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Bob Barr to speak at Notre Dame

Libertarian Party's presidential candidate will discuss failure of leadership in America

By KAITLYNN RIELY Associate News Editor

Former Congressman Bob Barr, the Libertarian Party's candidate for president, will speak at the University Friday, per the request of the Notre Dame College Libertarians.

The subject of his speech will be "America's failure of leadership in the 20th century," Barr said in an e-mail to The Observer through his campaign's deputy press secretary.

Sophomore Ben Linskey, the copresident of the Notre Dame College Libertarians, said the club decided last week to contact Barr to see if he would speak at Notre Dame. The Barr campaign told them the candidate would be in Illinois next Saturday, so on Monday the College Libertarians contacted the Notre Dame administration to obtain approval for the event. University President Fr. John Jenkins' office and the Student

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Bob Barr, the presidential candidate for the Libertarian Party, will speak at Notre Dame Friday on "America's failure of leadership in the 20th century."

Prof. examines religion's affect on well-being

By TARA SCANNELL News Writer

Associate professor of medicine at Duke University Harold G. Koenig, M.D., said he is a strong advocate for the influence that spiritual and religious life has on the health of patients in the hospital.

Koenig spoke on "The Practice of Spirituality and the Practice of Medicine: Worlds Apart or Overlapping?" as part of the Saint Mary's Quest Project: Women Exploring the Science/Religion Interface.

Koenig, who has had no theological training, said spiritual and religious needs are not being adequately met in hospitals based on the numerous studies he has conducted at Duke.

The whole idea of caring for the sick originated from religious teachings," he said. "The first hospitals were built and

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SMC team goes digging for cancer research

By BRIDGET MEADE News Writer

The Saint Mary's Volleyball team is hosting "Dig for the Cure," an event designed to raise money for breast cancer research, during its game against Trine University tonight at 7 p.m

Jenkins runs with ROTC cadets

By SARAH MERVOSH News Writer

About 200 cadets from the three branches of **ROTC** joined University President Fr. John Jenkins at 6:30 a.m Tuesday to participate in a 2.5-mile run Tri-Military Run across campus, senior Army cadet and public relations liaison, Mike Howard said.

[The run] is just basically to foster good relations between the services and to work together," he said. "And to have one

event where the President of the University can come and address everybody.

Senior Heather Jackson, the commanding cadet in the Army ROTC is the Army's Tri-Mil representa-tive and helped plan the run. She said Jenkins is asked to participate each year because the purpose of the run is not only to unify the branches of mili-tary, but also, to unify ROTC with the University.

'[Jenkins] always talks about how he always loves to come because he thinks

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Airforce ROTC cadets run during morning training in 2006. Cadets from each branch ran with Fr. Jenkins Tuesday.

Varsity players have been soliciting donations from College students, faculty and staff for a flat donation or pledge of a specific amount for every dig the team makes during the Trine match for the past week and will continue to take them at the game.

Head coach and interim director of athletics and recreation, Julie Schroeder-Biek said she got the idea to have an event like this from the American Volleyball Coaches Association. Volleyball coaches in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) discussed the idea at a meeting over the summer and Schroeder-Biek decided she wanted to bring it to Saint Mary's.

The entire varsity team rallied together to raise pledges for the cause, she said.

Haiti group calls for student action, awareness



CASEY CARNEY/The Observe Speakers Jean Marc Bissou, left, Fr. Tom Streit, middle, and Brennan Bollman, right, discuss Haiti's current situation Tuesday.

Speakers discuss political, economic unrest

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY News Writer

Haiti Working Group discussed the food shortages, poverty, and political and economic unrest in Haiti, calling for action from Notre Dame students during a lecture entitled "Why Haiti?" in McKenna Hall Auditorium Tuesday evening.

As Americans, as very privileged people, we are often ignorant to what is going on in other parts of the world or even the poverty that surrounds us," Erin Wash, a member of the class council for 2009 said. The

discussion's goal was to raise awareness about Haiti in order to increase the success the Class of 2009's clothing drive for the Haitian people, Wash said.

The discussion was led by Jean Marc Bissou, a Haitian lawyer who earned his degree from Notre Dame, Fr. Tom Streit, a research assistant professor in biological sciences who has done work in Haiti, and Brennan Bollman, a senior Biology and Peace Studies major who spent seven weeks in Haiti over the summer.

The group passed out

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INSIDE COLUMN

Bartman's 2nd chance

Editors Note: This is the first of a two-part series that will conclude with an extended gloat when the Cubs clinch their first World Series title since 1908. Date: TRD.

It's that time of year again, Steve Bartman.

You know, that time of year when the Cubs are in the postseason, expectations

are as high as (insert grossly inappropriate analogy here), and it all goes to hell faster than you can say "fan interference"

Matt Gamber Associate

Sports Editor

But this year's installment of the "Lovable Losers" appears ready to take on all comers: Dodgers, Phillies, Angels, Red Sox, billy goats, black cats and, yes, Bartman himself.

Moises Alou, the Cubs leftfielder who lost the battle with Bartman for the now-disintegrated fateful foul ball (how a professional baseball player who "toughens" his hands the way Alou reportedly does can lose that tussle to a consultant with gooly glasses and even goofier headphones is both beyond me and beside the point), has exonerated Bartman.

The sensible members of Cubs Nation have done the same. So have $I\mbox{ }$ — though as someone who put a hole in a door during Game 7 of the 2003 NLCS, I no longer consider myself "sensible"

Just because people "forgive" (debatable), that doesn't mean they forget. But if the Cubs do somehow win the title (more debatable), those Wrigleyville junkies might celebrate just long enough for memories of you to finally fade.

Bartman, you can't let that happen.

So, Steve-O, consider this October your re-coming out party, if you will. I have a few ideas for your five-year anniversary encore presentation that just might stop those Cubbies (because the Dodgers sure can't):

1) Wear an Alex Gonzalez (the Cubs shortstop truly to blame for the 2003 collapse because he botched a sure doubleplay ball) jersey, sarcastically honoring the man who tried to steal your glory just minutes after you burst onto the scene. Better yet, paint his name and number on your bare back - you're a celebrity, after all, so show some skin.

2) Hijack the microphone during the famed "Seventh Inning Stretch". Who's singing doesn't matter - it's time for you to steal the show. Fumble the lyrics for good measure.

3) On your way back from belting out "Root, root, root for the Dodgers", grab the toupee off the head of Ron Santo (the Cubs legend and radio broadcaster) and make a display of rolling it down an aisle. It won't shock anyone, but it might send those 75year old Santo-loving female ushers running for a souvenir long enough for you to sneak down to the lower levels for your

QUESTION OF THE DAY: How would you punish the guy who made us do this at midnight?



Chris Immormino

senior

Zham

"Did you ever

see the South

Park with Scott

Tenorman?

Something like

that.

Greg Vallejos

senior off-campus

"I'd steal his identity. That would show him.'





Mary Hancock senior

off-campus

"Chinese water torture."



Melissa Gates senior LeMans

"I'd spread a nasty rumor."



Sue Daly

junior PE

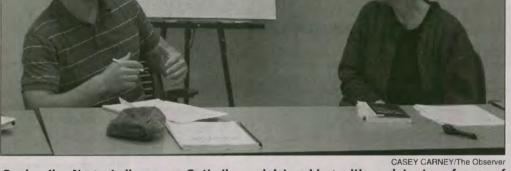
"Tar and feather him on the Fieldhouse Mall."

IN BRIEF

Saint Mary's is hosting a Symposium on Gender Violence today and tomorrow. The symposium begins tonight at 5 in the Vander Vennet Theatre in the Student Center with the movie "Take my Eyes" by writer and director Iciar Bollain. The Spanish film is about a wife and husband locked in an abusive marriage. On Thursday from 5-7 p.m. in Vander Vennet Theatre there will be a panel of four scholars who will address the issue of gender violence from diverse perspectives.

Cathie Black, President of Hearts Magazines and author of "Basic Black: The Essential Guide for Getting Ahead at Work (and in Life), will deliver a lecture titled "Speaking of Success: A **Basic Black Guide to the** Circle of Life" at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the Jordan Auditorium at the Mendoza College of Business. The lecture is part of the Berges Lecture series and is pre-sented by the Center for **Ethics and Religious Values** and Business and the Institute for Ethical Business Worldwide.

The Vice Presidential Debate will be broadcast in the Coleman Morse Lounge Thursday. The debate begins at 9 p.m. but snacks will be served before hand. The Notre Dame Debate team will provide analysis and commentary after the event.



Senior Jim Nugent discusses Catholic social teaching with assistant professor of theology Dr. Margaret Pfeil yesterday during the The Gospel of Life Fall Break Seminar class.

OFFBEAT

arrested after Man excessive horn blowing GLENS FALLS, N.Y.

Sometimes, blowing your own horn is too much of a good thing.

Glen Falls police said an upstate New York driver who was stopped for blowing his vehicle's horn excessively was charged with driving while intoxicated.

alcohol content was point-23 percent, nearly three times over the amount for legal intoxication.

Northey was charged with aggravated DWI, a misdemeanor, and ticketed for excessively blowing his horn.

Cop expects house cat, gets cougar CASPER, Wyo. — A police officer didn't think much of a call to shoo off a bothersome "kitty cat" at a Casper home on Monday. But after the officer arrived at the home, he ran for cover after seeing a male mountain lion weighing 80 to 90 pounds.

Beverly Hood said she was inside when she first saw the mountain lion lying on her porch Monday. Hood said the lion hissed at her, but she wasn't scared.

She called 911, animal control and the Wyoming Game and Fish Department and reported that she had a bothersome "big cat." A dispatcher told Officer Mike Ableman that it was a house cat.

next stunt

4) You've spent too much time in the stands - get on the field, that's where all the action is! Go crazy - tackle Ryan Dempster (don't mess with Big Z) as he jogs to the mound, do a jig with fellow ND alum Jeff Samardzija, tickle that life form Sweet Lou Piniella's hiding under his jersey, anything to cause a ruckus. It's what you do best.

You only get so many chances to make your mark, Steve. You made the most of

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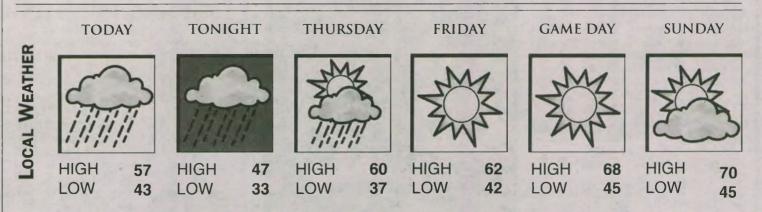
Glens Falls police said Rodney Northey told them he was blowing his horn on a downtown street dotted with bars to let "people know he was in town.

Officers on duty noticed, pulled Northey over late Saturday and found his blood

A game warden tranquilized the mountain lion and the animal was relocated.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES Group discusses survey questions

By JOHN TIERNEY News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) discussed questions for the upcoming student census, which is designed to ensure that student government is addressing issues that students care about, at its meeting Tuesday.

"These results will definitely have a direct impact on how student government proceeds for the next couple of months," student body president Bob Reish said.

"We want to help the student government better represent students," Reish said. "Are our deals and our initiatives on track with the larger student body?"

The survey will be useful to provide proof of student interest in a particular issue when student government is talking to the administration.

"We'll use this as kind of like a support," Reish said.

In the COR review of the proposed census question, Reish encouraged council members to ask "is that question going to help us in our initiatives?"

Senate student outreach committee chair Sarah Rodts is organizing the survey, which students will have the opportunity to take through the Web site Surveymonkey.com.

The census itself will not be end of the discussion about a particular issue.



Student body president Bob Reish, left, and vice president Grant Schmidt discuss student issues at a previous COR meeting.

"Some of the committees will have secondary surveys based on these questions," Rodts said. "The committees have the opportunity to have another survey if they need more results based on these answers."

Some COR members said they thought the questions in the census were designed to elicit a particular response.

Student body vice president Grant Schmidt said the questions were designed to be fair.

"In no way are we trying to get students to answer one way or the other," he said. "If we find out what we're doing is stuff people don't care about, we won't continue with it." COR also approved Adam Steinbach, a finance major from Knott Hall, as the Student Government Executive Controller for the 2008-2009 term.

Steinbach was originally in the running for the position last year, but he did not receive the appointment at that time. The position opened again recently, and Reish nominated Steinbach to fill the vacancy.

As controller, Steinbach will be responsible for the management of all student government and senate committee funds.

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Entrepreneurship club hosts speaker

Tom Suddes, founder of a company that assists non-profit groups, gives advice to students

By LIZ O'DONNELL News Writer

The Entrepreneurship Society hosted a speech by Tom Suddes, who gave tips on how to become a successful entrepreneur Tuesday night.

"I'm challenging you to think big," he said. "You do what you need to do to be able to get stuff done."

Suddes, founder of the group For Impact, an organization which seeks to assist nonprofit groups change their approach to raising money, began his presentation by linking students to one another with a rope and encouraging the pairs to try to escape the tangle. He let the students struggle for a few minutes and told them they needed to learn to think differently, just like entrepreneurs.

In addition to the first "test" of the night, Suddes had the students participate in four others that ranged from trying to find the simplest way possible to balance an egg to trying to interpret business plans sketched out on napkins.

"My goal tonight was to try and excite you, and get you thinking about the opportunities that exist in being an entrepreneur," he said.

Suddes has been involved in helping a plethora of nonprofit groups, which were diverse in both interests as well as geographic location. In addition to founding For Impact, he has founded 18 other organizations. In 1996, he won Success Magazine's "Join Revolution" Our Entrepreneurial Poverty-Fighting Contest, which had as its prize a 23-day worldwide trip to help 3rd World Micro Entrepreneurs.

The Suddes Group, also founded by Suddes, is partnered with For Impact, an organization that seeks to assist nonprofit groups change their approach to raising money. The Suddes Group was created by Suddes as a way to help nonprofits, one at a time, make the transition to raising even greater amounts of money. Derived from this, For Impact was spawned in 2001 as a joint effort between Suddes and Nick Fellers to educate large quantities of people about their new strate-

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Notre Dame students interested



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in starting a new club must submit a proposal by **October 31, 2008**. Details on proposal contents may be found on the SAO website:

sao.nd.edu/studentgroups/listing

Questions? Contact Mary Kate Havlik at mhavlik@nd.edu, or by calling 631-7308.



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Office (SAO) Activities the speaking approved engagement.

"Everyone from the Office of the President and SAO was really helpful and friendly and did a lot to make it happen, so we are really grateful for that," Linskey said.

Following the Democratic and Republican conventions, the University sent letters inviting the Democratic and Republican tickets to speak at Notre Dame on a substantive issue, Assistant Vice President for News and Information Dennis Brown said, but no such letters were sent to any third party candidates. However, all political candidates must adhere to the same rule that the speaking engagement address a substantive issue rather than function as a campaign rally.

Barr said this will be his first visit to Notre Dame.

"I received a gracious invitation from the College Libertarians of Notre Dame who were very enthusiastic and persuasive," Barr said in an e-mail.

Barr will speak at 3 p.m. Friday in Washington Hall in what Linskey described as an "educationally-oriented event." Students, faculty and staff are invited to attend.

The doors to the hall will open at 2:30 p.m. Friday, and free tickets will be distributed at the door. The venue can seat over 500 people, Linskey said.

"I'm extremely excited," Linskey said. "I think it's going to be great. It's really exciting to have a presidential candidate come to our campus.

Linskey said he is planning to vote for Barr in the 2008 presidential election. He said he's been "disillusioned" by the two major American political parties, and he pointed to Barr's desire to end the Iraq war in a responsible way, his support of civil liberties and his opposition to the proposed bailout of Wall Street as reasons why Linskey supports Barr for president.

"I think Barr is the best choice in the race," Linskey said.

Through his deputy press

secretary, Barr said he thinks his platform has a "wide appeal.

'I believe my platform of smaller government, less government spending, lower taxes, greater civil liberties and support for our free market system will have a wide appeal on Election Day," Barr said. "If voters want a true change from politics as usual their only choice will be me on Nov. 4.'

Barr will speak at Valparaiso University in Indiana Friday evening following his appearance at Notre Dame.

Barr, 59, was nominated at the Libertarian National Convention in May.

Barr represented the 7th District of Georgia in the U.S. House of Representatives as a Republican from 1995 to 2003. In 2006, Barr announced he had joined the Libertarian Party.

