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## Authorities nab bank scam suspect

*Police in Fullerton, Calif., find 18 fraudulent NDFCU debit cards in man's vehicle*

By MARCELA BERRIOS  
Associate News Editor

Authorities in Fullerton, Calif., arrested an individual Tuesday in connection with the e-mail scam that prompted more than 60 Notre Dame Federal Credit Union (NDFCU) members to give their credit card numbers and passwords to a swindler masquerading as the credit union.

Sgt. Tom Conklin from the Fullerton Police Department said a man was arrested Tuesday at 1 a.m. after the

highway patrol pulled over the car he was in and found 18 fraudulent NDFCU debit cards inside. The man was driving a vehicle that had been reported stolen in Chicago.

Conklin did not release the suspect's name, but he confirmed the man is directly connected to the NDFCU scam that began Friday when users received a series of e-mails that redirected them to a mock-up of the credit union's Web site. Users were asked to enter their account numbers, passwords and security codes.

NDFCU President Leo Ditchcreek said Tuesday more than 60 customers clicked on the fraudulent link to review their account information after an e-mail told them there were "one or more unsuccessful attempts to log in to your Online Banking Account ... from a foreign IP address."

Ditchcreek said at least five accounts were credited charges and withdrawals that added up to over \$2,000.

The credit union's technology staff tracked the origin of the e-mails and the illegitimate

NDFCU Web site to a service provider in the Netherlands. The withdrawals, however, were traced back to the areas around Westminster, Calif.

"The Web site was set up through a service provider in the Netherlands, but whether or not somebody in the Netherlands was involved in the scam is still unclear," Ditchcreek said. "The suspect was able to use the account numbers and security codes our members entered into the fake

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## Johnson leaves for new post

*Mentor, administrator spent 15 years at ND*

By KAREN LANGLEY  
News Editor

After 15 years at Notre Dame — years of studying, administering and counseling — Chandra Johnson has moved on.

The former Assistant to the President and Associate Director of Campus Ministry, who



Johnson

shaved her head in protest of the University's 2004 firing of Tyrone Willingham, began work as Executive Director of the An-Bryce Foundation in McLean, Va. on Aug. 15.

The Foundation — founded by prominent black philanthropists Beatrice and Anthony Walters — is dedicated to supplementing the educational and cultural experiences of young people in the Washington D.C. area and other underserved communities throughout the country.

"My charge is to update the Foundation's mission

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## PILLARS stops giving out BAC cards

*Campus group officials feared charts were misinterpreted as licenses to drink alcohol*



Members of PILLARS distribute BAC cards in South Dining Hall last spring. The cards will not be distributed this year.

By GENE NOONE  
News Writer

Blood alcohol content (BAC) cards — which use green, blue and red zones to show the effect of certain numbers of drinks for particular body weights and genders — will no longer be distributed by PILLARS.

Office of Alcohol and Drug Education (OADE) director Kelly Lawrence said the cards were misinterpreted as licenses to drink.

"Every freshman is underage, and giving them a card that says you can have a certain number of drinks and still be safe seems to condone drinking,"

Lawrence said.

Lawrence is an advisor to Peers Inspiring Listening, Learning and Responsible Socializing (PILLARS), a student organization that works to limit abusive drinking. The group decided this year not to promote their "Green Zone" campaign to incoming freshmen.

The BAC cards, which were issued to freshmen in previous years, included a gender- and weight-specific chart that estimated a person's BAC based on the number of drinks consumed and the number of hours spent drinking.

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## Trasviña addresses immigration

*Speaker likens controversy to 'schizophrenia' in the United States*

By CLAUDIA BRAGA-HENERBY  
News Writer

America's "schizophrenia" concerning immigration was a main theme in Wednesday's lecture by guest speaker John Trasviña, an influential voice in the continuing debate over Latino immigration.

Focusing largely on United States history and the continuing vacillation on immigration issues, Trasviña's speech was a lesson in politics, history and acceptance.

A piece of Trasviña's schizophrenia theme concentrated on the welcoming of migrants into America.

"Sometimes [immigrants] are welcome, and sometimes

they're not, depending on their country of origin and the time period," he said. He cited Indianapolis as an example of a city that welcomes and helps immigrants.

Trasviña mentioned the city's high naturalization rate and the positive repercussions that has for a community.

Trasviña also focused on America's history regarding immigration policies and sentiment — from the 1800s on — touching on various influxes of certain immigrant groups.

"The debate [on immigration] needs to be elevated from a debate where we simply scream at each other, into a national conversation about immigration," Trasviña said.

To the average Notre Dame student, immigration should be an issue to get involved with, Trasviña said.

"Immigration has far-reaching implications for every business, family and community ... students will be entering into a workforce of a more interdependent world."

A native of San Francisco, Trasviña graduated from Harvard University and went on to study at Stanford Law School. He has held many prestigious political and non-political positions, and is currently the president and general counsel of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF).

According to its website,

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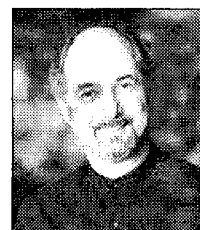
## Holland named new dean of Grad School

By ALLEN MURPHY  
News Writer

Peter Holland, a renowned Shakespeare scholar and longtime Notre Dame professor, has been named acting dean of the University's Graduate School.

University President Father John Jenkins made the appointment at the recommendation of University Provost Thomas Burish.

The decision to select Holland was not a difficult one, Burish



Holland

said.

"I consulted with a number of people on campus ... and his name came up again and again," he said.

Until Monday, Holland was the chair of the Department of Film, Television and Theater and held an appointment in the Department of English as the McMeel Family Professor in Shakespeare Studies. Holland is also the academic director of Actors from the London Stage, president of the Shakespeare Association of America and editor of Shakespeare Survey.

"I have a lot of titles," Holland said. "But, I think the McMeel Family chair is the official one. It's

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## INSIDE COLUMN

## Hey, what's the GP?

I was frequently asked this by my beloved traveling entourage (moment of silence) that I met during my six-week immersion program in Toledo, Spain, this summer. No, the "GP" didn't stand for "good paella," but "game plan" a desirable plan-of-action for the group.

Rohan Anand

News Wire Editor

In travel context, a "game plan" includes the smallest excursion to the pharmacy (a.k.a. boxed-Sangria runs) to the most treacherous (and dumbest) idea of participating in the Pamplona bull runs. My dad was the original master of the GP of my yesteryears of family travel. So, I stuck to my lineage so that whenever I had to rally my friends (or at least was nominated to do so), I suggested we stick with a GP.

The GP took us atop a beautiful rock overlooking Toledo (where we trekked up before sunset and enjoyed our pharmacy purchases), late into the bouncing nightlife of Barcelona dancing on platforms 'til sunrise, and miles offshore Costa del Sol on a sailboat into the clear-blue Mediterranean.

The GP became our staple, a passport to sites and memories. Many fellow Domers will depart soon to study in Spain for this semester or in the future. So, when time comes for you to formulate your own GP, you might recall some of the following things I learned (or wish I had known before) along the way.

**Inter-European travel:** Student hostels and low-cost transportation services makes securing the weekend getaway much simpler with less planning time and tighter budgets. However, do your research before booking a seat on a sketchy-sounding airline like "Compania Low-Cost." Many discount carriers like EasyJet fly to unheard of "alternative" airports for major cities that may be 50 miles away from the actual city. Double check to make sure that the \$10 seat you bought isn't a cardboard box, either. Always carry your passport even for a domestic flight (I learned that the hard way).

**Nightlife:** Admission into clubs is expensive, but drink fees are exorbitant. Since most clubs don't get packed until around 2 a.m., stick to bars before and you'll still have money in the bank. If you are in big groups, enter by staggering; otherwise bouncers won't let you in because of overcrowding.

**Post-party:** You may return to your inexpensive hostel at 7 a.m. and kick yourself upon discovering that some do not provide towels or bed sheets free of charge. Some also have curfews, so if you call it an "early night," at 4 a.m. and miss the deadline, you'll be banging outside the door and be mistaken for the drunken village idiot.

My best advice can be heeded before departure. Gather everything you plan to take with you, unpack half, and leave it at home. Airlines are no longer generous with baggage allowances. Leaving room in your bag prevents you from worrying about paying extra baggage fees for all of the sweet schwag you bought for your friends on your inward journey. Plus you'll be too broke to pay them anyways.

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

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT KIND OF MUSIC WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR IN THE DINING HALLS?



Kevin McKernan  
freshman  
Morrissey

"Modern rock because it's incredibly underplayed everywhere."



Eileen Murphy  
senior  
McGlinn

"Different music for every day of the week ... like classical Sundays or classic rock Thursdays."



Melissa Dondalski  
sophomore  
Howard

"Something that you can digest easily to ... like Dave Matthews Band on loop."



Alec Hirschauer  
senior  
O'Neil

"Freebird."



Crystal Truong  
senior  
Farley

"I really have no preference. Just as long as there's music."



JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Trumpet players in the Notre Dame Marching Band practice Wednesday. The Band will send members to the Penn State, Michigan and Purdue football games.

## IN BRIEF

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will hold screenings of the film "Dying to Live" tonight at 7 and 10 p.m. Director Dan Groody will be present for discussion. Admission is \$3.

There will be a welcome back picnic for all students tomorrow from 4 to 6 p.m. The event is sponsored by Multicultural Student Programs and Services. The picnic will be held at the Fieldhouse Mall. The rain location will be the LaFortune Ballroom. Food is free.

The Notre Dame volleyball team will play the College of Charleston in the Shamrock Invitational Friday at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame men's soccer team will play Rhode Island Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

The Show will take place Friday at 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center. OK Go and Lupe Fiasco will headline the concert. Tickets are on sale in the LaFortune Box Office for \$10.

There will be a Biathlon (one half mile swim and two mile run) on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Contact Bill Reagan for more information. Registration needed. Open to students only.

The film "Panther Panchali" will be shown Saturday at 3 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$3 for students.

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

## OFFBEAT

## Mamma moose bashes through door

POCATELLO, Idaho — Anita Ovard moved to her small home in this town in the western foothills of the Rocky Mountains because she wanted to see more wildlife. But the view got a little too close when a moose decided to make itself at home in her front room.

