at 4 p.m.

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BASEBALL

Irish garner top-25 recognition for first time

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

For the first time this season, No. 24 Notre Dame knows that the nation is aware of its recent success. The club cracked the top-25 for the first time when the newest Collegiate Baseball national poll was released Monday, thanks in part to an 11-game win streak and victories in 12 of its last 13.

After struggling to open the season, going 5-6, the Irish (25-10-1, 12-3 Big East) have hit their stride and taken 20 of their last 25 contests en route to their first top-25 ranking. For Notre Dame coach Dave

Schrage, it's been a season-long goal for his squad — but now, he says the team cannot afford to slip up and lose focus.

"It's a goal that we've been shooting for all season," Schrage said. "We talked about it last week when we were ranked 29th. We've been playing well recently, but now it puts a target on our backs. When teams come in and face us, they're going to want to knock out a top-25 team, so we have to match their emotions."

Part of the recent success is due to sophomore pitcher/designated hitter David Mills, who was named Big East player of the week Monday, marking the

third straight time a Notre Dame player has taken the award.

Mills hit .385 over this past weekend's conference series against West Virginia with seven RBIs, and the first two home runs of his career.

Schrage said Mills has been an integral cog in his club's recent success.

"He's been a real key to our hot streak," Schrage said. "He's enabled the rest of our lineup to fall into place from the No. 2-hole. He's just done an outstanding job of getting on base. He's also a team player. He has 13 sacrifice bunts, and just does the little things



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Irish sophomore designated hitter David Mills lays down a bunt during Notre Dame's 2-2 tie with Central Michigan on March 17.

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