During his tenure in Congress, Barr served as a senior member of the Judiciary Committee, as vicechairman of the Government Reform Committee and as a member of the Committee on **Financial Services.**

Barr was one of the managers appointed by the House of Representatives in 1998 to conduct the impeachment proceedings for President Bill Clinton.

Prior to his election to the U.S. House, Barr worked in several positions including as an officer in the Central Intelligence Agency, the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, anti-drug coordinator for the Department of Justice, Southeastern United States, the head of the Public **Corruption Subcommittee for** United States Attorney General and the president of Southeastern Legal the Foundation.

Since leaving Congress, Barr has practiced law and run a consulting firm.

Barr received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Southern California in 1970.

In an e-mail, Barr said he will not be able to attend the Nov. 29 Notre Dame - USC game.

"But I predict it will be a great game," he said.

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"I knew it was a good cause, and I just really wanted it to be a success for our team and for Saint Mary's," junior team captain Lorna Slupczynski said.

Slupczynski raised nearly \$400 and 20 pledges from friends, family and faculty members.

The Noble Family Dining Hall is hosting a picnic near the soccer field in conjunction with the home soccer game at 4 p.m. and the festivities will be moved to Angela Athletic Facility at 7 p.m.

Pink will be the theme of the night with pink cotton candy, pink lemonade and pink desserts available inside, according to flyers posted around campus.

Fans are encouraged to help "pink out" the gym by wearing their own pink clothing or by purchasing pink shirts the team has been selling in the Dining Hall for the last week.

Pink stadium blankets are also being sold at the Saint Mary's Bookstore in honor of the "Dig for a Cure" cause. All proceeds will go towards Breast Cancer Research.

Fans are also encouraged to fill out pink sheets to honor those who have lost their battle with cancer or who are currently fighting it. The sheets will be hung up around the gym for the month of October.

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the local police, but "The Haitian people are then on the other incredible, really friendly. hand you They are very aware of had these their situation poor civilians being and their rights."

Brennan Bollman

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The Haitian people are incredible, really friendly,"

she said. "They are very aware of their situation and their rights. Although the individual suffering is a definite issue, the structural violence is a problem. There is a lack of opportunity and health care in the country. Hospitals in

Haiti have closed and now it is difficult for people in need acharn01@saintmarys.edu

to access them, she said. Bissou discussed possible solutions Haiti could pursue.

senior

He spoke of the need for international help such as finances from the United

Nations. Countries continue to offer help but do not follow through, he said. The United Nations and other coun-

tries proposed that Haiti receive \$10 million in financial aid; however, only two percent of that has been given to the country.

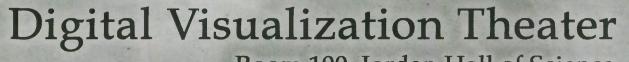
"It is unacceptable that in this century, a country in the Americas is facing extreme poverty," Bissou said. Streit said he thinks the

University should offer aid to Haiti.

"I think that Notre Dame with so many ranges of talent, interest, and enthusiasm, Notre Dame could perhaps offer Haiti some things, some ideas, some areas of expertise we have here on campus," he said.

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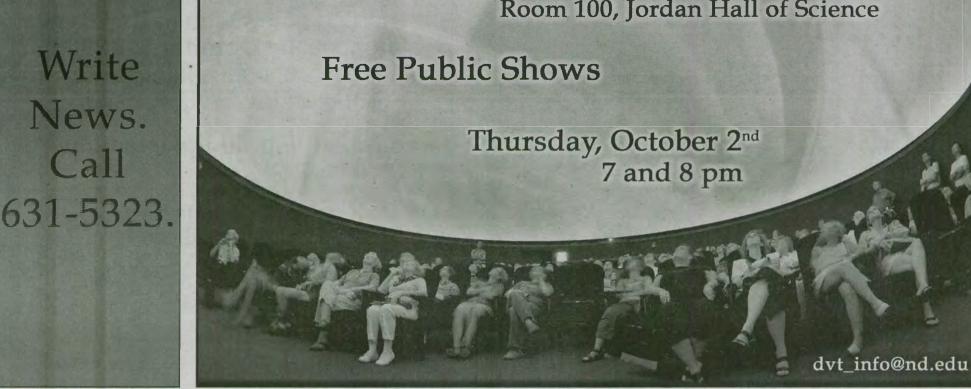
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

3 killed by missile in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Security officials say a suspected U.S. missile strike has killed at least three people and wounded six in a Pakistani tribal region near the Afghan border

Two officials said Wednesday the missiles struck a home just before midnight Tuesday near Mir Ali, which is a main towns in North Waziristan.

The two, who commented on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to media, did not say how they knew the U.S. carried out the strike. It followed several similar attacks in recent months by U.S.-led forces targeting al-Qaida-linked militants.

Pakistani military spokesmen were not immediately available for comment.

Nobel literature head dismisses U.S.

SWEDEN - Bad news for American writers hoping for a Nobel Prize next week: the top member of the award jury believes the United States is too insular and ignorant to compete with Europe when it comes to great writing. Counters the head of the U.S. National

Book Foundation: "Put him in touch with me, and I'll send him a reading list.

As the Swedish Academy enters final deliberations for this year's award, permanent secretary Horace Engdahl said it's no coincidence that most winners are European.

"Of course there is powerful literature in all big cultures, but you can't get away from the fact that Europe still is the center of the literary world ... not the United States," he told The Associated Press in an exclusive interview Tuesday

NATIONAL NEWS

NYC mayor seeks a third term

NEW YORK Mayor Michael Bloomberg has decided to try to reverse the term-limits law he had long supported so he can seek a third term next year and help the city emerge from financial turmoil, a person close to the mayor who has been briefed on the matter told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Bloomberg made the decision over the weekend and will announce it Thursday, according to the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the announcement hasn't been made. The person said the mayor has been wrestling with the decision for the past couple of months.

SanFran health plan upheld SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco's landmark

universal health care program can continue to operate, after an appeals court ruled Tuesday that it does not violate federal law.

The unanimous ruling by a three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a lower court decision that the program, dubbed Healthy San Francisco, had placed an undue financial burden on struggling businesses. Healthy San Francisco is the first plan in the country to offer universal coverage, and requires companies with at least 20 workers to provide health care or give part of each employee's hourly salary to the city as a fee to help offset the program's estimated \$200 million cost.

Presidential voting underway in Ohio

Voters begin casting ballots in pivotal state that could determine the election

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — In the state that may again determine the presidency, voters started casting ballots Tuesday as Barack Obama struggles to thwart a John McCain victory in Ohio four years after it tipped the election to President Bush.

Both candidates visit often while spending millions of dollars flooding TV and radio with advertisements, mailboxes with literature and even voicemail with automated phone calls to get supporters to the polls, particularly during the one-week window in which people can register and vote in one swoop.

Early participation appeared light; officials in the state's largest counties that are home to Cleveland, Cincinnati, Toledo and Dayton each reported several hundred ballots cast by afternoon. Many of those who voted cited convenience.

"I wanted to avoid the traffic and the people," said Charlene Glass, 49, of Cleveland Heights. A first-time voter, she backed Obama and expressed her enthusiasm for a black candidate. In Dayton, Terri Bell, 49, chose McCain because of his experience and his military service. "I have a lot on my plate. I wanted to do this early,' she said

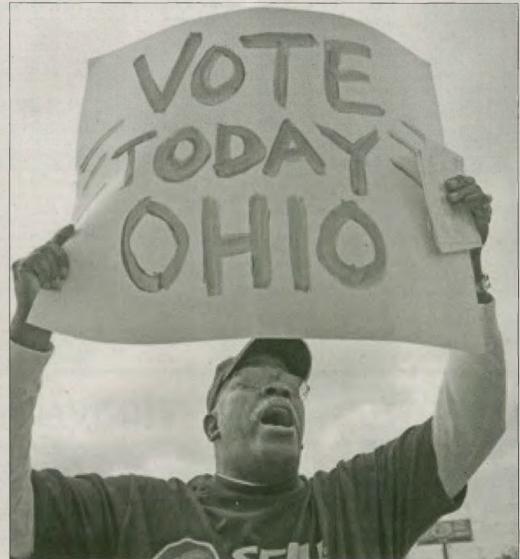
At stake: 20 electoral votes perhaps, the presidency itself.

Most recent state polls show a dead heat; others give McCain an edge. National surveys show Obama slightly ahead if not more. The disparity underscores the difficulty Obama is having in closing the deal in this pivotal state. He's a first-term senator from Chicago with a liberal voting record and would be the country's first black president.

In all, 270 electoral votes are needed for victory

Ohio is crucial to McCain's electoral strategy. Bush narrowly won the state, and a loss for McCain here would be very difficult to make up with victories elsewhere given that the political landscape favors Democrats and several other key states are tilting toward Obama.

Obama, however, now leads McCain in enough other states



Bernard Bowens of the Service Employees International Union holds a sign while taking part in a march down Broad Street in Columbus, Ohio, on Tuesday.

Bush won in 2004 that he could lose Ohio and still reach the 18 electoral votes he would need if he carries all the states Democrat John Kerry did in 2004. Still, winning Ohio itself could do the trick.

Thus, every question will be tested.

Among them: Can Republican McCain overcome his links to the deeply unpopular Bush and a weakened state party and prevail in a state that suffered large losses of manufacturing jobs and large numbers of Iraq war deaths? Can Democrat Obama overcome voter concerns about his voting record and race among the many blue-collar workers in this culturally con-

servative, deeply divided state?

Obama got shellacked here by Hillary Rodham Clinton in the Democratic primary: She carried 83 of 88 counties as white, working-class voters flocked to her economic populist message. Therefore, Obama is copying Gov. Ted Strickland and Sen. Sherrod Brown, Democrats who went into Republican areas and boosted turnout to narrow GOP margins.

'Democrats too often have forgotten about places like this," said former Mississippi Gov. Ray Mabus, an Obama supporter who recently met with some two dozen rural voters in London in western Ohio. "They have forgotten about small-town America, rural America, agri-

cultural America and taken it for granted that we're going to vote the other way.'

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Linda Ward, a nurse from western Ohio, has tried to persuade others to take a critical look at McCain but hasn't had much luck. "Not my neighbors, not my friends. This area is a very conservative one," she said.

Voters like Diane Ferguson, a nursing home director in southeast Ohio, typify Obama's troubles. She says she likes Obama but isn't sure she can vote for him. She's troubled by his early resistance to wearing a flag pin, his race and a resume that looks thin to her.

"It's a hard decision," she said. "I don't know if we're ready for that one."

Every factor is at play in Ohio.

LOCAL NEWS

Human skeleton auctioned

TIPTON — A human skeleton is making the transition from apparent Halloween decoration to research tool.

The skeleton, nestled in a black coffin draped with fake spider webs, sold for \$500 at an auction Tuesday.

Richards' Auction Gallery sold the unique item to a Tipton resident who agreed to donate it to a forensics center for research, said Anita Mattingly, fiancee of auctioneer Tim Richards.

IRAQ

Iraqi forces win more control, lose lives

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The number of Iraqi security forces killed in September rose by nearly a third to 159 compared with the same period last year, Associated Press figures showed Tuesday. U.S. troop deaths for the same period fell by nearly 40 percent to 25

The figures are a sign that U.S. military is increasingly relying on the Iraqis, including U.S.-allied Sunni fighters, to take the lead in operations so they can assume responsibility for their own security and let the Americans eventually withdraw.

Overall civilian casualty figures remained relatively low despite a spate of deadly attacks in Baghdad and surrounding areas during the Islamic fasting month of Ramadan, which ends Tuesday for Sunnis and Thursday for most Shiites.

But even as Iraqi security forces are taking the lead and violence in the country has plunged some 80 percent over the past 15 months, cautious Pentagon leaders have resisted calls for more rapid and hefty troop pullouts. Instead, top commanders insist the security situation remains fragile, and the improvements reversible.

One potential source of conflict comes this week, when the Shiite-led government begins to assume authority over tens of thousands of Sunni fighters who turned against al-Qaida in Iraq.

Six U.S. Army brigades, a National Guard unit, and three military headquarters have been ordered to deploy to Iraq next summer, the Pentagon announced Tuesday, in a move that would allow the U.S. to keep the number of troops largely steady there through much of next year.

There are now about 150,000 U.S. troops in Iraq. At least 4,176 members of the U.S. military have died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003, according to an AP count.

In the latest attack on U.S. troops, an American soldier was killed by small-arms fire Tuesday in northern Baghdad — one of only eight U.S. deaths during fighting in September. The rest were a result of noncombat incidents, including seven who died in a helicopter crash and several in vehicle accidents.

ROTC

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the ROTC is a really great presence on the campus and he likes to support it," said Jackson.

Jenkins said he has been participating in the run for three or four years and hopes to participate

again next year when he addressed the cadets after the run.

"He said that he was really proud of the fact that the University had us there and that we, the men and women of the armed servicwould es, become leaders in the **United States**

military and are going to more upbeat so it seemed like Notre Dame," junior Army cadet Richard Blomstrom said.

Jenkins said that there is "a lot of spirit among these guys" and that it was pleasure to be out here."

The run is also meant to

being planned. "[The run] is just basically to foster good relations between the services and to work together. And to have one event where the

President of the University can address everyone."

> **Mike Howard** senior

create a "unified front" of the entire ROTC group, Jackson said.

"We ran in our respective units. Air force was at the front. Army was in the middle and Navy was at the end,' senior Army cadet Stephen lacovo, but the groups had time to interact before, after the event, and while it was "We definitely

all talked. We introduced ourselves there and kind of chatted during our run, Blomstrom said. lacovo said this year's run was the more vigorous than any they have participated in. "This year was actually better than the past years because the speed at which we ran was people wanted to be out there," Iacovo said.

But lacovo added, "It was

enjoyable as much as running

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Religion

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founded by the Church." It wasn't until the 20th century that the separation of hospitals and religion arose, he said. At this time, hospitals became increasingly based on the scientific and the spiritual needs of patients were ignored.

"What's really new is that we have a nursing profession that is not part of a religious order that is caring for the sick," Koenig said. "Even many of the physicians, at least in this country in the early colonies, were ministers.

In a Harvard University study done on hospitalized cancer patients, Koenig said that 80 percent of these patients said their spiritual needs were not being met.

"We are in a health care profession that is focused on the technological that is not addressing the spiritual issues in patients care." Koenig said.

Koenig said many patients turn to spirituality and religion to deal with the fear, uncertainty and loss of control that accompanies being hospitalized.

"It's not surprising there is much depression in the medical setting," he said. "If you look at rates of depression in hospitalized patients, it's close to 50 percent."

In a study done at Duke Hospital, 40.1 percent of patients said

they used religion the most among ways they cope. Koenig presented material from multiple studies Harold G. Koenig supporting his **Professor of Medicine at** claim that the

spiritual and **Duke University** religious needs of patients had a direct impact on their physical and mental

health. 'When you have low religious attendance you have low levels of well-being," he said. "As you get higher your well-being goes up with your religious attendance.'

Koenig said patients with higher religiosity recovered about 50 percent faster than those with lower religiosity.

Before the year 2000, there were 724 quantitative studies done in regards to a patient's religious involvement and mental health, Koenig said.

Of those 724 nearly 500

showed that a religious person has better mental health - significantly better mental health - regardless of what domain you're looking at," he said.

Koenig stressed that given the evidence spirituality and religion play in

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their health care," he said "This doesn't mean all patients, but a good twothirds of patients would like their religious or spiritual needs addressed as part of their health care.'

To counter the lack of religious and spiritual needs being met by hospitals today, Koenig recommended that all hospitals take a spiritual history upon admission. Despite being a current requirement for accreditation, few hospitals actually do, he said.

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IN BRIEF

Bailout stall causes global volatility

LONDON — Volatile world stock markets showed mixed reactions Tuesday to U.S. lawmakers' rejection of a \$700 billion economic rescue plan, with global investors turning from sellers to buyers as the day progressed.

Asian stocks fell but some finished above their lows of the day and European stocks ended mostly higher, recovering from early declines as hopes emerged President Bush would successfully push for the package to be reconsidered.

Latin American stocks, meanwhile, rebounded strongly in tandem with a recovery on Wall Street.

Britain's benchmark stock index, the FTSE 100, closed up 1.7 percent after falling by as much as 3 percent earlier in the day. Germany's benchmark DAX index rose by 0.41 percent, while the Paris CAC-40 ended up 2 percent.