Ovard spotted two baby moose in her yard when she pulled into the driveway Tuesday. She immediately started looking for the mother moose, spotting the massive animal just before it plowed through her

storm door and front door.

"There's a big gouge, and you can see where the whole front of the [moose's] body went right through it. It broke the wood frame," Ovard told the Idaho State Journal. "Try telling that to an insurance company."

## Shoppers browse unstaffed Colorado store

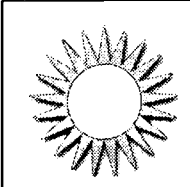
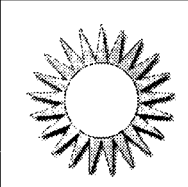
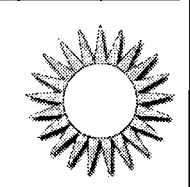
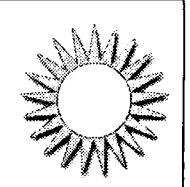
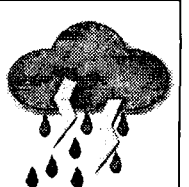

NORTHGLENN, Colo. — They could have left the tree completely bare. But some honest shoppers at an unstaffed Dollar Tree store must have decided that honesty was the best policy while searching for bargains on Labor Day.

About 15 shoppers walked through the front doors of a closed Dollar Tree store Monday after a lock on the doors malfunctioned.

They also didn't see, or ignored, a sign on the doors indicating the store was closed for the holiday.

Northglenn Police spokesman Ian Lopez says one woman became suspicious when there was no one at the register to ring up her purchase, so she called authorities.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 75 LOW 55	HIGH 65 LOW 45	HIGH 78 LOW 60	HIGH 83 LOW 67	HIGH 85 LOW 67	HIGH 88 LOW 70

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# Members elect leaders

Faculty Senate meets for first meeting of the school year

By THERESA CIVANTOS  
News Writer

Several elections and a prolonged discussion on a proposed revision of Notre Dame's Academic Articles highlighted Wednesday's first meeting of the Faculty Senate this year.

Biology professor Kristin Lewis and physics professor Morten Eskildsen were voted the Senate's co-secretaries, and professional specialist in the Legal Aid Clinic Judy Fox was voted Academic Affairs Committee Chair.

One faculty senator represents each university department, with Colin Jessop acting as Senate Chair. The only unrepresented departments are Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Theology, which has not had a representative for several years, Jessop said.

Jessop presented a PowerPoint presentation on "Senate 101" for the new senators. "The real power is at the Academic Council, not the Senate," he explained, "but the Senate has the capacity to lobby on issues that concern the faculty."

Mark Dehmlow, the vice chair, is scheduled to upgrade the Faculty Senate Web site soon. He is also looking to expand it, possibly with Wikipedia articles or blogs. A quarterly Senate newsletter, set to premiere this fall, is in the works as well.

After a brief report by Benefits

Committee Chair Nasir Ghiaseddin on faculty health care issues, the Senate discussed the Academic Articles.

"The Academic Articles are a contract between the faculty and the administration," Jessop said.

The separateness of the faculty and the administration remained a constant theme throughout the meeting. Fox said she hopes University

President Father John Jenkins' self-appointed advisers on the search and review committee for the Provost would not be "administrative stooges."

Seth Brown, the chair of administrative affairs, joked that the requirement that the academic provost must appoint

an advisory committee from the faculty of the law school or the architecture school before appointing a new dean for the school is "the closest thing we have to actual faculty power."

Only the first few amendments to the articles were covered in this initial meeting. The amendments are "trying to clear things up" for both the faculty and administration, Fox said.

The meeting opened with camaraderie, as professors exchanged repeated cordial greetings. An opening prayer followed, in which Jessop asked God to "grant us grace and humility in our discussions."

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*"The Academic Articles are a contract between the faculty and the administration."*

Colin Jessop  
Senate chair

# New book calls for an active response to global terrorism

Special to The Observer

The two Notre Dame scholars whose research demonstrated — before the Iraq war — that it was highly unlikely there were weapons of mass destruction in Iraq are co-editors of a new book on counterterrorism.

In "Uniting Against Terror: Cooperative Nonmilitary Responses to the Global Terrorist Threat," just released by MIT Press, George A. Lopez and David Cortright argue that winning the fight against global terrorism requires a bold new strategy — one based on cooperation rather than military

might.

"The punish-and-destroy model is not the answer," Lopez said. "Despite six years of military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, terrorist attacks and suicide bombings are on the rise. Diplomatic strategies can and do work effectively, but they have been overshadowed by the constant drumbeat of war."

"Uniting Against Terror" examines diplomatic and economic responses that have worked since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, especially those of the United Nations, the Financial Action Task Force, the European Union, and a wide array of multilateral

institutions. It also addresses the changing face of terrorism and al-Qaida and recommends effective non-military counterterrorism strategies.

The book includes a foreword by former U.S. Rep. Lee H. Hamilton, co-chair of the 9/11 Commission that studied in-depth the rise of al-Qaida. More recently, Hamilton co-chaired the Iraq Study Group.

"Lopez and Cortright have done a huge service to all those interested in pursuing the pros and cons of an activist foreign policy, short of the recourse to war," said A. Peter Burleigh, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

## Holland

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the position that brought me to Notre Dame."

The specific responsibilities associated with being acting dean, however, are yet unknown. The position did not exist until recently when the University split the Office of Research from the Graduate School, Holland said.

"We took one position and divided it into two," Burish

said. The two positions created by the split are the vice president for research and the dean of the Graduate School. The current vice president for research is Professor Robert Bernhard.

During his time as acting dean, Holland hopes to improve conditions for graduate students living, studying and working at Notre Dame in the hopes of "attracting better and better graduate students," he said.

The next step is to find someone to fill the position permanently.

"We are now going to do a national search for the dean of the Graduate School," Burish said.

In the coming weeks, the Graduate Faculty Council will elect a search committee to fill the position. The hope is that the new Dean will be named in July 2008, Burish said. As for whether Holland will be a candidate for the permanent position is "totally up to him," Burish said.

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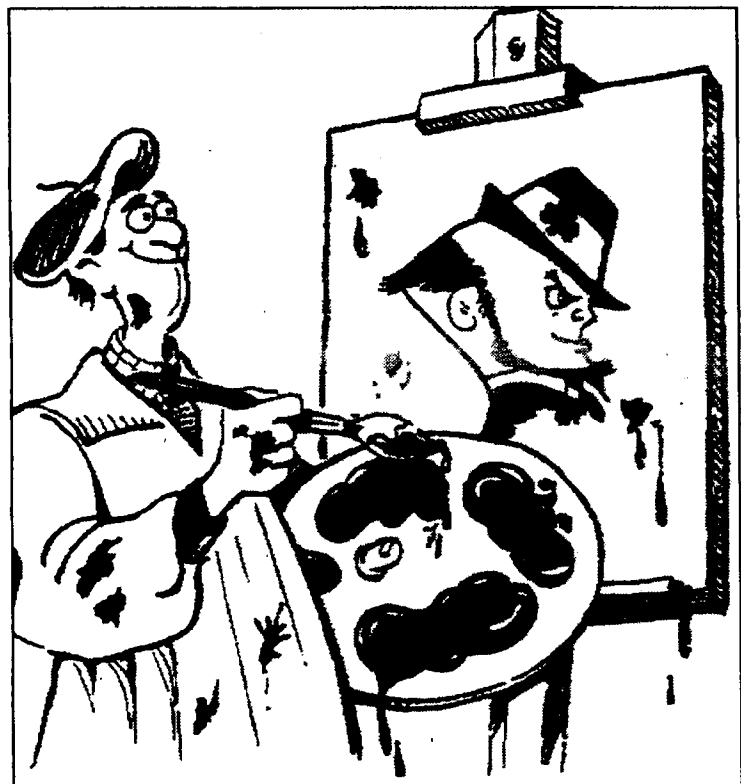
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## NDFCU

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Web site to manufacture ATM cards in California using that information and withdraw cash immediately."

He said the Fullerton Police Department contacted him Wednesday after the discovery of 18 debit cards that matched accounts the NDFCU had blocked as a result of the scam.

"The individual that was arrested [Tuesday in Fullerton] had in his possession 18 different cards with some of our members' debit card numbers," Ditchcreek said.

Conklin did not say whether

the man was still in custody, nor what charges were or could be brought against him. Conklin also said he did not know if the suspect had any accomplices.

And though the man was directly tied to the NDFCU scam, Ditchcreek said the police didn't know yet if he was responsible for sending the e-mails or setting up the illegitimate Web site.

The e-mails that went out were directed to a combination of students and the general public, NFCU members and non-members alike, Ditchcreek said. The origin of the e-mail list that was used is still unknown, he said.

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## Lecture

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MALDEF's mission is "to foster sound public policies, laws and programs to safeguard the civil rights of the 45 million Latinos living in the United States and to empower the Latino community to fully participate in our society."

"We're the law firm for the entire Latino community, and not just the immigrants," Trasviña said of MALDEF.

The lecture was the first in a series of public policy lectures sponsored by Notre Dame's Institute of Latino Studies, given by influential voices for

Latino affairs in present day America.

"Latino Immigrants in America, Our Past and Our Future," the title of the series, will run through the entire academic school year, the next installment coming Dec. 7, said

Yolanda Lizardi Marino, the Institute's director of academic affairs.

Trasviña's talk was entitled "A Public Policy Agenda and a

New Vision for the Future."

Each Wednesday through the middle of October a documentary will be shown in 126 DeBartolo Hall about immigrants from varying countries throughout the world, including China, Mexico and the Dominican Republic. Both

*"Sometimes [immigrants] are welcome, and sometimes they're not, depending on their country of origin and the time period."*

John Trasviña  
MALDEF President

the lecture and the film series are open to the public.

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To stay in the "green zone," the lowest zone, one's BAC had to be between .02-.059. The cards said people who have a BAC in this zone may experience loss of shyness and minor impairment in reasoning and memory. If a person's BAC rises from .06-.24, they enter the "blue zone," a warning zone that includes side effects ranging from impairment of vision and speech to very poor decision-making skills.

