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Protesters deliver letter, ask for policy change

Students and faculty hold a 'No Home Under the Dome' rally, NDSP denies group entrance to Main Building

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

Demonstrators attempted to deliver a letter addressed to University President Fr. John Jenkins demanding that sexual orientation be included in Notre Dame's non-discrimination clause to Main Building Wednesday.

The letter was accepted by an administrative assistant from Jenkins's office after student organizers of the "No Home Under the Dome" demonstration and faculty participants were denied access to the building by a Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) officer.

The letter, part of an initiative to add sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination clause and formally support a gay-straight alliance on campus, asked that the University "move beyond words and into concrete actions which fully bring [lesbian, gay, bisexual, and ally students] into equality at Notre Dame."

The protest organized at the corner of Angela Blvd. and Notre Dame Ave.

Over 200 participants walked up Notre Dame Ave. to Main

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Demonstrators walk a letter for University President Fr. John Jenkins from the entrance at Notre Dame Avenue to Main Building with purple tape over their mouths. They asked that sexual orientation be added to Notre Dame's non-discrimination clause. PAT COVENEY/The Observer

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Students gather for President's address



President Barack Obama makes his first State of the Union address Wednesday. AP

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

Students gathered in the LaFortune television lounge to watch President Barack Obama speak about the nation's economy and healthcare reform dur-

ing his first State of the Union address on Wednesday evening.

Obama opened the speech by encouraging Congress to work together in the upcoming year to help return the nation to its former state of prosperity.

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FOTO sponsors Haiti benefit concert

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

Students packed the LaFortune Ballroom Wednesday night for the "Hearts 4 Haiti Benefit Concert." The concert — sponsored by Friends of the Orphans (FOTO) — raised funds for Haiti relief following the Jan. 12 earthquake that devastated the nation's capital of Port-au-Prince.

The concert featured The Undertones, student-musician Pat McKillen and the Notre Dame Brass Band. The Undertones performed 1990s classics such as "Breakfast at Tiffany's" and "The Lion Sleeps Tonight." The songs were followed by both originals and covers by McKillen, which

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The Undertones, an a cappella group, performs at the "Hearts 4 Haiti Benefit Concert" Wednesday night in LaFortune Ballroom. SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

included a surprisingly successful acoustic rendition of Ke\$ha's "Tik Tok."

"I thought the concert was a great showing of the talents and generosity of Notre Dame

students," freshman Erin Wright said.

FOTO, a student club founded by Notre Dame junior Michael

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INSIDE COLUMN

My middle ground

I've been thinking a lot about stereotypes.

At the beginning of the fall semester, I taught my friend Tess about The Notre Dame football coaching staff and told her to sound impres-

sive by talking about Frank Verducci and his approach to the offensive line (A lot of good that does her now). After that lesson, she called me a "Renaissance woman." I'm not really sure what that means.



Laura Myers

Assistant Sports Editor

What I do know is that it's hard to break out of any sort of feminine stereotype. On the morning of Thursday, Jan. 7, I was contemplating that very issue as I drove to the bank. It seems you can either conform to a stereotype, or be opposite to it.

But where's the middle ground? I imagined that a lot of women my age wonder the same thing as they try to figure out what to do with their lives.

That night I sat down in front of our high-definition television, ate Buffalo wings and yelled at the screen as Nick Saban classlessly coached his way to a national championship.

I don't think there are any grounds to the idea that women don't like wings or football or hating on Nick Saban, but I was still being an anti-stereotype at that moment.

After the game, my mom and sister went to bed and my dad went to the basement to watch the Cavs. I went into the kitchen, popped in my "Fearless: Platinum" CD and began to clean so that I could bake cookies for the next-door neighbors, who had just had a baby boy.

In other words, I was being a suburban housewife.

Well, I opened the cabinet under the sink to get some Ajax, and out crawled a big spider.

My first thought was to call my dad to come kill it for me. Then, I realized:

"No. This is my middle ground!"

So, I grabbed my dad's shoe and took a whack at the spider. The little guy was crafty, though. He played dead, and once some time had passed he figured he was okay and began to rappel away.

I got him in the end, though. I celebrated by dancing to "Hey Stephen," and then continued to wash the dishes.

Of course, I would now like to bring this together by using the acts of baking cookies and killing spiders as some overarching metaphor for feminism and life as a woman, but I don't have the literary skills to pull that off.

The point is that I found a middle ground in between being a stereotype and an anti-stereotype, and I'll continue to try to do so.

Now if you'll excuse me, I have

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS?



Colin Keeler

sophomore
Standford

"Obviously, the greatest prison complex on campus, Stanford Hall."



Lauren Aristorenas

sophomore
Lewis

"LaFun. It has everything you could ever need."



Neil O'Dougherty

freshman
Kennan

"Kennan Hall ... Where dreams come true."



Ryan McCargar

junior
Keenan

"Hesburgh International Cafè. The pancakes are the bomb."

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



TOM LA/The Observer

Students walk across a snow-covered North Quad Wednesday. After several days of warm weather, students experienced the first significant snowfall of the semester.

OFFBEAT

3-year-old dials 911 after grandmother has seizure

MAPLE SHADE, N.J. — A 3-year-old New Jersey boy was hailed as a hero after he called 911 on Friday after his grandmother had a seizure. Jaden Bolli was at grandmother Patricia Bolli's home in Maple Shade because his other grandmother, who was scheduled to watch him, was sick. When the 54-year-old grandma went to get out some puzzles, she had a seizure. The boy found a phone and dialed 911 for help as his mother taught him to do just days before.

Burlington County 911 Coordinator Monica Gavio

said the call was very unusual. Usually, when a child that age dials 911 she says, it's an accident.

But she said it shows that young children can be taught how to get help in an emergency.

Patricia Bolli is in a hospital, where doctors are trying to diagnose her

Portland City Hall evacuated due to overcooked bagel

PORTLAND, Ore. — An overdone bagel forced the evacuation of Portland's City Hall. The Oregonian reported that City Hall emptied for about 20 minutes

Wednesday morning while firefighters dealt with the burning bagel in the break room of Mayor Sam Adam's office. There's no immediate word on who burned the bagel in the toaster oven or what type of bagel it was.

City commissioners were meeting at the time and joined those who took to the sidewalks. Adams apologized for the interruption after the evacuation.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

A conference titled "Catalytic Material by Design" will begin at 8:15 a.m. today. Only Notre Dame students and faculty may attend. The conference will be held in McKenna Hall Auditorium.

The Office for Civic and Social Engagement will sell carnations at 11 a.m. today in the Student Center Atrium at Saint Mary's College. The proceeds from the flower sales will benefit the sponsorship of a house for Rebuilding Together.

Daily Mass will be held at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart today.

"Otello" will be shown in Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. today. For tickets, please call 574-631-2800.

A Christian Unity Prayer Service will be held at 7:15 p.m. today in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

A symposium titled "Thomas Aquinas Theology" will be held at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge today.

"Romeo and Juliet" will be presented by the Actors from the London Stage. The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. today in Washington Hall. Tickets are \$20 for the general public, \$18 for senior citizens and \$12 for students. To purchase tickets, please call 574-631-2800.

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

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Cluster renovation to finish

By CAITLYN KALSCHUR
News Writer

The computer cluster in LaFortune Student Center is undergoing renovations that will be completed Feb. 1, Brian Burchett, manager of Classroom and Cluster Services, said.

Burchett said the cluster "needed a facelift."

"The finished project will be worth the wait," Walker Anderson, Campus Technology chair for Student Senate, said.

Burchett said the lab had become outdated.

"The lab was made about 20 years ago for a time when most students did not have their own computers. So, the main purpose of the cluster was to get as many machines in an area as possible," he said.

Now with a majority of students owning their own laptops, the cluster's purpose has shifted to an area for collaborative work, he said.

Due to this shift in demand, Burchett said the setup of the lab did not effectively use the space in the room.

Anderson and his committee decided to work with the Office of Information Technology (OIT) and Burchett to improve the cluster.

While this plan has been in development for a couple of years, Anderson said the renovation was not funded until recently.

"The University was trying to be fiscally conservative during



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Students work at the computer cluster in DeBartolo Hall. Renovations will be completed in the LaFortune cluster Feb. 1.

the recession," he said.

Burchett said the main goal is "reclaiming wasted space."

Anderson said the layout, lighting and furniture will be the biggest changes to the space. Generally, the layout of the room will be altered with the removal of the service desk to create a more open setup for collaborative working.

A group room will also be added with a projector.

Anderson said the number of accessible machines will not change but the desks and furniture will.

Customized furniture will "create a hybrid workspace for both individual and collabora-

tive learning environment," he said.

Another element of the renovation will be brighter lighting and new carpet to transform the basement-like atmosphere to a more comfortable one.

While the target date for re-open is Feb. 1, all projects may not be 100 percent complete by that time.

Students cite the LaFortune computer cluster as a key convenience on campus.

Freshman Mike Stankiewicz said he hopes the project will "finish as quickly as possible."

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Four groups request funding for activities

By MEGHAN PRICE
News Writer

Saint Mary's Student Government Association (SGA) received four requests for funding at their meeting Wednesday night. Members from Saint Mary's Affiliates of the American Chemical Society, the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Irish Dance Team, Psi Chi and Sisters of Nefertiti presented their applications for different student activities that will be taking place this semester.

The members of Saint Mary's Affiliates of the American Chemical Society, SMAACS, will be traveling to San Francisco for the convention of the American Chemical Society (ACS). Senior Jane Fleming presented the proposal along with three other students.

"ACS is the largest scientific organization in the country" Fleming said, "The opportunity would provide great experience and networking possibilities for us."

Three juniors and three seniors will be attending the event and two of the seniors, including Alex Petlick, will be presenting their research at the convention.

The Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Irish Dance Team plans to send ten girls to the All-Ireland Dance Competition in Killarney,

Ireland. Six Saint Mary's students and four Notre Dame Students have entered the competition, which will take place in February.

SGA was not the first organization to be asked for funding for this trip. The group also received funding from the Notre Dame Irish Studies program and many alumni.

Carissa Salvador, Saint Mary's senior and president of Student Diversity Board (SDB), represented Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology. Salvador plans to present her senior comprehensive at the thirty-fourth annual woman's studies conference in Wisconsin. Salvador wrote her comprehensive on diversity.

Salvador told the board she plans to bring back the teaching skills and methods taught at the conference. Salvador said she would be able to use this in her positions with Diverse Students' Leadership Conference (DSLCL) and the Council for Multicultural Affairs.

Marissa Murphy, a senior and treasurer of the Sisters of Nefertiti, presented the club's plan for an event. The event is to take place in honor of Black History Month. The club has invited speakers who will discuss the issues of body image and black history in tandem.

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STUDENT SENATE

Senators uphold ruling,
Shane unable to run

TOM LA/The Observer

Grant Schmidt, student body president, discusses the dispute over Cameron Shane's election petition.

By SCOTT ENGLERT
News Writer

Senators upheld the election commission's ruling that Cameron Shane, president of the Club Coordination Council, will be unable to run in the Student Body election at their meeting Wednesday.

The controversy began last Friday when Shane submitted his election petition at 12:45 p.m., 45 minutes after the constitutional deadline. At that time, Marcelo Perez, vice-president of elections of the judicial council, ruled Shane ineligible to run in the election. Shane understands Perez's decision and holds no hard feelings.

"I appreciate what Marcelo's done," Shane said. "He's doing his job as he should."

Due to the elapsed time, Shane filed a petition to the election committee. As a result, he presented his case to the Student Senate. While admitting responsibility for his mistake, Shane believed he still deserved a chance to run in the election.

"Ignorance of a law is not a defense to it," Shane said. "I would like to ask you to overturn the decision. I accept the responsibility ... 45 minutes is a small price to pay ... at the end of the day it's the student body's choice to decide who they want to elect."

Several senators agreed with Shane.

"We're not negatively affecting the other candidates," Pasquerilla West senator Megan Carey said. "We're giving them another option. I recommend we impose gradual reductions in campaign funds. In a very short

amount of time he was able to get 700 people behind his campaign."

Pangborn senator Susan Esquivel also supported Shane, commenting on the fluidity of the Constitution.

"There has already been a precedent that we don't follow the Constitution," Esquivel said.

Many senators, however, believed that Perez was correct

in his initial ruling. Farley senator Elise Jordan was adamant in upholding justice in the student body race.

"We're not just allowing him to run. We're allowing him to compete against the other candidates. I'm surprised we're

even hearing this. We took an oath to uphold the Constitution," Jordan said.

Siegfried senator Zach Maxwell agreed.

"You said this isn't an issue of fairness ... but is it fair to the other candidates?" Maxwell

asked while questioning Shane. "Don't you think that taking the responsibility of the President of the Student Body, you would take the responsibility to turn in the petition?"

In the final vote, only eight senators voted to overturn Perez's ruling. Seventeen senators voted against.

Carroll senator Nick Ruof said he had the

utmost respect for Shane and the integrity he displayed in his presenting his case. However, this does not take from the fact that an overturn of the ruling is simply unfair to the other candidates.

"If he gets one vote, it's negatively affecting someone else," Ruof said.

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Three tickets approved by council

Candidate for student body president and vice president chosen

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

Notre Dame's Judicial Council has approved three tickets to run for the position of student body president and vice president for the 2010-11 school year.

The candidates are: sophomores Catherine Soler and Andrew Bell; juniors Eras Noel and Julian Corona; and freshmen Peter Ledet and Gabe Alvare. Junior Cameron Shane also appealed to Student Senate to approve his petition, however Senate did not because the submission was late.

The debates and election will take place during the month of February.

†Catherine Soler and Andrew Bell

Current sophomore class president Soler said she hopes to lead the student body in a "friendly and fun way."

Although the student body president has traditionally taken the role as a junior, Soler said she sees her age as an advantage.

"We have a ton of juniors and seniors helping out in our campaign but we can also relate to the younger students," she said.

A focus of the campaign is textbook prices, and Soler said they will work to create a rental textbook system in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

The duo also wants to offer students discounts at local off-campus restaurants.

"We want to support local merchants and give students an opportunity to hang out and save money," she said.

Soler said they are also campaigning to reform pep rallies, renovate the DeBartolo Hall lounge and start a block party for students and the community at Eddy Street Commons.

"Andrew and I have the same vision of leadership," she said. "It is in service, not for the position or the power."

†Eras Noel and Julian Corona

The two juniors do not come from a student government background, but Noel said he believes this will revitalize the system.

"Our campaign slogan is called 'A New Perspective' so we're here to offer a different point of view," Noel said. "Because we haven't been involved, we can offer a pure student view."

If elected, Noel said he wants to extend the reach of

flex points so they can be used in Eddy Street Commons.

"We've already talked to the owners of [Five Guys Burger and Fries] and they are interested," he said.

The ticket also is planning to pursue hot grab-and-go options and increase communication between student government and the student body.

"We're juniors so we've been a part of the Notre Dame community for awhile," he said. "We know how to get the job done."

†Peter Ledet and Gabe Alvare

The Zahm freshmen said most of their campaign points are "under construction," but they have one finalized idea: milk chocolate statues on South Quad.

The chocolate statues would be of Ledet and Alvare.

"It would be just us in the middle of the Quad," Ledet said.

The ticket also wants to lower tuition costs for male students, but keep female tuition costs stable.

"We're just totally rad, so it's like a sin not to vote for us," Ledet said.

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SHAKESPEARE AT NOTRE DAME

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

7 dead in apartment collapse

LIEGE, Belgium — Rescue workers recovered seven bodies from the rubble of an apartment building that collapsed Wednesday after an apparent gas explosion.

At least 21 people were injured, including two in critical condition.

Interior Ministry spokeswoman Margaux Donckier announced the new death toll late Wednesday. The bodies were found well over half a day after the building exploded at 2 a.m. (0100 GMT, 8 p.m. EST Tuesday) and collapsed at dawn.

Donckier said it was unclear whether more victims were buried under the twisted metal, wood and bricks from the century-old building in a poor neighborhood which was home to many students and immigrants.

Man's head found in town square

MORELIA, Mexico — Mexican authorities say a man's head and a threatening message referring to a drug cartel have been found on a town square.

Prosecutors in central Michoacan state say the head was left on a tree-lined plaza in the town of Quiroga on Wednesday. The message found with the head mentioned La Familia, a cartel based in Michoacan.

Investigators are performing DNA tests to determine whether the head and a headless body found 60 miles (100 kilometers) away belong to the same person.

NATIONAL NEWS

California bill requires report of crimes

SACRAMENTO — Witnesses could be charged with a misdemeanor for failing to report violent attacks in California under legislation approved by the state Assembly.

The bill by Democratic Assemblyman Pedro Nava of Santa Barbara follows the alleged gang rape of a 16-year-old girl outside a high school homecoming dance in Richmond, in the San Francisco Bay area, in October. Investigators believe as many as 10 people participated while another 20 or so watched without calling police.

Current law requires witnesses to report violent crimes when the victim is younger than 14. Nava's bill expands the requirement to include victims of all ages. Violators would face up to six months in jail and a maximum fine of \$1,500.

Lawmakers approved the bill Wednesday on a 61-3 vote. It now goes to the Senate.

Ohio woman sues son's teachers

CINCINNATI — A southwestern Ohio woman has filed a lawsuit accusing a sixth-grade teacher and a teacher's aide of humiliating her son for his long hair by tying it into ponytails, making him stand in front of classrooms and encouraging students to mock him.