Russia's regulator, meanwhile, was forced to halt regular trading for two hours in its two major markets on Tuesday morning after stocks plunged in the opening minute of trading. But

Bailout sought with better safety deposit

Senate leaders attempt to resurrect \$700 billion Wall Street rescue plan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a surprise move to resurrect President Bush's \$700 billion Wall Street rescue plan, Senate leaders slated a vote on the measure for Wednesday — but added a tax cut plan already rejected by the House.

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Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and GOP Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky unveiled the plan Tuesday. The Senate plan would also raise federal deposit insurance limits to \$250,000 from \$100,000, as called for by the two presidential nominees only hours earlier.

The move to add a tax legislation — including a set of popular business tax breaks risked a backlash from House Democrats insisting they be paid for with tax increases elsewhere.

But by also adding legislation to prevent more than 20 million middle-class taxpayers from feeling the bite of the alternative minimum tax, the step could build momentum for the Wall St. bailout from House Republicans.

The surprise move capped a day in which supporters of the imperiled multibillion-dollar economic rescue fought to bring it back to life, courting reluctant lawmakers with a variety of other sweeteners including the plan to reassure Americans their bank deposits are safe.

Wall Street, at least, regained hope. The Dow Jones industrials rose 485 points, one day after a record 778-point plunge following rejection in the U.S. House of the plan worked out by congressional leaders and the Bush administration.

Before Reid and McConnell's move, lawmakers, President Bush and the two rivals to succeed him all rummaged through ideas new and old, desperately seeking to change a dozen House members' votes and pass the \$700 billion plan.

The tax plan passed the Senate last week, on a 93-2 vote. It included AMT relief, \$8 billion in tax relief for those hit by natural disasters in the Midwest, Texas and Louisiana,



Senate Majority leader Harry Reid, left, and other officials speak to reporters after members of Congress met with Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke.

and some \$78 billion in renewable energy incentives and extensions of expiring tax breaks. In a compromise worked out with Republicans, the bill does not pay for the AMT and disaster provisions but does have revenue offsets for part of the energy and extension measures.

That wasn't enough for the House, which insisted that there be complete offsets for the energy and extension part of the package.

The Senate move seems aimed at jamming the House into accepting the deficitfinanced tax cuts. Conservative Democrats won't like the idea, but some Congress-watchers suspect most Democrats might be willing to go along.

Still, the House is where the problems are, and leaders there were scrounging for ideas that might appeal to a few of the 133 Republicans and 95 Democrats who rejected the proposal on Monday.

Senate Banking Committee Chairman Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., told reporters, "I'm told a number of people who voted 'no' yesterday are having serious second thoughts about it." He added, however, "There's no game plan that's been decided."

The idea drawing the biggest support was to raise the federal deposit insurance limit, now \$100,000 per account, to \$250,000. Several officials, including presidential nominees John McCain and Barack Obama, endorsed the change. So did the agency that runs

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So did the agency that runs the program.

Within hours of the candidates' separate statements, Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. chairman Sheila Bair asked Congress for temporary authority to raise the limit by an unspecified amount. That could help ease a crisis of confidence in the banking system, Bair said.

She said the overwhelming majority of banks remain sound but an increase in the cap would help ease a crisis of confidence in the banking system as well as encourage banks to begin more lending.

shares recovered and closed up for the day.

In Ireland, the volatility was massively upward, as the government guaranteed all the deposits and borrowings — worth around 500 billion euros (\$717 billion) — of six of the country's major lenders. Ireland's ISEF Index of financial shares surged by as much as 25 percent on the back of the guarantee, before settling to a rise of 7.9 percent.

Consumer confidence up in Sept.

NEW YORK — A private research group says Americans' confidence in the economy unexpectedly improved in September.

The reading still hovers near an historic 16year low and does not fully reflect the financial meltdown that has rocked both Wall Street and Main Street in recent days, however.

The Conference Board said Tuesday its Consumer Confidence Index is at 59.8, up from a revised 58.5 in August. Economists surveyed by Thomson/IFR expected a reading of 55.5. The level remains about half of what it was a year ago and near the lowest since the index registered 54.6 in October 1992 when the economy was coming out of a recession.

Home prices tumble 16 percent

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A closely watched index released Tuesday showed home prices tumbling by the sharpest annual rate ever in July, and though the monthly rate of decline is slowing, there is no turnaround in sight.

The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20city housing index fell a record 16.3 percent in July from the year-ago month, the largest drop since its inception in 2000. The 10-city index plunged 17.5 percent, its biggest decline in its 21-year history.

Prices in the 20-city index have plummeted nearly 20 percent since peaking in July 2006. The 10-city index has fallen more than 21 percent since its peak in June 2006.

No city in the Case-Shiller 20-city index saw annual price gains in July — for the fourth straight month.

However, the pace of monthly declines

is slowing, a possible silver lining. Between May and July, for example, home prices fell at a cumulative rate of 2.2 percent — less than half the cumulative rate experienced between February and April.

But there's "no evidence of a bottom," said David M. Blitzer, chairman of the index committee at S&P.

Las Vegas prices plunged the most at nearly 30 percent, with Phoenix diving 29 percent and Miami, 28 percent. Prices in the seven cities in the Sunbelt all fell between 20 percent and 30 percent from a year ago.

Only seven cities showed positive or flat returns from June to July, down from nine that showed month-over-month gains in June. Atlanta, Boston, Dallas, Denver and Minneapolis all posted positive returns for three months or more.

Though the Case-Shiller is a widely watched gauge of market conditions, the

index lags other key housing indicators. August data on new and existing home prices and sales showed the real estate recession is still in full swing.

Last week, the National Association of Realtors said the median sales price of an existing home fell 9.5 percent to \$203,100 last month, the largest annual price decline on records dating to 1999. The median home price of a new home fell 5.5 percent to \$221,900 in August, the Commerce Department also said last week.

The Case-Shiller numbers have yet to reflect the effects of the recent turmoil in the financial industry. Mortgage rates have been on a roller coaster, and the confidence of homebuyers and sellers has surely been eroded by the record 778-point drop in the Dow Jones industrial average Monday and the government's failed \$700 billion Wall Street bailout.

SOMALIA

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Pirates celebrate on hijacked boat

Associated Press

OGADISHU — Somali pirates said Tuesday they celebrated a Muslim holiday aboard a hijacked freighter and denied reports that three comrades were killed in a shootout on the vessel, which is being closely watched by a half-dozen U.S. warships.

The hijacking of the MV Faina — laden with 33 Soviet-made T-72 tanks, rifles and heavy weapons that U.S. defense officials have said included rocket launchers — was the highestprofile act of piracy in the dangerous waters this year. The U.S. Navy has said it wants to keep the arms out of the hands of militants linked to al-Qaida in impoverished Somalia, a key battleground in the war on terrorism.

The pirates are demanding \$20 million in ransom for the ship, which they boarded Thursday in the Indian Ocean off the Somali coast. There was a crew of 21 Russians and Ukrainians aboard, but the captain later died.

U.S. officials said 40-50 pirates were involved, but only about 30 were on the ship itself.

A Kenyan maritime official cited an unconfirmed report that three of the pirates were killed Monday night in a dispute over whether to surrender. Speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk on the record, a U.S. official in Washington said he believed that report was true. But the Pentagon had not confirmed the report by late Tuesday.

A spokesman for the pirates said the shootout report was false.

"We are happy on the ship, and we are celebrating" Eid al-Fitr, which marks the end of Ramadan, spokesman Sugule Ali told The Associated Press by satellite telephone. "Nothing has changed."

"We didn't dispute over a single thing, let alone have a shootout," Ali said.

Attempts to contact him later

Tuesday failed. A man answering his phone said Ali was "very tired" and was asleep.

The vessel, anchored off the central Somali town of Hobyo, is surrounded by U.S. warships and helicopters. Moscow has dispatched a warship to the scene to protect the lives of the Russians aboard the captive vessel.

Piracy is a lucrative criminal racket in the region, bringing in tens of millions of dollars a year. There have been 24 reported attacks in Somalia this year, according to the International Maritime Bureau.

Defense Department spokesman Geoff Morrell said officials are working on securing the region's waterways but he gave no details. He told reporters at the Pentagon that the piracy issue "has drawn the attention of high-ranking people within this building."

Morrell said he had no information to confirm there had been a gunfight on the ship and that three might have been killed.

The destroyer USS Howard and several other U.S. ships have surrounded the Faina at a distance of about 10 miles — sometimes closer. Helicopters watched from above.

U.S. Navy officials from the 5th Fleet said they have allowed the pirates to resupply the ship with food and water, but not to unload any military cargo.

Ukrainian news agencies have said the ship's operator is Tomex Team, based in the Black Sea port of Odessa. A Russian-based ship register indicates that Tomex Team is a subsidiary of the Faina's owner, Panamabased Waterlux AG.

The U.S. fears the arms may end up with the militants who have been waging an insurgency against the shaky, U.N.-backed Somali transitional government since late 2006, when the Islamic fighters were driven out after six months in power. More than 9,000 people, most of them civilians, have been killed.

Social services agency questioned

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Maryland woman suspected of killing and freezing her two daughters was convicted of a misdemeanor and had past financial problems, but was still able to adopt the girls and collect a monthly stipend for their care even after their deaths, officials said.

The disturbing case has advocates questioning how the District of Columbia's troubled social services agency evaluates potential adoptive and foster parents.

Renee Bowman told investigators the frozen child-sized remains police found in her basement freezer over the weekend were those of her two daughters — age 9 and 11 both adopted from D.C. Bowman, 43, is suspected of killing them and has been charged with first-degree child abuse in the beating and neglect of a third adopted daughter, who is 7.

She was a foster mother to all three before adopting them in 2001 and 2004.

"There is pressure across the board to get those adoption numbers up," Richard Wexler, executive director of the National Coalition for Child Protection Reform, said Tuesday. "My question is: Did the D.C. workers have the time to look at it case by case?"

It is the latest tragedy linked to the D.C. Child and Family Services Agency, which has been reeling since the January discovery of the decomposing bodies of four young sisters in a home that had a past report of abuse.

In the Bowman case, officials in D.C. and Maryland say they had no information about any abuse, either before or after the adoptions. But Bowman had a 1999 misdemeanor conviction for threatening to hurt someone, according to court records. Bowman also appeared to be financially unstable, filing for bankruptcy in 2000 and in 2001.

It is unclear when Bowman became a foster mother. Bankruptcy could disqualify a person from becoming one, said D.C. council member Tommy Wells, a former social worker. Bankruptcy might not automatically keep a person from adopting, but it should be considered, he said.

Calvert County deputies made the gruesome discovery of the frozen remains Saturday in Lusby, about 50 miles southeast of Washington. Bowman has been jailed on child abuse charges related to the surviving daughter.

After adopting the three "special needs" children — a broad category that includes any child over age 5 — Bowman received a monthly stipend of about \$2,400 from a federal program for adoptive parents, D.C. Acting Attorney General Peter Nickles said. He said Bowman apparently was being paid even after the children had died.

Before Bowman was allowed to adopt, she was cleared by the FBI and police and passed a background check, which includes a home study, officials said. Bowman worked as an appointment scheduler at a surgery center in northeast D.C. a couple times, the last ending in 2000, a spokeswoman said.

"She had a stable home, her health evaluation, all of those things checked out," city government spokeswoman Mafara Hobson said.

Bowman's background was checked by a contractor, the Baltimore-based Board of Child Care of the United Methodist Church. The organization's president did not immediately return calls seeking comment Tuesday.

Nationally, many social services agencies have probationary periods, during which workers visit homes before adoptions are final, said Wexler. However, that might be waived if an applicant had already been observed as a foster parent, as was the case with Bowman, he said.

D.C.'s child welfare system has been under increased scrutiny since January, when the four sisters' bodies were found in a southeast Washington row house. Their mother, Banita Jacks, has been charged with murder. The children were not adopted. Six CFSA social workers were fired for not adequately responding to a report of abuse at the home months before the children were found.

The agency is evaluating its adoption process and the Bowman case, CFSA Interim Director Roque Gerald said in an e-mail.

Marcia Robinson Lowry, executive director of Children's Rights, said the New Yorkbased advocacy group has long had concerns about whether D.C.'s child welfare agency adequately supervises private contractors. The group brought a class-action lawsuit against the city nearly 20 years ago that eventually forced the child welfare system into receivership.

In July, Children's Rights sought to hold the city in contempt for failing to make adequate progress. Lowry said work done by contractors was one of the concerns.

Wexler, of the reform group, said he worries that D.C. social workers might have been under pressure to hastily finalize adoptions because of payments — up to \$8,000 per child — that state and local governments get from the federal government for adoptions.

Gerald said D.C. received an incentive award only in 2004, the year Bowman adopted the two younger girls.

Charges against Bowman in the deaths could come out of Montgomery County, which includes Rockville. Bowman has told Calvert County detectives that she brought the remains with her when she moved to Lusby from Rockville in February. Investigators Tuesday searched the Rockville home for evidence, said spokesman Lt. Paul Starks.

New charges will not be filed until it is clear exactly where the girls died. Authorities are also awaiting autopsy results to formally identify the victims.

Calvert County deputies found the remains when they went to Bowman's home with a search warrant to investigate what happened to the youngest daughter, who was found wandering the neighborhood, injured and hungry in a bloodand feces-soaked nightshirt. Bowman admitted beating her with a "hard-heeled shoe," officials said.

168 killed in temple stampede



Associated Press

INDIA

JODHPUR — Thousands of pilgrims panicked by false rumors of a bomb stampeded at a Hindu temple in western India on Tuesday, killing at least 168 people in the crush to escape.

Television footage showed dozens of bodies lying on the sidewalk, while nearby frantic people tried to revive unconscious devotees, slapping their faces and pressing on their chests.

One child sat on the ground next to the body of a woman, rubbing her forehead and crying "Mother, Mother."

The disaster occurred just as the doors of the temple were being opened for worship at dawn for more than 12,000 people celebrating a key Hindu festival in the historic city of Jodhpur in Rajasthan state.

The chaos began with false rumors of a bomb, said Ramesh Vyas, a pilgrim who was standing in line.

Tensions are high because India has been hit by a spate of bomb attacks. The latest explosions Monday night in the western cities of Malegaon and Modasa killed six people and wounded 45.

Devotees had broken coconuts as religious offerings and so the temple's floors were slick with coconut milk, causing pilgrims to slip and fall as they scrambled to escape, Vyas said.

Other pilgrims had crammed a narrow 11/2-mile path leading to the temple, leaving little room for those fleeing to escape.

The chaos was made worse by the fact there was a power outage at the time. Some pilgrims slipped on the ramp leading to the shrine, the Press Trust of India news agency quoted Director-General of state Police K. S. Bains as saying.

At least 168 people were killed in the stampede, Naresh Pal Gangwar, the district collector, told The Associated Press. Officials said 100 others were injured.

It was the third disaster this year at religious events in India, shocking Hindus as Tuesday marked the first day of Navratra, a nine-day Hindu festival to honor the Mother Goddess.

Deadly stampedes are a relatively common occurrence at temples in India, where large crowds — sometimes hundreds of thousands of people — congregate in small areas lacking facilities to control big gatherings.

In August, 145 people were killed when rumors of an avalanche sparked a stampede at a hilltop temple in northern India.

Jodhpur is some 180 miles southwest of the Rajasthan state capital of Jaipur.

The temple is located inside the 15th-century Mehrangarh fort that overlooks the town. The fort is one of the town's biggest tourist attractions with its huge walls, ornate interiors and views overlooking Jodhpur.



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SOUTH KOREA U.S. envoy to offer arms compromise

Associated Press

SEOUL — The chief U.S. nuclear negotiator with North Korea will propose a face-saving compromise during a trip Wednesday to the isolated communist nation to try to salvage the derailed disarmament pact, U.S. officials said.

Envoy Christopher Hill said his goal was to persuade North Korea's Vice Foreign Minister Kim Kye Gwan to agree to Washington's demand for a verification system to account for the North's nuclear arsenal. But he acknowledged it would be a difficult task.

The North has rejected U.S. requests on verification and accused Washington of not living up to its end of the deal and removing North Korea from a list of state sponsors of terrorism. It recently reversed the process of dismantling its nuclear facilities.

"We are in a very difficult, very tough phase of negotiations," Hill told reporters Tuesday night after meeting with his South Korean counterpart, Kim Sook, to discuss ways to persuade the North to return to the disarmament process.

In Washington, a senior U.S. official said Hill is bringing a new face-saving proposal that would have North Korea agree to a verification program and submit it first to its Chinese allies. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because Hill has not presented the proposal.