The "danger zone" for drinking, also known as the "red zone," was any BAC .25 and above. In this zone, the cards said, people experience symptoms such as stability problems and loss of consciousness. If a person appeared to be in the "red zone," the card said, they should

receive medical attention.

The cards were intended as a guide and not a guarantee. But some students with health concerns, like diabetes and epilepsy, and underage students who received tickets from police, complained they were "in the 'green zone'" and thought they were being responsible, said senior Elizabeth Miller, a member of PILLARS.

"This year we are promoting responsible drinking — if one chooses to drink — which is two drinks in three hours for females, or three drinks in three hours for males," Miller said.

PILLARS' approach this year will stress the alcohol policies listed under Indiana state law as well as University alcohol policies, Lawrence said.

"PILLARS would like to be more of a presence on campus, in the dorms and look at the wellness of individuals making sure

they are drinking in a healthy, responsible way," Lawrence said.

Some students said they appreciated the BAC cards and found them helpful, like sophomore Matthew Johnson. Johnson still has the BAC card he was given during a PILLARS program last year.

"I think the cards are useful in giving students a guide for drinking responsibly," he said. "But I can see how some people could misinterpret the information and get themselves in trouble."

Although the BAC cards will no longer be issued by PILLARS, those who would like to use them as a guide can pick them up at the OADE office, where Lawrence said counselors will help them interpret and understand the cards better.

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with a 21st century focus of educating the whole person irrespective of ethnic background, economic status or educational opportunity," Johnson said.

The popular mentor and advisor to many students throughout the Notre Dame community will be available to say goodbye in person from 7-8:30 p.m. today in the Coleman-Morse Center student lounge.

Through her work in the Officer Group and at Campus Ministry, Johnson helped to steer the development of Notre Dame as a community that strives to welcome people from all backgrounds, said University President Emeritus Father Edward "Monk" Malloy, under whom Johnson worked in the President's Office.

"Primarily she helped to conceive of Notre Dame as a more diverse, community-oriented type of place," he said.

Johnson entered Notre Dame in 1992 as a first-year undergraduate student.

Though she was 38 years old, her brother had encouraged her to pursue her love of religious education by studying in theology.

Johnson was the only entering freshman then or since who was that far removed in age from the average majority of students.

"We've never admitted anyone like me since," she said. "That's why I believe it was just meant to be."

She first met Malloy when she enrolled in his undergraduate seminar.

Though the other students were half her age, Johnson quickly became a "trusted confidante" to many of them, Malloy said.

"She seemed to me as an African-American woman to help other African-American students or students struggling with identity issues to make that transition," he said.

While still an undergraduate, Johnson became involved with Campus Ministry and studied at the Ecumenical Institute for Theological Studies in Jerusalem. After graduating in 1996 with a degree in theology, Johnson went to work for Campus Ministry, where she created a program designed for undergraduates of African descent and began to counsel students. A position opened in Malloy's office in 1998, and the University

president asked his former pupil if she would work for him as Assistant to the President.

She became the first woman to serve as Assistant to the President and engaged in University-wide planning while continuing to counsel and meet with students. She was also a popular speaker on the national level, addressing African-American spirituality as well as other topics, Malloy said.

Johnson's talent for providing inspirational and challenging counseling is one of her great gifts, said Priscilla Wong, associate director for administration at Campus Ministry.

"I don't think anybody can say they have not changed because they met her," Wong said. "She's the kind of individual who makes you think and feel deeply as a human being. She inspires others to be excellent."

When Malloy left office in 2005, Johnson joined Campus Ministry full-time as associate director. Though some of her work focused on cross-cultural ministry, Johnson said her counseling and guidance were in no way limited to a specific set of students.

"Students, they could come to me," she said. "I was spiritual director to students from all backgrounds."

Johnson became close to many students and found it difficult to tell them she was leaving — as she did on July 1, a day before her official announcement.

Senior Elizabeth Adams, who worked closely with Johnson on the Martin Luther King Day committee, said Johnson was an inspiring teacher who challenged her students to think of themselves not only as Notre Dame students, but also as citizens of the world.

"Her door was always open," Adams said. "As much as I've worked with her during three years, I've spent as much talking about her grandchildren and my family and boys."

"She really was a mentor and a girl friend at the same time."

Malloy said he will miss Johnson, but he expressed confidence in her new mission.

"I'm glad she's been given a new set of challenges," Malloy said. "We don't all have to stay here. We can go out and help improve the world."

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Israel accepts Darfur refugees

JERUSALEM — Israel will grant citizenship to some of the hundreds of Muslim refugees from Sudan's violence-ridden Darfur region who have already arrived, Interior Minister Meir Sheetrit said Wednesday.

Sheetrit said he would work with the United Nations to set a quota of refugees who would be naturalized. While he estimated 300 Darfur refugees have come, other government officials and refugee advocates put the number at between 400 and 500.

The arrival of the Darfurians has touched off hot debate over whether the Jewish state, founded after the Nazi genocide, has a duty to take in people fleeing persecution. Fighting between pro — government militias and rebels in the western Sudanese region of Darfur has killed more than 200,000 people and displaced 2.5 million since 2003.

### Three Muslims arrested for bomb plot

BERLIN — It was just a vacation cottage sitting in a small town, the quiet hometown of 900 people.

But inside, prosecutors said Wednesday, three men were readying a nefarious plot — an "imminent" bombing aimed at Americans in Germany.

The cottage didn't provide the refuge that the trio expected, authorities said. They had been watched constantly for six months in a mammoth surveillance operation involving 300 security officers, before an elite anti-terror unit swooped down on them at the cottage Tuesday.

The men — two German converts to Islam and a Turkish citizen who prosecutors said shared a "profound hatred of U.S. citizens." — allegedly obtained military-style detonators and enough chemicals to make bombs more powerful than those that killed 191 commuters in Madrid in 2004 and 52 in London in 2005.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Ohio Rep. found dead in apartment

WASHINGTON — Ohio Rep. Paul Gillmor, a Republican whose political career covered four decades, has died, party officials said.

"Born, raised and educated in our home state of Ohio, Paul never lost sight of the reason he came to Congress — to serve this great institution and his constituents with dedication and distinction," House Republican Leader John Boehner, also of Ohio, said in a statement.

"With the passing of Paul Gillmor, the people of northwest Ohio have lost a favorite son," said House Republican Conference Chairman Adam Putnam, R-Fla.

The body of the 68-year-old congressman was found by staff members who went to his apartment Wednesday after he failed to show up for work, according to a Republican aide who spoke on condition of anonymity pending an official announcement. There was no immediate word on the cause of his death.

### Singer arrested for drug possession

MIAMI BEACH — Pablo Montero was arrested on suspicion of possessing cocaine and driving recklessly, according to police reports.

The Mexican singer and actor, whose legal name is Oscar Hernandez, was stopped by police about 1:30 p.m. Friday for allegedly running a red light in his white BMW sport utility vehicle and then making a left turn from a right-turn only lane. The arrest in Miami Beach came two days after Montero, 38, helped present nominees for this year's Latin Grammy Awards at a press conference there.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Man with stockpile jailed until trial

SOUTH BEND — A man will remain locked up until his trial on charges that he stockpiled nearly 80,000 rounds of ammunition in his home in the belief the world was on the brink of violent economic collapse.

U.S. Magistrate Christopher A. Nuechterlein said Tuesday that Kevin Rieder, 38, poses a danger to the community and does not seem to be a good candidate for release based on his record of not complying with prior court orders.

Rieder faces a federal charge of illegal possession of ammunition in violation of an earlier restraining order taken out by an ex-girlfriend.

## NICARAGUA

# Hurricane tolls rise in Latin America

Central America deals with impacts from Felix, Mexico prepares for Henrietta's second landfall

Associated Press

PUERTO CABEZAS, Nicaragua — Doctors threw together a makeshift clinic Wednesday to tend to the injured after powerful Hurricane Felix flooded their hospital and wrecked villages on Nicaragua's Caribbean coast. Remnants of the storm drenched Central America in rain and the death toll rose to nine, with at least 11 people missing.

Far to the northwest, Hurricane Henriette took aim at Mexico for the second time in two days, moving toward the port city of Guaymas with top sustained winds of 75 mph. Seven deaths were reported from the Pacific storm, which hit Baja California on Tuesday.

Nicaragua was flying food and other emergency supplies to the regional capital of Puerto Cabezas, but said help had not yet reached villages cut off when Felix roared ashore Tuesday as a Category 5 hurricane with winds of 160 mph.

The dead included a man who drowned when his boat capsized, a woman killed when a tree fell on her house and a newborn who died shortly after birth because her mother couldn't get medical attention.

Among the missing were four fishermen whose small sailboat sank as Felix's center passed overhead. A survivor, Fernando Pereira, 24, said he clung to a piece of wood for 12 hours, despite a dislocated shoulder, and washed ashore at the village of Sandy Bay only hours after Felix made landfall there. He hadn't seen his friends since.

"I felt horrible," he said. "I was drinking salt water, and I thought I was going to die."

Others were caught in the sea as well. Jelivaro Climax, 22, said he had to swim through enormous waves to reach shore.

"Lightning flashed through a pitch black sky," he said. "I don't know how I survived. I swam with everything I had, and I was sure the sea would



Residents of Puerto Cabeza, Nicaragua, await emergency assistance in a makeshift clinic Wednesday, a day after Hurricane Felix made landfall in Central America.

take me."

Felix swept over the Miskito Coast, an impoverished region where about 150,000 people live in jungle settlements. Their hamlets of wooden shacks and coconut groves are remote even in good weather, reachable only by air or flat — bottom boats.

The Miskitos, descendants of Indians, European settlers and African slaves, live semi-autonomously, much like people on Indian reservations in the U.S.

There wasn't enough fuel after the storm for boats to make long trips, and Felix snapped steel cables that guided a small ferry carrying people and cars from Puerto Cabezas to the village of Wawahum.

Johana Aliberto Maquiave,

36, was stuck in Puerto Cabezas, trying to get back to her family in Sandy Bay, the village where the eye of the storm hit.

"I want to know what happened to my three children," she said, fighting tears. "The poor kids stayed with their dad. I am here with nothing. I came on Sunday to buy food."

Felix wiped out crops and damaged most of the 70 tons of food and emergency goods that had been flown in before the storm.