Amanda Anoai, of Milford, filed the lawsuit Monday in U.S. District Court in Cincinnati on behalf of her 11-year-old son, referred to in the suit as J.A. The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages and charges that school officials violated the boy's constitutional rights and intentionally inflicted emotional distress.

LOCAL NEWS

Ind. moves to ban texting while driving

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana would join a growing number of states that have banned texting while driving if legislation approved by a state House committee on Wednesday becomes law.

The House Public Policy Committee voted unanimously for the bill by Democratic Rep. Joseph Pearson of Hartford City after several people told the panel that it would save lives. It would make transmitting text messages or e-mails while driving a Class C infraction with a possible fine of \$500.

The bill now moves to the full House.

Racial threat puts Ohio college on alert

FBI investigates warning that two black students would be killed by Feb. 2

Associated Press

NELSONVILLE, Ohio — An attacker could find many places to hide at Hocking College, a campus carved into a forest in the Appalachian foothills. And with the threat of a mass killing looming over black students at the community college, Allen Edwards is steering clear of the trees.

"I don't feel too safe walking by the woods," said Edwards, a 19-year-old black student from Canton. "There's woods everywhere. And somebody could be out in them, and I don't know."

The FBI is investigating a threat scrawled last week on a bathroom wall warning that black students would be killed Feb. 2. It bore the trademarks of just another casual — though chilling — threat of violence on a college campus, but students here aren't taking any chances.

At least two black students have withdrawn permanently from school out of fear for their safety, and another dozen have moved out of the dorm where the threat was found, officials at the two-year technical college said. Some students seem unperturbed, but others say the threat has brought simmering racial tensions to the surface.

The school confirmed Tuesday that the threat said black students would be killed Feb. 2. At least one subsequent note reading "kill the n-----" was reported.

Hocking covers hundreds of densely treed acres in the Wayne National Forest about 60 miles southeast of Columbus. The campus overwhelms Nelsonville, an economically depressed rural town plagued with heroin addiction and unemployment. About 400 of the school's 6,300 students are black, many of whom are foreign exchange students from the Caribbean.

The college has provided



A campus safety officer patrols outside of a residence hall at Hocking College Wednesday in Nelsonville, Ohio, after finding a threat against black students. AP

temporary housing for students who are too scared to stay in Hocking Heights, the dorm where the threats were found. And for those wary of venturing outside until after Feb. 2, teachers are making allowances for missed classwork.

Since the first threat was discovered Friday, the school has installed more security cameras in dorms and beefed up foot patrols. A \$5,000 reward is being offered, and extra counselors are on hand.

Campus spokeswoman Judy Sinnott said that she had not heard previous complaints of racist taunting, but that on a small campus, anything can happen.

"Any time that there are young people, you know,

there's going to be tension," Sinnott said. "Young people will be young people."

Edwards lives on the second floor of Hocking Heights, a few doors down from the two black students who abruptly quit. He's contemplating leaving, too, but hasn't decided.

Edwards said he has seen racist comments written on the same bathroom wall in the past but didn't let it bother him. But two days after the first threat was found, he saw the second on the bathroom wall and reported it to campus police.

"I'm not sure how to feel," he said. "I'm just going to see how everything plays out."

Another resident of the

second floor, Amelinda Marengo, sat on her bed and said that even though the threat doesn't include her, she is still afraid.

Marengo, who is half Puerto Rican, said she and her black roommate endured racist taunts in the cafeteria on several occasions last year. Her roommate declined to be interviewed.

"We'd be sitting at a lunch table and some guys would be sitting across the room, and they'd be screaming, like, 'n----- lover' across the table," Marengo said. "I had enough of it one day and I got up and I just started yelling at them and telling them, like, 'There is no reason for you to treat someone like that.'"

HAITI

Food aid falling short 2 weeks after quake

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE — Street vendors openly sell U.S.-donated rice by the cupful from bags marked "not for resale." At a homeless camp, a young woman told of thieves who tried to sell her own food back to her.

As she spoke, a gang of youths pushed into a line of people waiting for water Wednesday, shoving an elderly woman, who screamed and swung her bucket at their heads.

Such scenes and worse are common among crowds of Haitians lining up for rice, beans or ready-to-eat meals, forcing U.N. peacekeepers to fire pepper spray and Haitian police to swing sticks to

restore control.

Whether locked up in warehouses or stolen by thugs from people's hands, food from the world's aid agencies still isn't getting to enough hungry Haitians, leaving the strongest and fittest with the most.

"These people are just hungry," U.N. spokesman Vincenzo Pugliese said of the thousands thronging food distribution points. He said U.N. peacekeepers would reinforce security at the sites.

Two weeks into the quake catastrophe, food remains scarce for many of the neediest survivors despite the efforts of the United Nations, the U.S. military and scores of international aid agencies. Haitian leaders say coordination has

been poor, while relief experts say this disaster is presenting unprecedented challenges.

Clutching a grocery bag filled only with small packets of donated water, 25-year-old Julia Jean-Francois shrugged in resignation Wednesday.

"I lost all the rice, beans and oil that were distributed last week. A group of young men shoved me and grabbed the bags and ran away," said the young woman, whose mother was killed in the quake.

An hour later, one of the men returned and offered to sell her the same food for the equivalent of \$18. She refused, relying instead on a communal kitchen she formed with some homeless neighbors.

Lecture examines human development and dignity

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

Authentic development must have a consistent focus on the whole human person, two Notre Dame professors said Wednesday evening.

Maura Ryan, associate professor of theology, and Fr. Robert Dowd, assistant professor of political science, discussed the concept of human development as presented in Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical "Caritas in Veritate" in a lecture at the Coleman-Morse Lounge.

Ryan focused on the definition of development given by Pope Benedict and its relationship to charity.

"Pope Benedict makes the central claim that authentic social, political and economic development can only be brought about by love and truth," she said. "The goal of development is to rescue people from endemic poverty."

While there has been absolute growth in the world, it is a growth burdened with many problems. She said these problems are rooted in the unregulated exploitation of earth's resources, the use of technology for profit rather than human need and the global financial crisis.

"He implies that only Christianity, more specifically Catholicism, can achieve the unity necessary for development," Ryan said. "Ultimately, Pope Benedict very much wants to resist the dichotomy between charitable acts and social reform."

She said charity is often criticized for applying patches to system failures in development circles. According to the encyclical, however, charity animates relationships of rights and responsibilities rather than replacing them.

"'Caritas in Veritate' suggests that authentic development is necessary for overcoming the moral and economic situation in the world today," she said.

Dowd focused on the indications of a developing society, as well as the policy implications of this development.

"Generosity and the willingness to sacrifice, conscious dedication to the common good and a belief that all of creation is somehow sacred are all signs of development," Dowd said. "Attitudes, beliefs, morals and values combined with social, economic and political institutions lead to integral human development."

He said external development is evidenced by respect for life, a market economy regulated by the state, economic equality and a democratic political system.

According to Dowd, development also results in policy changes, such as reduction of tariffs and limits to property rights.

"The encyclical asserts that a commitment to the common good will ultimately bring about this development and the associated changes," he said.

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Obama

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"We were sent here to serve our citizens, not our ambitions, so let's show the American people we can do it together," he said.

Notre Dame College Democrats co-president Chris Rhodenbaugh said the president's efforts to work as a unified country came through in his speech.

"I think the country needed leadership in the speech and a path forward for next year and next decade and [President Obama] came through," he said.

The majority of the president's address focused on the recovering economy, including the 10 percent unemployment rate and the bank bailout.

Rhodenbaugh said the content of the president's speech was appropriate given the current concerns of the nation.

"The focus on the economy was right on with the national mood," he said. "He was a realist on how we're going to have to deal with these issues."

In the speech, Obama said he understands the bank bailout was a highly unpopular decision, but it was necessary.

"The markets are now stabilized and we have recovered most of the money we spent on the banks, Obama said.

Senior Henry Vasquez, also co-president of the Notre Dame College Democrats said the president's message about the economy seemed clear.

"We learned that the president is serious about balancing the budget and making responsible

decisions for the welfare of our nation," Vasquez said.

President Obama announced a goal for Congress was to double exports over the next five years as well as limit spending to decrease the country's budget.

Obama said he is willing to freeze government spending on issues outside of national security, Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security starting in 2011.

Vasquez pointed to these goals as well as other aspects of the speech as a plan for guiding the country through the next year.

"[President Obama] understands the American people and that is why he made the commitment that jobs are the most important thing in 2010," he said. "At the end of the day, all these other considerations should reflect what the American people need."

Toward the end of the address, the president again urged Congress to work together, calling on Republicans to reach across the aisle to help pass legislation.

Both Rhodenbaugh and Vasquez said this was an important component of his speech.

"The president's approach showed his commitment to bipartisanship though he was not afraid to confront the obstructionist behavior of his opponent," Vasquez said.

The address comes after last week's victory by Republican Scott Brown over Democrat Martha Coakley in the Massachusetts Senate race. With that victory, the Democrats no longer hold a veto-proof majority in the Senate.

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FOTO raises funds for Haiti

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

In the wake of the Haiti earthquake, the Notre Dame chapter of Friends of the Orphans (FOTO) is directing fundraising efforts to support the Haiti branch of the international orphanage organization, Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH).

However, the newly established club's dedicated efforts to address third-world poverty began long before the recent natural disaster in Haiti.

Junior Michael Daly officially co-founded the organization last fall at Notre Dame with his sister, Saint Mary's senior Tricia Daly. They wanted to increase awareness and action concerning poverty and provide opportunities for students to serve and learn at the NPH orphanage in Honduras.

"On campus, I think it's a great way to bring the love and the experiences from the orphanages to the students," Michael Daly said. "We want to educate the student body and make them aware of what poverty is and the connection between poverty and Notre Dame."

With over 250 members, FOTO achieved success with its first organized event in the fall semester, Charity Denim, raising over \$2,250 for the Holy Family Surgery Center in Honduras.

The Holy Family Surgery Center, founded by Dalys' parents Peter and Lulu Daly, is located on-site at the NPH Honduras orphanage. It offers the most up-to-date technology in the country in order to provide same-day surgical procedures for underprivileged patients who otherwise could

not afford surgery.

Through FOTO, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students have had the opportunity to participate in service learning trips to the surgery center and the orphanage, interacting not only with the children of the orphanage, but also assisting the medical team with surgeries and diagnoses.

"This Spring Break we will be taking a group of about 15 Notre Dame pre-med students and Saint Mary's nursing students to the surgery center," Daly said. "The nursing students from Saint Mary's provide hands-on help and are able to do their clinical practices. We sit in on surgeries and there are some minor surgeries we can assist on."

The team of about 50 medical professionals and students operate every day, performing primarily orthopedic surgeries such as leg and wrist reconstructions.

Yet, because of the immediate need for medical supplies in Haiti following the earthquake, the FOTO funds reserved for the surgery center have been sent to the earthquake-ravaged area where they are most needed at this time, Daly said.

"There is no endowment or any type of funding for the surgery center," Daly explained. "The main focus for our group is raising funds for the surgery center because students are deeply involved in it and because it is educating the pre-med and nursing students by giving them surgery experi-

ence."

Daly explained FOTO will continue to focus fundraising efforts on rebuilding Haiti. However, with Spring Break quickly approaching, they will need to turn their attention to raising money for the service trip as well.

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Friends of the Orphans

"We will keep focusing on rebuilding Haiti, but it is not going to happen overnight," Daly said.

Aside from fundraising, Daly hopes to continue to educate students about third-world poverty through the lens of the NPH orphanage.

"These safe and secure NPH homes are great places to introduce students to third-world poverty," Daly said. "It's so hard to seek Christ in these situations, but he is there. He is present, hidden behind all the pain."

Daly said seeing other people's experiences is a positive experience in itself.

"I love seeing people's experiences [at the orphanages] and how it totally transforms their outlook on life," Daly said. "Their lifestyle is very different, more contemplative and thought provoking in service."

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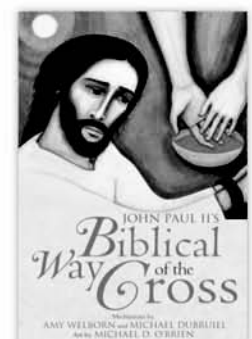
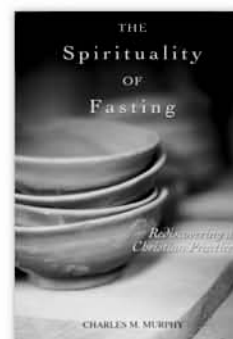
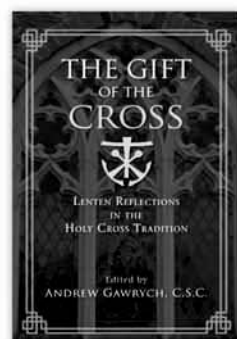
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JetBlue bracing for reservation switch

NEW YORK — Traveling on JetBlue this weekend could get messy.

The airlines is transferring to a new reservation system. Passengers will be unable to check flight status, check in at jetblue.com or make changes to an existing itinerary online for 24 hours beginning at noon on Friday. They also won't be able to book travel at all.

In addition to those inconveniences, JetBlue is warnings of longer lines at airports and is urging passengers to arrive early.

For JetBlue, the biggest concern is ensuring a smooth transition and avoiding any customer service nightmare.

The airline says it is ready for potential delays and slip-ups after preparing two years for the switch. However, other airlines have attempted to switch reservation systems in recent years with less-than-stellar results, including widespread delays, baggage problems and help center backups.

To help prevent delays, JetBlue recommends travelers arrive at the airport early on Friday, Saturday and Sunday — two hours before a domestic flight and three hours for international trips.

Two rental companies pull Toyotas

NEW YORK — Two car rental companies said Wednesday they are pulling thousands of Toyotas from their fleets over faulty gas pedals.

The Pontiac Vibe, made by General Motors Co. in conjunction with Toyota, has also been recalled and will be removed from service by Enterprise Holdings, which operates the Alamo Rent A Car, Enterprise Rent-A-Car and National Car Rental chains.

Toyota Motor Co. announced Tuesday that it was suspending sales and halting production of eight models following last week's recall to repair sticking gas pedals that could make the cars and trucks accelerate without warning.

Avis Budget Group Inc. said that it is immediately removing about 20,000 Toyotas from its rental fleets in the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico.

Privately held Enterprise said it is also pulling the affected vehicles, which represent about 4 percent of its fleet, but is acting out of "an abundance of caution."

Apple introduces \$499 iPad

CEO Steve Jobs unveils company's highly-anticipated tablet computer

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple CEO Steve Jobs unveiled the company's much-anticipated iPad tablet computer Wednesday, calling it a new third category of mobile device that is neither smart phone nor laptop, but something in between.

The iPad will start at \$499, a price tag far below the \$1,000 that some analysts were expecting. But Apple must still persuade recession-weary consumers who already have other devices to open their wallets yet again. Apple plans to begin selling the iPad in two months.

Jobs said the device would be useful for reading books, playing games or watching video, describing it as "so much more intimate than a laptop and so much more capable than a smart phone."

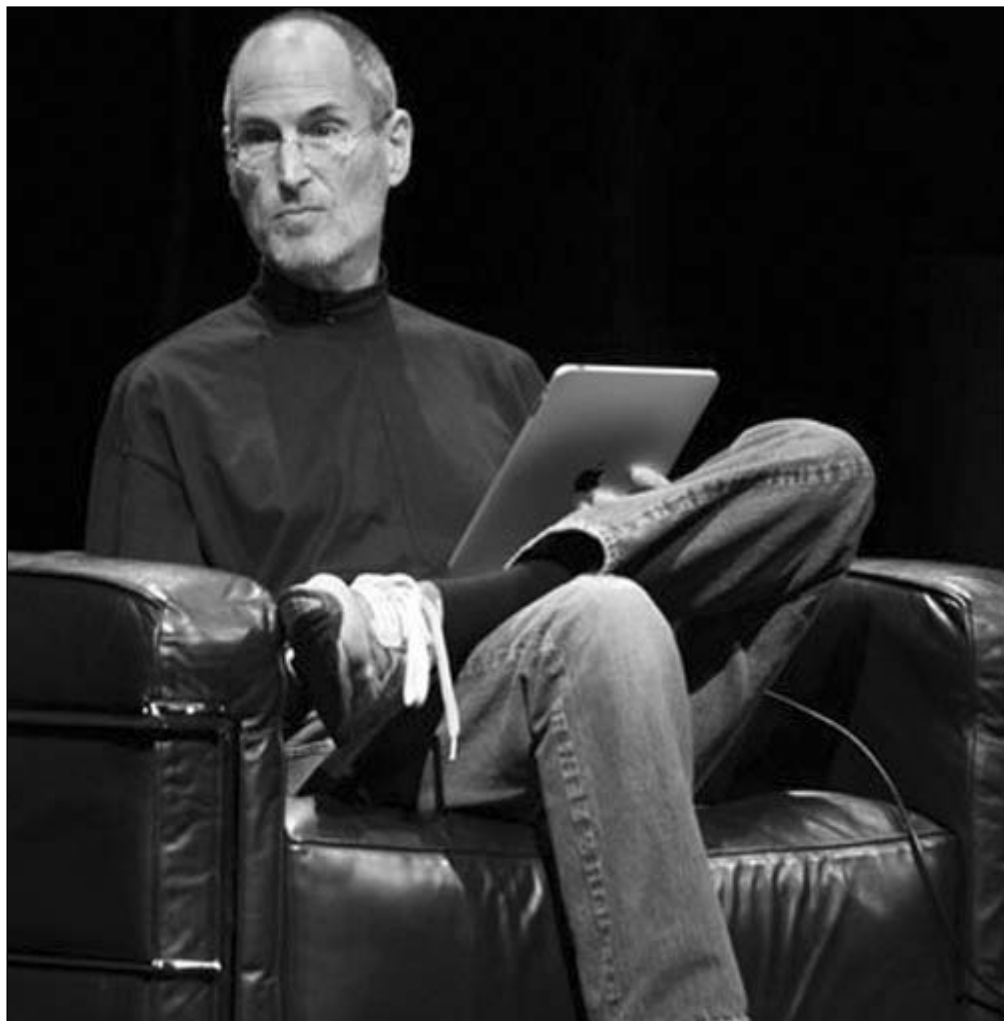
The half-inch-thick iPad is larger than the company's popular iPhone but similar in design. It weighs 1.5 pounds and has a touch screen that is 9.7 inches diagonally. It comes with 16, 32 or 64 gigabytes of flash memory storage, and has Wi-Fi and Bluetooth connectivity built in.