The U.S. would then provisionally remove North Korea from the terrorism sponsors list. That would edge around the current impasse, in which the U.S. says it won't remove North Korea from the list until it signs up to the verification measures while the U.S. says North Korea must act first.

U.S. officials said they were not sure North Korea will agree to the idea and if they do, whether what they present to the Chinese will be acceptable to Washington.

Hill's trip to the capital, Pyongyang, comes amid reports that autocratic North Korean leader Kim Jong II suffered a stroke in August, prompting concern that his prolonged illness could destabilize the Korean peninsula. North Korea denies that Kim, 66, is ill.

Kim's disappearance from the public eye coincided with an about-face on the 2007 nuclear deal painstakingly negotiated among six countries — the two Koreas, the U.S., China, Russia and Japan. North Korea alarmed the world in 2006 by testing a nuclear device and a series of missiles, including one capable of reaching as far as Alaska. It then agreed to dismantle its nuclear program in exchange for energy aid and other concessions.

The regime began disabling its nuclear processing plant in Yongbyon in November, and blew up a cooling tower in June in a dramatic display of its determination to carry out the process.

Just steps away from completing the second phase of the three-part process, Pyongyang abruptly reversed course in mid-August and stopped disabling the plant.

After confirming it had begun restoring the nuclear reprocessing plant and testing an engine ignition, the regime last week ordered U.N. nuclear inspectors to leave the country and said it planned to restart the plant. Experts say it could be up and running within months.

"What they have been doing obviously goes counter to the spirits of what we've trying to accomplish because all of the disablement — shutdown and disablement — was for the purpose of abandonment" of its nuclear program, Hill said.

At issue is Washington's request that the North agree to a verification system to account for its nuclear arsenal as a condition for removing North Korea from the list of terrorism sponsors.

The detailed, four-page outline of the verification process that Washington seeks calls for a thorough inspection, soil samples, interviews with scientists and possible involvement of the United Nations' nuclear agency.

Notoriously reclusive North Korea objects to having to prove its declaration of nuclear facilities, saying verification was never part of the disarmament-for-aid deal and is a unilateral move to disarm them.

U.S. officials say the proposed verification is standard and has been used by other countries to account for their nuclear programs.

The U.S. official in Washington said Hill plans to go word-byword through the proposed verification protocol to try to address the North's concerns although previous such efforts did not work.

"I know they are reluctant. ... Let's sit down and have a conversation and see if we can resolve this matter," Hill said earlier Tuesday, before his meeting with the South Korean negotiator.

The trip to Pyongyang will be Hill's third to North Korea since December. He is scheduled to drive into the North from the heavily fortified Demilitarized Zone on Wednesday, officials said.

Memorial faces budget issues

World Trade Center rail station's funding problems stalls other projects

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The glittering, steel and glass domed rail hub had seemed for years to be the only thing that was going right at ground zero.

Lately, not so much.

The World Trade Center rail station — a planned architectural masterpiece with steel ribs jutting like a bird's wings from the dome, a retractable skylight and a vast, naturally lit concourse — is currently hundreds of millions of dollars over budget and five years behind schedule.

The delays are creating a domino effect, slowing construction of the Sept. 11 memorial and most other projects on the problem-ridden 16-acre site.

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the owners of ground zero and the agency building the hub, is expected to announce another re-design of the project this week along with new cost estimates that put the price tag at around \$3 billion, more than \$500 million over its original budget.

But reports prepared for the federal government — which is funding the terminal with post-Sept. 11 money — show that problems managing the project were foreseen at least two years ago. The transportation consultant reports warned of management problems, cost overruns and delays at the hub going back to 2006, less than a year after construction began.

The rail terminal would replace a PATH commuter rail hub that was underneath the trade center's twin towers before Sept. 11, 2001, and a temporary station that opened in 2003. The PATH trains take commuters between New York and New Jersey.

The design by Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava has won praise. It was called "the single note of optimism in a cesspool of cynicism and politics" in a New York Times architecture review in 2004, and perhaps a more moving Sept. 11 tribute than the memorial.

The hub would also include high-end shops and underground concourses connecting passengers to more than a dozen subway lines. Business leaders have said the terminal would attract corporate tenants to the five planned skyscrapers and the financial district.

Because the hub is located in the middle of ground zero, its problems affect a maze of interconnected skyscrapers, the memorial, city streets and vehicle security center planned for the site.

The federal consultant reports assessing risks on the project are prepared every three months for the Federal Transit Administration, which funded the hub with an initial \$1.9 billion grant.

In July 2006, the report by the Carter & Burgess consultants concluded the hub had less than a 10 percent chance of being on budget. Every three months, the consultants issued new reports that estimated delays as high as 15 months. By early 2008, the consultants said it was less than 5 percent likely to be on budget.

Failure to make timely decisions, delays in procuring contractors, constant design changes and the extra cost of paying staff for a longer-thanexpected job were repeatedly cited as indicators of budget and schedule problems in 18 months of reports reviewed by The Associated Press after a Freedom of Information Act request.

"This is a large, scheduledriven project with an aggressive design schedule," the report read in July 2006, referring to "rushed," incomplete design documents that were causing delays.

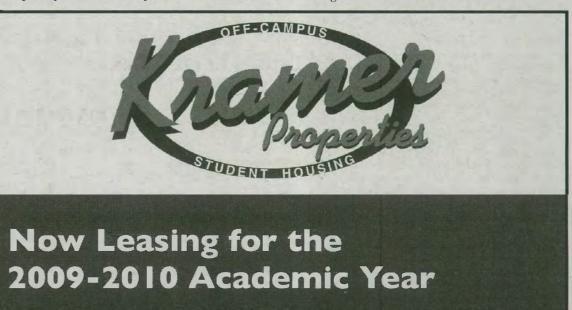
"Delays have been experienced during construction of the early work packages, for example, due to lack of firm schedules provided to contractors and slow processing of change orders," read a notation made in four separate reports filed last year.

A report dated last fall said a "lack of timely, proactive decisions by senior management" could cause further delays.

Experts said the reports show longtime oversight problems at the complicated project. "It probably does raise some red flags," said Jeffrey Zupan, an engineer and senior transportation analyst at New York's Regional Plan Association.

Port Authority spokesman Stephen Sigmund said the agency acknowledged problems with the project in a June report, "and have since moved forward with a new way of doing business on the site in close coordination with the (federal government) and other partners. And we are producing positive results."

Sigmund said the agency has a new executive director and a new director of capital construction in charge of the hub and the trade center site, but the changes weren't made specifically because of issues with the rail hub.



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Thinking while drinking

As I turned 21 this weekend, having spent nearly a month in a new country boasting of the much touted younger drinking age, I took time to reflect on how much I'd have loved to be sitting at the Friday's back

Katherine in South Bend, Khorey enjoying a tasty and legal Mudslide, as it's

Both Sides been about three Now years since I first drank legally outside the U.S., and, though Guinness tastes much better now

than it did then, drinking it in public's become so passe, and yet my current drinking habits are ... I've lost you.

You're thinking, "Um, I/my best friend/roommate/cousin/significant other/favorite lacrosse player just got arrested two weeks ago. Isn't it a little too soon to be hitting us over the head with this?"

Or, "Oh no. Someone's seriously bringing this one up again? Can we please read about a new controversy for once?" Or, "Mmm, Mudslides."

Or else, having witnessed that first sentence, you're still in a state of traumatic shock and can do no more than vaguely wonder where you can find the number for Comma Protection Services.

Bear with me a little while before you turn the page. Yes, you're about to read yet another article on alcohol. But I promise that throughout this one, you, your friends, your intellect, your Mudslides and the commas will remain safe and unmaligned.

And the reason for this safety is my belief that your drinking is, for the most part, your business. It is your very own personal decision.

The problem is how often that decision is believed to be a simple one. ***

Alcohol, of course, doesn't always have to be complicated. The occasional Mudslide with an old friend comes to mind, or else the higher-end beer you bought just for the 2006 MSU game and then clutched anxiously the whole way through. Or the \$9 white wine you sip alongside your very first Castle Point Hotpot (a.k.a "Guess How Many Leftovers We Can Fit in the Same Wok?") Or, in my case, sips of my grandmother's sherry on a Sunday afternoon as we waited for the pot roast to finish cooking and she helped me with my Calculus homework.

But those instances of simplicity are also situations in which the main focus isn't actually drinking, but rather friendship or football or food or those assignments full of idiots who were so concerned with the height of the impending lampposts that they never realized they were about to walk smack-dab into them. Alcohol, when it's truly nothing more than a supplement to other aspects of life, need not be handled with much more than basic common sense

Drinking as its own leisure activity, however, raises complications for the thoughtful individual.

You know, for instance, that to maximize the benefits of the drinking experience, you need to ask yourself many questions before beginning. Like, "What?" And "Where? With whom? How much?" Or in some cases, "Do I feel it's worth my breaking the law? If so, how do I not get caught?

But most importantly, for all of us, is the question of "Why?" And, as someone has previously pointed out here in Viewpoint, "Because every other American college student has so much fun blacking out twice a week" is not a legitimate reason to drink. In fact, it's the anti-legitimate reason. The stronger reasons are the ones we each discover for ourselves - those that we're absolutely sure fill our own needs, and, more importantly, sit well with our consciences.

Of course drinking ceases to be a purely personal choice as soon as it takes on extra-personal effects. A moment, please, to preach: consideration for other people should be a priority in one's drinking choices. The safety and welfare of those around you (and yourself) are givens, but this consideration applies to more mundane effects too. Ask yourself if you really want to be that guy in the cheap beer keg costume who stands outside the Ladies' Room at the Halloween SYR and yells incoherent, semi-complimentary obscenities at every woman who walks past.

Yes, dude. Some stranger remembers you, two years on, as that guy. Now, I'm truly curious: was it worth it?

My current drinking habits are muted, I guess. Not necessarily because of early legal drinking, but just because that's

what works best for me. A lot of trial and error, and not a little experience, went into this decision. I remember, for instance, how awhile ago, I went to one particularly sweaty-aired dorm room party in which the same five songs were being played on repeat the entire night, and now whenever "Dani California" comes on the radio, I think of Stanford Hall, and I change the station.

But I'll stop before more commas get hurt. You decide your alcohol policy for yourself, provided the elements of your decision go beyond yourself.

You, with regard to alcohol, have the right to make yourself as sick as you'd like. But please don't miss the toilet. Now, enjoy your Mudslide.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gameday cheers debated

Unnecessary criticism

Kevin Kimberly ("Stop the chop," Sept. 29):

While I and seemingly most of the student body agree we shouldn't do the chop, I'm not so sure it was necessary to denounce Florida State University and its students like you did. Notre Dame students "have more class" than that. Go Irish.

Whitley Esteban

sophomore

Lewis Hall

song originally copyrighted in 1999.

Yet, more importantly, I wish we could have the Alma Mater played for the whole stadium. It is filled with graduates of Notre Dame. We love the Alma Mater. We also pay quite a bit for our tickets, too. The recent "tradition" of playing the Alma Mater at the end of the game in front of the students is somewhat of a slight to the rest of us in the stadium, who have earned the right to sing that wonderful song.

"We are ND" not stolen

While I am sure that Piyush Ranade ("Another 'copyrighted' cheer," Sept 29) is conscientious in his desire to preserve a Penn State tradition, 1 believe he is mistaken in his time frame. The "We are ND" chant dates to at least the 1970s ... I cannot be sure that the wonderful folks in Happy Valley didn't come up with it first.

I would wager, though that the

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Sept. 29 Alma mater should be enjoyed by all

Yes, I am a curmudgeon from the class of 1975

First, the "We are ND" chant, ("Another 'copyrighted' cheer," Sept. 30) has been around for decades. It is not an infringement of Penn State's techno version of a

Let's honor all of Notre Dame by having the Alma Mater played so that the whole stadium can hear, sing and feel part of the Notre Dame family.

Thanks, (and I am so tired of being an "N")

cheer travelled east first. According to popular movie culture, we may have borrowed it from Marshall University. I do not think we need to relinquish

it to Penn State, no matter how snappy their uniforms.

J.M. Christ

Class of 1980

alum

Sept. 30

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Diane Arbus U.S. photographer

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Duncan does not disappoint

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Good thing there's enough room for our egos

The men of The Penthouse would like to address a few of Emily Rankin's thoughts presented in 'Duncan Disappoints' (Sept. 30). Firstly, The Penthouse was named last

Spring, and this would not have changed with the selection of any mascot. We're classy that way.

Secondly, I can't believe you'd be so base as to suggest the men of Duncan Hall are any more mature

than the rest of Notre Dame's campus. We all wanted to be doughnuts!

However, from day one, any conversation regarding doughnuts or pastry paraphernalia in general was stamped out immediately by the hall staff. Something about copyrights...

Anyway, the quest for a mascot was back

cations. The final three, determined by what I'm sure was an 'impartial' judge, were the Duffers, the Dragons and the Highlanders. Voting began, and I have a suspicion that the **Duncan** Penthouse

to square one and they were accepting appli-

write-in for Doughnuts (contributed to in large by The Penthouse) actually took the majority, but the powers that be announced at Hall Council that we would be the Highlanders Oh well. Rankin, you

can't say we didn't try. Please stop by The Penthouse some time and we'll show you that Duncan definitely does not disappoint.

Noah Franske

junior Duncan Hall Sept. 30

'Open letter' out of place

John Griel ("An open letter to the ND football team," Sept. 26), your views on drinking are tragically misguided and it is not your place to ask our football team to "not drink until the off-season."

The players need our support, not a student masquerading as a pretentious paternal figure. Your description of alcohol's effects is absurdly distorted. You claim that the day after drinking, "if we aren't physically sick, we are fatigued and irritable. When drinking in moderation, this is rarely the case.

It seems as though your only experience with drinking is the frat-like "bro bonding" you either sideline or succumb to on weekends in your dorm. Our football players are allowed to have a beer on the weekends.

You also claim our football team "can't expect (their) 95 percent to best someone's 100 percent." Congratulations, you did a flawless job proving that 95 is less than 100. However, you fail to recognize the likelihood that other football teams are not at your definition of "100 percent." Do you really think Notre Dame is the only school

with football players that drink?

Your argument is based on the fact that our players have a "commitment to excellence." From this, you argue that since drinking takes away from their being in peak physical condition, it is reprehensible. Are you saying they should be condemned for every action that compromises their fitness? Should they be held accountable for not getting proper sleep during the week? For eating Taco Bell? How about not blotting the grease off their pizza?

Finally, I would like to comment on your reference to the player on the back of The Shirt. Yes, he is wearing the number 12 because we are going for our 12th national title. However, there is a bigger reason why you, me and the rest of the student body don a shirt with the number 12 on it. It is because we are the 12th man on the football team.

Let's start acting like it.

Sean Pennino sophomore Fisher Hall Sept. 29

Unions necessary on campus

On Sept. 2, a group of one hundred students, workers, faculty and community members gathered at Notre Dame to celebrate the labor rights enumerated in the Universal **Declaration of Human Rights** (UDHR). While UDHR is cause for celebration, the speeches at this event offered a critical eye, demanding a collective voice for Notre Dame's workers. Last May, a need for this voice became obvious when three building service workers presented a petition to Staff Advisory Council, signed by 216 workers around campus, and were told that they needed 2000 for the petition to mean anything. The subject of the petition was a vacation policy, changed several years ago without meaningful consultation with the workers whom it affects. The petition called for a new policy that would make it easier for workers to plan their vacations: a simple request, rejected flatly.

No existing body on campus represents the concerns of workers. How, then, can labor rights be achieved? UDHR offers some guidance in Article 23(4): "Everyone has the right to form and join trade unions for the protection of his interests." Catholic Social Tradition unambiguously supports trade unions. For example, Pope John Paul II, in Laborem Exercens (20), calls trade unions an "indispensable elements of social life'

In the past, Notre Dame has claimed to uphold this right, while arguing that unions are unnecessary. On April 20, 2006, John Affleck-Graves, the Executive Vice President, said, "there is nothing a union can accomplish for them that cannot be accomplished through an open and honest relationship such as has traditionally prevailed between the University and its employees.'

The vacation policy issue demonstrates that this relationship is neither open nor honest. The University's handling of this issue is emblematic of its suppression of a movement that has been fighting, issue by issue, for over three years now, to address working conditions. Unions are necessary at Notre Dame to realize these goals: to provide all its workers with just wages, fair treatment, and most importantly, a collective voice.

Nick Krafft

senior Stanford Hall Sept. 29

Quidditch played before

Regrettably, your article "Gryffindor defeats Slytherin on Stepan Fields" (Sept. 29) betrays a lack of awareness of the Quidditch culture on campus.