On Wednesday, it was hard to find a building that wasn't damaged. Puerto Cabezas' hospital was filled with water, and doctors attended to the injured at an improvised clinic.

Nicaraguan President

Daniel Ortega flew over the area to survey the damage. He said that the U.S. and Venezuelan offered aid and that Cuban doctors were already on the ground. Nicaragua's military flew in sheets, mattresses, food and first aid materials.

Residents hacked at fallen trees with machetes, trying to uncover the remains of their humble homes. There was very little electricity, running water or telephone service.

Larry Hansack, 38, gazed at a sea littered with splintered wood and shattered tin, wondering about his nephew, a fisherman who disappeared at sea. "There's no one to help me, and everything is disorganized," he said.

# Wrestler's injuries may explain killings

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Pro wrestler Chris Benoit suffered head trauma from his years in the ring that could help explain why he killed his wife, son and himself, a doctor who studied his brain said Wednesday.

The analysis by doctors affiliated with the Sports Legacy Institute suggests that repeated concussions could have contributed to the killings at Benoit's suburban Atlanta home, though there was no way to know for sure.

"Whether it is the sole factor, I believe, is speculation, and I will not go there," said Dr. Robert Cantu, a member of the Waltham, Mass.-based institute, which researches

the long-term effects of concussions.

The level of brain damage Benoit had could have caused depression and irrational behavior, said Cantu, who also is chief of neurosurgery service at Emerson Hospital in Concord, Mass.

The wrestler's father, Michael Benoit, said Wednesday he agreed to the testing of his son's brain because murder-suicide was so out of character. He said his son complained about suffering concussions, but that he knew of no medical records or records kept by the wrestling league to support the diagnosis.

Steroid use also has lingered as a theory behind the killings, since anabolic steroids were found in

Chris Benoit's home and tests conducted by authorities showed Benoit had roughly 10 times the normal level of testosterone in his system when he died.

Some experts believe that use of testosterone can contribute to paranoia, depression and violent outbursts known as "roid rage."

Dr. Wendy Wright, an intensive care neurologist at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta who was not involved in the study of Benoit's brain, said multiple concussions could cause long-term brain injuries, but the symptoms were unclear.

"This isn't something you would expect to see turn on one day and have someone fly into a vicious rage," she said.



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**NASDAQ** 2,605.95 -24.29

**S&P 500** 1,472.29 -17.13

**NIKKEI (Tokyo)** 15,282.45 -238.86

**FTSE 100 (London)** 6,270.70 -106.10

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
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POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	-1.01	-0.50	49.18
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## IN BRIEF

### FAA orders inspection of new 737 jets

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators ordered inspections of the wing slats on all newer Boeing 737 jetliners based on findings about the fire that destroyed a China Airlines 737 in Japan last week.

The orders apply to the owners and operators of 783 U.S. airplanes but will likely be imposed by other countries on the entire worldwide fleet of 2,287 newer 737s, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Les Dorr said Monday.

Dorr said the move was prompted by the fire in Japan and one other incident.

The FAA's emergency airworthiness directive, issued Saturday, applies to all 737-600, -700, -800, -900 and -900ER series planes, the first of which entered service in January 1998 with Southwest Airlines, which flies only 737s. In the United States, the planes also are used by Alaska, American, Continental, Delta and other carriers.

### Business owners returning to school

NEW YORK — As the fall semester begins at colleges and universities across the country, thousands of small business owners will be among the students. Many people who run their own companies realize they need to learn more about finance, marketing and managing, and so they decide to squeeze courses into their already tight schedules.

Peter Figueredo, CEO of NETexponent, a New York-based advertising agency, had run the company for three years when he realized he needed to learn more about operating a business.

"I know the actual type of advertising and marketing we do extremely well," Figueredo said. But "how to manage people, set up an infrastructure, finances, human resources was still something very new to me."

So in 2004, he began a three-year program on entrepreneurship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Besides classroom learning that led to his being granted a certificate from MIT, he came away with a network of other small business owners who he still turns to when he needs help or advice.

# U.S. mortgage crunch expanding

Declining home prices and rising interest rates creating national nightmare for homeowners

Associated Press

OCALA, Fla. — The walls are bare, the closets are empty, and Connie and Timothy Pent and their two teenage children are living out of boxes as they wait for a dreaded knock at the door of their three-bedroom house in Ocala, Fla.

They've fallen behind in payments on their home loan, and their lender told them in July that foreclosure was imminent.

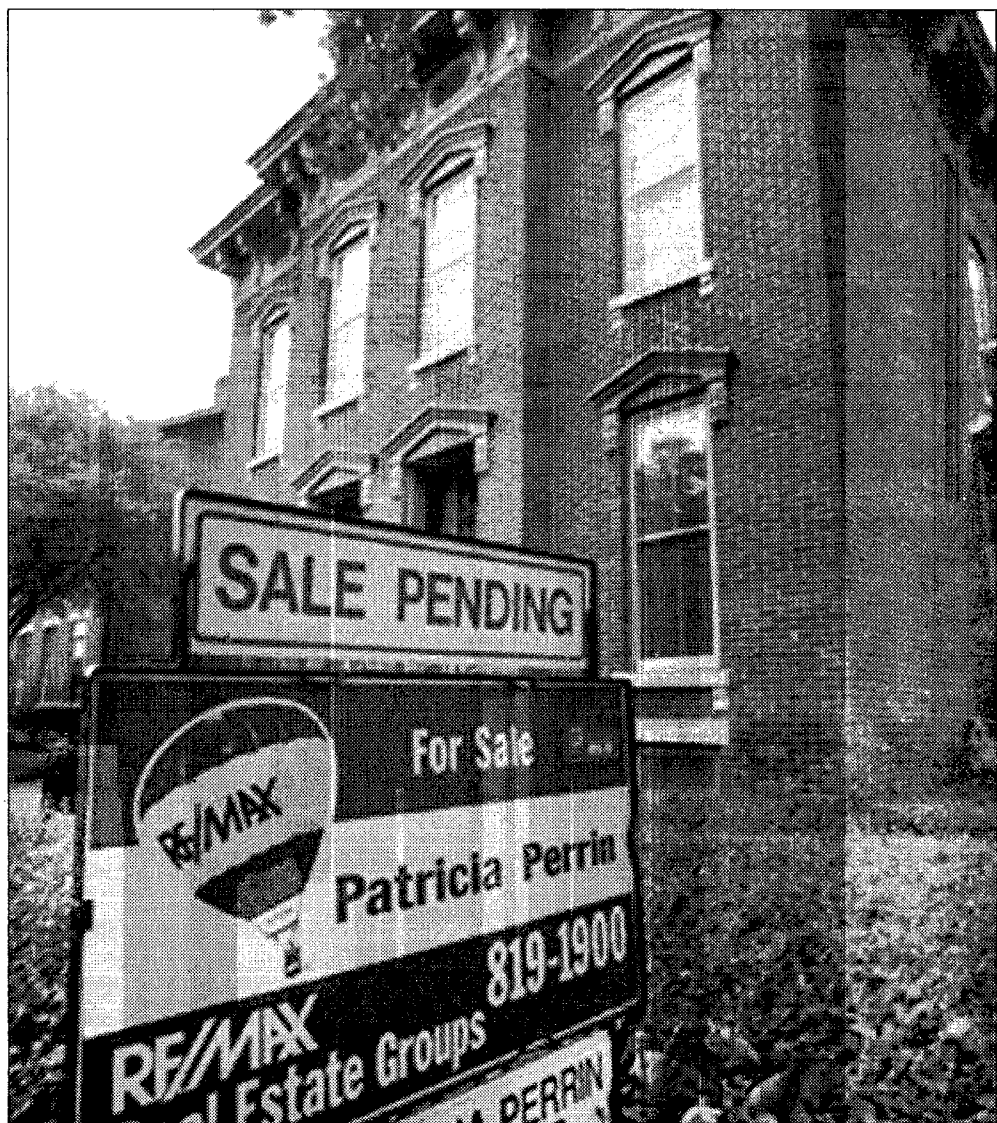
"We thought we were fine," said Connie regretfully. "You never know."

An increasing number of homeowners and prospective homeowners are getting caught up in the fast-spreading mortgage crisis that is claiming victims from all income levels and demographic groups. Like the Pents, many are trying desperately to get their loan terms reworked but are finding it's difficult in a tightened market.

For five years, the housing boom put money in the pockets of lenders, brokers, realtors and investors and granted easy mortgages to homeowners with both good and blemished credit. But as home prices decline and interest rates climb, the cracks in the housing market's foundation are widening.

Exotic mortgages, once hailed for helping to increase U.S. homeownership to its highest level at 68.9 percent, have become the undoing of many.

Loans with adjustable rates, payment choices and loose requirements have trapped borrowers in too-high payments with few options for escape. Some have taken on second and third jobs, depleted savings, retirement and college funds and wrestled with lenders to stave off foreclosure. Those who fail



A home in downtown Indianapolis is listed for sale on Wednesday. Pending sales of existing homes fell in July to the lowest level in six years.

see their homes sell at auction.

"The increasing availability of mortgages has been an important and positive long-term trend," said Doug Elmendorf, a Brookings Institution economist. "But like many positive developments, this one was taken to an unjustifiable extreme."

Many of the victims are subprime borrowers — those like the Pents who don't qualify for market

interest rates because of blemishes on their credit record. The Center for Responsible Lending estimates that 2.2 million subprime home loans made in recent years have ended or soon will end in foreclosure.

But there are many other ways to be hurt in the mortgage crunch.

Many prospective home buyers, through little fault of their own, are having trouble getting mortgages

because of the changing market.

Others were sold on too much house, piled up huge loans based on the inflated value of their property and didn't fully understand the interest rates they would have to pay.

Nearly \$1.12 trillion worth of hybrid and traditional adjustable-rate mortgages were originated in 2005 and 2006, while \$779.13 billion of interest-only ARMs were issued in

## JAPAN

# Pension system crisis hits seniors

Associated Press

TOKYO — After reading a book this year about serious flaws in Japan's pension system, retired deliveryman Yoshikazu Hirano thought he'd check his own records just to be safe.

He's glad he did: The 74-year-old discovered the government had shortchanged him by 460,000 yen (\$3,770) in benefits he accrued while driving a truck for three years in the 1950s and 60s.