Jobs said the device has a battery that lasts 10 hours and can sit for a month on standby without needing a charge.

Raven Zachary, a contributing analyst with a mobile research agency called The 451 Group, considered the iPad a laptop replacement, especially because Apple is also selling a dock with a built-in keyboard.

But Forrester Research analyst James McQuivey said he does not believe the iPad offered enough additional features for consumers to justify buying yet another gadget, or to call it a new category of device.

In an e-mail, he criti-



Apple CEO Steve Jobs introduces the iPad, a 1.5 pound tablet computer during an Apple event in San Francisco, Wednesday.

cized its lack of social features, such as ways to share photos and home video and recommend books.

Sitting on stage in a cozy leather chair, Jobs demonstrated how the iPad is used for surfing the Web with Apple's Safari browser. The CEO typed an e-mail using an on-screen keyboard and flipped through photo albums by flicking his finger across the screen.

He also showed off a new electronic book store and a book-reading interface that emulates the look of a paper book. That puts the iPad in competition with Amazon.com Inc.'s Kindle and e-book store.

Tim Bajarin of Creative Strategies Inc. called the

iPad a great multipurpose mobile device — and the first tablet with a chance of success with consumers.

But Bajarin said Jobs' presentation only touched the tip of what the iPad could do for newspapers, magazines and book publishers, three industries struggling in the transition to the digital age.

A new newspaper reader program from The New York Times and a game from Electronic Arts Inc. were also demonstrated during the event. The audience, which included many analysts and bloggers, clapped and even gave Jobs a standing ovation at points as the CEO pointed out various features.

Like iPods and the

iPhone, the iPad can sync with Apple's Macintosh and Microsoft's Windows computers. Jobs said the iPad will also be better for playing games and watching video than either a laptop or the small screen of a smart phone.

Unlike a laptop, the iPad has an accelerometer, so gamers can tilt the device to control what's happening on the screen. And the iPad is lighter and easier to hold for long periods of time while watching a movie or TV show.

The iPad comes with software that includes a calendar, maps, and video and music players. All seem to have been slightly redesigned to take advantage of the iPad's bigger screen.

Cuomo warns against web discount clubs

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Protest

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Building, where student organizers attempted to present the letter to Jenkins. After the students were denied entry to Main Building, about 40 faculty members requested entry to the building, but they were not admitted.

The NDSP officer told the faculty members that a representative from the Office of the President would accept the petition on Jenkins' behalf.

The letter said that Notre Dame has made "incredible progress" toward being inclusive of lesbian, gay, bisexual and ally students, but that these students are not treated with full equality.

"We have no legal protection at Notre Dame as lesbian, gay, and bisexual persons," the letter said. "We are asking for the same protection from discrimination that every other minority group has on this campus."

Protestors hoped to "send a message to the University that gay students and their allies don't feel the current practices of the University are serving their needs," student organizer Patrick Bears said.

Participants in the protest wore white T-shirts and covered their mouths with a strip of purple tape. The tape represented "the silence of people on campus about this issue," according to Melanie LeMay, a student organizer of the protest.

The protest's organizers stressed that protecting lesbian, gay, and bisexual students is in accord with Catholic Social Teaching.

The letter cites Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, the Gospel of Matthew and the Catechism in support of "[pursuing] full justice for lesbian, gay, bisexual students and allies."

By not supporting a gay-straight alliance, the University makes lesbian, gay, and bisexual students "feel like they're not part of the family," according to organizer Meaghan Jennings.

Jennings cited the presence of gay-straight alliances at other Catholic colleges and universities as evidence that Notre Dame would not be breaking with the Church by supporting an alliance.

Saint Mary's College sanctions

an official Gay-Straight Alliance, and includes sexual orientation in its own non-discrimination policy.

"Based on our Catholic values, the College also commits to avoiding discrimination based on sexual or political orientation," according to the policy.

The University issued a statement Wednesday afternoon defending its current non-discrimination policy and the "Spirit of Inclusion," which represents the University's "commitment to an inclusive community."

According to the statement, Notre Dame's "Spirit of Inclusion" "was adopted based on the conclusion that we are unwilling to leave civil courts the interpretation of University decisions that are made on the basis of Church teaching on sexual orientation and conduct."

The letter to Jenkins praised the "Spirit of Inclusion," but said "there is still work to be done."

Jill Godmilow, a professor of Film, Television, and Theatre, and a member of the Notre Dame Progressive Faculty and Staff Association, said that adding sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause is an "issue of equality."

She called homophobia among students "embarrassing," and said that it makes it more difficult for the University to attract top-tier faculty and graduate students.

"I haven't seen evidence of [homophobia] in faculty and staff," Godmilow said. "It operates on the level of the students."

Bears said that he does not know whether the University discriminates based on sexual orientation.

"I would like to believe that it doesn't, but that doesn't mean that gay students and their allies don't want" to change the non-discrimination policy, he said.

The current policy "categorizes us as a different group," he said.

The organizers of the protest will now concentrate their efforts on recruiting people to sign the online petition supporting adding sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause, Bears said.

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Concert

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Daly and his sister, Saint Mary's senior Tricia Daly, supports nine orphanages in South America and the Caribbean. The club sends Notre Dame and Saint Mary's pre-med and nursing students abroad to work in these impoverished countries. The Daly's parents, a surgeon and nurse, are currently in Haiti addressing the widespread medical emergencies.

"I've been amazed at the generosity of the student body," Michael Daly said. "We've already raised over \$2,000. I've been talking to my parents over satellite phone, and they've been saying how much they need medical supplies. The money will go towards supplies for operating rooms and the

mobile clinics in the slums."

The concert is just one of the many ways the Notre Dame community has reached out in support of Haiti. The University pledged the entrance and concession proceeds from the Jan.

23 and 24 men's and women's basketball games to Haiti-related charities and aid groups, including the Notre Dame Haiti Program.

These proceeds, when combined with a Student-Athlete Advisory Council collection during the games and a donation of \$10,000 from the ND Monogram Club, raised \$250,000 for relief.

"Raising this money for the poor in the slums will go a long way," Daly said, addressing the audience between acts. "They say the darkest hour is right before the dawn. I believe we can bring that dawn to Haiti."

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Fr. Jenkins:

Over the past decade, lesbian, gay, bisexual and ally students at Notre Dame have seen incredible progress from the Spirit of Inclusion to the formation of Core Council. Our peers have become more aware of our presence on campus. These examples show the true Christian heart of this school. However, there is still work to be done. In order for our whole human dignity to be accepted, we must move beyond words and into concrete actions which fully bring us into equality at Notre Dame.

All of us gathered here are clear examples of God's presence on earth. Yet, as gay students we cannot gather as a recognized student organization. Our human life is precious but is not protected by a clause of non-discrimination. We are asking for a home under the Dome.

This Sunday's readings are a perfect example of the spirit of inclusion. In Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, we hear that we are all members of the body of the Church, that all of us are indispensable. In Christ's body, "If one member suffers, all suffer together" (12:26). At Notre Dame, lesbian, gay, bisexual and ally students are not afforded the same rights as other students, and thus the entire Notre Dame community suffers. Christ's Church, with its diverse members and gifts, requires that we tend to the entire body. Fr. Jenkins, the time is ripe to pursue full justice for lesbian, gay, bisexual students and allies.

The Church holds certain teachings regarding the issue of homosexuality: we "must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in [our] regard should be avoided." In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells us that, "What so ever you do to the least of these my children, that you so do unto me" (25:40). Fr. Jenkins, when the University refuses to acknowledge club status for Alliance, and refuses to add sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause, we are reminded of our "otherness."

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Colo. pot dispensaries welcome state regulation

Associated Press

DENVER — Colorado lawmakers have an unlikely ally in their first attempt to curb the state's booming medical marijuana industry: owners of the some of the shops that sell pot.

Many dispensary owners say they're on board with regulations if they give them uniform guidelines and avert a more severe crackdown like one approved this week in Los Angeles. Hundreds of Los Angeles pot shops face closure after the City Council voted Tuesday to cap the number of dispensaries in the city at 70.

The Colorado proposal — which a legislative committee approved 6-1 Wednesday — would make it more difficult for recreational pot users to become legal medical marijuana patients. It would bar doctors from working out of dispensaries, make it illegal for them to offer discounts to patients who agree to use a designated dispensary, and require follow-up doctor visits.

Most of the 150 people at the hearing opposed the bill. Many of them worry it will cost them hundreds of dollars on top of the \$90 annual fee they pay to register as a medical marijuana user.

William Chengelis said he can't get his regular Veterans Administration doctors to sign off on medical marijuana and said buying pot illegally and paying the \$100 fine would be cheaper than paying a private doctor for follow-up visits.

"I cannot afford this bill," Chengelis told lawmakers.

In response, the committee backed allowing the state to waive the \$90 fee for those who can't afford it. Sponsor Sen. Chris Romer, D-Denver, said he would also see if there was a way to allow dispensaries to reimburse veterans for doctor visits.

While some advocates see any regulations as a violation of the medical marijuana law passed by voters in 2000, many dispensaries say they welcome the certainty that more regulation would provide.

"We're saying we really can't operate without any rules," said Matt Brown, a medical marijuana patient and leader of a coalition of about 150 dispensaries and over 1,000 patients.

Erik Santos, who operates a dispensary out of an office building in a trendy part of Denver's downtown section, thinks it makes sense to limit large marijuana growers to

industrial areas and keep dispensaries out of residential areas. He wants lawmakers to pass laws now before even more dispensaries open up and prevent those with possible criminal ties from giving the industry a bad name.

Another bill still in the works could set up more regulations on dispensaries and suppliers.

Colorado cities are also looking to lawmakers to pass regulations. Hundreds of dispensaries have popped up across the state — in empty storefronts, office buildings and even a historic movie theater.

Some cities have passed moratoriums on pot shops as they figure out how to regulate them and wait for more guidance from the state. The Denver suburb of Centennial voted to ban dispensaries and close a shop that had already opened, but a court blocked that move.

"Everyone is waiting to see what happens this (legislative) session," said Mark Radtke, a lobbyist for the Colorado Municipal League.

Colorado already has some rules in place for medical marijuana dispensaries, including prohibiting dispensaries within 1,000 feet of schools, day cares and other dispensaries. Felons convicted within the



Yamileth Bolanos, who runs Pure Life Alternative Wellness Center, selects a vial of marijuana for a client at her store in Los Angeles Jan. 26.

last five years would be barred from running shops. Dispensary owners would have to be licensed, pass a criminal background check and pay a \$2,000 application fee along with \$3,000 a year to renew licenses.

The rules are set to take effect March 1, although they could change depending on what state lawmakers decide to do.

Fear that dispensaries would

attract crime has been raised by those concerned about the growth of dispensaries. But police in Denver are discounting that.

Police say medical marijuana dispensaries were robbed or burglarized at a lower rate than liquor stores or even banks last year. A memo reported by The Denver Post on Wednesday says they were hit at about the same rate as pharmacies.

Revised Blagojevich indictment expected



A grand jury set to produce a fresh indictment against former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich by the end of next week.

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Federal prosecutors said Wednesday they expect a grand jury to produce a fresh indictment against former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich by the end of next week. But the new version is expected to look a lot like the current one.

The new indictment is expected to be essentially a revision of the corruption charges the ousted former governor is facing, alleging the same misconduct.

It is being prepared in case the U.S. Supreme Court strikes down a federal law Blagojevich is accused of violating — depriving Illinois taxpayers of their right to his honest services.

The high court is reviewing the honest services fraud law, which Justice Antonin Scalia once described as so vague a mayor might be charged with violating it if he used his polit-

ical clout to get a good table at a restaurant.

Blagojevich is scheduled to go on trial on June 3, charged along with his brother, Robert Blagojevich, with scheming to sell or trade President Barack Obama's former U.S. Senate seat and campaign fundraising misconduct. Both have pleaded not guilty.

U.S. District Judge James B. Zagel asked prosecutors at a brief hearing Wednesday when they expected the new indictment.

"I would expect that the grand jury would vote it by the end of next week," Assistant U.S. Attorney Reid Schar said.

Zagel said that if the indictment is approved on time, the arraignment would be Feb. 10.

Defense attorneys said after the hearing that they didn't think the new indictment would delay the trial much if at all.

AG calls Internet clubs 'deceptive'

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Some of those companies said they have already taken action.

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Beth Kitchener
Webloyalty spokeswoman

Vistaprint, Priceline, Expedia and 1-800-Flowers.com said they severed ties with the companies last fall.

Affinion, Vertrue and Webloyalty, all based in Norwalk, Conn., have been accused of

improper conduct many times before.

Webloyalty recently settled a class action lawsuit in Massachusetts. Vertrue and Affinion, which previously did business under different names, have both been sued by attorneys general in other states over their sales tactics.

Each company says their practices are legal, but all have recently promised changes.

After a U.S. Senate committee in November accused them of acting unethically, all three began requiring customers to re-enter all 16 digits of their credit card number before they

are signed up as members.

Previously, that billing information was automatically forwarded by retailers without the knowledge of customers.

"We have listened to consumers, lawmakers and regulators and have led the industry in evolving our practices," said Webloyalty spokeswoman Beth Kitchener. She said the company also introduced new language on its offering page to clarify that people will be billed for joining a club.

Vertrue said in a statement that its marketing practices "are not only clear," but also "provide consumers with access to significant and realizable benefits." Affinion said that while it believed its marketing material "has always incorporated clear, prominent and unambiguous terms, we are constantly evaluating our offers to consumers."

A report issued by the Senate's Commerce committee in November said the three companies have taken \$1.4 billion from customers in a little more than a decade. Retailers that gave the companies a spot on their Web sites got a sizable cut of that cash, often worth millions of dollars each.

The report said managers at the companies appeared to be aware that customers were being deceived. One Webloyalty employee noted in an e-mail that "90 percent" of the people getting billed "don't know anything about the membership."

Each company also has call centers staffed by workers whose primary job is to process membership cancellations.

Some companies appear to be sticking with the clubs, despite complaints. Orbitz.com said in a statement that it had improved its sign-up process with Webloyalty in a way that will ensure consumers know they are consenting to membership in a paid club.

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Hypothetical situation

As a math major, I am often motivated to consider hypothetical propositions of airy-fairy abstraction, unconnected in any way with the reality of daily life, solely for my own amusement. Naturally most of these questions involve mathematics in some way — for instance, “What would happen if two and two made five?” (The answer, of course, is that mathematics as we know it would implode.)

However, on occasion I find my mind occupied by problems which do not have specifically mathematical origins, though they may be ripe for mathematical treatment. I present to you now one such meditation, a problem in information theory. Information theory deals with the diffusion of information across networks like the Internet.

Without further ado, then, here is my totally hypothetical, utterly unreal scenario. What if, in the wake of a national scandal over a tasteless and quite literally gay-bashing comic in our newspaper, the national news media were to hear about certain other facts that might reflect poorly on Notre Dame?

For instance, it is a well-known fact within the Notre Dame community, at least those who care to pay attention to such things, that our non-discrimination clause conspicuously leaves gay people out. It is equally well known that petitions to amend the clause have been rejected for over 15 years now, although a “Spirit of Inclusion” measure was passed, saying in effect, “Notre Dame includes gay people in everything! Everything, that is, except our non-discrimination clause. Sorry

(not really).”

However, I’m not sure that any of the various commentators who expressed so much outrage over the unfortunate comic are aware of Notre Dame’s longstanding refusal of such inclusion. It’s unclear to me what would happen if someone were to write one or more of them an e-mail, mentioning the two situations together and leaving them to connect the (not very far apart) dots. It does seem plausible that there might be a minor uproar which would reflect poorly on our university. It would be particularly unfortunate if it came now or in the next couple of months, a delicate time of year when high school seniors are carefully weighing their admissions options.

I have not carried out this experiment myself, but I understand that Notre Dame is consistently ranked in the top 20 to 30 colleges in America. It would be fascinating if some research-minded blogger were to do some homework and try to find out how many of those other colleges exclude homosexuals from their clauses. It would be even more fascinating if they were to take a list of the Top 100 Colleges, from U.S. News and World Report, and see how far down the list they would have to go to find a similar exclusion. It’s possible, though again I have not checked, that we would be the only ones with such a dubious distinction.

This is all purely theoretical, of course.