A group of students known unofficially as "Quidditch Undergraduate Association For Fantasy-Loving Enthusiasts" (QUAFFLE) has been playing Quidditch on Notre Dame's campus since last spring.

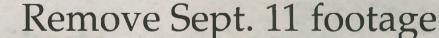
We admire and approve the enthusiasm of Mushenheim, Fullard and all of those who played with them on Saturday (Getting onto the stadium scoreboard? Brilliant!). We wish to extend an invitation to those players and all other interested Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students to join QUAFFLE for our next match.

We will be found this Friday, Oct. 3, on South Quad in front of O'Shaughnessy Hall from 3-6 p.m. playing a match under the official Intercollegiate Quidditch Association rules, or as close to them as we can get and still have fun with the number of people who show up.

Players will be meeting at the flagpole to form teams. For more information on past QUAFFLE exploits or Land-Based Quidditch in general, please search Facebook groups for 'ND Quidditch" or "Intercollegiate Quidditch Association.'

> Elizabeth Ann Dillon junior Breen-Phillips Hall Sept. 29

Voting offers best form of protest



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Why bother, especially in today's world of complicated issues, deceitful politicians and a seeming decline in American freedom?

The decision not to vote ("Don't vote," Sept. 29) is an extreme one, no matter what the situation. You can be morally opposed to policies held by both candidates, but still support and vote for one of them.

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops advises Catholics to weigh the importance of various issues, and that is what we urge all students to do this November. It is the nature of representative democracy to compromise, and Americans will have to compromise if anything is to be accomplished.

Refusal to negotiate on issues, or to vote period, makes it difficult to see your views cause any change.

It is true that Americans are facing difficult decisions this November. However, we disagree with Plonka's assertion that "The liberty and freedom this country was founded on, consistently paid lip service by politicians and citizens alike,

have consistently eroded (when not denied altogether) since that foundation."

If one disagrees with government policies, voting is one's first method of protest against those actions. Someone will be elected, and if you sit out the debate, you have little to no effect on the process.

Even if you believe the presidential candidates to be unsatisfactory, perhaps consider voting for a third party candidate; this may have more of an effect than altogether abstaining.

If you, like Plonka, feel you cannot in good conscience vote for anyone in the presidential race, there are still local and state elections that are just as important.

There will be officials elected this fall, and it is up to you to make your voice heard.

> Joe Stranix senior Dillon Hall Ally Brantley. senior off campus Sept. 29

I want to preface my request by stating that I have the utmost respect for Notre Dame professor and former Treasury Under Secretary Jimmy Gurule, whom the University featured in the latest installment of its "What Would You Fight For?" ad series. As an alumna, I applaud his work on behalf of the

field of international criminal law. That said, as a New Jersey native, I am appalled that in producing Saturday's television ad about Prof. Gurule's work investigating terrorist finance networks the University demonstrated such ill-regard for the families affected by the Sept. 11 attacks. To so casually air graphic footage of Flight 175 crashing into the World Trade Center during the ad's opening sequence showed a horrific lapse in judgement by the administration.

University to mentor students in the

As a journalist, I recognized we as society are increasingly desensitized to images of war and violence; but the Sept. 11 families do not have the luxury of turning a blind eye. Seven years after losing their loved ones to terror, they are now losing them to time. The last place they should have to relive their loss is during a nationally-televised football game on an otherwise carefree Saturday afternoon

I am ashamed of the University's negligence in airing the attack footage, and I ask that it edit the ad to the extent possible out of respect for the families that still grieve.

Borrowing a line from Prof. Gurule, we have a responsibility to build a better society. The University should find a way to do that, honoring the memory of the dead, without offending those they left behind.

> Michelle McCarthy alum Class of 2006 Sept. 29

SCENE

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"Edges" tests PEMCo.'s limits

By MICHELLE FORDICE Assistant Scene Editor

"Edges" is a show made up of snapshots. There is no enveloping plot, just miniature stories found in each song. They are linked by a loose theme, found in the opening and closing songs, of the fearful prospect of what you might lose on the way to discovering who you are; the cast sings, "Do I really want to see? Do I really want to mess it up to know?" There are admittedly rough spots in the acting, directing and score, but for the most part the actors make you want to hear what their characters have to say, and the show is without a doubt an enjoyable performance.

doubt an enjoyable performance. The show revels in simplicity. The music, mostly Broadway-style pop with a jazz edge, is all vocal and piano, no orchestra or band. The lyrics are often quirky and light. There is no substantial set. All this gives the show a conversational quality; the characters are supposed to be talking to the audience more than performing for them.

The show, like all of the Pasquerilla East Musical Company's productions, is produced, directed, and performed by students. It is a four man show, featuring Kelly Hunt, Michael Clark, Brian Davenport and Molly Lamping. It is directed by Lindsay Schanzer, assisted by Musical Director Nicholas Shaneyfelt.

The show works best in its irreverent moments. "In Short," excellently performed by Davenport, takes every song longing over a lost love and turns them on their head. The character may be pining, but that doesn't keep him from expressing what we are all really thinking in that awkward break up situation: "I hope you die." "I Hmm You," might have been saccharine, but Lamping and Clark play with the cutesy lyrics in a way that makes them endearing instead, as they depict a couple tiptoeing their way around the dreaded Lword. (The bars of "If I Loved You" from Carousel in the introduction to the song were a smart touch by the composer as well.) "Caitlyn and Haley," is a funny and meaningful take on how two sisters feel as they slowly grow apart; Haley sings, "Caitlyn is bad now," while Caitlyn responds, "Haley is a baby," but they both want their sister back. Hunt and Lamping capture the dynamic between an older and younger sister beautifully. "Be My Friend," performed by the entire cast, captures the ironic and addictive nature of The Facebook.

There are also some successful moments among the more thoughtful songs. "I Once Knew," performed by Clark, takes some time to build, but eventually blossoms into a touching cry of a son to his mother, as he asks, "So hold on, hold fast, hold tighter for me." Lamping captures the vulnerability of "Perfect" as she depicts a girl trying to convince herself that she can be perfect, if only she doesn't have to be lonely, and carries "I've Gotta Run," which is a complete contrast to "Perfect" in it's obsession with independence, with strength. Hunt captures the melancholy and confusion of "Lying There," which debates the differences between passion and comfort, love and wanting.

Some songs were more forgettable. Most of the audience will be able to relate to, "Boy With Dreams," but perhaps its theme of a college student with dreams that will be fulfilled soon is a bit too familiar. "Ready to Be Loved," is catchy but not novel. The lyrics of "Part of Painting," are interesting, but the performance needed more focus.

"Edges" is a success for PEMCo as they branch out into smaller, non-traditional musicals. The directors and the cast did a great job interpreting material that doesn't have the maturation of a professional production behind it and shaped an enjoyable show.

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PEMCo. is back with new show

By ANALISE LIPARI Scene Editor

The Pasquerilla East Musical Company is back for the 2008 season with "Edges," a song cycle production written by two graduates of the University of Michigan, Benj Pasek and Justin Paul. "Edges" marks a new venture for PEMCo, as their mainstage productions are schedule to stage in the spring semester of each academic year. With the addition of a fall show, the students participating in PEMCo are helping to expand the arts scene at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

"We had a number of reasons for choosing to add a fall show to our season," Connor Nowalk, a senior producers, said in an e-mail to the Observer. "Primarily we, as a company, feel strongly about the promotion of the arts, both in general and here at Notre Dame. By providing more opportunities for performers and audience members alike, we hope to both contribute to and shape the arts scene at Notre Dame."

For those new to the ND-SMC arts landscape, PEMCo is a musical theater company that was originally founded in 1997 by Pasquerilla East resident Kelly McGann. "[McGann] organized a group of friends to perform 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,' using a children's chorus from the South Bend Area," Nowalk said. "Interestingly enough, some of those children go [to Notre Dame] now and have performed in PEMCo shows since."

Since that first performance of "Joseph," the company has expanded its scope and its repertoire. Recent shows have included "Ragtime," the company's 2007 mainstage production, and "Kiss Me, Kate," the mainstage show performed in February of this year. For Mary McLaughlin, a fellow senior producer, "Ragtime" was an especially memorable experience. "There was a lot of controversy surrounding the show, given some of the content," McLaughlin said in an email to the Observer. "We ended up holding an academic forum, where we invited several prominent African American professors and mentors to join a panel and speak about some of these issues on campus. "

McLaughlin cites the forum and the show together as signs of the effect that the arts can have in campus communities. "It brought our cast very close together, and I think we really made an impact on a lot of people on campus."

This year's mainstage show will be "The Producers," one of the largest undertakings in PEMCo history. The rights to the popular Mel Brooks hit were only released recently, and, "This is one of the funniest, most popular Broadway musicals ever written," Nowalk said. "We are so thrilled to be able to perform it as our mainstage show this February. We have a lot of talent - especially young talent - and an extremely knowledgeable production staff, so this is not going to be a show you are going to want to miss." "Edges," the latest addition to the PEMCo schedule, marks a departure for the company in some ways. "Bringing in a show like 'Edges' opens up the market for a style of musical theater which has been little performed at Notre Dame," Nowalk said. "Smaller, more intimate musicals have only recently become popular."

Nowalk cites the differences between a typical mainstage show, which is a much larger production, and a show like "Edges" as a chance to engage with a different kind of theater. "Because of the size and style of the main stage show ... we didn't really have an opportunity to tap into this new genre. We hope that through 'Edges' and future fall shows, we will be able to expose theater lovers to this wonderful new realm in the musical theater world."

McLaughlin cites the strength of the PEMCo team, particularly director Lindsay Schanzer and musical director Nicholas Shaneyfelt, as key to the strength of "Edges" as a production. "I can't say enough about Lindsay and Nicholas. Nicholas has been such a valuable member of PEMCo over the years, with his incredible musical gift, and Lindsay, only a sophomore, has already made such a tremendous mark on the company, both with her onstage talent and her gift as a director."

It was Schanzer, McLaughlin mentions, who first approached the PEMCo team about "Edges" last year. [Schanzer] came to us with this idea last year as a freshman, and we're really happy to see her take leadership in PEMCo."

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Locker just wants to play

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Ultimately, Jake Locker doesn't want to be a spectator.

Washington's star quarterback said Tuesday he'd be willing to play a different position in the coming weeks while his broken right thumb heals, as long as it's determined such a move would help the team and not risk additional injury.

"I'm definitely open to it. I'd rather be playing than sitting over on the sidelines," Locker said on Tuesday, speaking for the first time since his injury. "Whatever is in the best interest of this team, whether it's playing or not, I'll give it a shot."

Locker had surgery Monday to stabilize his thumb, which he broke in the second quarter of last Saturday's 35-28 loss to Stanford, on a play where Locker was the lead blocker for a reverse that went for 27 yards. Locker believes his thumb caught on the defender as he went to make a cut block.

His return to playing quarterback would likely be in six to eight weeks, but depending on how the thumb heals he could play a different position in a few weeks wearing a cast.

The question remains if risking Locker to additional pounding and injury at another position is worth the possible short-term gain for an 0-4 Washington team needing an stunning turnaround to salvage its season and likely save the job of coach Tyrone Willingham.

Locker was an all-state defensive back in high school and was recruited by a number of schools to play defense. Offensive coordinator Tim Lappano refused to address the situation Tuesday saying, "I'm not going there."

"I understand that. (It's) definitely something that would factor into the decision, I feel," Locker answered when asked about the physical punishment of another position. "I've told you guys before I don't want to live life scared or tentative. I want to enjoy it and have fun and



Washington quarterback Jake Locker jogs off the field after the Huskies' 35-18 loss to Stanford on Sept. 27.

talent for the last two years, setting a modern Pac-10 record for yards rushing by a quarterback last season with 986 yards along with 13 rushing touchdowns.

The sophomore is the Huskies' leading rusher this season with 180 yards on 56 carries, and has thrown for 512 yards. Redshirt freshman Ronnie Fouch will be the Huskies starting quarterback indefinitely. Willingham has called talk of Locker changing positions "premature," but hasn't ruled out the possibility.

"Our first focus and concentration, should be to get him healthy and make sure we have done everything to put him in position to play quarterback," Willingham said during the Pac-10 coaches conference call Tuesday. "And if it looks like there is a short-term period where there is something he can do to help the football team, then you do that. But it would be inappropriate for us to have those talks and those discussions right now. We need to make sure the focus is on getting Jake healthy."

Locker knew something was wrong with his thumb immediately when he couldn't unbuckle his chinstrap. He rushed for 2 yards on the next play, then badly overthrew a wide open receiver. Once Locker released the ball, he knew he'd done more than just bruise his thumb.

"I had no control over the ball," Locker said. "My thumb didn't help me at all throwing the ball, so I knew something was wrong." Locker will be in a soft cast for the next two weeks, after which time he will be re-evaluated and a better timetable for his return should be available.

Cliff Lee, Brad Lidge win comeback awards

Associated Press

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PHILADELPHIA — Brad Lidge has a shot to cap his perfect season with a World Series ring. Cliff Lee should be ready to clear room in the trophy case for a Cy Young Award.

First, the two pitchers received a different honor Tuesday when they were selected Comeback Players of the Year.

Lee was 22-3 with an American League-leading 2.54 ERA for the Cleveland Indians and could be their second consecutive Cy Young winner. He went 5-8 with a 6.29 ERA last year and was demoted to the minor leagues.

Lidge was a perfect 41-for-41 in save opportunities as the NL East champion Philadelphia Phillies' closer. In 2007, he converted just 19 of 27 for the Houston Astros and lost his spot as an elite closer.

"I never lost confidence in myself, no matter what the years were like or the results," Lidge said. "I always felt I was going to come back and pitch to the best of my ability."

Lidge hopes he can remain perfect in the playoffs, starting Wednesday when the Phillies open the best-of-five division series at home against Milwaukee.

"If we weren't in the playoffs, this season would not be a success for me," Lidge said before the Phillies worked out.

The 31-year-old Lidge reclaimed his reputation as one of the most reliable relievers in the game. After two upand-down seasons in Houston – following Albert Pujols' mammoth homer off him in the 2005 playoffs - Lidge responded with the best year of his seven-year career. He was on the mound Saturday when the Phillies clinched their second straight division title and there's no one else manager Charlie Manuel wants on the mound with the game on the line.

"Where could we go get anybody better? He's been that good," Manuel said.

Lee, an 18-game winner in 2005, was nearly as flawless this season for the Indians. No one knew what to expect from Lee after he won a three-way competition for the final starting spot during spring training. Now, Lee is the favorite to follow ex-Indians teammate CC Sabathia for the AL Cy Young Award.

"I've never seen a season like that," Cleveland manager Eric Wedge said. "From start to finish he was incredible. There were real reasons for it. He worked hard physically to get back."

Lee was Cleveland's first 20game winner since Gaylord Perry in 1974. He joined Perry along with Hall of Famers Bob Feller, Bob Lemon, Early Wynn and 20 others who have worn a Cleveland uniform in the 20win club.

"I'm sure he's going to be busy this winter," Wedge said.

Lidge's 2007 season wasn't nearly as awful as Lee's. While he did lose his closer's role and missed a month with an injury, Lidge still went 5-3 with a 3.36 ERA and averaged 11.8 strikeouts per nine innings.

"It's kind of a little weird for me," Lidge said. "I was tremendously honored. But I had a (3.36) ERA last year. I didn't think my year was that bad."

Lidge worked hard to return to form once his career started to unravel in the 2005 postseason. His fall as an elite closer in Houston was often blamed on Pujols' stunning shot during the NL championship series. Pujols crushed a three-run homer off Lidge with two outs in the ninth inning to send St. Louis to a 5-4 win in Game 5 that put Houston's pennant plans on hold.

The Astros clinched the series in Game 6 behind Roy Oswalt, but Lidge lost two games in the World Series to the Chicago White Sox.

"It was never quite as dramatic as it was made out to be," Lidge said. "I don't have anything to prove at all. I've pitched in a lot of games. I've had far more good games than bad games in the postseason. I know that some people may not remember that, for whatever reason."

Lidge allowed only one earned run and saved three games in the 2004 and '05 division series and the 2004 NLCS. He needs to be that sharp this October for the Phillies to beat the Brewers, get out of the NLCS and advance to their first World

I believe the best way for me to do that is to be on the field no matter where it is."

Locker has been Washington's best offensive He was hurt last season, demoted to the minors and relegated to a relief role when he returned. Lee was even left off the Indians' postseason roster.