Hirano wasn't alone. Shortly afterward, the government confessed to losing track of pension records linked to an astounding 64 million claims — igniting a scandal that has punished the ruling party at the polls and eroded confidence in the ability of the world's second largest economy to support its growing legions of elderly.

Hirano, who is single and lives out-

side Tokyo, felt defrauded. "Had I not asked, I would have never gotten the money back," he said.

The pension mess, fully disclosed in May, has landed on one of the world's fastest-aging societies: 21 percent of its 127 million inhabitants are 65 or older and some 25 million retirees are collecting pensions, rising to 35 million by 2040.

People have flooded pension offices and 24-hour call centers seeking to check their records, and titles such as "Recover your pension!" fill bookstores and newsstands.

The confusion has hit Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. The outrage contributed to a plunge in his popularity and forced him to delay an upper house election for a week — to no avail, since his ruling party was trounced at the polls anyway, though he remains in office.

An interim government report released in July alleged widespread incompetence at the Social Insurance Agency: records kept in yellowing files instead of on computers, evidence of possible embezzlement of funds, and rampant clerical mistakes.

"The organization had little sense of compliance," said the report, which blamed the mess on faulty governance, low morale, lack of professionalism and ignorance of "the duty to protect the people's rights."

The agency was established a decade ago to unify three separate pension organizations — one for self-employed or non-workers, another for company employees, and the third for public servants. With 70 million members and \$1.3 trillion in reserves, it is one of the world's largest.



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# Panel refuses to dismiss complaint against Craig

Senator launches campaign to stay in office

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — To the dismay of fellow Republicans, Sen. Larry Craig launched a determined drive to save his seat on Wednesday, vowing to stay in office if allowed to withdraw his guilty plea in a men's room sex sting.

Craig's campaign suffered an instant setback, however, when the ethics committee refused to set aside a complaint lodged against him. "Pending Sen. Craig's resignation, the committee will continue to review this matter," the committee's senior senators wrote.

The decision to deploy his legal team marked a reversal of his pledge to resign on Sept. 30, and raised the possibility of a protracted legal and political struggle, much of it playing out in public, with gay sex at its core.

"I thought he made the correct decision, the difficult but correct decision to resign" over the weekend, said Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky after he and Craig spoke by telephone. "That would still be my view today."

Craig made no public statements during the day, although he met privately in Boise with Idaho Gov. C.L. Otter, who has the authority to fill any vacancy in the state's Senate delegation.

"We are proceeding based on the assumption that there is going to be a transition at the end of the month," said Jon Hanian, Otter's spokesman. "The senator's staff is going to work with ours to that end."

But McConnell heard something different when he talked with his longtime Senate colleague. He said Craig had told him he now intended to remain in Congress if he is permitted to withdraw his guilty plea by Sept. 30. "If he is unable to have that disposed of prior to Sept. 30, it is his intention to resign from the Senate as he expressed last Saturday," he said.

The GOP leader spoke hours after Craig's attorney, Stanley Brand, asked the ethics committee not to investigate a complaint because events were "wholly unrelated" to official duties.

Committee action eventually would lead the Senate down a path of dealing with "a host of minor misdemeanors and transgressions," Brand added in a letter that was hand-delivered.

In a written reply several hours later, the panel's chairman and senior Republican wrote that Senate rules give the committee authority to investigate lawmakers who engage in "improper conduct, which may reflect upon the Senate."

"The committee has reached no conclusions regarding the matter," wrote Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., and John Cornyn, R-Texas. "Pending Sen. Craig's resignation, the committee will continue to review this matter."

A second attorney for Craig, Tom Kelly, was in Minnesota, evidently preparing to file papers seeking to have the senator's

guilty plea withdrawn.

Lawyers not involved in the case have said Craig faces a difficult challenge, pointing to Minnesota Rules of Criminal Procedure requiring that a defendant show a "manifest injustice" to withdraw a guilty plea.

In Craig's case, he voluntarily signed a plea agreement that included a provision stating that the court would not accept such a confession of guilt from anyone who believed himself innocent.

The legal fine points aside, Craig's turnabout was the subject of a lengthy closed-door discussion among Senate Republicans during the day. One participant said McConnell's concerted effort to prod Craig to quit Congress drew wide-spread support. Only a few members of the rank-and-file expressed concern that the leadership was acting in haste, added this lawmaker,

who spoke on condition of anonymity because the meeting was private. There was other evidence of the discomfort his case has caused fellow conservatives. A dozen conservative activists attending a press conference on one of President Bush's judicial nominees declined to answer questions about Craig, including whether they wished to see him resign or remain in office.

They included Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council; David Keene, president of The American Conservative Union; Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform; and Wendy Wright, president of Concerned Women for America.

For his part, McConnell turned away questions about Craig's situation. Asked whether fellow Republicans could embrace Craig if he disposed of the case and returned to Washington, the GOP leader said he would not answer hypothetical questions.

Asked if Craig had been disingenuous when he told him on Friday he intended to resign, McConnell declined to say. And when asked whether Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., had been helpful in resolving the controversy, McConnell said, "You'll have to talk to Sen. Specter about his views."

Specter said Sunday he would like to see Craig "seek to withdraw the guilty plea, and fight the case." Specter, a former prosecutor, said he believes the Idaho lawmaker could be vindicated.

He declined to elaborate further when asked during the day. Craig drew one expression of support, from fellow Idaho Republican Sen. Mike Crapo.

"I support whatever Larry does," said Crapo. "Everybody has a right to try to vindicate themselves."

Several officials have said Crapo played a key role in last week's events, serving as an intermediary of sorts between his home state colleague and Republicans in Washington eager to see Craig resign.

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## A spirituality for beginners

"To follow Jesus is always a beginning; it is The beginning happening once again."

- Father Julián Carrón

Every once in a while, and especially when we are starting something new, it helps to remember: The first disciples of Jesus had no idea what they were getting into.

That is to say, they didn't just wind up disciples. They had to *begin* somewhere.

Beginnings, by definition, are incomplete — they are the initiation of something that is not yet. As such, beginnings are filled with a freshness, a sense that anything can happen. And so, beginnings are also filled with uncertainty, disorientation, even some fear.

This was true for Peter and the first disciples. John the Evangelist captures the "spirituality of beginning" — famously and sublimely — in the first chapter of his Gospel. John the Baptist stands waist-high in the Jordan River, screeching and screaming a brilliant new message of the coming of God's Kingdom. His message is full of hair-raising imagery, but also full of conviction and resonance, which would explain the crowds that evidently journeyed into the desert to hear him preach.

In the Bible, big things often begin in the desert (see the 10 Commandments, or Jesus' Temptation). But this is a bit counter-intuitive. When we begin something, we usually prefer to begin from a place of strength and move along with some certainty from there. The desert is not a place of strength or certainty. In the Baptist's desert, life hangs by a thread. No one actually lives there (except him), and insects are standard fare. His disciples go there, not to be comforted in what they already know

and experience, but to lose, momentarily, their daily comforts and encounter something fresh and new.

Peter and others risk making this journey into the desert. Evidently, they were dissatisfied with some aspects of their daily lives — personal, social, political, whatever. So they wander into the desert, let go of their daily, insulating routines, to see what is there, what directions the outrageous, compelling Baptist would propose.

Who knows how long they waited? All we know is that one day, the Baptist finally proposed — a new beginning.

An unidentified figure mysteriously enters the scene. John points to him as he walks by, and says to the disciples, "There goes the one we have been waiting for." It must not have been what most of them expected, for only two disciples — Peter's brother, Andrew, and a second, unnamed — follow. And even they don't know exactly what they're doing. They just walk behind this mysterious figure, and can't even compose themselves enough to ask him where he's going.

Finally, perhaps sensing their growing disorientation, Jesus turns and asks, "What are you looking for?" Surely, he already knows the answer — they don't really know.

At a loss, and now feeling how far from their familiar comforts they have strayed, they make a plea for a home-cooked meal around a fire. "Teacher," they ask, "where is your home?"

Jesus, in turn, invites, with three indelible words, right to the heart: "Come and see." And so it begins.

It can often be helpful to recognize in the stories of Scripture the stories of our own lives. Perhaps in this story of the beginning of the disciples' journey we can see some semblance of our story, here at the beginning of a new semester.

All of us — whether freshmen or lifetime Domers — begin this year in some

degree disoriented, restless. If you are not feeling some sense of freshness and its corresponding disorientation, you are probably not really beginning this year, but just continuing last year. Beginnings demand restless hearts. In fact, restless hearts are about the only cogent explanation for 10,000 of us gathering together in the northern woods of Indiana to study for a year together.

Coming to know the burning questions inside of us, the ones that have driven us to this place, can be a great spiritual exercise to begin this semester. In fact, John's Gospel suggests that in the following of our restlessness — the questions about ourselves and our world that bug us, that a professor raises and remain with us all day, that are on our minds when we go to bed and when we wake up, the person we can't get off our minds — are often invitations from Jesus to . . . Well, it is hardly possible to articulate all that we are searching for, here at the beginning.

Here, perhaps, in our uncertainty and unarticulated hopes, and even in our fears, we can gain calming, leg-steadying, dream-inspiring consolation from the beginning of the journey of the first disciples. They followed restlessness into a desert, trailing behind a mysterious man, until one day, their restlessness provoked a conversation with God.

"What are you looking for?"