Nor is it my impression that the so-called liberal media would have much appreciation for the nuances and delicacies of Notre Dame’s relationship with the Catholic Church in America which have kept homosexuals out in the cold for so long, in the unlikely event of someone alerting the media or

the “blogosphere” in the manner which I have just meticulously outlined. In fact it seems to me, though of course I can claim no expertise in the matter, that this is exactly the kind of story which could live up a few slow news days. And then you have the bloggers.

Remember that one guy, last year, who wanted to march on campus with pictures of aborted fetuses? Remember the people who hired the fetus plane to fly overhead, and the embryo trucks to drive around, because we were letting someone who refused to outlaw abortion speak at our school? That is the level of ire a school which refuses to outlaw gay-bashing is going to attract.

Or might attract. It’s hard to say. But there certainly was a lot of ire, even over one little comic! Though it appeared in the official school newspaper, the administration has been able to distance themselves from the issue. Nonetheless it strikes me that the University might have more difficulty distancing themselves from 15 years of refusals and evasions than they would from a single tasteless comic strip — no matter how accurately that comic depicted the anti-gay atmosphere at Notre Dame, and the “tools” who perpetuate it.

Of course, the University could theoretically stave off such a disaster through preemptive action — that is, by including gay people in the non-discrimination clause. But that, I fear, is an even more improbable hypothetical than the others which preceded it. Sigh. Well, back to squaring the circle.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“People are, if anything, more touchy about being thought silly than they are about being thought unjust.”

E.B. White
U.S. author

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“I am a kind of paranoid in reverse. I suspect people of plotting to make me happy.”

J.D. Salinger
U.S. novelist

Senior prom

As Jesus passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers casting their nets, and he said, "Come follow me." And they left their nets and followed him.

As a Senior beginning my last semester of high school, a lone reality defined my existence: I

was in desperate need of a date to the prom. I might also mention that I had a massive crush on Susan McSorley. But she was so far out of my league that this infatuation had no bearing on my prom issue. I also rode the end of the bench on our basketball team, which hardly improved my chances for either the prom or Susan.

Two weeks before prom, our hoops team was dismantling another team, which meant I got to play. Then, the Fates seemed to move.

I ran onto the court, took the inbounds pass, and began to dribble upcourt, a path which pleasantly led me past Susan sitting in the first row. It didn't seem to hurt to take just the swiftest glance to see if she was watching my amazing athletic exploit of dribbling a basketball with no defender within 30 feet of me. Unfortunately, before I could find her, I lost track of the ball and carried it.

I began to pray. But before I got through "Please God, don't ..." the ref's whistle had already blown — twice. Once for my carrying. And once for my sub to take my spot at point guard.

Fr. Lou DeFra

Faith Point

Jesus walked farther and saw two other brothers, James and John, and again he said, "Come follow me." And they too followed.

The fantastic-but-true end to this story is that Susan seemed genuinely moved by my chivalrous ineptitude and talked to me for an hour after the game, during which I asked her to the prom (figuring the night couldn't get any worse), and she accepted. That day was so unexpected, and worked out so perfectly, and my infatuation was so complete, that at the moment, I was sure this was the beginning of the rest of my life.

That is, after all, how it happens in the Gospels. People are kind of minding their own business, bumbling along with their daily, mistake-ridden lives. Until one day, completely unexpectedly, Jesus walks by, calls them out of their dreary existence, and their lives are changed forever. This is what is meant by "vocation," right — Jesus calls one magical day, everything in our life crystallizes into a path of happiness and meaning, and we follow?

Once again he went along the Sea, and saw Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth, and he said, "Follow me." And Matthew got up and followed him.

I suppose that if we were to ask Matthew or John or Simon Peter when their vocation — their life's call — began, they would surely reference the

day when Jesus called them by the Sea of Galilee, and their lives started falling into place. The only problem is that, at this point, they have the unfair advantage of already having the rest of their lives laid out, corroborating that initial call. For those of us stuck in the near-beginning of life, we have no such advantage. Just a series of potential beginnings — interviews, dates, internships, chance encounters, yearnings, hopes, ambitions — all of them beckoning to be fulfilled. Which ones of them are the real beginnings of our vocation?

Yes, as it turns out, Peter's departure from his fishing boat to follow Jesus is the beginning of his vocation, but not merely because of the events of that day. Because he says "Yes" that day, Peter later finds himself in front of a crowd of 5,000 with a few loaves of bread. And Jesus asks him to help him feed the people. And, Peter, surely somewhat skeptically, says "Yes" again. And because of that "Yes," Peter finds himself tossing in a boat on the Sea and, inebriated with the miracle of the multiplication of loaves, asks Jesus if he could walk on the water with him. Jesus — enamored with Peter's brash, untamed faith — assents, and again Peter follows, though his doubts quickly get the better of him. Still, because of this "Yes," Peter later finds himself being asked the question, "Who do you say that I am?" and, perhaps even to his own surprise, finds himself blurting (the first human to do so), "You are the Christ, the Son of God." And because of

this "Yes" he finds himself at the Transfiguration. And because of this "Yes" he finds himself in the courtyard outside Jesus' trial. And because of this "No," he finds himself fishing again on the Sea, the whole "vocation story" apparently grounded. Where, of course, Jesus faithfully meets Peter again and asks, "Do you love me?" And Peter, overwhelmed by forgiveness, says "Yes" again.

Which, in the end, makes Jesus' first call to Peter by the Sea of Galilee "the beginning of his vocation story."

Who knows which of the events and encounters of this semester might be "the beginnings of my vocation?" Chances are, we won't know while they are happening. But some of the events and relationships will, over time, resonate more deeply within us than others, and invite us down a path to which we find ourselves saying "Yes" more times than not, as we recognize that our commitment to this particular person or path is slowly imbuing our lives with greater meaning and more authentic joy. By the faithfulness of our daily "Yes" to these invitations, and even more by the faithfulness of Jesus' continued asking, the Way that Christ wishes us to follow will become ours.

This week's Faith Point was written by Fr. Lou DeFra. Fr. Lou is the director of bible studies and chaplain to the ACE program. He can be contacted at delfra.2@nd.edu

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Legally bound to Catholic teachings

I am responding to a letter published on Jan. 24 entitled "Not our place to judge" by Jonathan Sarna. He had some interesting thoughts about judging homosexuals and a need to add sexual orientation to the University's anti-discrimination clause that need to be addressed.

The act of judging (and prejudging) is something that everyone does every day. It is something we must do. When I chose to go to this school it was because I judged it to have excellent academic and social integrity. I "form a judgment or opinion of" (dictionary.com) the University. I judge every building I walk into as one that will not collapse on me. I form an opinion of the water I drink, holding the opinion that it is not contaminated.

In regards to morality (and more specifically homosexuality), Jonathan stated that "I don't believe it is my place, nor Notre Dame's, to be judge of morality." To begin, someone must be a "moral" guiding light; otherwise there would be no set morals. As a Catholic institution, Notre Dame makes moral judgments based on the guiding light of the Catholic Church. The University should strive to uphold Catholic moral teaching in every aspect. Is stealing wrong? The Catholic Church judges it to be wrong. Therefore, Notre Dame does not tolerate theft because of Catholic doctrine in regards to stealing.

Homosexuality is no different. The Church judges that the "[homosexual] inclination, which is objectively disordered, constitutes for most of them a trial. They must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, Part 2, §2, Ch. 2, Article 6, #2358). The Catholic Church judges that homosexuality is objectively disordered but that those with such an inclination need to be treated with respect and dignity. While we believe homosexual intercourse is wrong, homosexuals deserve respect and compassion because they are humans made in God's image.

Notre Dame cannot, due to Catholic teaching on homosexuality, include sexual orientation into its non-discrimination clause. While having a homosexual inclination is not sinful in itself, including homosexuality in the clause "would be measured by civil courts that may interpret this change through the lens of the broader social milieu in which we live and jeopardize our ability to make decisions that we believe necessary to support Church teaching" ("The Spirit of Inclusion," paragraph 12) at Notre Dame. Including sexual orientation conveys to the broader society complacency with and condoning of the homosexual lifestyle. Because the non-discrimination clause is a legally binding agreement, the University cannot include sexual orientation due to Catholic morality.

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Encourage more students to study abroad

I was shocked and disappointed when I read the article "Notre Dame cancels Innsbruck program" in last Thursday's Observer (Jan. 21). The program has a special place in my heart because I would not exist without this program. My parents met on this program in the 1975-76 class and became great friends. Also, my twin brother is currently studying in Innsbruck as a member of, apparently, the last class for this beloved program.

This program is a particular gem because in other German-speaking cities, it is difficult to find German-speakers that do not speak English, but Innsbruck is full of people who patiently speak to Americans in German. When in this unthreatening atmosphere for an entire year, a student can really learn the language fluently.

The University has ended a very rich program that not only gives students the opportunity to learn the German language, but also provides a rich cultural experience. I spent Christmas in Austria this year to visit my brother and I glimpsed the community formed on this program. The Innsbruckers have become great friends, have immersed themselves in the Tyrolean culture, and have learned from their diverse friends in the international dorm.

It seems to me that the failure of this program is the result of a lack of encouragement for year-long programs, which allow for increased fluency and cultural immersion. Unfortunately, Notre Dame is stuck in a system where students study abroad junior year for one semester, so students are not looking at year-long opportunities. The University needs to encourage students, even incoming freshmen, to think about studying abroad for a year so they get the experience more of a part-time citizen than a tourist. I think that if more students become inspired to immerse themselves in a foreign country, more will be interested in Innsbruck. It has courses for most majors and only requires two semesters of German, so is a great option for someone who just wants to learn a language and study in Europe. I think that if the University emphasizes year programs in general, interest in Innsbruck would revive.

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“SHIVER:” A LYRICAL TEEN ROMANCE WITH A SUPERNATURAL TWIST

By JORDAN GAMBLE
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For the young-at-heart, mentally taxed and/or self-indulgent among us, young adult novels are a treasure trove of enjoyment. After a semester full of course packets, e-reserves and accounting textbooks, sometimes it's nice to read below our grade level for a few hours. For some, it might be a return to Gary Paulson adventure novels, or maybe some quality time with a modern classic like “Holes” by Louis Sachar.

For those of us with a penchant for light fantasy steeped in angst romance, the young adult section of the public library is littered with book covers depicting beautiful teenagers in old-timey clothes looking mysterious. Other publishers, trying to pique interest but not wanting to pay models or artists, just slap the title and author on a sparsely decorated cover, usually with something like an beautiful apple or an old picturesque tree taking up the background.

“Shiver” is about a Minnesota girl named Grace who watches, with a devotion bordering on obsession, the wolves that

live just beyond the safe boundaries of her backyard. “Safe” probably isn't the best word though, considering those wolves dragged her from her tire swing when she was 10 and nearly killed her. But there's one wolf that saved her, the one with yellow eyes, and she's always felt drawn to him.

No spoiler, guys, this one is easy to tell from the book jacket's summary: The yellow-eyed wolf is really Sam, an 18-year-old boy who spends his summers as a human and his winters as a wolf. The other ones in his pack are the same, going about their compromised human lives when the temperatures stay balmy but inevitably turning into wolves when the leaves start falling.

Here's the catch, though — eventually they completely stop transforming back in the spring, and they just become wolves forever. Stiefvater tracks the countdown not through time but temperatures — every chapter starts with the degrees Fahrenheit.

“Shiver” has been billed as “Twilight” but with just the werewolves! It's an apt comparison and a good hook to draw in fans of Stephenie Meyer's books and the blockbuster film

adaptations.

But the “Twilight” comparisons start to grate when every other young adult book released these days is a supernatural romance involving a dull, ordinary human girl and a painfully beautiful, deeply tortured supernatural boy (often with yellow eyes, to boot). It's as if every one of these authors drew up a Mad Libs based on Meyer's books and just inserted random mythical beasts in place of ‘vampire.’

Thankfully, Stiefvater's book resembles “Twilight” only in the briefest of book jacket summaries. This is because “Shiver” shows evidence of careful and controlled writing, much better than what's on display in Meyer's creations. To be fair, this is a pretty standard assessment for about every other book ever written.

Ostensibly, first-person narration is easier to spit out but harder to control. Some young adult authors, perhaps in an attempt to create relatable characters, end up with a stream-of-consciousness novel with lots of reflection but no plot. But Stiefvater succeeds in this department, especially refreshing since she has not one, but two characters doing first-person narration. The chap-

ters roughly alternate between Sam and Grace's perspectives, which lets on just enough but not too much about the characters and the plot. It all ties up neatly at the end, although Stiefvater has announced a sequel due in summer 2010 to be titled “Linger.”

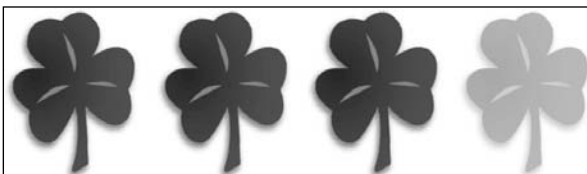
“Shiver” has a lyrical simplicity more akin to books like “The Giver” or possibly early Robin McKinley. Through careful yet evocative prose, Stiefvater creates mystery, her plot tightly bound even as there is room to linger on character moments. There are no histrionics here, but Grace and Sam are still wonderful characters with flaws. Stiefvater is able to convey the dynamics of a true teen romance, albeit one with a supernatural conflict.

The incessant suspense (Is it too cold now? What about now?) definitely makes “Shiver” a page-turner, although sometimes the logistics of Stiefvater's werewolves bend too conveniently to fit the needs of the plot. Nevertheless, this quick, entertaining read is well crafted. It's a smart and “pretty” book that hauls in the emotional investment.

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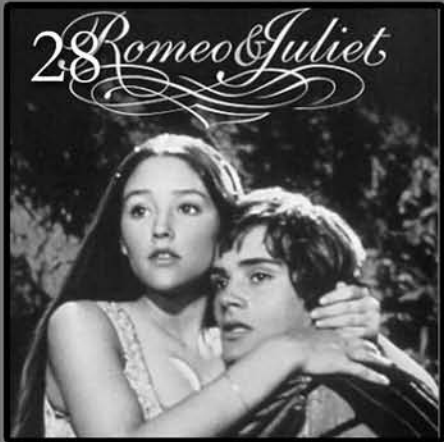
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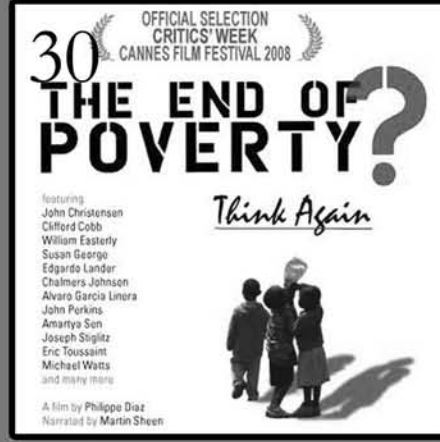
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'Romeo and Juliet' @ Washington Hall, 7:30 p.m.

The Actors from the London Stage present "Romeo and Juliet" this Thursday and Friday at Washington Hall. The troupe will portray the timeless story of two star-crossed lovers from feuding families in Verona but with an added challenge. Each production by the Actors is directed and performed by five individuals, all playing several major and minor roles in the play. For any unfamiliar with the play, as well as those very familiar, this is an excellent opportunity to see world-class actors perform a staple of British theater and literature. Tickets are only \$12 for students and can be purchased online.

The Antlers @ Legends, 10 p.m.

The Antlers, set to perform at Legends on Friday night, have become a well-known name on the indie music scene within the last year or so. Originally the solo project of front man Peter Silberman, he decided to round out his sound with the addition of Michael Lerner on percussion and Darby Cicci on keyboards, among other things. The result was the formation of a mellow cool sound mixing acoustic guitar, smooth vocals and steady though subtle beats. They Antlers released their first full-length album as a band, "Hospice," in 2009, and it quickly earned a place on several "Album of the Year" lists.

'End of Poverty?' @ DPAC, 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.

"End of Poverty?," released in 2009, is a thought-provoking and challenging documentary by filmmaker Philippe Diaz which dares to ask the tough questions regarding the plague of poverty which sweeps our planet. It points out the history of exploitation and colonization, which has resulted in a perpetual cycle of abuse between the richest and poorest countries in our world. It begs for an answer to the apparently unbalanced utilization of the world's resources and the never-ending struggle of developing countries just to feed their citizens. Especially relevant in the wake of the earthquake in Haiti, this documentary is certain to challenge the preconceived notions we all have regarding poverty.

'Touch of Evil' @ DPAC, 3 p.m.

Starring Charlton Heston and Orson Welles, "Touch of Evil" is the thrilling tale of a police officer (Heston) on his honeymoon, who is dragged into an investigation regarding a mysterious car explosion right along the Mexican/American border. The car, originating in Mexico, drove into the United States before exploding due to a car bomb. Heston's character, Mike Vargas, is asked to help in the investigation but quickly comes to find that he and the local police chief (Welles) butt heads. "Touch of Evil" is both a cinematic masterpiece and an intriguing mystery that is sure to entertain. Tickets are \$6 for the general public, \$5 for staff, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for students.