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"Of course, I'd like to get back and win the World Series and have that be the last image in my mind for the postseason," he said.

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Women's Volleyball AVCA Top 25

	team	points	record
1	Penn State	1500	14-0
2	Nebraska	1440	12-0
3	Texas	1366	8-2
4	USC	1286	7-2
5	UCLA	1230	10-2
6	Stanford	1218	11-2
7	Hawaii	1126	11-2
8	California	1106	12-1
9	Washington	1033	11-1
10	Florida	929	10-1
11	Oregon	826	11-3
12	Colorado State	807	11-1
13	Minnesota	774	12-2
14	Wichita State	707	14-0
15	Pepperdine	642	12-0
16	San Diego	612	10-2
17	Kansas State	554	13-2
18	Purdue	474	10-4
19	Illinois	406	10-3
20	Wisconsin	249	10-4
21	Brigham Young	224	9-3
22	Michigan	204	13-1
23	Santa Clara	147	8-3
24	Cal Poly	108	7-6
25	Arizona	89	11-2

NCAA Football USA Today Coaches' Poll

	team	points	record
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2	LSU	1,399	4-0
3	Missouri	1,398	4-0
3	Alabama	1,350	5-0
5	Texas	1,310	4-0
6	Penn State	1,146	5-0
7	Brigham Young	1,054	4-0
8	Texas Tech	1,047	4-0
9	USC	990	2-1
10	Georgia	888	4-1
10	South Florida	888	5-0
12	Ohio State	854	4-1
13	Florida	832	3-1
14	Auburn	776	4-1
15	Utah	684	5-0
16	Kansas	555	3-1
17	Wisconsin	521	3-1
18	Boise State	446	3-0
19	Vanderbilt	351	4-0
20	Oregon	286	4-1
21	Fresno State	280	3-1
22	Oklahoma State	229	4-0
23	Connecticut	180	5-0
24	Virigina Tech	161	4-1
25	Wake Forest	148	3-1

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Raiders coach Lane Kiffin runs off the field after Oakland's 28-18 loss to the San Diego Chargers Sunday. Kiffin was fired by the Raiders on Tuesday after just twenty games as Oakland's head coach.

Raiders fire Kiffin after 4 games

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The Oakland Raiders fired Lane Kiffin on Tuesdayjust four games into his second season, ending a public feud with owner Al Davis that had been simmering since the start of the year.

The Raiders promoted offensive line coach Tom Cable to interim head coach.

Kiffin had a 5-15 record since being hired last year, losing his final game 28-18 on Sunday to San Diego.

The decision to remove Kiffin was as much about his frequent criticisms of

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Davis' franchise as it was the team's performance on the field. Those critiques reached a peak when Kiffin distanced himself from the defense after a blowout loss in the season opener, saying that was under coordinator Rob Ryan and Davis' control.

However, during a news conference Tuesday, Davis also critiqued several of Kiffin's coaching and personnel decisions. Among other things, he said Kiffin objected to the Raiders using the first pick in the 2007 draft on quarterback JaMarcus Russell.

The Raiders said Kiffin was fired for cause, meaning they will likely try not

to pay him for the remainder of his contract. He signed a two-year deal worth about \$4 million with a team option for 2009 when he took over last year. Kiffin's agent Gary Uberstine had no immediate comment.

The firing, first reported by ESPN and NFL.com, comes a day after the St. Louis Rams let go of Scott Linehan, marking the second firing at the quarter point of the season. The last time a coach had been fired this early in the season was when Davis got rid of Mike Shanahan after four games in 1989.

The Raiders did not immediately announce a

replacement for Kiffin, but there are plenty of candidates on staff, including Ryan and receivers coach James Lofton, who both interviewed for the job when Kiffin got it in 2007. Offensive coordinator Greg Knapp, running backs coach Tom Rathman, offensive line coach Tom Cable and advance scout Paul Hackett also could be possible choices.

Kiffin's job security was in question as far back as January, when a dispute with Davis over whether he could replace Ryan as defensive coordinator led to the owner sending his coach a letter of resignation to sign.

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around the dial

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Shock at Silver Stars 7:30 p.m., ESPN2 **Bengals sign former Bears first rounder Benson** CINCINNATI — Running back Cedric Benson signed Tuesday with the Cincinnati Bengals, who needed another runner and were undeterred by two alcohol-related arrests in Texas that prompted the Chicago Bears to let him go.

Benson will take the spot of running back DeDe Dorsey, who was placed on injured reserve Tuesday after hurting his hamstring in a 20-12 loss to Cleveland. Chris Perry is Cincinnati's starting running back.

Benson was Chicago's first-round pick in the 2005 draft out of Texas. He started 12 games for the Bears from 2005-07, running for 1,593 yards and 10 touchdowns.

He missed five games with an ankle injury last season, but had a career-high 674 yards. Benson was arrested in May on charges of boating while intoxicated and resisting arrest, and again in June on a drunken driving charge in Austin, Texas.

Haslett restores Bulger as Rams starting quarterback

ST. LOUIS — St. Louis Rams quarterback Marc Bulger ducked the media last week, afraid of what he might say after getting benched by Scott Linehan.

Bulger got his job back Tuesday, the biggest development of new coach Jim Haslett's first full day in charge of the winless team. The highest-paid player in franchise history, who ran the scout team offense last week, also broke his silence.

But he exercised care, declining several opportunities to torch his former coach. Linehan was fired on Monday after four straight lopsided losses to start the season and was 11-25 overall in two-plus seasons.

Backup Trent Green started Sunday's 31-14 loss to the Buffalo Bills in Linehan's final game as coach. Bulger was back with the starters in practice Tuesday, and Haslett said he'll be the starter the rest of the season.

The Rams have a bye week before playing at Washington on Oct. 12.

Yankees sign Cashman to 3-year extension NEW YORK — Brian Cashman figures he has more work to do with the New York Yankees. After a sustained run of success, he wasn't about to leave on the heels of a failed season.

Cashman is staying on as general manager of the Yankees, agreeing Tuesday to a three-year contract that runs through 2011.

New York missed the playoffs this year for the first time since 1993. Cashman took over as GM in 1997 and his current deal was set to expire at the end of October.

He was expected to re-sign, especially after Yankees co-chairman Hank Steinbrenner told Cashman earlier this season that the team wanted him back. But there had been rumblings that Cashman might be interested in running another club — perhaps one without such a vocal, hands-on ownership group.

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Former IU coach rebuts allegations

Associated Press

Kelvin Sampson believes Indiana has it all wrong.

A day after the school accused Sampson and his staff of withholding information and concealing impermissible phone calls, the former Indiana coach rebutted those allegations Tuesday in a tersely worded one-paragraph statement sent out by his publicist, Matt Kramer.

"In no way did I ever hide or withhold information from Indiana University's compliance department. I vehemently deny the inference that I made and concealed impermissible calls," Sampson's statement said. "The NCAA has never alleged that I initiated any illegal phone calls to recruits while serving as the head coach at Indiana. I always provided Indiana with everything they requested, including all documents and phone records."

Athletic department spokesman J.D. Campbell said the university would not comment on Sampson's statement.

The back-and-forth battle of words continues the saga that started in October, when athletic director Rick Greenspan first announced the improper phone calls had been discovered during an audit of the basketball

program's phone records. Initially, the school called them secondary infractions

them secondary infractions, and Sampson forfeited a pay raise and agreed to an extension of the NCAA-imposed sanctions that followed him from Oklahoma to Indiana.

But when it became clear that Sampson had participated in three-way calls and had been connected to recruits when another coach passed the phone to players, the NCAA charged Indiana with five major violations. The NCAA said both violated the penalties imposed on Sampson from his previous phone-call scandal.

Sampson was also accused by the NCAA of providing false and misleading information to investigators, something he has repeatedly denied.

Eventually, the NCAA dropped one major count to a secondary infraction, and Indiana concurred with the NCAA's assessment on all four charges.

Then in June, Indiana got a surprise when the NCAA alleged another major infraction — failure to monitor.

That prompted Monday's release of the school's response, in which the university said all but four calls could not have been detected earlier because Sampson and his staff had concealed them.



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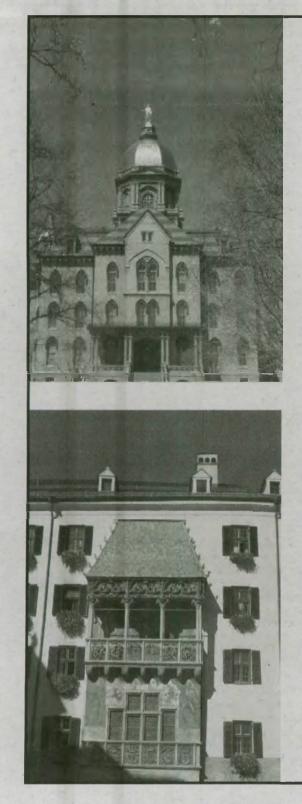
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O.J. SIMPSON

Judge to release surveys

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The judge in the O.J. Simpson armed robbery-kidnapping case plans to release redacted jury questionnaires once the trial ends and is defending her decision not to release the full surveys immediately.

"If juror questionnaires were released during this trial, there is a substantial probability that the defendants' right to an impartial jury would be prejudiced by the publicity that releasing such would generate," Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto argued in a response filed Tuesday on behalf of Clark County District Court Judge Jackie Glass.

Masto was responding to an emergency motion filed earlier this month by media organizations asking the Nevada Supreme Court to review Glass' decision not to release the questionnaires.

The Associated Press and Stephens Media LLC, the owner of the Las Vegas Review-Journal, are seeking immediate access to the questionnaires completed by the 12 jurors and six alternates seated in the case.

They also sought access to the blank questionnaires during the jury selection process.

Glass initially refused both requests, saying she had promised 500 prospective jurors that their answers would be "kept in confidence, under seal."

She later amended the decision, opting to release a blank questionnaire after the jurors and alternates had been sworn in.

Glass' latest shift to releasing completed questionnaires at the conclusion of the trial renders the media's motion "moot," according to the Tuesday filing.

Donald Campbell, lawyer for the news outlets, said he wanted a court ruling.

"This is a matter in which Judge Glass stated we had no right to intervene. We want that decided under Nevada law," Campbell said.

In its filing, the media argued the public has a right to the information.

"Prohibiting access to the completed questionnaires runs afoul of the First Amendment's guarantee of access to voir dire proceedings in criminal trials and precludes the media from reporting newsworthy events in a timely manner," the document said.

Simpson is accused of robbing two memorabilia dealers at gun point in a Las Vegas hotel room. The 61-year-old former football star and codefendant Clarence "C.J." Stewart have pleaded not guilty to armed robbery, kidnapping and other crimes.

The prosecution rested Monday and court was closed Tuesday. The case could go to the jury this week.

The 26-page, 116-question surveys were used to identify prospective jurors with biases and to reduce the jury pool. The questionnaire asked potential jurors if they knew Simpson was once acquitted in the murders of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman, and to describe their opinions on that case. Completed questionnaires also provide a juror's age, education level and race.

Glass' filing notes the significant publicity surrounding both Simpson trials and said releasing the questionnaire before the case concludes "would add unnecessary fuel to the potential jury tampering fire."

It cites three Web site taking bets on the verdict and argues "the fact that money is being wagered" increases the incentive for tampering with the jury.

Campbell said such a concern does not rise to the standard set by state law.

"The reported threat that offshore bookies might engage in an effort to contact the jurors, there's absolutely no showing of that in the record, and even if there were, it would not rise to the level of a compelling state interest under established Supreme Court dogma," he said.

MLB Cubs renew Pinella's contract through 2010

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Manager Lou Piniella plans to stick with the Chicago Cubs for a while.

The Cubs picked up their \$4 million option on Piniella's contract for 2010 on Tuesday, a day before the NL Central champions open the playoffs against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The 65-year-old Piniella guided the Cubs to a 97-64 record, the best mark in the league.

"I'm thankful and I look forward to a couple more years," he said. "I should be tired, but as long as I have the passion, why not?"

Cubs general manager Jim Hendry announced the move as the Cubs worked out at Wrigley Field.

"We like each other from a business end and from a personal point-of-view, so it's not hard," Hendry said. "So it's a nice thing. Lou's happy about it. He's good to go."

Piniella said the club approached him about his deal 10 days ago, but he shelved the talks to focus on clinching the division title.

"We left it at that," he said. "Because I was focused on getting the team into the playoffs,"

Piniella signed a three-year, \$10 million deal with a club option after the Cubs went 66-96 in 2006 under Dusty Baker. Sweet Lou has been a wild success in the Windy

City, going 182-141 and leading Chicago to consecutive playoff appearances for the first time since 1906-08.

That streak famously ended with the Cubs' last World Series championship. Now, they're trying to end a 100-year drought.

Piniella hinted again that 2010 would probably be the end of a managing career that dates to 1986, when he briefly managed the New York Yankees. He won a World Series title in 1990 with Cincinnati, had an extremely successful decade in Seattle, and a brief, star-crossed turn at home in Tampa Bay.

"I said basically I'm not going to be a lifer," Piniella said. "So I would think it would be very close, yes."

Piniella, who has 1,701 career wins, raised some eyebrows about his future when he told a New York newspaper a week ago, "I don't know how much longer I want to do this."

But Hendry, who has grown close to Piniella, doesn't think the manager is ready to quit.

"I've had a couple of conversations with him behind closed doors and he's never given me any indication that was true," Hendry said. "It's a tough job, it's a grind, and he's 65 years old. Obviously, he still has a passion to win and get after it every day. He definitely wants to do it. If it works out and it's longer than that, so be it, too."



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Tragically, this moving and brilliantly shot collaboration between filmmaker Mackenzie and the young men and women whose lives he documented never received a commercial release. For years, the film was almost impossible to find. The restored version of the film was released in July 2008.

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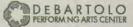
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MLB White Sox earn playoff berth with 1-0 win

Associated Press

CHICAGO --- Thanks to Jim Thome's bat and Ken Griffey Jr.'s arm, the AL Central has a winner at last: the Chicago White Sox.

John Danks pitched eight innings of two-hit ball on short rest, Thome homered and Griffey threw out a runner at the plate with a tough tag by A.J. Pierzynski, helping Chicago beat the Minnesota Twins 1-0 in a 163rd-game tiebreaker for the division title Tuesday night.

The White Sox joined the crosstown Cubs in the postseason, the first time since 1906 that both Chicago teams are in. And just like the Cubs did when they clinched the NL Central crown, several White Sox players came back on the field after the final out and sprayed fans with champagne.

Next up for the South Siders, a first-round matchup with the surprising Rays. Game 1 is Thursday at Tampa Bay, which won the AL East. "Look at this," Thome said as

the crowd roared all around him. "This is what it's all about - October baseball.'

The White Sox got a huge boost Tuesday from two of their oldest players: Thome and Griffey, both longing for their first World Series championship.

Thome's long drive on a 2-2 pitch from rookie Nick Blackburn cleared two rows of shrubs in center field, traveling an estimated 461 feet to snap a scoreless tie in the seventh. It was the 541st homer for Thome, who raised his right fist as he rounded first base.

He hadn't been to the playoffs since 2001 with Cleveland.

Griffey, who came to the White Sox in a trade with the Reds so he could have a chance at playing in the postseason, cut down Michael Cuddyer with a nice throw in the fifth. Griffey, who like Thome, is 38, will be making is first postseason appearance since 1997 with Seattle.

"He did a heck of a job," Thome said. "I'm so happy for him, too."

Bobby Jenks worked a perfect ninth for his 30th save in 34 chances. Center fielder Brian Anderson ended it with a diving catch of Alexi Casilla's blooper.

Soon after it was over, Pierzynski, Danks and Nick Swisher grabbed a microphone on the field and addressed the delirious crowd.

"That's a battle between friends," Chicago manager Ozzie Guillen said, referring to the rival Twins. "We just got the last laugh.

Danks, pitching on three days' rest for the first time in his career and with just one win in his previous seven starts, held the Twins hitless through the first four innings on a 56-degree night. Cuddyer led off the fifth with a double and moved to third on Delmon Young's fly to center.

When Brendan Harris hit a fly to Griffey in shallow center, Cuddyer took off for the plate. He crashed into Pierzynski, who held onto the low, two-hop throw from Griffey while tagging Cuddyer for the out. Pierzynski then popped up and showed the ball as the crowd of 40,354 - mostly dressed in

black - roared.

Danks (12-9) delivered in the biggest came of his brief career. He won a duel with Blackburn (11-11), who retired 13 of 14 before Thome led off the seventh with his long homer.