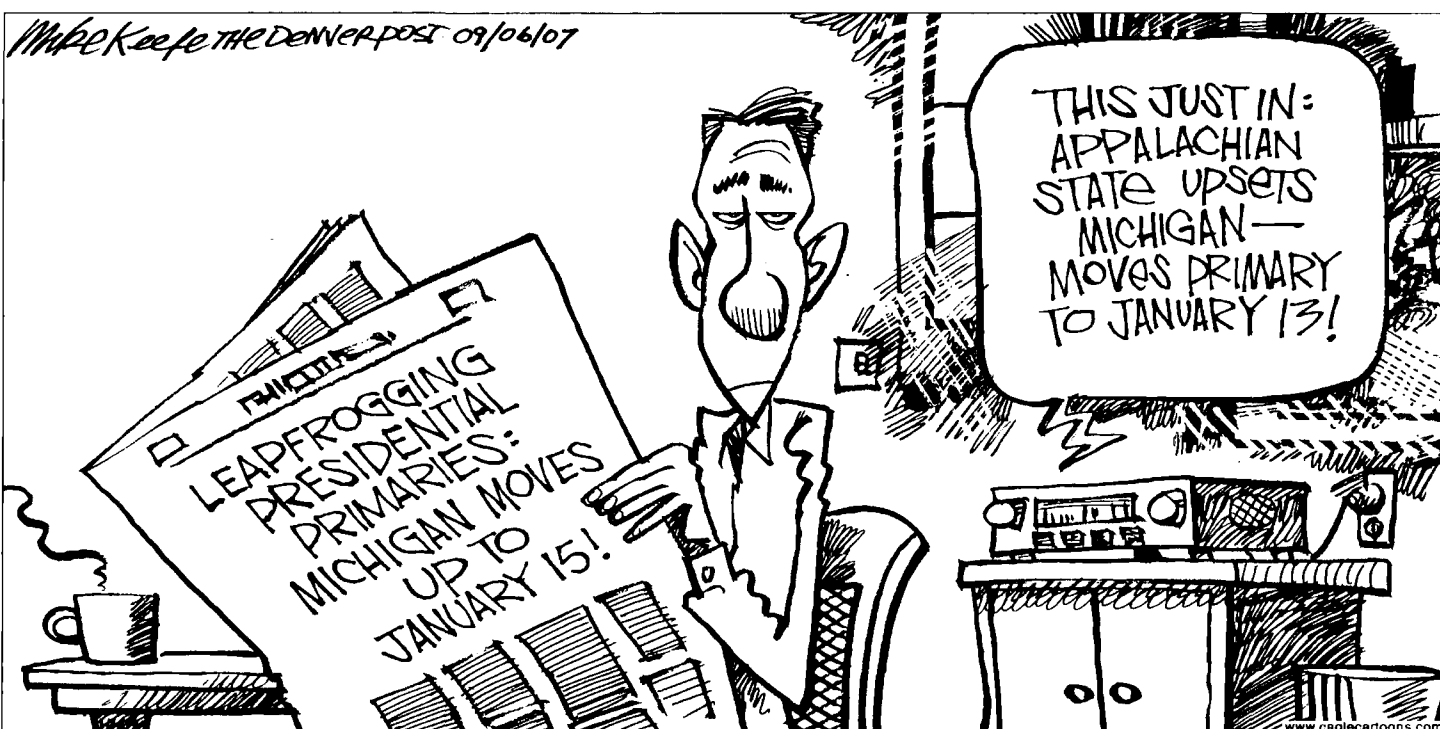
"Teacher, we hardly know ourselves, but you seem to know a way. Will you show us where our hearts can find rest?"

"Come and see."

*This week's FaithPoint is written by Father Lou DellFra, director of campus Bible studies in the Office of Campus Ministry. He can be reached at del-fra.2@nd.edu*

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"When all is said and done, the weather and love are the two elements about which one can never be sure."

Alice Hoffman  
American author

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Student activism discussion continues

#### Fighting for our right to party

I would like to applaud Tom Martin's intrepid defense of the anti-South Bend Ordinance Movement ("Keep fighting ordinance," Sept. 4). He makes an excellent correlation between people who protest unjust laws and those affected by those laws themselves, and I echo his admiration for the Darfur dining hall activists (who are, assuredly, all from Darfur themselves).

Andrea Laidman's injunction to care about events and laws so far removed from our bubble is patently unreasonable ("You gotta fight for your right," Sept. 3). However, we must keep in mind that even the terrorist liberals are part of our great Notre Dame family, and it falls upon us to help them reevaluate their priorities.

Perhaps we should take Martin's commentary to the next logical step. Thanks to

the ingenious wire-tapping laws that Laidman mentioned in her fulsome anti-freedom treatise, we can listen in on their devious schemes and easily determine likely candidates for reeducation.

It would be simple to get their names from the revolutionary hotbeds of the Progressive Student Alliance listserv, or the names of the students who have attended peace marches or pro-choice demonstrations. And of course, every owner of a Michael Moore movie has got to go. Jail the terrorist students, and when they have spent weeks without beer or 25-person parties, maybe they will appreciate the struggle of we patriotic youths, fighting for truth, justice and our right to party.

Jacqueline Collins  
senior  
Pasquerilla East Hall  
Sept. 4

#### Criticism downplays important issues

As a close, personal friend of Andrea Laidman's ("You gotta fight for your right," Sept. 3), I can confirm Tom Martin's accusations ("Keep fighting the ordinance," Sept. 4) that she is a terrorist and a misguided youth are entirely true. Not only is she a political science and peace studies major, like Osama bin Laden (terrorist), Jane Fonda (misguided youth) and Hugo Chavez (apparently a combination of the two), but she is the co-founder of a group called Notre Dame Students Against State Killing (ND-ASK), an organization that is attempting to remove the American death penalty in favor of a more vigilante-like system of killing people for the atrocities they may or may not have committed.

I would like to take this time to point out some of the high points of Martin's argument, which, unlike Laidman's mostly made up argument, appears to have come directly from God (thanks JC!). First, Martin hits an early peak by contrasting Laidman's opinion that Notre Dame students are not active enough by pointing out those people in SDH that made him sign a Darfur banner. See Laidman, Martin unwillingly signed a piece of paper protesting genocide and that's pure noble activism. What do you want him to do, read a book on the subject and write his senator? Good luck, grandma.

Secondly, Martin points out what college is really about, not protesting or even learning, but good old-fashioned partying. And like he says, this is college, a place not where we are to be young and

idealistic and actually care about humanitarian crises or the systematic rolling back of civil rights and liberties in the U.S., but rather where we can have more than 25 of our close personal friends over, drink booze, sweat and maybe make out with some guy or girl we have never met — go college!

Finally, I want to high-five him on that last line: Defending America from terrorists, wherever they may lie. See, it's a pun — not only is he insinuating that the terrorists are lying down (which is probably why we still cannot find Osama), but he is also insinuating that Laidman is telling a lie. Or more than one, for that matter. And he is right, Laidman's column is filled with falsities — there are no Americans held at Guantanamo Bay without charge, there are terrorists. Hurricane Katrina didn't reveal inadequate federal response, it was just a big hurricane man, what do you think, we can predict the weather?

I think I've made my point. So thank you, Martin, for protecting us from the delusions brought on by the liberal media. I'm glad to know that the next time we are in need of someone to defend this helpless body of predominantly upper-middle class white males, Martin will be there chanting U.S.A. and pouring chocolate milk all over his face (see old facebook profile pictures).

Michael Warren Redding  
senior  
off campus  
Sept. 4

### Fight for your Cocoa Puffs

Recent Letters to the Editor have discussed the ability of the Notre Dame student body to rise up against injustice. I feel it is my civic duty to point out that recent events have proven we are not up to the challenge.

Last year, at the end of second semester, South Dining Hall took away our Cocoa Puffs, replacing them with the generic brand, but we did not speak out. Now, they have taken away even the generic version, and yet there is still no protest.

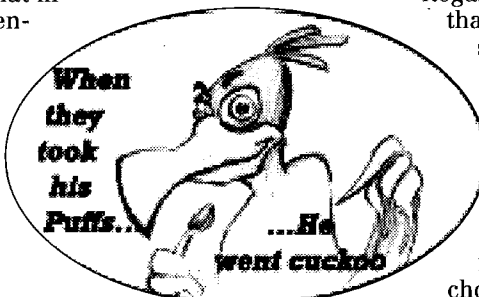
I must admit that I am ignorant as to the reason for this outrageous act. Perhaps a survey of the student body on cereal preferences was poorly run, and thus led to the incorrect result that

Cocoa Puffs is not a favored brand. I do not know.

What I do know is that in American history, whenever evil dictators have tried to take away the things we hold most precious, there has been a revolutionary force present to provide resistance. The British were repelled when Alexander Hamilton unleashed his sword and drove them back to their gloomy island. Franklin Delano Roosevelt was slain by polio, which

admittedly may not have been American.

Regardless, the point is that Americans will not stand and watch while their freedom is taken away. Now, we must follow this example. We must find the person or people in charge of cereal choices for South Dining Hall, and we shall fight them in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender.

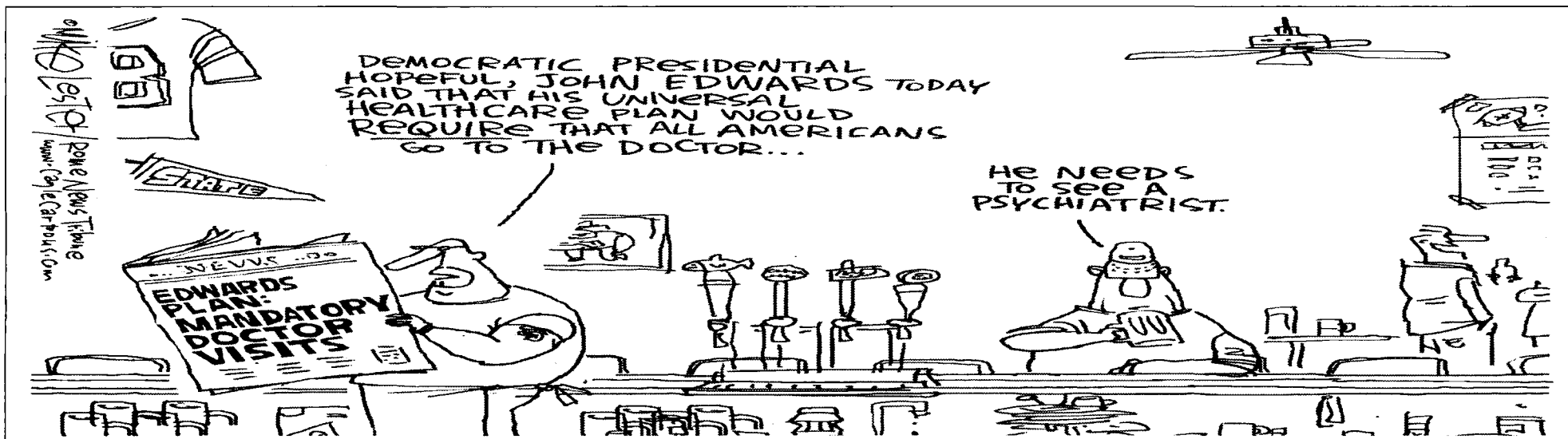


For they have taken away our Cocoa Puffs. No longer can I find glory in a bowl after I fail a test. No longer can I wake up on a weekend morning to be greeted by the scent and taste of love, crunchiness and chocolate.