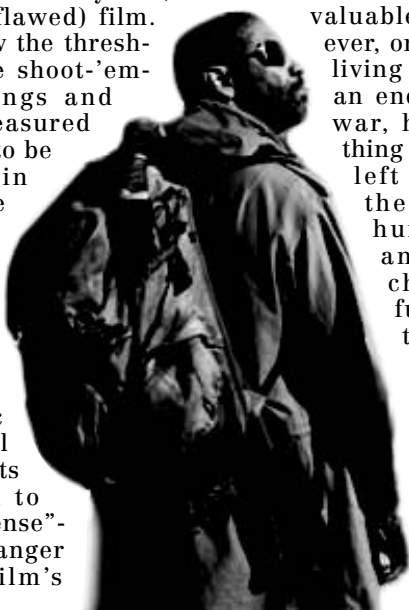
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As the opening credits of "The Book of Eli" ran across the screen, I thought about how I'd probably be sorry in another two hours that I had taken the time to see what would probably be a predictable, pretentious and altogether forgettable film.

It just so happens that not only is "The Book of Eli" a watchable film, but dare I say, and yes I most certainly will, a good (albeit flawed) film. Both right below the threshold level on the shoot-'em-up side of things and intelligently measured in its effort not to be too preachy in pushing the word, or importance of Christianity on the human consciousness, this Denzel Washington-helmed dystopic tale is an overall success due to its style, and add to that a "Sixth Sense"-esque game changer towards the film's end.



Washington plays Eli, a blade-wielding wanderer heading West in post-apocalyptic America,

where the human condition has gone to die and all that's left are those who scavenge for valuables amongst the rubble and those who'll kill them to take those valuables. Eli, however, one of the only living survivors of an end-all nuclear war, has the only thing of real value left on Earth — the key to human hope and the only chance at a future; something that he's been carrying with him for 30 years. It's his faith, blind as everyone else except perhaps the

film's villain, Carnegie (Gary Oldman) perceive it to be, that guide him on an unnamed mission

Washington is a sight to behold in post-apocalyptic thriller

Washington West to prove not only the key to his destiny but the key to everyone else's. Caught in the crosshairs between those hungry for power and those hungry for valuables that in this day and age we take for granted, Eli treks on with the only worthwhile purpose still left in man. Only death surrounds him, and on the road, really the only way out West, danger lurks in every which way.

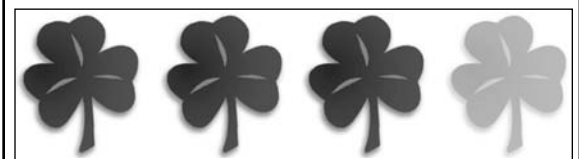
"The Book of Eli" is riddled with pitfalls — pitfalls that in large part the film manages to avoid. What seems like a piece about religion and a lone ranger, who goes about slashing everyone, meets the predictable bad guy with nothing interesting about him and a pretty girl who follows him blindly, is actually a dynamic tale that works,

regardless of one's religious convictions. Sure, the film adheres to many of the big-budget rules, and Mila Kunis is oddly cast (and this becomes increasingly more perplexing as the film closes), but good genre-bending storytelling that avoids being predictable is definitely something worthy of praise.

And speaking of predictable ... which this film is most certainly not (at least towards the end, that is), the big elephant in the room here is the dramatic "Huh?! Oh ... Actually, that makes complete sense ..." twist positioned neatly right at the end of the film or, more appropriately, right where the film loses its built-up gusto and then runs a bit overlong. The film begs to be seen again because, like "The Sixth Sense," it's screaming out at you the entire time, but you're blind to it until, like a sudden

'The Book of Eli'

Directed by: Albert Hughes
Starring: Denzel Washington, Gary Oldman, Mila Kunis, Ray Stevenson, Jennifer Beals, Frances de la Tour, Michael Gambon, Tom Waits



whirlwind, it hits you and makes you fall back into your seat, only to realize that it's been staring at you the entire time.

Go see it and chances are that you'll want to see it again. Not because "The Book of Eli" is an exercise in film genius, or because Denzel Washington, as well measured as he is, is Oscar worthy, but because of the intrigue in knowing but not being able to recognize what's there all along, and the curiosity that follows. Therein lies the real success to what should pleasantly surprise quite a few filmgoers.

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MLB

Dawson to enter Hall of Fame as Expo, not Cub

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Andre Dawson will be inducted into the Hall of Fame as a Montreal Expo, despite his preference to go in as a Chicago Cub.

The Hall announced its decision Wednesday. Dawson told WMVP-AM in Chicago

that he thought Hall officials would discuss the issue with him in detail before the decision was made. He said he wanted a chance to tell them “what really catapulted me to Hall of

Fame status and pretty much what my preference was but I think their decision had been made. It was a little gut-wrenching for me to hear that but it's their decision.”

“I'm disappointed,” Dawson told the ESPN Radio affiliate. “I can proudly say that because Chicago was my preference.”

Dawson's official statement issued by the hall was more circumspect.

“I respect the Hall of Fame's decision to put an Expos logo on my cap, and I understand their responsibility to make sure the logo represents the greatest impact in my career,” Dawson said in Wednesday's statement. “Cubs fans will always be incredibly important in my heart, and I owe them so much for making my time in Chicago memorable, as did the fans in Montreal,

Boston and South Florida, my home. But knowing that I'm on the Hall of Fame team is what's most important, as it is the highest honor I could imagine.”

The induction ceremony in Cooperstown, N.Y., is July 25.

Dawson played his first 11 seasons with Montreal, batting .285 with 225 home runs and 838 RBIs. He was named an All-Star three times and won the National League Rookie of the Year Award in 1977. He played six seasons with

the Cubs, where he won the 1987 NL MVP award after batting .287 with 49 home runs and 137 RBIs. He also played two years each for Boston and Florida before retiring in 1996.

Dawson told WMVP he thought he “would have a little bit more input or I would carry or merit some sort of weight” as to whether he would go into the Hall as a Cub or Expo.

“It was to my understanding they would make the determination at the consent of sitting down and discussing it with you prior to making the determination and I just thought it would carry a little bit more weight than it did,” he said.

Earlier this month, Hall president Jeff Idelson said “you want the logo to represent where this guy made his greatest impact. He was

“I'm dissapointed. I can proudly say that because Chicago was my preference.”

Andre Dawson
Hall of Fame inductee

“You want the logo to represent where this guy made his greatest impact.”

Jeff Idelson
Hall president



Andre Dawson played with the Cubs from 1987 to 1992, winning the NL MVP award in his first season in Chicago. The Hall of Fame announced Wednesday that he will be inducted as a Montreal Expo.

impactful in Montreal. He was impactful in Chicago, and to a much lesser extent Boston and Florida, but it's more of a case sitting down and collectively make a decision.”

The Hall noted that Dawson had 1,575 of his 2,774 hits as an Expo, won six of his eight Gold Glove awards in Montreal and led the Expos to their only postseason series win with a five-game victory over the Phillies in 1981. Idelson also said it's the museum's responsibility to “properly interpret the game's history.”

“Every Hall of Fame plaque

lists all of the teams where an electee played or managed,” he said. “Fans of ‘The Hawk’ in every city in which he played should claim Andre as one of their own.”

The Expos franchise, which played its first season in 1969, became the Washington Nationals before the 2005 season. Asked if he believed the hall wanted to preserve Expos history, Dawson said: “The hall clearly stated their major concern was the history of the game.”

In 1999, there was a stir caused by reports that Tampa Bay would compensate the newly retired Wade Boggs if

his Hall of Fame plaque bore a Devil Rays logo.

Boggs denied it, but the hall two years later revoked the right of a player to choose the logo on the cap on his plaque. Boggs was inducted in 2005 and his plaque sports a Boston Red Sox logo.

Dawson is the only player for 2010 to receive at least 75 percent of the vote to be inducted into the hall. He will be inducted along with manager Whitey Herzog and umpire Doug Harvey. Herzog's plaque will feature a St. Louis Cardinals logo, and the Royals, Rangers and Angels will all be listed.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Davydenko falls in 4 sets, Federer advances to semifinals

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — The only three men to beat Roger Federer in the last 19 majors were already out of the Australian Open, leaving the Swiss star with a new threat to face.

Nikolay Davydenko's 13-match winning streak was the hottest on the tour and included two wins over Federer during title runs at the season-ending championships in November

and the season-opening event at Doha earlier this month.

The Russian unloaded everything he had on Federer for a set and a half Wednesday and was suddenly in uncharted territory at a Grand Slam tournament.

That's when a bit of gamesmanship and a lot of big-match experience helped Federer switch gears and win 13 straight games en route to a 2-6, 6-3, 6-0, 7-5 victory that sent Davydenko packing to join

Federer's former Grand Slam conquerors: No. 2-ranked Rafael Nadal, No. 3-ranked Novak Djokovic, and No. 4-ranked Juan Martin del Potro.

“Winning that many games in a row against a player that's been on fire like this, it's a great sign,” Federer said.

The win stretched his record to a 23rd consecutive Grand Slam semifinal appearance, something he rated as “definitely one of the most incredible things I have in my

resume.”

Before Federer, Ivan Lendl and Rod Laver shared the record at 10.

“It's incredible looking back on how many years that is now, you know, I'm able to deliver at Grand Slam play, especially this year,” he said. “Looking at the draw with (former No. 1-ranked Lleyton) Hewitt in the fourth round and Davydenko in the quarters, who has been on fire the last weeks and even today, you know, we saw big

signs of it.

“So for some reason I was just a bit worried I was not going to make it this time in the semis. Now obviously that it's safe again and I've been able to add one. It's amazing.”

Besides his incredible run of Grand Slam semifinals that began at Wimbledon in 2004, Federer boasts three Australian Open wins among his record 15 major titles and 50 wins or more at three of the four biggest tournaments in tennis.

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Frank: Yea, I'm cool either way. I just have to run it by Marissa. [Mitch and Beanie give him a weird look]
Frank: I'm messing with you guys. Beanie: Not funny. Not funny. And now the baby is upset.

Danny: That's cool baby, you know how it is, rockin' and rollin' and what not.
Sandy: Danny?
Danny: That's my name, don't wear it out.
Sandy: What's the matter with you?
Danny: What's the matter with me, baby, what's the matter with you?
Sandy: What happened to the Danny Zuko I met at the beach?
Danny: Well I do not know. Maybe there's two of us. Why don't you take out a missing person's ad?

Luke: No, my father didn't fight in the Clone Wars. He was a navigator on a spice freighter.
Obi-Wan: That's what your uncle told you. He didn't hold with your father's ideals; he felt he should've stayed here and not gotten involved.
Luke: You fought in the Clone Wars?
Obi-Wan: Yes. I was once a Jedi knight, the same as your father.
Luke: I wish I'd known him.

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NHL



Former NHL star Theo Fleury waited until his career was over before coming forward with allegations of sexual abuse against his former coach, Graham James. It is the third allegation against James by a former player.

Fleury says he had to wait to reveal sex abuse

Associated Press

TORONTO — Theo Fleury says he waited until he was strong enough mentally before going to police to file a sexual assault complaint against Graham James.

The former NHL star revealed on his website two weeks ago that he had made the complaint against his former junior hockey coach.

Winnipeg police are now investigating the allegations of sexual abuse contained in Fleury's recent autobiography "Playing With Fire."

"That was just the process," Fleury said Wednesday in his first public comments since issuing his statement. "I don't do

anything that's not well thought-out, but I'm out of it now. I've filed my complaint and the police are doing what they have to do and I support them, they were excellent in the interview process."

No charges have been filed yet but Fleury said Winnipeg police keep him updated on the status of their investigation. He says he has no information on James' current whereabouts.

James has not responded publicly to Fleury's allegations.

The former coach pleaded guilty in 1997 to repeatedly sexually assaulting two teenage players between 1984 and 1995. He was

arrested after Sheldon Kennedy came forward with allegations of abuse while playing for him in junior.

Convicted of abusing Kennedy and one other unidentified player, James was convicted and sentenced to three-and-a-half years in jail.

Fleury says he wasn't prepared to come forward and testify in court then, but is now.

"I've done the work," he said. "I'm sure that there's a lot of people out there that would have thought I might have gone off the deep end going through this process, having to dredge up all these things, but I can tell you I did the

work before and that's the reason why I didn't jump on the Sheldon Kennedy bandwagon, because I just wasn't ready and it wouldn't have been effective."

Fleury says he's working with a Canadian and American group on ways to improve education about sexual assault and create more resources for victims.

Another reason he came forward was to help remove the stigma from victims.

"The e-mails that I receive on a daily basis would blow your minds about people who have had similar experiences, don't know where to start, have been to therapy for 10 years and have no relief," said Fleury.

IN BRIEF

AP Source: Yankees, Winn reach \$2 million deal

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees and free agent outfielder Randy Winn agreed Wednesday to a \$2 million, one-year contract, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press.

The agreement, which all but eliminates any chance Johnny Damon has of returning to the World Series champions, is subject to a physical that is scheduled for Thursday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because a final agreement was not in place.

Winn hit .262 with two homers and 51 RBIs for the San Francisco Giants, but his on-base percentage was just .318. The 35-year-old was an All-Star in 2002, when he batted .298 with 14 homers and 75 RBIs for Tampa Bay.

New York figures to start Curtis Granderson in center field and Nick Swisher in right, with Winn and Brett Gardner sharing time in left.

Browns add new vice president, assistant coach

CLEVELAND — Browns president Mike Holmgren returned to his NFL roots and hired Mark Schiefelbein away from Green Bay. Schiefelbein was named Cleveland's new vice president of football operations.

Schiefelbein spent 18 years with the Packers, where he first met Holmgren. Schiefelbein served most recently as Green Bay's director of football administration/communications. He will report to Bryan Wiedmeier, recently hired by Holmgren as Cleveland's vice president of business operations.

Schiefelbein began as a public relations intern with Green Bay in 1989, three years before Holmgren took over as Packers coach.

The Browns also hired Kent Johnston as their head strength and conditioning coach. Johnson had been out of football four years after he had spent two years at Alabama.

New Hornung Award to go to most versatile player

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Starting this year, the Paul Hornung Award will honor the nation's most versatile college football player.

The Louisville Sports Commission announced Wednesday the creation of the new award, named after the 1956 Heisman Trophy winner from Notre Dame.

Hornung played quarterback, defensive back and kicked for the Fighting Irish. During his Heisman-winning senior season he led Notre Dame in passing, rushing, scoring, kickoff returns, field goals and points after touchdowns.

He went on to a Hall of Fame career as a running back with the Green Bay Packers.

The winner will be picked by a selection committee of 12-16 former players and media members, including former New York Giants quarterback Phil Simms.

NFL

Cardinals' Warner to make announcement Friday

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Arizona Cardinals quarterback Kurt Warner will hold a news conference Friday to announce whether he will retire from the game, his agent said.

Mark Bartelstein, in a telephone interview on Wednesday, said the announcement will be made at the Cardinals training facility in Tempe. Bartelstein declined to reveal Warner's decision.

The 38-year-old quarterback, who has led two franchises to the Super Bowl and one to the NFL title, has strongly considered retirement in the wake of a season that saw him miss a game with a concussion. He led the Cardinals to an 11-7 season, including a wild playoff victory over Green Bay, one year after directing Arizona on a stunning run to the Super Bowl.

The Cardinals were eliminated 11 days ago in the divisional round by New Orleans.

Warner has one year, worth about \$11.5 million, on the two-year contract he signed before last season. But the day after Arizona was eliminated in 45-14 loss to the Saints, he said money would not be a significant factor in his decision.

"I don't want to come back just to get the paycheck or just because I've signed that contract if I can't do everything that I would want to do or if I'm not willing to do everything that I've done in the past," Warner said at the time. "That's the bot-

tom line."

He said that although he loves the games themselves, it's the long hours of physical and mental preparation that wear on him.

"The farther I've gotten into this, the more and more I demand of myself, that's physically, staying in shape because I'm older, that's mentally in preparing and putting in work and time to try to help put this thing together the way that I want it put together," Warner said. "All that stuff gets more and more a burden every year."

If Warner decides to step away, it will be the end of a remarkable story of rags to riches to rags then riches again. After toiling in the Arena Football League and NFL Europe, with a stint stocking grocery shelves, Warner was 28 when injuries to others made him the starting quarterback for the St. Louis Rams.

What followed was a magical season that ended with the Rams NFL champions and Warner the league and Super Bowl MVP. He got the "Greatest Show on Turf" back to the Super Bowl two years later, where the Rams lost to New England.

But after an injury-plagued 2002 season, he was sacked six times and suffered a concussion in a 2003 season-opening loss to the New York Giants. He never started for St. Louis again.

He signed a free agent contract with the Giants for 2004,

but was replaced by rookie Eli Manning after nine games. Warner came to the Cardinals in 2005 and was an off-and-on starter before replacing the injured Matt Leinart part way through the 2007 season.