The White Sox hosted the game because they won a coin flip earlier this month and what an advantage it was: Chicago went 8-2 against the Twins at U.S. Cellular Field this season and 1-8 at the Metrodome.

It was the eighth one-game playoff in major league history and the first in the AL since 1995 when Seattle beat the California Angels 9-1 to win the AL West. Playing for the Mariners in that game was Griffey and Chicago bench coach Joey Cora.

A late-season slide by the White Sox began at the Metrodome a week ago. The White Sox entered a threegame series with a 2?-game lead in the division but the Twins pulled off a sweep to take over first place.

Chicago came home and lost two more to the Indians but was able to stay close because the Twins dropped two in a row to the Royals at the Metrodome. On Sunday both leaving teams won, Minnesota's lead at a halfgame. The White Sox had to beat Detroit in a rain-delayed makeup game Monday to force Tuesday night's tiebreaker.

We bounce back every time we are against the wall," Guillen said.

Their styles are different. The White Sox relied more on power, the Twins on speed. But



White Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski tags out the Twins' Michael Cuddyer at home plate in the fifth inning of Chicago's 1-0 win.

going into the game they not only were 88-74, they had identical marks at home (53-28), on the road (35-46) and in their division (43-29).

"That probably says we should be playing this game," Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire said before the game.

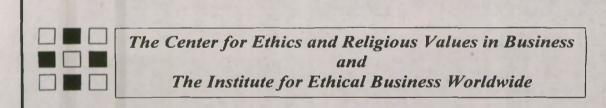
The Twins endured the departures of star center fielder Torii Hunter and ace Johan Santana by using speed with young players such as Denard Span and Carlos Gomez, sound fundamentals that are taught throughout their system and clutch hitting.

Joe Mauer went 0-for-3 Tuesday night but still won his second AL batting title at .328.

Justin Morneau, who drove in 129 runs, slumped in the final week.

The White Sox overcame late injuries to surprising star Carlos Quentin, who was leading the AL in homers when he broke his right wrist by hitting it on his bat in frustration Sept. 1, and third baseman Joe Crede, who had back problems. Neither is expected back for the playoffs.

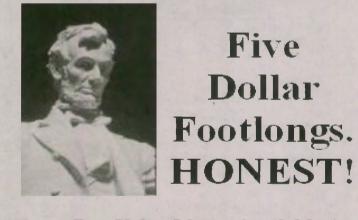
pitcher Veteran Jose Contreras struggled at times, but when he was lost with a ruptured Achilles' tendon in August, Chicago's rotation was stretched. All four remaining starters were forced to go on three days' rest at least once in the final weeks.



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Junior hitter Lorna Slupczysnki heads the Saint Mary's offense with 192 kills on the season (3.15 kills per game), while also tallying 174 digs for the Belles. Slupczynski has emerged as a leader both on and off the court for Saint Mary's, earning All-Tournament honors twice this season

"Lorna is putting together a fine career," Schroeder-Biek said. "Her teammates really feed off her energy and on-court play from the

outside hitter position. The opponents know she is one of our stronger players and Lorna is going to have to continue to raise her game."

Keeping the offense running is freshman setter Dani Brink, who as emerged as a key player for Saint Mary's after the Belles' leading setter last year, Amanda David, graduated. Brink has accounted for over three-quarters of Saint Mary's assists this year, totaling 387 on the season.

The match begins tonight at 7 p.m.

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Mandarich admits to steroid use at Mich St.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former NFL draft bust Tony Mandarich says he used steroids at Michigan State and faked a drug test before the 1988 Rose Bowl.

He also said during an interview on "Inside the NFL" that will air Wednesday on Showtime that he did not use steroids in the NFL but was addicted to alcohol and painkillers.

Mandarich, whose autobiography will be released in March, said he provided a fake urine sample to evade

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detection before the '88 Rose Bowl in which Michigan State beat Southern California 20-17. Mandarich said he couldn't confirm a report that other players did the same.

The offensive lineman was the No. 2 overall pick in 1989 by the Packers. He lasted just three years with Green Bay amid rumors of steroid use.

"I got to the point where it was a struggle to work out three or four times a week because the priority of getting high was above the priority of working out," Mandarich said in the interview.

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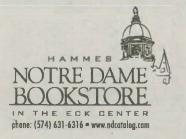
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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

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Notre Dame claims top slot in Boulder

By ERIC PRISTER Sports Writer

Monday's record-setting second round gave the Irish a healthy lead heading into Tuesday's final 18 holes, and Notre Dame took care of business to take top team honors at the Heather Farr Memorial in Boulder, Colo.

The Irish held off secondplace finisher Texas Tech to win by five strokes.

Lisa Senior captain Maunu and sophomore So-Hyun Park led the Irish by finishing tied for fourth overall with a 5-under par 211

Maunu finished all three rounds under par. Park shined on the 36-hole Day One, starting with a 2under 70 in round one, followed by a school record six-under 66.

"I was happy that [Park] could get off to a good start," Irish coach Susan Holt said. "She just played really solid.'

Two other Irish golfers, junior Annie Brophy and sophomore Katie Conway, scored under par in a round to earn Holt's praise.

"That's a good situation to have," Holt said. "We have a lot of depth and we aren't relying on the same people every day to shoot low scores and carry the load. All five of our players are capable of stepping up and coming through when we

need them."

Brophy's second-round 71 helped Notre Dame to a school-record 7-under and Conway, after neither of her first two rounds were counted, finished strong by tying for the team lead in round three with a twounder 70.

"She played as an individ-ual last week at Michigan State and from the way she played there was able to work her way into the top five," Holt said. "It paid off. Katie's a good player. She's certainly capable of putting up those type of numbers."

Freshman Becca Huffer scored in all three rounds for the Irish, opening with a 75 and finishing with backto-back 74s.

Holt looks to last week's tournament as the learning experience that helped her team perform at a high level in Heather Farr.

"They realized that they need to be prepared and ready to play every day," Holt said. "I told them that they needed to stay focused. I think that they carried it through this whole tournament, and they saw the results of doing it.

The Irish will take a twoweek break before heading to West Lafayette, Ind. to compete in the Lady Northern Tournament hosted by Purdue University.

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SMC SOCCER

Belles hope to bounce back

By MIKE GOTIMER Sports Writer

Saint Mary's returns to the field Wednesday to take on Illinois Wesleyan with the hopes of rebounding from the drubbing it was handed by Olivet College.

The Belles will try to avoid coming out slow again, as they did against Olivet. The team started out sluggishly in its previous match, in part because of an 11day layoff between matches, and it was never able to recover from a 2-0 first half deficit

'The players seem energized to get on the field and prove themselves," coach Ryan Crabbe said. They trained very hard on Monday and Tuesday to prepare for this upcoming match, and I

Saturday's game behind them."

Despite a disappointing season last year and a modest 5-4-0 record this season, Illinois Wesleyan has been a consistent program for much of the past decade, recording 11 10-win seasons between 1996-2006, including three seasons with 14 or more victories. Dating back to 1994, Saint Mary's has only two wins against Illinois Weslevan, the most recent of which came in 1999 when the Belles defeated the Titans 1-0.

The Belles and Titans have met in a non-conference match in each of the past three seasons. The teams ended in a double overtime 1-1 tie last year, but Illinois Wesleyan dominated Saint Mary's with consecutive 4-0 victo-

believe they want to put ries in their 2005 and 2006 matchups.

But the Belles are confident they can play well against the Titans today.

We have looked to make some changes that might better suit our personnel," Crabbe said. "I am confident this team will step up and meet the challenge of tomorrow's game.'

To be successful against the Titans, the Belles hope to avoid falling into a hole like they did against Olivet. The offense has struggled to score in bunches this season, as the team has just eight goals in seven matches thus far.

The match begins at 4 p.m. at Saint Mary's.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

SMC can take first place with win

By MIKE BLASCO Sports Writer

Saint Mary's squares up tonight against Trine University in an MIAA match at the Belles' Angela Athletic Facility.

With a win, Saint Mary's (11-5, 4-3 MIAA) would slip past Albion into sole possession of fourth place in the conference

Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek has said her squad's emotion and teamwork was key to the Belles' winning ways.

"More than anything else I want

this team to believe in themselves," she said. "They have a lot of ability. If they can come together as a team and play as one cohesive unit, we will be in position to be a top team in the league standings."

The struggling Thunder have dropped nine of their last 10 matches while their offense has tallied an awful .168 attacking percentage over that stretch. Senior outside hitter Sallie Richardson leads the team offensively and defensively with 247 kills, accounting for 4.84 kills per game along with a .259 attacking percentage, in addition to her

team-leading 229 digs (4.49 digs per game).

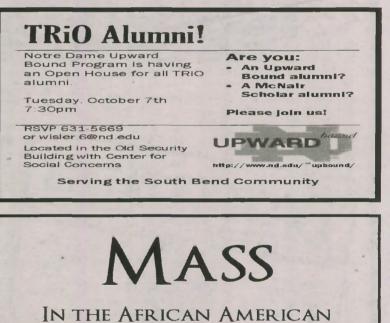
Saint Mary's has won four of its past five matches, along with four of five MIAA bouts. While the Belles have struggled at times offensively, posting a workmanlike .209 attacking percentage as a team, they have held opponents to a .161 attacking percentage with a smothering defense led by sophomore defensive specialist Meghann Rose and senior hitter Kaela Hellmann (234 and 194 digs, respectively).

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"It was pretty special last year," Croal said. "Because it was right when she was going through the heart of her treatments, and it was nice to see how everyone really supported her.

In addition to their fundraising efforts, Croal said her teammates were there for emotional support when she needed it most.

'They've just been like you would want any friend to be," she said. "They've been there for me when I wanted to talk about it, and when I wanted to just forget about it.'

Obviously, this year's Dig for the Cure will also have a special meaning for Croal

"I think it has, obviously, that personal connection for me, she said. "It's just a way to give back to everybody who was so helpful and so under-

standing throughout what my family went through and what my mom went through. It's a way for those who are close to me, my teammates, my coaches, and everyone involved with the program to support that fight for a cure."

Croal, too, was excited to contribute to the cause that saved her mother's life.

"It's just a fun way to give back by doing what we do best," she said.

The Irish will be giving back in several ways with the event. Coach Debbie Brown has pledged to donate five

dollars for every dig her team notches against the Panthers, and said her players have been asking for pledges as well. "They're ask-

ing roommates, friends, families, to just get involved that way," she said. Pink Dig for

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Mallorie Croal

senior outside hitter

the Cure T-shirts are also currently on sale at the Hammes Bookstore, and fans that wear the shirt to the match will be admitted for free.

Brown's team will also be taking the

court in special white and pink uniforms donated bv Adidas, which will be auc-

tioned off after the match. Brown said that the special uniforms gave

her team a boost last year.

We got into it when we walked out on the court with the pink jerseys," she said. "Just that feeling that you're contributing to something that's a lot more important than a volleyball match is a good thing, and I think that the team definitely felt that last year.

Last year, Notre Dame raised over \$6,000 for the Susan G. Komen grassroots network of Northern Indiana, the sixth-highest total raised by participating programs.

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Brown said that her team's participation

was important because breast cancer such a universal issue, but also because of Croal's personal experience. "It's obviously a pretty big women's issue, said. Brown "And being a women's team,

it just seemed like it was a really good thing for us to do, but also it was hitting home a little bit closer for us as a team.

Brown said that her goal was to double the \$6,000 the team raised last season.

As for Croal, despite her extremely personal ties to the cause, she said that at the end of the day, it was all about playing volleyball, with a little added incentive.

"I think that once the match starts it's the same [as any other]," she said. "You always focus on the task at hand. But I think there's maybe a little bit of extra motivation just to really perform well and support that cause."

Notes:

♦ More information on Susan G. Komen For the Cure and the Dig for the Cure program, including pledge forms, can be found at und.com.

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collegiate career. Older players, Weis said, are assigned to watch over and help freshmen during practice starting in the summer. Senior quarterback Evan Sharpley, for example, looks after freshman quarterback Dayne Crist and makes sure Crist knows what he's doing.

Freshmen also have a chance to show their skills on Thursdays, when the team practices earlier. Near the end of practice, Weis said, the younger players, normally relegated to the show team, will practice against one another. Crist, tight end Joseph Fauria, wide receivers John Goodman and Deion Walker, running back Jonas Gray, cornerback Jamoris Slaughter and others get a real practice environment.

"We make sure all of the guys don't get stale just being on the show team all the time," Weis said.

Note:

◆Weis said right guard Trevor Robinson would not supplant Chris Stewart, but would see more playing time because of his recent performance

"We're not trying to unseat somebody that doesn't deserve to be unseated but at the same time, Trevor is playing well enough to make sure that we get him on the field," Weis said.

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"Last year, as well as this year, they're coming in very strong with a very good record," Clark said. "From our standpoint, what's happened in the past is in the past - it has nothing to do with what's going to happen. They're a very good team so far this year and I would imagine it will be a very tough game.

Notre Dame's defense has been a major strength, as the Irish are allowing just .89 goals per game. But even they might have trouble slowing down a Wolverines attack averaging 2.30 goals per game.

"I'll tell you better tomorrow,"

how his team would stop Michigan's offense. "They're an excellent team, they're scoring a lot goals, and that's something you've obviously got to deal with.

"But we've got players that I think can deal with it. Just as importantly, we've got to find ways to get the ball in the net ourselves.

Notre Dame will have to rebound from Sunday's heartbreaking 2-1 overtime loss to Louisville. The Irish were whistled for a penalty kick in the final minute of regulation, which the Cardinals drilled to send the game to extra time.

Louisville then put home the game-winner in the 95th minute, breaking Notre Dame's seven-game unbeaten streak

and snapping a 15-game Big East regular season unbeaten streak that dates back to last season

"You just have to rebound, it's as simple as that," Clark said. With our schedule and the game we play, you have no time to sit and feel sorry for yourselves - you've got to get on with it. From our point of view, the guys know we were a little bit unlucky, but that's soccer."

Originally scheduled for 7 p.m. on Michigan's campus in Ann Arbor, Mich., the game was moved to 4:30 p.m. at Eastern Michigan's Scicluna Field in Ypsilanti, Mich. Construction is ongoing for the Wolverines' new **U-M Soccer Complex.**

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talent," Gelchion said. "We knew that if the offense executed, we would score. Tonight, they went out and executed."

Lyons started with the ball after halftime and picked up right where it left off. Connell connected on a hook and ladder that ended up in sophomore Neva Lundy's hands for a 30-yard gain. On the next play, Connell hit Lundy again for a 20-yard touchdown to put Lyons up 14-6.

Cavanaugh responded on its next possession with a 60-yard touchdown run on an option play to the right side. The Chaos could not complete the two-point attempt and trailed 14-12

After a three-and-out by the Lyons offense, Dunn led her offense onto the field with five minutes remaining. Cavanaugh drove to the 10-yard line before losing the ball on downs to a resilient Lions defense.

'The composure of our defense after that long run kept us in the game," Connell said. "Nobody panicked, they did what they were supposed to do [and stopped them].

Another three-and-out set up the final Cavanaugh comeback opportunity. But again, the Lions' defense stayed strong as Henderson intercepted Dunn with 32 seconds left.

"We've got a team of play-makers," Lyons defensive coach Rick Raley said. "We

just had to put them in a position to make a play. Afterwards, the Lions were

ecstatic about handing Cavanaugh their first defeat of the season.

"That was a big win, we knew that was the team to beat in our division and it gives us lots of momentum,'

Connell said. Lyons The coaches, however,

were quick to point out the importance of staying focused.

"From here on out, we just need to stay away from being compla-cent," Raley said. "Now we need to

practice even harder because we have a target on our backs."

Pasquerilla West 6, Howard 6 Howard's playoff prospects dimmed Tuesday night, as the Ducks were unable to pull of a win against Pasquerilla West and settled for a 6-6 tie.

The aggressive Howard (1-2-1) defense came out with intensity in the first half. The Ducks forced back-to-back interceptions from PW quarterback Cara Davies.

"The safeties did a great job of reading the quarterback,' Ducks captain Kayla Bishop said. "The pressure from the defensive line was great.

The momentum from the defense carried onto the offensive side of the ball, as Bishop led the Ducks downfield on their second drive.

Bishop found receivers Krysten Williams and Laura Giezeman with quick passes, poking holes in the PW defense. Bishop ran the ball in the end zone from two yards out to complete a nine-play drive and give the Ducks a 6-0 lead going into halftime.