Instead, South Dining Hall would have me seek comfort in a bowl of Cookie Crisp. But I will not be sated by little cookies in milk. I demand my puffs of cocoa, and you should too. Rise, Notre Dame student body, and fight for what is right and good in this world.

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## Film series takes immigration forum beyond United States

OBSERVER GRAPHIC | Matt Hudson

By MICHELLE FORDICE  
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In conjunction with this year's Notre Dame Forum on Immigration, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center is presenting a sixth-month long cinema series, "Immigration: A Notre Dame Perspective," featuring films that depict the lives and struggles of immigrants. While the forum's focus is on the United States, the film series expands to an international level, increasing the context of immigration for participants in the forum. To purchase tickets for all of these films, contact the DPAC ticket office at 574-631-2800. Tickets are \$3 for students.

**"Dying to Live," Sept. 6, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.**

Directed by Notre Dame faculty member Reverend Daniel G. Groody, "Dying to Live" is a documentary that interviews Pulitzer Prize winning photographers, theologians, Church and congressional leaders, activists, musicians and the immigrants themselves in order to present a study of immigration that incorporates Catholic conceptions. A reflection guide accompanying the film can be found through the Notre Dame website and Rev. Groody will be at the showing for discussion.

**"Romántico," Sept. 6, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.**

"Romántico" is a documentary portrait of Carmel Muñiz, a 60-year-old Mexican mariachi player who is returning to his family after living in San Francisco for years. Colored by the music Muñiz plays, the film vividly depicts the unhappy choice of many immigrants between supporting their family and actually being with them, as well as the changing nature of crossing the border between the United States and Mexico. "Romántico" was nominated for best picture at both the Sundance and Independent Spirit film festivals.

**"The Namesake," Sept. 20, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.**

"The Namesake," directed by Mira Nair and based on the novel by Jhumpa Lahiri, follows two generations of the Ganguli family, beginning with the immigration of Ashima and Ashoke Ganguli from India to the United States. Eventually, their children Gogol and Sonia are born. Unlike their parents, the two siblings have little connection with India and struggle with many of their parent's traditions. Gogol in particular feels hindered by his name, which he feels separates him from the Western society he wants to belong to. As the film progresses, Gogol learns the significance of his name and begins to find a balance between his home and his heritage. "The Namesake" is

in English, Bengali, Hindi, and French with English subtitles.

**"El Norte," Sept. 27, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.**

"El Norte," an American and British film, is broken into three parts, describing the Guatemalan government's oppression of the Quiche Indians, the immigrants' journey from Guatemala to the United States and finally the lives of illegal immigrants once they reach their destination. "El Norte" was the first American independent film to be nominated for an Oscar for Best Original Screenplay. Director Gregory Nava will be present at the screening for discussion with the audience. "El Norte" is in Spanish and Mayan with English subtitles.

**"In America," Oct. 14, 4 p.m.**

"In America," directed by Jim Sheridan, describes the trials of immigration through the eyes of children as it tells the story of Christy and Ariel, two young girls emigrating with their parents from Ireland to New York. While their parents are struck with the difficulties and struggles of immigrating, the girls see the magic and adventure their new country has to offer. Sheridan based the film on his own experiences, writing the screenplay with his two daughters. "In America" was nominated for many awards, including three Oscars, and received 15 wins.

**"The Golden Door (Nuovomondo)," Jan. 17, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.**

Set at the beginning of the 20th century, "The Golden Door" illustrates a more historical view of immigration. Italian widower Salvatore Mancuso sets out to move his entire family to the United States. The film focuses on the difficulties of reaching the United States at the time, highlighting the determination of immigrants to reach their destination. Director and writer Emanuele Crialese's picture won Best Film and both the Venice and Yerevan International Film Festivals. "The Golden Door" is in Italian and English with English subtitles.

**"9 Star Hotel," Feb. 14, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.**

"9 Star Hotel," an Israeli documentary, depicts immigrants traveling from Palestine into Israel. Thousands of young Palestinian men cross into Israel looking for jobs in construction. "9 Star Hotel" is the nickname for the makeshift huts in the hills outside of the city that these young men live in. The film won the Best Documentary Award at the Jerusalem International Film Festival. "9 Star Hotel" is in Arabic and Hebrew with English subtitles.

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By JAMES COSTA  
Assistant Scene Editor

There are few acts who have the ability to capture a listener's attention immediately and not let go until the last note of the album slowly fades to silence. Antony and the Johnsons' "I Am a Bird Now" is one of those albums.

From the first song, Antony's voice flows in an expression of loneliness, an articulation of every feeling we've ever wished we could convey and found ourselves cursed without the ability to find the right words. Just as Antony finds the words, he also finds the music, and the result is exhilarating, despairing and haunting.

"I am a Bird Now" is a complex record

and fulfills a host of meanings. It's a soul record, which means that it does not fulfill a strict definition of the genre and so cannot be classified as such. Yet the music is strong. It's disturbing, it's searing, it's pained, and it's elegantly raw. It is soulful as any enduring soul record should ever be.

One of the disc's strengths is its insistence on moving beyond the realm of simple music. Much more than a series of 11 separate tracks, Antony brilliantly guides the listener into a wholly new sphere of melodious storytelling. Quite akin to the confusing nature of David Lynch films such as "Mulholland Drive" and "Blue Velvet," the music is at once confession and accusation, a note of lasting return and final departure.

Most songs on the record are a reflection of the gender-bending experiences of Antony's life. However, the songs are not labored by their thick content. Rather, they illuminate a reality so malleable to the listener that each tune becomes, with a bit of reflection, an opportunity for thought and poignancy regardless of one's stance on the inspiration for the song. While

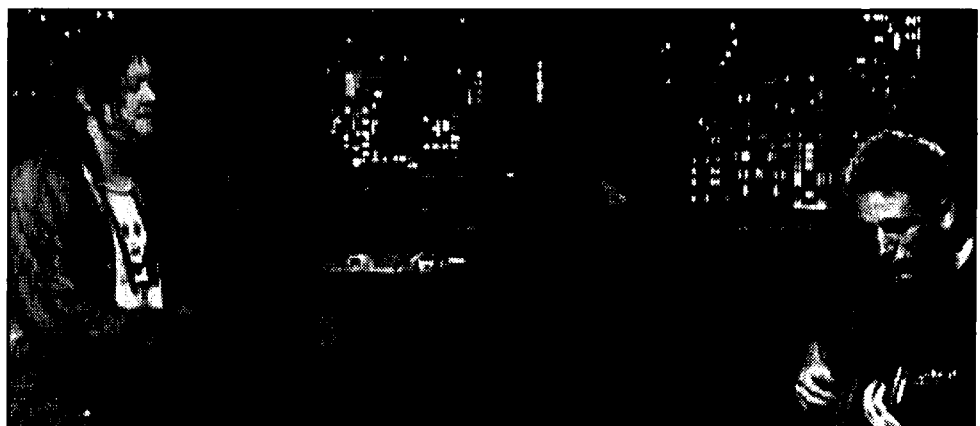


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Antony and the Johnsons, a band based in New York City, perform on "The Late Show with David Letterman." "I am a Bird Now" is the band's second studio album.

the difficulties faced by Antony are at times excruciating, the album emerges as a testament to hope and perseverance.

A particularly moving song is the album's bridge song "Fistful of Love." Featuring Lou Reed of the Velvet Underground, the song has one of the more upbeat tempos of the album.

Its lyrical message, however, conveys a deep understanding of the cruelty sometimes found in the search for love. While he is an owner of a wounded perception of love, Antony nonetheless sings honestly of his personal struggle for acceptance from a distanced lover. So different from much of

today's musical offering, the song's lasting power is in its assurance that the words are sung from the mouth of a real person.

Adding to the appeal of the album is the stellar lineup of guest appearances, including Devendra Banhart, Rufus Wainwright and Rob Moose of Sufjan Stevens. Lending their talents to the Johnsons, the record is arranged with each song continuing the story of Antony until the moment comes when the record ends, and it is clear that he has finally shed the burdens of life — free as a bird, free at last.

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### I am a Bird Now

Antony and the Johnsons

Released by: Secretly Canadian

Recommended Tracks: My Lady Story, You Are My Sister, Fistful of Love





## Snite to exhibit eclectic mix of art this fall

OBSERVER GRAPHIC | Matt Hudson

### "Between Figurative and Abstract: Recent Paintings by Gao Xingjian"

The Snite Museum of Art will exhibit paintings by Gao Xingjian. Born in China and currently living in Paris, Gao deftly navigates Eastern and Western philosophical and artistic traditions through a broad array of media. Perhaps best known as a Nobel Prize Laureate in Literature — he is a poet, novelist, playwright, screenwriter and librettist — he is also a painter and filmmaker. Indeed, his painting exhibition is augmented by Gao's fall 2007 visit to Notre Dame — a literary conversation between author

Julia Alvarez and Gao, a lecture by translator Mabel Lee, a screening of his film, "La Silhouette sinon l'ombre," as well as the performance of scenes from two of his plays — "Nocturnal Wanderer" and "Escape."

Mabel Lee, honorary associate professor in Chinese studies, University of Sydney, prepared an essay on Gao for the exhibition catalog. It describes the interplay between his literary and visual realms and situates his unique point of view at the intersection of Eastern and Western cultures; between traditional and contemporary Chinese painting; and, within his quest for an artistic freedom found in solitude.

**Where:** Snite Museum of Art, O'Shaughnessy Galleries West  
**Until:** Nov. 11



### "The Camera and the Rainbow: Color in Photography"

Photography is often divided into two categories: color and black-and-white. The reality, however, is much more complex. There is no totally "realistic" color photographic process. Some are pastel and dreamy, some feature bright "National Geographic" landscape colors, and others seem harsh and unreal.