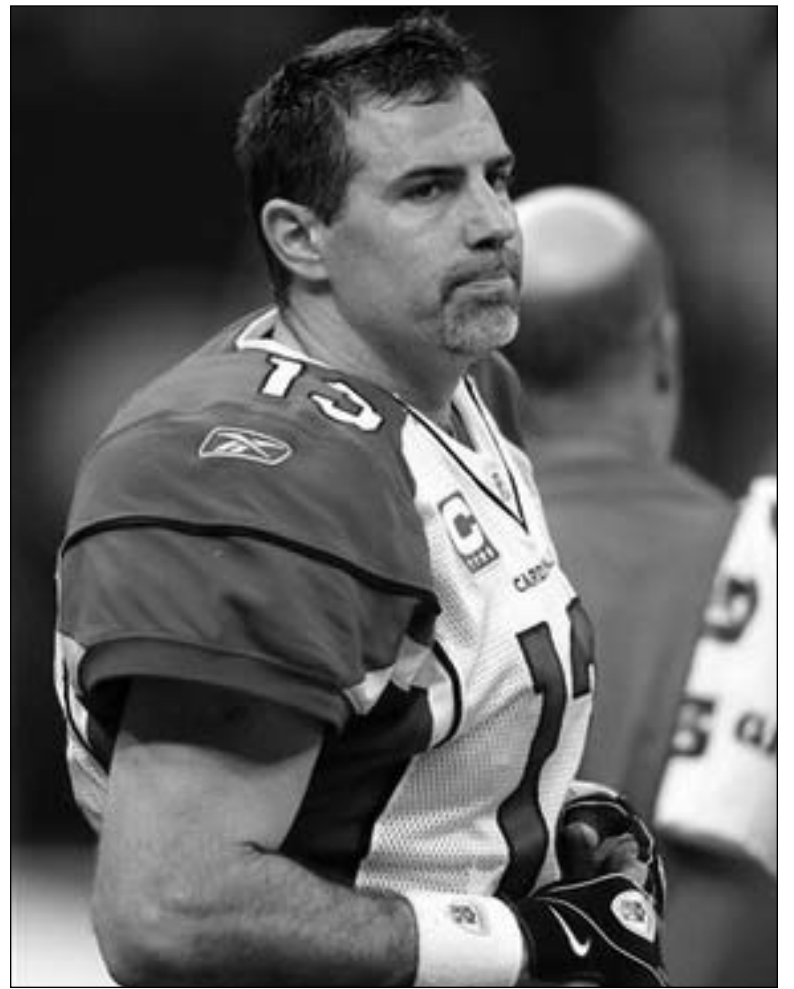
Warner had to beat out Leinart the following spring, then led the Cardinals to the NFC West crown and playoff victories over Atlanta, Carolina and Philadelphia before the narrow loss to Pittsburgh in last year's Super Bowl.

Warner has 32,344 career passing yards in the regular season in 12 NFL seasons. His playoff statistics are even more impressive.

He has compiled a 9-4 record, and his performance in the 51-45 overtime wild card victory over Green Bay was nearly perfect. Warner had more touchdown passes — five — than incompletions — four, going 29 for 33 for 379 yards in the highest-scoring game in NFL history.

He and his wife Brenda have seven children. The couple operate the First Things First Christian charitable foundation. Last year, he was named the NFL's Man of the Year for his off-the-field and onfield accomplishments.

Warner's departure would leave Leinart the presumed replacement. The former Heisman Trophy winner has started 17 games for Arizona but only one in the last two years. He has been erratic in his few chances as Warner's backup.



Arizona quarterback Kurt Warner led the Cardinals to the NFC Divisional Playoffs this year. He is currently considering retirement.

"I do realize there's a good chance that he's going to retire and my opportunity might finally come, so we'll see," Leinart said as he cleaned out his lock-

er 10 days ago. "But I'm just going to prepare like I did this offseason, probably work even harder, and we'll see what happens."

NFL

Jaguars fire defensive line coach Monachino

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Jacksonville Jaguars have fired defensive line coach Ted Monachino and replaced him with Joe Cullen.

Monachino, who had been with the team the last four seasons, essentially became the scapegoat for a defense that ranked last in the NFL in sacks. The Jaguars finished with a franchise-low 14 sacks in 2009 and got picked apart by experienced quarterbacks.

Cullen takes over a line that includes former first-round draft pick Derrick Harvey and second-rounder Quentin Groves, both of whom struggled in their first two seasons.

Cullen coached at Idaho State last season after spending the previous three years with the Detroit Lions. His NFL tenure was marred by two arrests in a week in 2006.

Cullen was charged with indecent and obscene conduct after going through a fast-food restaurant's drive-through lane naked. He was charged with DUI a week later. He was suspended for a game and fined \$20,000 by the league.

Jaguars owner Wayne Weaver, who vowed last year to avoid players with questionable character and off-field problems, backed the

hiring after communicating with NFL commissioner Roger Goodell.

Goodell said Cullen, a recovering alcoholic who has been sober for three and a half years, has done enough to deserve a second chance.

"Joe paid a heavy price, and rightly so," Goodell wrote in a letter to Weaver. "But to his credit, throughout this process he has always accepted responsibility and has willingly embraced the result as an opportunity to become a better person and role model. Not only has he fully complied with the obligations that were imposed on him, but he has undertaken several others on his own."

Cullen coached at Richmond, LSU, Memphis, Indiana, and Illinois before moving to the NFL. It was unclear whether Cullen will be in the league's substance-abuse program.

"Having had the benefit of several conversations with him as well as reports from a number of sources, I think he is an example of our primary objective under the policy — to provide assistance and support that ultimately rebuild reputations and extend careers," Goodell wrote. "I have little doubt that he will continue to progress and will represent the Jaguars in a positive manner."



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MLB

Uecker case closed by court

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — A Wisconsin appeals court on Wednesday rejected a defamation lawsuit filed against the Milwaukee Brewers and the team's radio announcer Bob Uecker.

The District 2 Court of Appeals dismissed the lawsuit filed by Ann Ladd of Prospect Heights, Ill., who claims she has been unfairly portrayed as Uecker's stalker. In so doing, the court adopted a new legal standard in Wisconsin that will limit lawsuits over allegedly defamatory communications.

Uecker alleged in 2006 that Ladd had harassed and stalked him for years. He said she repeatedly sought his autograph, sent him unwanted gifts and appeared at ballparks to see him and even one hotel where he was staying for a road series.

FILE - In this July 7, 2003 photo, Milwaukee Brewers' radio announcer Bob Uecker works during a baseball game between the Brewers and the Pittsburgh Pirates at Miller Park in Milwaukee. A Wisconsin appeals court on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2010, rejected a defamation lawsuit filed against the Brewers and Uecker. The lawsuit filed by Ann Ladd of Prospect Heights, Ill., claims she has been unfairly portrayed as Uecker's stalker. Last month, a separate Wisconsin appeals court upheld the restraining order against Ladd. She argued that preventing her from attending Brewers games violated her constitutional right to travel, but the court disagreed.

Ladd was charged with felony

stalking, but the case was dropped after a court commissioner granted a four-year restraining order requiring her to not contact him or attend games where he is working.

Ladd sued in 2008 alleging she was defamed by Uecker's legal affidavit spelling out the stalking allegations and its publication on a Web site called The Smoking Gun, among other things. She has contended her behavior never rose to the level of criminal stalking, and the "stalker" label has damaged her reputation.

The Brewers and Uecker argued the case must be dismissed because Ladd waited past the two-year statute of limitations before she sued. She responded that, because the statements were still widely available on the Internet, the information is republished each time someone visits the site or others that contain them.

The three-judge appeals court rejected her argument, saying Uecker and the Brewers have no control over information once its on the Internet.

"We reject the notion that each 'hit' or viewing of the information should be considered a new publication that retriggers the statute of limitations," Judge Harry G. Snyder wrote for the panel, which did not consider the merits of Ladd's claims.

With the ruling, the court adopted the "single-publication rule" that says people can sue for defamation only over an original publication but not each time something is republished. In other words, the statute of limitations starts running when an article is pub-

lished or a statement is made and not each time they are reprinted or read.

The standard had been widely adopted across the country to govern lawsuits over traditional media publications, but never in Wisconsin, said Madison attorney Robert Dreps, who often represents news media clients. The court not only adopted the standard Wednesday but said it extended to the Internet.

"This is a wonderful decision. It's very good for the press," Dreps said. "It's surprising it's taken this long to get adopted here, but it's of good value."

Peter Fox, executive director of the Wisconsin Newspaper Association, said allowing defamation lawsuits each time an article was reprinted on the Internet would have "wreaked havoc." Because information spreads from site to site and is always available online, a statute of limitations never would have existed for defamation cases without the rule, he said.

"It would have created a nightmare," he said. "From our point of view, this is a good and timely recognition of modern technology and modern printing."

Ladd, who represented herself, did not immediately return a phone message. Neither did the attorney representing Uecker and the Brewers.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Oklahoma State mourns 10 men who died in crash

STILLWATER, Okla. — In the scrawled handwriting of a 9-year-old, Andrea Hancock expressed what so many people around Oklahoma State University were thinking Wednesday.

"I miss you daddy," read the card attached to a bouquet of a half-dozen pink roses. The flowers were set by the picture of her father, team publicist Will Hancock, at a memorial to 10 men associated with Oklahoma State's basketball program who died in a plane crash nine years ago while returning from a game in Colorado.

Wreaths and flowers covered the memorial inside the Gallagher-Iba Arena's lobby, as has been the case each Jan. 27 since the crash. One wreath had a ribbon that said "Forever Cowboys." Another read simply "Nate," in honor of player Nate Fleming.

A lot has changed at Oklahoma State since the crash — there have been two school presidents and two basketball coaches — but the university has remained true to its pledge to remember the dead. Visitors, including current players and coaches, stopped by the memorial as the Cowboys prepared to play Texas A&M.

"We like to consider ourselves a family, those of us with orange in our blood," said Jim Perry, Hancock's uncle, "and this is one of those significant family moments as far as we're concerned."

After the Colorado game, on Jan. 27, 2001, the plane had taken off from Jefferson County Airport outside Boulder. It crashed a short time later about 40 miles east of Denver, in a snow-covered pasture near the town of Strasburg.

Killed in the crash were Fleming and teammate Daniel Lawson, director of basketball operations Pat Noyes, Hancock, trainer Brian Luinstra, manager Jared Weiberg, play-by-play announcer Bill Teegins, radio engineer Kendall Durfey, and pilots Denver Mills and Bjorn Fahlstrom.

The Cowboys' game against Texas A&M will mark only the second time since the crash that they will have played on the anniversary date. As in recent years, the university was low-key in commemorating the anniversary.

At 6:37 p.m. CST, the time

the crash occurred, the university's Library Carillon tolled 10 times, as has been done each year since the crash. Those at Gallagher-Iba Arena observed a moment of silence before the game, and a few minutes later, the organizers of the annual "Remember The 10 Run" presented the race's proceeds of \$20,000 to the university's counseling services.

During the presentation, Eddie Sutton, the Cowboys' coach at the time of the crash, appeared on the court that bears his name and received a loud ovation.

"I do think it's inspiring the way the [Oklahoma State] family pulls together to support the families of those we lost."

**Burns Hargis
Oklahoma State President**

University officials, including David Bosserman, the vice president for administration, visited a memorial near the crash site in Colorado and laid a wreath there, as they have done each anniversary. They were joined by Colorado emergency workers who responded to the crash in 2001.

Oklahoma State President Burns Hargis, an alumnus of the school, said this time of year remains difficult for the university.

"But I do think it's inspiring the way the (Oklahoma State) family pulls together to support the families of those that we lost," Hargis said.

Oklahoma State coach Travis Ford was in his first season as Eastern Kentucky's coach in 2001 when he heard of the crash. He said he has gotten to know family members of the victims — and he knows he's now a caretaker of a key part of the basketball program's legacy.

"It was a devastating event," he said. "They're always going to be front and center stage here. They meant so much to so many people."

Inside Gallagher-Iba Arena, a banner listing the crash victims, the crash date and the phrase "We Remember" hangs from the rafters. The Cowboys, coming off a huge win at then-No. 10 Kansas State, expected a huge crowd Wednesday — one that included Perry, who has season tickets.

"I'll look up there and see my nephew's name on that banner and I'm going to feel those vibrations," said Perry, who considers the arena "hallowed ground."

"To have Will's memorial be in hallowed ground is something I cannot put words to," he said.



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NFL

Donovan nets first goal in Premier League win

Associated Press

LIVERPOOL, England — U.S. midfielder Landon Donovan scored his first Premier League goal, helping Everton defeat Sunderland 2-0 on Wednesday night.

Donovan, on a 10-week loan from Major League Soccer's Los Angeles Galaxy, scored in the 19th minute at Goodison Park with a left-footed shot off a headed pass from Tim Cahill.

Cahill put Everton ahead with a sixth-minute header as the Toffees (7-7-8) climbed to ninth in the standings.

Donovan has signed a new contract with the Galaxy through 2013 and is scheduled to rejoin the team for its March 27 league opener, but a MLS work stoppage could start next week and prompt Donovan to try to extend the loan.

"The games he started were Arsenal and Manchester City, two of the better teams in the country, and I thought he played really well in those games," Everton manager David Moyes said. "He has not had many chances in those games but tonight he got his

first one and he was a bit unlucky not to get a second with it cleared off the line. If he can add us a goal or two, that will be great."

Also Wednesday, defending champion Manchester United overcame archrival Manchester City to reach the League Cup final, but was overtaken by Chelsea for the Premier League lead.

Wayne Rooney's 21st goal of the season in stoppage time prevented the Manchester derby going into extra time, and clinched a 3-1 victory at Old Trafford to send United through 4-3 on aggregate.

In London, Frank Lampard scored twice as Chelsea cruised to a 3-0 victory over Birmingham to go a point ahead of United in the title race.

Arsenal was a further point adrift in third after being held to 0-0 at seventh-place Villa, which moved four points clear of crosstown rival Birmingham.

Blackburn continued its rise up the standings, with a 2-1 victory over Wigan putting the team seven points clear of the relegation zone in 11th.



U.S. soccer star Landon Donovan (10) scored his first goal in the Premier League Wednesday night during a 2-0 Everton victory. Donovan is on a 10-week loan from the Los Angeles Galaxy.

NFL

Senior Bowl gives Alabama stars one more game to impress

Associated Press

MOBILE, Ala. — Terrence Cody is a mountainous nose tackle who weighs nearly twice as much as cornerback Javier Arenas.

Despite their vastly different statures, the two former Alabama All-Americans both are trying to prove they size up as strong NFL prospects during preparations for Saturday's Senior Bowl.

The 6-foot-5 Cody weighed in at a jiggly 370 pounds before a crowd of NFL scouts, coaches and executives on Monday while Arenas measured in at 5-8 and 195 pounds.

Crimson Tide coach Nick Saban got a big hug from Mount Cody after Monday's initial practice, but his first question was the same that many had wondered leading up to the week: "Why don't you just tell me what you weighed in at?"

"I weighed in at 310," Cody said, grinning. Once approaching 400 pounds in junior college, Cody was listed at 354 during the season. He often came out of the game on third downs and passing situations in his two seasons with the Crimson Tide, making stamina a question mark.

"Everybody here was asking how much Cody weighs," Saban said. "I said, 'Wait until he turns around and I can see him from the front, I'll give you a pretty good guesstimate.' I said 368, so I missed him by two pounds."

There was no questioning his ability to stop the run and keep two blockers occupied, his primary tasks. Cody was a first-team AP All-American both years at Alabama.

Both Cody and Arenas were two of the top players during the Tide's national championship run last season.

For Cody, the weighty question coming from NFL teams

centers around his ability to effectively play more snaps.

The laid-back Cody, who patiently fields constant weight questions from reporters and NFL types, said he "really didn't look like I was heavy when I was out here running around" in practice. He said he spent only a week at his pre-draft signing class after the Tide won the national championship game in Pasadena, Calif., on Jan. 7.

"I'm going to work harder and start getting back on my diet and stuff, and just do what I've gotta do," Cody said. "I'm going to get my weight down, and when I get to the combine

I'm going to be where I want to be."

NFL Network analyst Mike Mayock believes Cody is a first-round talent for teams seeking potential stars in the middle.

"However, because he's so big and there's been these weight questions off the field, I'm not sure he's going to sneak into the first round," Mayock said.

The lingering questions for NFL teams, he said: "How many snaps are you going to get out of Cody? And are they going to be high-level snaps?"

Conditioning isn't an issue for the chiseled Arenas, who bench presses 425 pounds and finished his career 10 yards shy of

the NCAA record for career punt return yards while starting in the secondary.

It's a double duty that both Saban and Mayock say adds to Arenas' draft value.

Arenas isn't concerned about size questions or the pressure of practicing in front of so many potential employers.

"I just go hard and play," he said. "This is what I do. Just go out there and play like I always played."

Saban says Arenas, a lightly recruited player signed by Alabama largely because of his return skills, could even hold down another NFL role: Part-time offensive player.

"You've got a guy who can play corner. He'll be a great nickel guy for you, which is where he was fantastic for us and be the kind of return player he is; and probably be a guy that you could use on offense a little bit, which is something we should have entertained more," Saban said. "He's got a lot of ability and can contribute to the team in a lot of ways."

Arenas had two interceptions in the BCS championship game and five on the season, along with five sacks.

Cody thinks his more diminutive teammate has proven size won't be much of an obstacle on the field.

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NHL

Red Wings fall to Wild

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Antti Miettinen got Minnesota going with a pair of first-period goals, and Detroit's defense fell apart down the stretch in the Wild's 5-2 victory over the Red Wings on Wednesday night.

Josh Harding made the early scores hold up with 26 saves for Minnesota, which improved to 6-0-1 in its last seven home games. Detroit's 4-3 shootout victory last week is the only blemish.

Miettinen, who has 15 goals this season, had his third two-goal game in his last seven games.

Pavel Datsyuk had two goals in the first period himself for the Red Wings, who have found themselves in a real fight for a playoff spot for the first time in years.

They began the day in eighth place in the Western Conference, with the Wild now three points behind them.

The Wild were up 3-2 less than 18 minutes into the game and still had that lead early in the third period when the Red Wings started a power play.