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Cara Davies

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don't do anything for us," Davies said. "We have to take care of the ball, make better decisions, and get a 'W.'"

good of an athlete Bishop is."

McGlinn 14, Pasquerilla East 13 It has just been that kind of season

for Pasquerilla East. On a cold, rainy Tuesday night, the Pyros (0-3) saw McGlinn (2-1) snatch victory from the jaws of defeat with a 14-13 comeback victory.

h Shamrocks, trailing 13-0 with five minutes left in

the game, were the beneficiaries of a controversial pass interference call on Pyros captain Tara Pillai, who seemed to be in perfect position to knock down the errant pass.

Instead of the game ending on McGlinn's fourth down, Sarah deGroot and the Shamrocks rallied, cutting the lead to 13-6 with a 10-yard touchdown strike.

With the Pyros only needing to run out the clock, quarterback Caitlin Lynch, who had played solidly all game, threw an ill-fated pass right into the outstretched arms of McGlinn back defensive Casey Robertson.

After another touchdown toss three plays later, Shamrocks coach Keith Creasy decided to roll the dice, electing to go for two points instead of playing for the tie.

On the two-point try, deGroot dropped back in the pocket and delivered a fade into the corner of the end zone, where freshman Lauren Miller made a difficult catch to give the Shamrocks a 14-13 lead.

The Shamrocks defense then picked off Lynch for the second straight series

to seal the victo-"Our defense and offense both stepped Despite opening the game their game up in the with a 60-yard second half. Because touchdown and of that, we're 2-1 dominating the first instead of 1-2." Pasquerilla East just couldn't

Keith Creasy McGlinn coach

"After playing such a good

close out the

half,

first half, it's really a shame we could not pull this one out," PE coach Pablo De Luna said. "We got a little complacent at the end and it cost us.'

game.

The Shamrocks hope this will become a season-defining game for a team that, with the talented deGroot, looks to be a major threat for the rest of the season.

"This is a really great win for us and I'm really proud of the girls," Creasy said. "Our defense and offense both stepped their game up in the second half. Because of that, we're 2-1 instead of 1-2.

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Beach

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respectable scores of 291 and 290 to their first round 288, the scoring average plummeted from 297.81 in the opening round to 288.45 in the later rounds at the 6,639-yard Poppy Hills Golf Club, and Notre Dame simply could not keep up. Although the Irish led the field with 173 pars, they were unable to card birdies on the par fives and fell back in the field despite their consistency.

Notre Dame coach James Kubinski emphasized his confidence in young his squad, in spite of its struggles.

"They have a great deal of 72, 72 and 71, 76, 72, respec-tively). Santos-Ocampo made headlines recently for his play at the U.S. Amateur Open, becoming the first Notre Dame golfer to qualify for match play in 35 years. Scodro was a late addition to the tournament roster, making the squad on the back of his top-five finish at the John Dallio Memorial last week

Sophomores Connor Alan-Lee and Tyler Hock rounded out the Irish effort. Alan-Lee carded an 8-over 221 (74, 73, 74) to finish 42nd overall. while Hock contributed a 12-

"They have a great deal of physical young talent. They just need to realize and believe it ... Whether it's fall or spring, this team will begin to show its

over 225 (75,

77, 73) to finish 58th overall. Kubinski's squad has stumbled in its first two tournaments, with the Irish having finished 10th in the USF

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Request granted to Compton after his second heart transplant

Associated Press

Erik Compton has the heart. He just doesn't have the stamina. So the PGA Tour is going to help him out.

Just four months after the second heart transplant of his life, the former Georgia All-American learned that officials have granted his request to use a cart during qualifying school to earn his tour card. The South Florida Sun-Sentinel first reported the story Tuesday on its Web site.

"I feel really good about the news," Compton said, according to the Sun-Sentinel. "It takes a lot of stress off me, and it gives me a realistic chance." Compton, 28, will play the first stage of qualifying from Oct. 21-24 at Crandon Golf at Key Biscayne, Fla. He is a former No. 1 junior golfer who won on the Canadian and Hooters Tours and played on the Nationwide Tour. Compton told the newspaper that he has also been granted a waiver to use a beta blocker, which is on the PGA Tour's list of banned substances, because he needs it as part of his medication protocol.

Heart disease caused Compton to have a heart transplant at age 12. Transplanted hearts last an average of 11 years, but his survived for 16. Then in October 2007, Compton suffered a near-fatal heart attack while fishing. He was stabilized, but it was only a matter of time before he would need a new heart.

In May, he was hospitalized again for observation and given medication to help his heart function. He was about to go home with a nurse that would provide 24-hour care. when a new heart became available. The Compton case stands in sharp contrast to that of Casey Martin. A birth defect in his leg prevented him from walking the course, but he had to sue the tour to use a cart.

the U.S. Open. He earned his PGA Tour card for 2000 by finishing 14th on the Nike money list in 1999 but failed to keep his card. In 2001, he won his suit that went to the Supreme Court which allowed him to use a cart under the Americans With Disabilities

He's now the golf coach at the University of Oregon.

With his second new heart in his chest, Compton has begun playing golf and working out, trying to regain the strength the operation sapped.

"I've been busting my butt in

PGA TOUR

physical talent," Kubinski said "They just need to realize and believe it. That takes time. Whether it's fall or spring, this team will begin to show its tal-

ent level at some point this year. I'm very confident in that.

Irish junior Doug Fortner, whose first-round 69 led the field, finished tied for sixth place. He tallied scores of 70 and 73 in addition to his firstround score to end the tournament with a 1-under 212. Sophomore Jeff Chen trailed his teammate by six strokes, finishing with a 5-over 218 (74, 72, 72), good enough for 23rd overall.

Junior Carlos Santos-Ocampo and freshman Max Scodro each finished tied for 30th, shooting 6-over 219s (75,

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> Jim Kubinski Irish coach

early this month, but the coach took the results in stride. "You're not sure what you

have, or have to work on, until you start competing. I look at Ohio State's football team barely beating Ohio at home in their first game or Applachian State at Michigan last year and it just reaffirms that thought. It's the same here. We'll be fine.

The three-round score of 869 tied for the 12th lowest total in school history. Notre Dame returns to the links on Monday when it hosts the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic at Notre Dame's Warren Golf Course.

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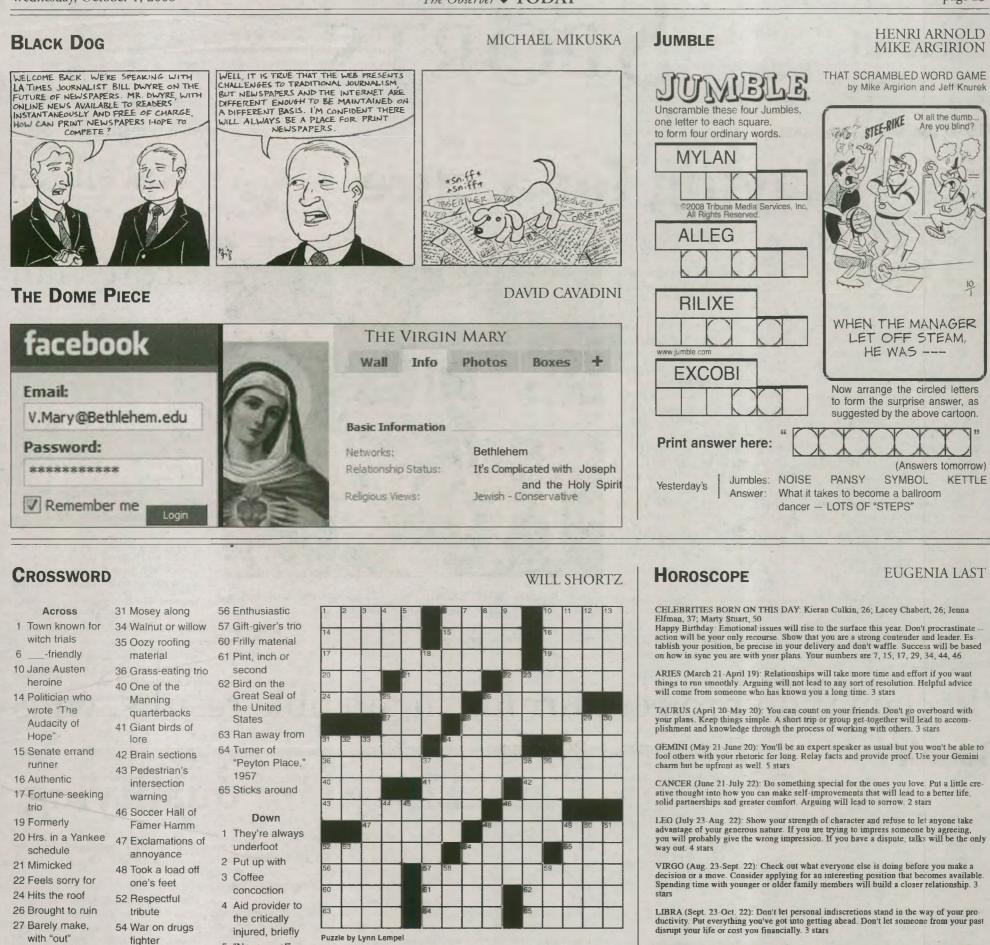
While his case went through the courts, Martin was granted the right to use a cart at the 1997 Q-school. He played the Nike Tour in 1998 (won a tournament) and tied for 23rd at

the gym," Compton said, according to the newspaper. "Hopefully, I'll get stronger and stronger."

For now, he's not strong enough to compete while walking the course. But he's doing his part to get there.

"Nobody's going to hand me anything," Compton told GolfWorld in the beginning of September. "I'm going to have to go out and work and get good again, get my body in shape, and that's going to take some time, for sure."

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Emotional mind games will cause confusion. Be ready to make a move or change quickly in order to avoid getting in the middle of someone else's problems. Don't assume anything or react to what you are told until you have all the facts. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Get involved in a cause you believe in. This is a per-fect time for give-and-take. Take the first step and be a good will ambassador. Your tal-ents will be noticed and offers will come your way. 4 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19): Don't chat about what you want to do, take action and turn your idea into something tangible. Past acquaintances can disrupt your life if you let them in on too many of your secrets. Keep your distance from anyone likely to steal your spot. 2 stars

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SPORTS

ND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Playing for a cure

Senior Mallorie Croal will have extra incentive to compete for funding for breast cancer research

By SAM WERNER Sports Writer

When Mallorie Croal takes the court for the Irish on Oct. 12, she'll be taking on more than the Pittsburgh team on the other side of the net.

Croal and the rest of the Irish will be trying to spike breast cancer as they take part in the Susan G. Komen Dig for the Cure.

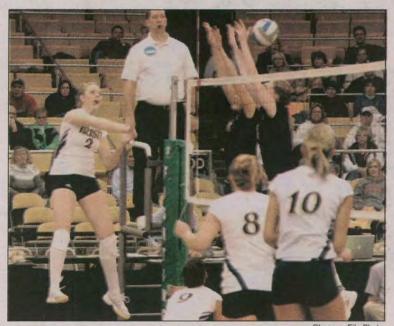
This is the second straight year Notre Dame will participate in the event, which includes 164 college and high school volleyball programs across the country and raises money for the Susan G. Komen For the Cure fund for breast cancer research. The group has said it hopes to raise over \$250,000 from this year's Dig for the Cure. The event will have a special meaning for Croal, whose mother is a recent breast cancer survivor. After being diagnosed in Dec. 2006, Croal said her mother underwent two rounds of chemotherapy, followed by multiple surgeries and radiation treatment.

"It was about a full year of treatment," Croal said. "But she's doing great now. She's done with treatment, and she's getting her hair back."

Croal said that doctors are confident her mother will make a full recovery.

Last year's Dig for the Cure, a 3-0 win over Rutgers on Oct. 6, was especially emotional for Croal and her mother, who flew out from her home in California to attend.

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Senior outside hitter Mallorie Croal (2) spikes the ball during a Dec. 1, 2005 home match against Dayton.

MEN'S GOLF

ND slides into 7th as scores fall

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By MICHAEL BLASCO Sports Writer

After leading through the first round, Notre Dame stumbled to a seventh-place finish with a 17-over 869 at the Saint Mary's (Calif.) Invitational in Pebble Beach, Calif.

The University of San Francisco cruised to a firstplace finish with a 3-over 855, five strokes over second-place finisher Wisconsin at the Saint Mary's (California)-hosted event. USF junior Domingo Jojola claimed top individual honors with a 6-under 207. While the Irish added

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FOOTBALL

'Reclamation project' turning in tangible results: wins

By BILL BRINK Sports Editor

- There's no way to measure how much of Notre Dame's success this season stems from its emotion, but at 3-1, something is driving the team.

Irish coach Charlie Weis said he thought that success created more confidence in his players.

"This has been a reclamation project we have been working on," Weis said in his press conference Tuesday. "Whether it be emotion and whether it be confidence, we've spent a lot of time as a team, coaches and players, working on these intangibles." gain confidence quickly in light of success on the field. It was necessary, he said, to keep them from getting cocky and feeling that they can "show up" and win games.

"We already know that we are not good enough to do that," Weis said. "We could lose to anybody on the schedule if we just show up."

The team can avoid trap games easier, Weis said, because of its struggles last season.

"Every game is a new game. So you know, that's why when we go to play against Stanford, you don't have to say, well, they

Weis said younger players ain confidence quickly in light f success on the field. It was ecessary, he said, to keep them are going to feel pretty good about beating Purdue and not show up for Stanford," Weis said.

> Running back Armando Allen, whose 136 yards and a touchdown against the Boilermakers helped the Irish beat Purdue, has been atop the depth chart for most of the year, but showed improvement in practice, Weis said.

"We watched him in practice every single day, and all he's done from the day he got here until now is continue to get better and better," Weis said. "So it's just a matter of time and it's just that the time finally came."

Weis said more players buy

into the system now than previously. More players embrace the "Dive right in" mantra that Weis preached in the preseason, he said.

"All of those toe-in-the-water guys, there's a lot less of them around now, and most of them have already taken a dip, and I think that's a good thing because it kind of goes hand in hand with having some success," Weis said. "The more that you have in, the easier it ends up being."

Whether they dove in or not, the freshmen have stolen the show so far this season. Wide receiver Michael Floyd has 16 catches for 218 yards and two touchdowns. Weis said Floyd's ability to learn the playbook helped in his development.

"He's been picking it up pretty quick, quicker than most people would," Weis said. "Normally you would say a season, but some people just pick it up a lot faster and he happens to be one of them."

Other freshmen have made their presence known. Defensive end Ethan Johnson got his first start against Purdue, cornerback Robert Blanton returned an interception for a touchdown and tight end Kyle Rudolph caught his first touchdown of his

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MEN'S SOCCER Non-conference test awaits

WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL Lyons 'D' makes late

By MATT GAMBER Associate Sports Editor

Tonight's game against Michigan might be a non-conference tilt, but it will be one of No. 8 Notre Dame's biggest games, Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

"It's a huge game," Clark said. "The Big Ten is one of the strongest conferences in the country, and it's very important when it comes to seeding [for the NCAA tournament]."

Notre Dame (6-2-1, 3-1-1) holds a 6-0-1 all-time record against the Wolverines (6-2-2, 0-1-1 Big Ten), including last year's 3-0 home victory, but Clark isn't overlooking a Michigan team that returns 18 lettermen from last year's squad.



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Senior defender Matt Besler, right, tries to clear the ball during Notre Dame's 5-0 victory over South Florida on Sept. 7. stop to top Cavanaugh

By CHARLIE SPOKES, CHRIS MASOUD, and TIM LANG Sports Writers

With Cavanaugh's undefeated season on the line and 37 seconds left, there were 46 yards between Chaos quarterback/captain Katie Dunn and another win for the defending champions.

But Caroline Henderson had something to say about that.

Lyons pulled out a hardearned 14-12 victory as the defensive back intercepted a Dunn pass and set up her offense to kneel-out the clock.

Henderson's pick capped off a good night for the Lions. "We did the same things we've been doing all year," Lyons coach Matt Gelchion said. "We've gotten better as the year has gone on. Tonight, the girls did it all."

Cavanaugh (2-1-1) opened up the scoring in the first half with a screen pass from Dunn for a touchdown on fourth down from the 2-yard line. An interception return to the end zone on the extra point from Lyons captain Claire Connell made the score 6-1.

Lyons responded near the end of the first half with a touchdown run from Connell. The PAT gave Lyons an 8-6 edge.

"Our offense has a lot of

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