Dan Cleary's high-stick penalty ended the advantage after 44 seconds, and Eric Belanger deked Todd Bertuzzi on his way to feed Guillaume Latendresse for the 4-on-4 goal.

Then with 13 seconds remaining on the Wild power play,



Minnesota center Eric Belanger, left, puts Detroit defenseman Derek Meech in a headlock during the Wild's 5-2 win Wednesday.

Martin Havlat sneaked a bad-angle shot past goalie Chris Osgood to give the home team a three-score lead. Osgood is 1-6 in seven starts since Nov. 7, losing three straight while giving up 11 goals. Osgood made only 20 saves in this game.

Jimmy Howard was in goal for Detroit the night before in Phoenix, when the Coyotes scored twice in the final 2 minutes to tie it and then won in a shootout.

The Red Wings, beset by injuries this season and looking to their younger players for production more than usual as they try to stay in the Western Conference playoff chase, have

had trouble finding a finishing touch.

This time, the lapse came early and late. The Wild managed only six on-target shots in the first period, but three of them went in.

Andrew Brunette set up Miettinen on the first two, feeding his linemate from the goal line for a power-play snap shot and then muscling the puck out from behind the net as he does best to set Miettinen up for a bad-angle try that slid past Osgood.

Datsyuk answered for Detroit both times, in less than 2 minutes following the first goal and in 27 seconds after the next one.

NBA

Nets avoid worst ever 44-game start with win

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Kris Humphries scored a career-high 25 points and the New Jersey Nets avoided the worst 44-game start in NBA history with a 103-87 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers on Wednesday night.

The Nets (4-40) were tied with the 1993-94 Dallas Mavericks (3-40) for the NBA's worst record after 43 games and all they had to do was lose another to secure another mark in this miserable season that opened with a league-record 18 straight losses.

It didn't happen although the Nets managed to blow a 16-point first-half lead in the third quarter before winning for the first time in 2010.

Brook Lopez added 19 points and nine rebounds and Keyon Dooling had 10 of 18 points in the fourth quarter for New Jersey, which snapped an 11-game losing streak, their third double-digit losing skid of the season.

Chris Kaman had 24 points and 11 rebounds for the Clippers. Craig Smith added 18 points and eight rebounds.

Nets public address announcer Gary Sussman entertained the crowd of 9,220 with "Nets WIN! Nets WIN!" seconds after the final buzzer and the Izod Arena speakers blared "Celebrate."

And the Nets did it without their starting backcourt. Devin Harris (sprained wrist)

and Courtney Lee (oral surgery) both sat out.

The key for the Nets was coming back after the Clippers rallied to tie the game early in the third quarter at 53.

Instead of folding, New Jersey countered with a 14-4 spurt that featured nine points by Humphries, who was 10 of 14 from the field in eclipsing his previous career best of 21 points.

New Jersey led 71-64 entering the fourth quarter and they never let the Clippers get closer than 73-70 on a 3-pointer by Rasual Butler (14 points).

Lopez hit a long 2-point set shot and Humphries drove the lane for a dunk for a 77-70 lead.

The margin was 79-74 when Dooling sandwiched a drive and a jumper around a steal and two free throws by Jarvis Hayes for an 85-74 lead and Los Angeles never threatened.

Humphries and Chris Quinn, who were acquired in trades last month, helped the Nets build a 16-point second quarter lead, combining for 14 points in a 20-8 run. Humphries had eight and Quinn nailed two 3-pointers.

The Clippers, who looked sluggish most of the first half, cut New Jersey's lead to 51-41 at the half and then opened the third quarter with a 12-2 spurt, tying the game when Kaman hit the first of two free throws.

The Nets then responded.

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Vandy upsets Vols

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Jermaine Beal scored 25 points and No. 21 Vanderbilt won its 10th straight game with an 85-76 victory over No. 14 Tennessee on Wednesday night.

It was the first win for the Commodores (16-3, 5-0 Southeastern Conference) in Knoxville in five tries, and Tennessee's first loss at home this season. Vandy is off to its best start in the SEC since 1966 and has grabbed control of the league's Eastern Division.

The teams traded the lead until a 3-pointer by Brad Tinsley with 8:42 left put Vanderbilt up 59-56, a lead it did not relinquish.

Beal hit a layup and two 3s in less than a minute to give Vanderbilt control with a 74-60 cushion with 4:58 remaining.

J.P. Prince led Tennessee (15-4, 3-2) with 22 points, and Wayne Chism grabbed 16 rebounds. Scotty Hopson scored 14, while Bobby Maze added 12.

The longtime state rivals were physical with each other, and the referees made sure to call every reach in or push they saw.

The teams were tied at 39 when Vanderbilt's Andre Walker tangled with Prince under the Volunteers' basket. Walker was tagged with a foul for elbowing Prince, but both earned a techni-

cal for the words they exchanged.

Prince followed up his technical with a 3-pointer and an alley-oop dunk off a pass from Maze with 15:31 left, but was called for a second technical for hanging on the rim too long.

Though Prince was not ejected, the constant fouls hurt Tennessee more than Vanderbilt. Hopson and Kenny Hall, one of the Vols' few post players, quickly picked up their third and fourth fouls after halftime and spent much of the second half on the bench.

And even though both teams were called for 23 fouls, Vandy was more poised at the free throw line, making 21 of 29 attempts compared to Tennessee's 14-of-24 shooting from the charity stripe.

Vanderbilt shot 50.9 percent from the floor, the 11th time this season the Commodores have hit more than half of their shots.

But it wasn't until the second half that they found their touch. A.J. Ogilvy finished with 12 after scoring two points in the first half. Jeffery Taylor, John Jenkins and Tinsley each added 10 points.

It was the first time both teams were in the Top 25 when they faced each other since 18th-ranked Vanderbilt upset No. 1 Tennessee 72-69 in Nashville on Feb. 26, 2008.

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NBA

Lakers rout Pacers, Bynum nets season high in points

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Andrew Bynum played as though he was making a final statement ahead of Thursday's All-Star reserves announcement.

The center scored a season-high 27 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to help the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Indiana Pacers 118-96 on Wednesday night.

Bynum finished second in the Western Conference voting at center with more than 980,000 votes. The fans voted Phoenix's Amare Stoudemire in as the starter.

Lakers forward Pau Gasol said Bynum should be on the team. The coaches choose the reserves.

"There are a few guys on this team, Andrew is one of them, that has All-Star caliber potential," Gasol said. "He would get my vote, absolutely. Right now, Andrew is definitely one of the top centers in the league."

Bynum scored 22 points in the first half. Kobe Bryant took over in the second half and finished with a game-high 29 points to go with nine rebounds and seven assists.

The Pacers played in front of just their fourth sellout crowd of the year, and much of it chanted M-V-P for Bryant on several occasions.

"Kobe's been in the league so long and he's accomplished so much as a player, when you reach that status as a player, you have a following," Pacers forward Danny

Granger said. "I think of it the same way Michael Jordan had, and LeBron will have."

Bryant recognized Indiana's fans.

"It just means the home team is struggling and there's a lot of Lakers fans in the building," he said. "It feels good to hear a response like that, and you definitely appreciate it."

Bryant could have done more damage, but he was content to defer to Bynum.

"He played extremely well, he was very aggressive," Bryant said. "I really liked his activity. We made a conscious effort to pound the ball inside and he reacted very well."

Gasol had 21 points and 13 rebounds and Lamar Odom added 12 points and 14 rebounds for the Lakers, who outrebounded the Pacers 62-42 and set a season rebounding high.

Roy Hibbert scored 21 points, Troy Murphy scored 18, Granger had 14 and Brandon Rush added 13 points and 11 rebounds for Indiana.

The Pacers started the 6-foot-8 Granger at power forward against Gasol and the slender Murphy at center against the 7-foot, 285-pound Bynum. Lakers coach Phil Jackson was surprised by Indiana coach Jim O'Brien's decision to go small.

"I don't know whether Jim was baiting us or not, but he started Murphy on him (Bynum)," Jackson said. "Drew is a plus-7-footer with probably 30 pounds,

40 pounds on him at least. It's almost an impossible feat for them to cover Drew."

Murphy agreed. "We went with a small lineup against a big front line. It's tough. You're going to give up things inside, and that's what happened."

Odom hit a 3-pointer at the halftime buzzer to give the Lakers a 59-56 lead. Bynum shot 10 for 12 shooting before the break.

"I got touches down low and then I went to work," Bynum said. "It built on itself. I made the first couple shots and then when I got the ball I was very comfortable."

Derek Fisher connected on a 3-point play in the first minute of the second half. Bryant hit a 3-pointer, then Gasol dunked, was fouled and converted the three-point play to give the Lakers a 10-point lead.

Another 3-pointer by Bryant was met with M-V-P chants and gave the Lakers a 76-65 edge. Los Angeles kept the pressure on and led 92-78 at the end of the quarter.

The Pacers shot just 35 percent in the fourth quarter, and the Lakers led by at least nine points the entire period.

"We played them pretty well in the first half, but we couldn't get it going and let them beat us up on the boards in the second half," Murphy said.

The Lakers won at Washington on Tuesday, then found enough energy to close Wednesday's game.



Lakers guard Kobe Bryant, right, drives around Pacers guard Brandon Rush in the Lakers 118-96 win Wednesday.

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NFL

McNabb happy in Philly

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Even wearing his familiar No. 5, Donovan McNabb looked a little different Wednesday in an NFC Pro Bowl jersey.

"I look good in blue, don't I?" he said.

McNabb wasn't dropping a hint about changing uniforms.

He said he was happy to hear Philadelphia coach Andy Reid wants him back in Eagles green next season.

"I don't want to be anywhere else but Philly," McNabb said following the first practice for Sunday's Pro Bowl. "I don't believe in starting somewhere and going somewhere else to finish your career. I believe in starting somewhere and finishing what you've started."

There was speculation about McNabb's future after he struggled in consecutive losses to Dallas to end the season.

The second defeat came in an NFC wild-card playoff game, and fans in Philly took losing the way they always do: badly.

"When you're playing in Philadelphia, obviously there's up and there's downs," McNabb said. "Am I mad at them for responding that way? No. We were upset as well. In my 11 years, do I think we should have won a Super Bowl? Absolutely. Am I upset that we didn't compete better in the last two games and put ourselves in a better position this year? Absolutely. That's what drives me going into the offseason to try to correct that."



Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb said he hopes to remain with Philadelphia Friday at practice for the NFL Pro Bowl.

Reid said McNabb will be back for a 12th season in Philadelphia.

The quarterback had the third-highest passer rating of his career in 2009 and made the Pro Bowl for the fifth time.

He has one year left on his contract.

McNabb has led the Eagles to five NFC championship games — going 1-4 — and

one Super Bowl defeat. He said they're close to being a title-caliber team.

"I don't think we're far off at all," he said. "It's a couple of players away."

"My goal is to win a Super Bowl and bring it back to Philadelphia. We have given them some great years. We just haven't been able to finish. I think good things are to happen pretty soon."

NBA

Arenas and Crittenton suspended for season

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Gilbert Arenas and Javaris Crittenton were suspended without pay for the remainder of the season Wednesday by NBA commissioner David Stern, who said guns in the workplace "will not be tolerated."

Stern delivered the punishment after meeting with Arenas earlier Wednesday, and with Crittenton a day before. Arenas already had been suspended indefinitely by Stern on Jan. 6.

Both players admitted bringing a gun or guns into the Washington Wizards' locker room — a violation of the collective bargaining agreement — after a dispute stemming from a card game on a team flight. Stern said the players expressed

remorse, but added, "nevertheless, there is no justification for their conduct."

since Stern indefinitely suspended him, removing his likeness from the Verizon Center. Crittenton has been injured and wasn't playing, anyway.

The team said it supported Stern's ruling. "Their poor judgment has also violated the trust of our fans and stands in contrast to everything Abe Pollin stood for throughout his life," the Wizards said in a statement.

"It is widely known that Mr. Pollin took the extraordinary step of changing the team name from 'Bullets' to 'Wizards' in 1997 precisely to express his abhorrence of gun violence in our community. We hope that this negative situation can produce something positive by serving as a reminder that gun violence is a serious issue."

"I felt that I should do something to keep Arenas from doing even further damage to himself and I told him that."

David Stern
NBA commissioner

remorse, but added, "nevertheless, there is no justification for their conduct."

Asked during a conference call what message the penalties sent, Stern said: "We mean what we say when we say that guns are prohibited from being in our buildings and on team business."

"You will be dealt with harshly because it's very potentially dangerous to our players, to the other players and to anyone else who might be involved."

Arenas, who is forfeiting about \$147,200 per game, had already been suspended indefinitely earlier this month. Crittenton, who met with Stern on Tuesday, will lose about \$13,435 per game from his \$1.48 million salary.

Arenas pleaded guilty Jan. 15 to a felony gun charge after a confrontation with Crittenton at the Verizon Center. Arenas, who is scheduled to be sentenced March 26, is in the second season of a six-year, \$111 million contract.

He has asked the players' association not to contest the penalty, while Crittenton's plans are unclear. His agent, Mark Bartelstein, told The Associated Press that, "David Stern has done what he thinks is right for the league. We're going to look at it and talk about it with Javaris and the players' association."

The Wizards have 38 games left in a woe-filled season that was thrown into turmoil when news of the confrontation involving the guns broke on Christmas Eve. The team has distanced itself from Arenas

Piper Hall, a spokeswoman for Arenas' lawyer, wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press that neither Arenas nor his lawyer, Ken Wainstein, would comment "at this time."

Arenas, a three-time All-Star and once the face of the Wizards' franchise, will miss the final 50 games of the season. Stern originally planned to follow his normal policy of waiting until the legal process was further along before acting, but handed down the initial suspension after Arenas joked about the gun situation on his Twitter page, then was photographed before a game in Philadelphia pointing his index fingers, as if they were guns, at his teammates.

"I felt that I should do something to keep Arenas from doing even further damage to himself and I told him that," Stern said. "We also try to protect (players) from doing things that are foolish and damaging. I felt that Gilbert was in the process of doing that and it was incumbent on me to stop it."

Stern said he would not advise the Wizards on how they should proceed if they sought to void the remainder of Arenas' contract. Players' association executive director Billy Hunter warned the union "will respond aggressively to any improper attempt by the team to impose additional penalties."

Stern said he and Hunter would meet in the coming weeks to perhaps build a stronger gun policy than the one in the collective bargaining agreement.



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Notre Dame. The team missed 11 free throws and turned the ball over 14 times. Against a deeper and more talented team, you can't give them that kind of help and win.

And thanks to those errors (and a poor defensive effort), Notre Dame is running out of chances to prove they belong back in the Big Dance.

It was another competitive game, but a loss that drops the Irish to 4-4 in the Big East and costs them one of their few shots to truly bolster their NCAA Tournament résumé.

Notre Dame's non-conference strength of schedule ranked 342nd toughest out of 347 teams according to the latest Pomeroy rankings. Even with three games against top 10 teams in Big East play, the team's overall strength of schedule rank is 199th.

So when it comes down to Selection Sunday, when numbers like RPI and Pomeroy ratings become critical, it's vital that

Notre Dame has a big road win or two over top Big East opponents. The opportunities to impress the tournament committee simply aren't there with the scheduling of recent years.

This year is hardly the first that Irish coach Mike Brey's squad has faced cupcakes before conference play. Each season, though, there's been the same justification: the Big East is the one of the deepest, most talented and physical conferences in the nation, and the Irish can prove themselves come January.

But take a look around the elite programs the Irish have fallen to. Syracuse faced North Carolina, Cal and Florida, all ranked programs at the time. Connecticut also faced the Tar Heels, along with Texas, Duke and Kentucky.

The Orange and Huskies have no fear when scheduling, and even if they disappoint in Big East play (as UConn has this year relative to their standards), they stand a far higher chance of returning to the NCAA Tournament.

All in all, Notre Dame's scheduling has been abysmal and puts excess pressure on the team to

have a strong Big East record every year. In a conference where even the teams 10 through 12 are dangerous, that's a lot to ask.

For the Irish to meet their goals of being a tournament team every year, they have to pull off season-defining wins in the Big East and on the road. A win over a top-ten team like West Virginia is a nice line for the resume, but Notre Dame's rout of Louisville last year at home only earned them a higher seed in the NIT.

If the Irish can't start scheduling tougher opponents before the Big East season, their success will depend on upsetting the consistent frontrunners — Georgetown, Syracuse, UConn, Pittsburgh and Villanova.

Until then, Notre Dame will end up in the same destination as last year during this season's NCAA tournament — at home watching.

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McGraw

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to its pre-Connecticut form.

"I thought we were just a little sloppy today," McGraw said. "We didn't have quite the intensity maybe that we needed to start the game, but overall offensively I thought we did some pretty good things. I thought Erica Williamson did a great job off the bench, she gave us a huge lift, and Natalie Novosel also. We just needed that punch, and they both provided it for us."

Williamson entered the game with a total of 6 points in conference play, but finished the game with 8 in 18 minutes of action. Novosel scored 12 to go along with 5 assists and 4 boards in 20 minutes, as the two led an Irish bench that outscored the Friars 31-13.

McGraw believes her squad's depth will continue to be the difference as the Irish approach the postseason.

"The bench is critical," McGraw said. "We are wearing teams down in the second half because of the depth that we have. So if we can rest people, good five minute chunks in the first

half, and the people come off the bench and are productive as they were tonight, I think that's going to bode well for us down the line."

After watching her performance in the offseason, McGraw says Novosel's contribution Wednesday isn't a surprise to those who see her in practice every day. Expected to be one of the four starting guards at the beginning of the season, Novosel was relegated to the bench following the rapid development of freshman Skyler Diggins. But the sophomore guard hasn't missed a beat, quietly putting together a great season in limited action.

"I think I come in with the same mentality every game, which is to every minute I get to make the most of it," Novosel said. "Tonight I got confidence and I was able to keep being aggressive and attacking the basket, and it opened a lot of things up."

The starters turned in

their usual lines against a porous Friar defense. Diggins finished with 10 points and 4 assists after being held scoreless in the first 30 minutes, and senior guard Lindsay Schrader added a team-high 14 points and 9 rebounds. The Irish exposed the Friars' biggest weakness, outscoring the Friars 52-26 in the paint.

"Coach was talking at half-time about really getting the ball inside," Schrader said. "I think everything opens up if we get a touch inside and then kick it out. We had several opportunities in the second half where we got threes or short jumpers because we got the ball inside."

The best analysis is an honest one, and Providence head coach Phil Seymore gave his take on this year's Irish.

"Notre Dame is a very good team," Seymore said. "If I wanted to watch a basketball team play, I would come and watch them play, being on the opposite

side, because I like the way they pass the ball. They all have a lot of intangibles with that team. They are really are one unit. They really play together."

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Reynolds

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minutes remaining in the game, but free throws from Reynolds, freshman guard Maalik Wayns and junior guard Corey Fisher, who hit four in 26 seconds, extended Villanova's lead to 14 points before Reynolds went off.

The Wildcats also made 10 3-pointers and shot 48 percent from field goal range.

Wildcats guard Corey Fisher had 17 points and forward Antonio Pena had 14 points and 10 rebounds. Irish senior forward Luke Harangody scored 21 points and had 10 rebounds and junior forward Tyrone Nash had 12 points, his second straight game with double-digit scoring.

Senior guard Ben Hansbrough fouled out early in the second half after scoring just seven points, forcing senior guard Jonathan Peoples to play increased minutes. Peoples scored eight points in the game.

Villanova punched the jets late in the second half and scored seven points in 30 seconds, giving them a 77-62 lead with 6:15 remaining.

The Irish did not score for almost three minutes at the end of the game. In that period, the Wildcats scored 11 points, nine of them from Reynolds.

It wasn't always this way. The Irish hit shots in the first half, especially Nash early, and held leads over the

Wildcats. Harangody scored 15 points in the first half and took over near the end, scoring 11 in the final 6:48 of the half.

The Irish moved the ball well, especially around the perimeter to find open shooters.

But eventually the Wildcats half-court defense stifled Notre Dame. The players found themselves double-teamed and had difficulty creating plays.

A Fisher 3-point play gave Villanova a 57-49 lead with 13:20 remaining after the Irish kept it close coming out of the break.

Sophomore forward Taylor King's 3-pointer gave Villanova a 66-56 lead with 9:11 to play and Notre Dame never got closer than eight points after that.

Four days after committing only two turnovers against DePaul, the Irish turned the ball over 14 times. They were out-rebounded 33-25 and shot only 63 percent from the foul line.

The Irish led 17-16 with 13:10 remaining in the first half, but Villanova took a 31-23 lead with 7:03 remaining.

Harangody scored six points in two minutes near the end of the half and helped draw the Irish back within two with 3:13 left in the first half.

Notre Dame will look to return to its winning ways Saturday when the team travels to face Rutgers.

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Freshman

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Markovic of Wisconsin in three sets.

McGaffigan's game relies on all-around athleticism, which stems from her playing four sports in high school. After winning the Iowa State tennis tournaments as a freshman and again as a sophomore, she gave up high school tennis to play golf for her junior and senior years. However, as last weekend has shown, the

two years off of high school tennis did not inhibit her ability to win games on the court.

"McGaffigan has great speed and can play an all-around game," Louderback said. "She has good ground strokes and is working on her net game."

McGaffigan and the rest of the team compete next against DePaul at Notre Dame's Eck Tennis Pavillion on Saturday at 3 p.m.

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at stealing the ball, grabbed 11 rebounds.

"Her trademark has always been defense," Henley said.

Wade also added 5 steals to complement a stellar defensive game.

Saint Mary's played well

against No. 10 Calvin, but in the end the talent gap was too much to overcome.

"We missed some opportunities," Henley said. "We challenged the team for this game, and they responded very well."

The Belles will travel to face Alma at 3 p.m. Saturday.

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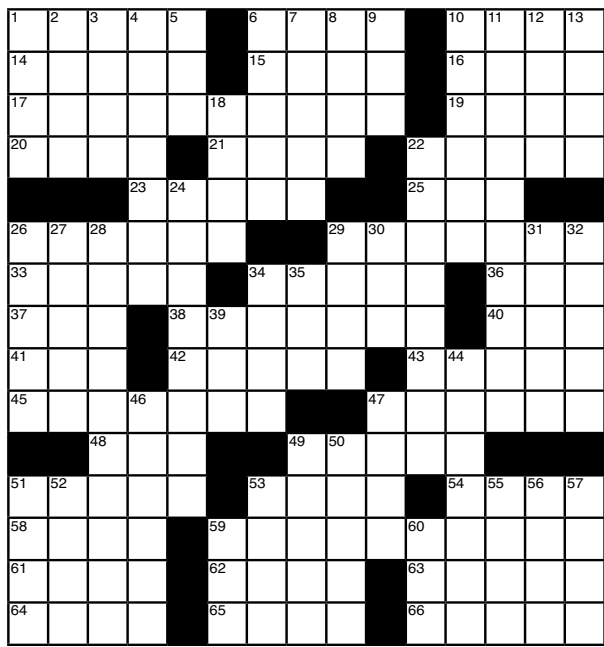
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- Across**
- 1 Light in a bad way
- 6 Emmy-winning character actor James
- 10 In
- 14 Novelist Calvino
- 15 Spanish pot
- 16 Astronomer's sighting
- 17 In perpetuity
- 19 Twin
- 20 Sense
- 21 Locks
- 22 Edible tubes
- 23 Concertedly
- 25 Monopoly token
- 26 How the obvious may be disguised
- 29 Fight night highlight
- 33 Green, to Goya
- 34 Go "pffff"
- 36 Dakota Indian
- 37 35mm camera type
- 38 Fate-tempting motorcyclist
- 40 Suffolk female
- 41 One in the charge of an instituteur
- 42 Sources of filets mignons
- 43 "Ghosts" playwright
- 45 Deluge
- 47 With a saucy style
- 48 French possessive
- 49 Ho-hum
- 51 Big pictures
- 53 Belly laugh
- 54 Monopoly token
- 58 Tony winner
- 59 Pan's place
- 61 Has a blast
- 62 Tough trip
- 63 Opposite of hindered
- 64 Olympian _____ (classical works)
- 65 Delilah portrayer Lamarr
- 66 Relish

- Down**
- 1 Bit of a dustup
- 2 Plains Indian
- 3 Red inside
- 4 Cavaliers' home
- 5 26-Down adjustment: Abbr.
- 6 Big name in late-night
- 7 Any song on a 78
- 8 Sharp
- 9 It may be part of a bank
- 10 Like vicuñas
- 11 It was conquered in 1953
- 12 Novelist Turgenev
- 13 Cartoon chipmunk
- 18 Ship-to-ship call
- 22 2008 World Series champs
- 24 Like tank tops
- 26 Tube
- 27 "Is anybody listening ...?"
- 28 Impossible to change
- 29 "___ ouil!"
- 30 Tylenol competitor
- 31 Flight support



Puzzle by Nancy Salomon

- 32 Itsy-bitsy
- 34 "The Tonight Show" piece
- 35 Onetime C&W channel
- 39 Chaney of "The Wolf Man"
- 44 "The Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight" novelist
- 46 Judge's announcement
- 47 Made without milk or meat
- 49 Feeling ho-hum
- 50 Squat's opposite
- 51 River that ends in Tarragona
- 52 Put out
- 53 Midnight alarm giver
- 55 Pilgrimage to Mecca
- 56 "___ 'Clock Jump" (Basie hit)
- 57 Whirling water
- 59 Ultimate
- 60 Scottish explorer of the Arctic

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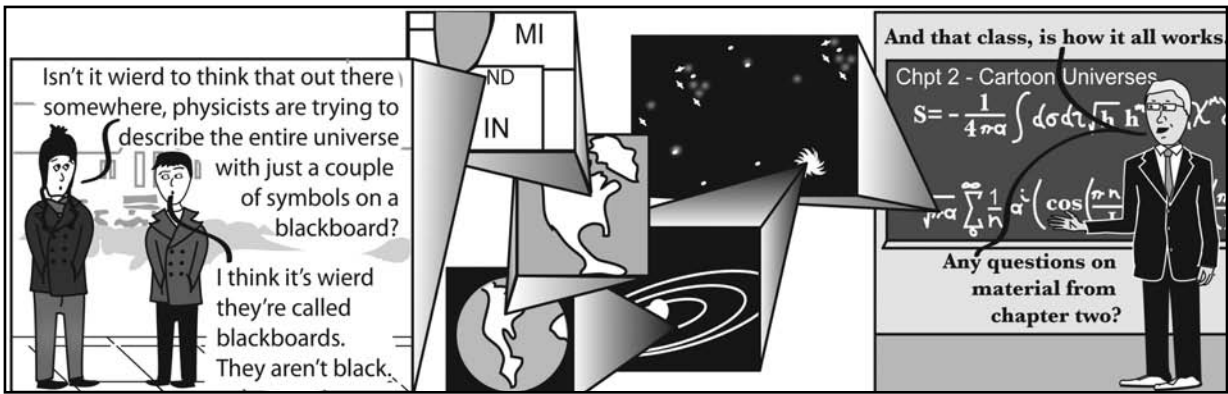
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Tamlyn Tomita, 44; Alan Cumming, 45; Bridget Fonda, 46; Cris Collinsworth, 51

Happy Birthday: An imaginative idea can turn into a lucrative endeavor. Focus on legal, medical and financial matters and you will avoid costly mishaps. Strength and courage will be required when dealing with personal relationships but you will overcome anything you face. An opening that offers you diversity and the chance to use your skills is apparent. Your numbers are 7, 13, 21, 26, 29, 31, 42

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Pushing for advancement may not be easy but it will be worth fighting for. Getting what you want will consume you and, although that can be good, make sure you don't neglect your personal responsibilities. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will do yourself more harm than good if you get caught up in other people's personal lives. Instead, concentrate on the things you enjoy doing most. Distance yourself from anyone who isn't supportive. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): If you don't move swiftly, you will give people around you the wrong impression. Your inability to make a decision will reflect on how well you do in a leadership position. An innovative idea will separate you from the crowd. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make some personal changes. An attitude adjustment will enable you to come to an agreement with someone you share a lot of time and space with. Don't give up what you love. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Taking life too seriously will work against you. The more exciting you make your day, the better equipped you will be to deal with people who interest you. Getting out socially will lead to a good partnership. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your timing needs to be flawless. You can mix business with pleasure and get a foothold on a future position. Don't wait for changes to come to you; go after your goals. Be a participant. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Being outspoken will help you today. Once you make it clear what you are intent on pursuing, you can move forward without guilt or someone standing in your way. Love and romance should be part of your agenda. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The more responsible you are, the better you will feel about your accomplishments and the more you will impress the people you deal with. Make a difference in your community by being diligent in bringing about reforms. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Throw yourself into your work and making more money, not your personal life. You will run into trouble at home and if you deal someone you love and don't want to disappoint. A business trip or conference will help you avoid difficulties and get you out of the house. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): If you believe in your talent, so will everyone around you. Lay your cards on the table and advancement and success will be yours. The more disciplined and detailed you are, the more attention you will attract. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Dealing with authority figures, institutions or large corporations will result in problems. Let people come to you, not you to them. You must take care of your responsibilities without accepting help. Someone is eager to make you look bad. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can use emotional tactics to get what you want but be prepared to have a quick change of plans in order to avoid criticism. It's best to work by yourself and avoid lending or borrowing money. ★★

Birthday Baby: You are strong-willed and determined. You are competitive and will never give in or give up. You use your intuition to guide you in personal matters.

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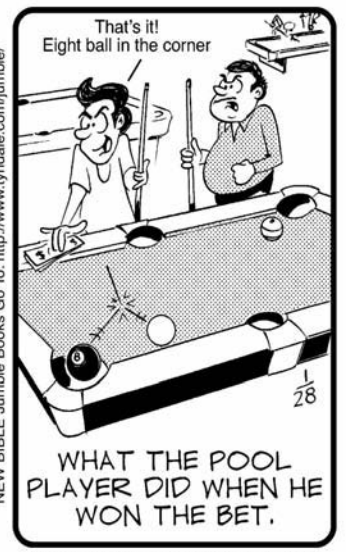
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Yesterday's | Jumbles: JERKY BLIMP SOCKET BALSAM
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Reynolds rolls

Villanova senior leads Wildcats in win over ND

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

The Irish hung with the hottest team in the Big East for 30 minutes, but it took Scottie Reynolds just two minutes to bury them.

Reynolds scored 17 points, nine of them in a late burst, to give the No. 3 Wildcats a 90-72 win over Notre Dame Wednesday. The Irish record dropped to 15-6, 4-4 in Big East play. The Wildcats (19-1, 8-0) remain atop the Big East.

Reynolds sank 3s, layups and free throws in a 2:02 span to vault Villanova out in front by 23, but by that time the Wildcats led comfortably.

Notre Dame trailed by one point at the half and was down five with less than 10

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Villanova senior Scottie Reynolds goes up for two points between Irish junior Tim Abromatis, left, and senior Tory Jackson. Reynolds led Villanova to 90-72 victory over Notre Dame Wednesday night.

Weak schedule dooms Irish tourney hopes

It was another strong effort against an elite opponent, but another loss and opportunity down the drain for Notre Dame Wednesday.

In all four Big East losses this year, the Irish have been in it for the first 30 minutes. They've shown they can play with the best of the best.

But with each passing loss, Notre Dame loses one of its very limited chances to make a big leap towards its goals.

In the 90-72 loss to No. 3 Villanova, small miscues doomed

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Michael Bryan

Associate Sports Editor

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Heralded McGaffigan debuts with two impressive victories

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

In her Notre Dame debut, Chrissie McGaffigan topped two Big Ten opponents, verifying the promising ability Irish coach Jay Louderback saw in her when he recruited the Iowa native.

Tennis flows through McGaffigan's DNA, as both her parents played at Catholic University and three sisters

played at Big Ten schools. Unsurprisingly, Chrissie began playing at an early age.

"I enjoy tennis because it is a sport that challenges you both physically and mentally," the freshman said. "While tennis is usually considered an individual sport, I especially love competing in college because it is a team sport."

The importance that McGaffigan places on team bonding was one of the fac-

tors that led her to choose to play for Notre Dame, as opposed to the other upper-tier tennis schools who also sent her invitations to play on their teams.

"My teammates are not only talented tennis players, they are amazing girls and so fun to be around," McGaffigan said. "I feel so lucky and blessed to be able to attend and compete for Notre Dame."

Though the girls usually

travel as a team in the fall part of the season, they did not this past fall because of a few injuries that compromised their ability to compete.

As one of the injured, McGaffigan was unable to start competing when then rest of the freshman tennis players around the country were able to.

"I injured my hip this fall, so I was super excited for our first match [this past week-

end]," McGaffigan said. "I was also a little nervous because it was not too far from my hometown and a bunch of my friends came to watch from Iowa."

In her first weekend competing, McGaffigan won both of her matches in the No. 3 singles position.

She defeated Zuzi Chmelarova of Iowa in two sets and then Aleksandra

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SMC BASKETBALL

Calvin tops Belles in MIAA contest

By TIM SINGLER
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's basketball team fell to conference rival Calvin 67-57 Wednesday night.

The Belles (10-8, 5-5 MIAA) started out the first few minutes of the game strong, surprising the Knights into an early timeout. After the timeout, Calvin (17-2, MIAA 9-1) came out with new energy as they jumped to an eight-point lead and never looked back.

The Belles came into the game facing a new challenge, as there was a big difference in height between the two teams. Calvin used their height to its advantage, controlling the area around the basket on both sides of the

ball.

The Knights were also able to execute their plan on taking Saint Mary's senior Anna Kammrath out of the game early as she quickly accumulated two fouls early in the game. Without Kammrath in the game, the Belles lacked a vital component of the team.

"Without Anna it really takes a toll on us," Belles coach Jennifer Henley said. "We are not as deep at that position as in years past, so it puts some strain on other players."

With the absence of Kammrath for much of the first half, junior Liz Wade stepped up big to help out the Belles. Wade, already known for her tough defense and skill

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Winning ways continue for ND

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

There's nothing like an old-fashioned blowout to iron out the kinks and get a team back on the right track. Providence found itself on the wrong end of said blowout, as the Irish cruised to an 84-59 home victory to keep pace atop the Big East standings.

Notre Dame (18-1, 5-1 Big East) played aggressive, if not perfectly clean basketball for 40 minutes, overcoming its first-half woes to lead the Friars 35-22 at the break. Providence (12-8, 3-4) never posed a serious threat at any point Wednesday night, but Irish coach Muffet McGraw isn't convinced the team is back



Senior guard Lindsay Schrader gets a shot off over a fallen Providence defender during Notre Dame's 84-59 victory Wednesday.

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