The same is true in "colorless" monochromatic photography. The prints of the 19th century are frequently reproduced in books in monotonous sepia. These early images actually had many shades of color, going back to the first

photographs, and ranged from blue through gold, brown, orange, violet, and brick red. What we call "white" is often cream or yellow or ivory. A true "black" usually turns out to be a dark gray, purple, or brown.

A group of photographs from the museum's permanent collection has been chosen to illustrate a few of the varieties of color in the medium. Nineteenth-century images include landscapes by Timothy O'Sullivan, George Barnard and an anonymous French photographer. A picture of a Japanese groom by Felice Beato is meticulously hand-colored, and the cyanotype process produces an image in vivid blue.

**Where:** Snite Museum of Art, Sholz Family Works on Paper Gallery  
**Until:** Oct. 14



### "19th-Century French Drawings from the Museum's Collection"

The Snite Museum's collection of French 19th-century paintings and sculpture is available to be studied at any time, since it is now on long-term display in the permanent exhibition galleries.

Less-frequently placed on view are the Museum's 19th-century French drawings and watercolors. This collection contains numerous precious works on paper, dating from the neo-classical movement through post-impressionism. On many occasions drawings from the collection have been requested and have been sent out on temporary loan to be featured as part of major

**Where:** Snite Museum of Art, O'Shaughnessy Galleries II and III  
**Until:** Oct. 21

national or international museum exhibitions.

This showing coincides with the first publication devoted specifically to the museum's collection of 19th-century French drawings. The 19th-century was an especially bountiful time for draftsmen who chose to represent a wide range of subjects in their work — a variety of landscapes, portraits, historical subjects and figure studies will be on view.

Included in the exhibit is a selection of 50 drawings by prominent draftsmen of the period such as David, Ingres, Delacroix, Millet, Daumier, Pissarro, Gauguin and Cezanne. It is the first time the majority of these drawings has been placed on display in the museum.



### "Rarely Seen: Selections from the O'Grady Collection of 19th-Century Photographs of Asian Women"

Visitors to the O'Shaughnessy Galleries this fall will come face to face with a wide variety of women who lived in Asia in the 19th century. They survive today in photographs, taken in such places as India, Tibet, China, Vietnam, Korea, the Philippines, Bali, Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), Burma (now Myanmar), Siam (now Thailand) and Japan, from the 1860s through the turn of the century.

Among the 50 images are women noted for their beauty — weavers,

peasants, dancers, temple attendants, mothers with children, families, tea pickers, waitresses courtesans and others. Some of the photographs have been delicately hand-painted, a practice common in Japan, where colorists of woodblock prints found new work in the photographic studios.

The photographs have been selected from a much larger number of prints, assembled in only two years, thanks to the generosity of Robert E. O'Grady and Beverly O'Grady. A future exhibit of the entire collection, with a catalogue, is being planned.

**Where:** Snite Museum of Art, Milly and Fritz Kaeser Mestrovic Studio Gallery  
**Until:** Oct. 14



# Indians hand Twins second sweep in 10 days

## A pair of A's homers takes down Angels

Associated Press

The surging Cleveland Indians completed another sweep of Minnesota and left the Twins barely clinging to their playoff hopes.

Victor Martinez had two hits and two RBIs to back a quality start from Fausto Carmona, and Cleveland beat Minnesota 6-2 on Wednesday for its second sweep of the Twins in the last 10 games.

Carmona (15-8) allowed two runs and eight hits in 7 1-3 innings to help the AL Central leaders to their 11th win in 12 games. Six of those victories have come against the Twins, who had won five in a row when they walked into Jacobs Field on Aug. 27 looking to cut into Cleveland's 6 1/2-game lead in the division.

But the Twins were swept out of the Jake, split a series with Kansas City, and were swept again this week by the Tribe. Minnesota now trails the Indians by 12 1/2 games.

Cleveland began the day with a seven-game advantage over second-place Detroit. The Twins were eight games out of the wild-card spot.

Rafael Perez got five outs for his first major league save.

Scott Baker (8-7) gave up three runs and 11 hits with six strikeouts in five innings, a resounding step back from his stellar outing on Friday against the Royals.

Baker carried a perfect game into the ninth in that one, and was two outs from a no-hitter when Mike Sweeney broke it up.

On Wednesday, Grady Sizemore needed just two pitches to get the first hit off Baker, lining a single to center field to lead off the game. Baker then hit Asdrubal Cabrera in the back with a pitch and gave up an RBI double to Travis Hafner.

Martinez followed with another double to score two more runs, and it was 3-0 Indians before the smattering of Twins fans even got settled into their seats. It took Baker 27 pitches to get his first out of the game.

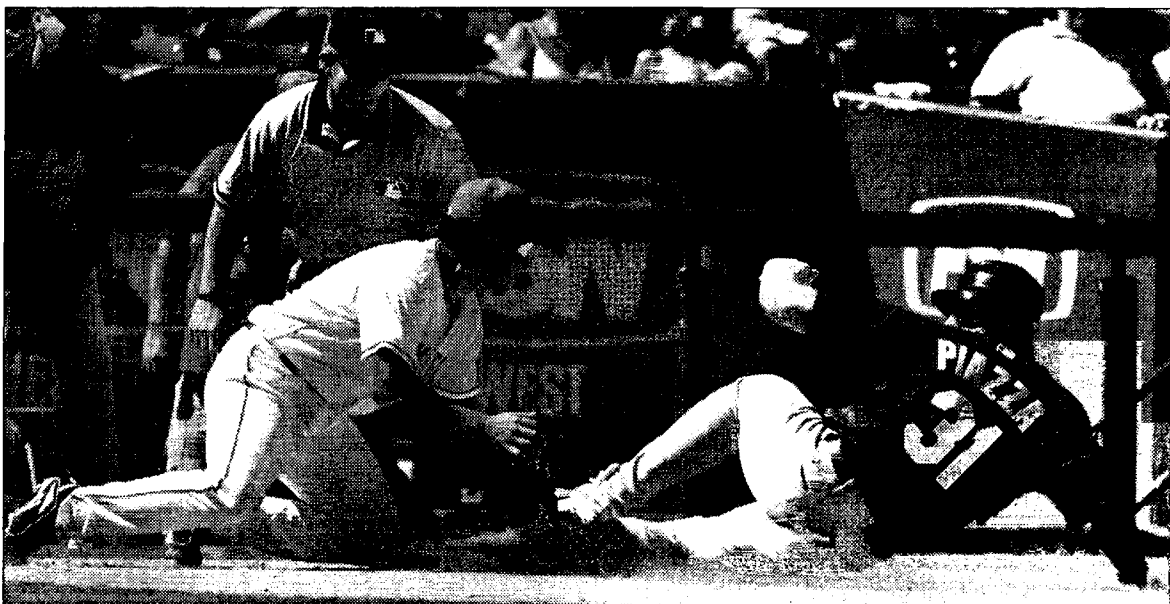
The right-hander from Louisiana walked a tightrope all afternoon, wobbling a few times but never being knocked off.

The Indians had a leadoff single in all five innings Baker worked. But he got some timely strikeouts, including one of Martinez with the bases loaded in the fourth, and stranded nine baserunners to limit the damage.

Carmona breezed through the first four innings against a Twins lineup he has dominated all season. He entered the game with a 1.14 ERA in three previous starts against the Twins.

The wiry Dominican needed just 54 pitches to get through the first four innings, but gave up two runs and four hits in the fifth to let the Twins back in the game.

Luis Rodriguez had a sacrifice fly and Torii Hunter added an RBI single to make the score 3-2, but Carmona got cleanup hit-



Athletics catcher Mike Piazza is tagged out trying to advance to third base Wednesday. The A's won 6-2 behind a solid effort by pitcher Joe Blanton.

ter Justin Morneau to ground out with runners on the corners to end the inning.

### Athletics 6, Angels 2

Maybe Joe Blanton was just due against the Angels.

Blanton settled down after a rocky start and Mark Ellis hit a three-run homer, leading the Oakland Athletics to a victory over Los Angeles on Wednesday.

After entering the season with an 0-6 record against the Angels, Blanton has won all three of his decisions against them this year.

"It's always a close game with them, and as a pitcher it's fun," he said. "When you face a lineup like that, you really have to throw your A-game that day and really compete."

Blanton (12-9) threw 99 pitches, giving up six hits with one walk and three strikeouts in winning for the fourth time in five decisions. Huston Street struck out two in a scoreless ninth.

"I still felt good enough and I probably could have finished," Blanton said. "But Huston hadn't pitched in a couple of days and I was pushing 100 pitches."

Donnie Murphy had a career-high three hits and two RBIs for Oakland, including a homer leading off the seventh inning to chase Joe Saunders. Ellis also singled in a run.

After giving up two runs in the first, Blanton shut out the AL West leaders for the next seven innings.

"My slider was pretty good and it was really effective," he said.

The A's went ahead 3-2 on Ellis' homer off Saunders (7-3) with one out in the fourth — his

first home run in 21 games since Aug. 13. Ellis made it 5-2 in the seventh with an RBI single off Chris Bootcheck after Murphy hit his fifth homer.

Ellis' 17 homers this season are a record for an Athletics second baseman, topping the previous mark of 16 set by Jimmie Dykes in 1921 when the team was in Philadelphia, and matched by Davey Lopes in 1983.

"It's a neat feeling," Ellis said. "Last year I had 11 home runs and missed a month of the season. I love being productive and driving in runs, but my defense is the reason why I'm in the big leagues."

Ellis hasn't made an error in 99 games, also a club record for a second baseman.

"There have been some good second basemen here — I've looked at the list a little bit — so I do take a lot of pride in that record as well," he said.

Saunders gave up four runs, seven hits and two walks. He struck out four.

"I was cruising along, I made a bad pitch and Ellis hurt me on it," Saunders said.

The Angels took a 2-0 lead soon after Reggie Willits and Orlando Cabrera led off the first inning with consecutive singles. Vladimir Guerrero struck out, but Garret Anderson followed with a run-scoring single that sent Cabrera to third. Maicer Izturis added a sacrifice fly.

Anderson tied a club record of 10 consecutive games with at least one RBI. He matched Fred Lynn (1984) and Wally Joyner (1986).

### Yankees 10, Mariners 2

Alex Rodriguez had a night befitting legends.

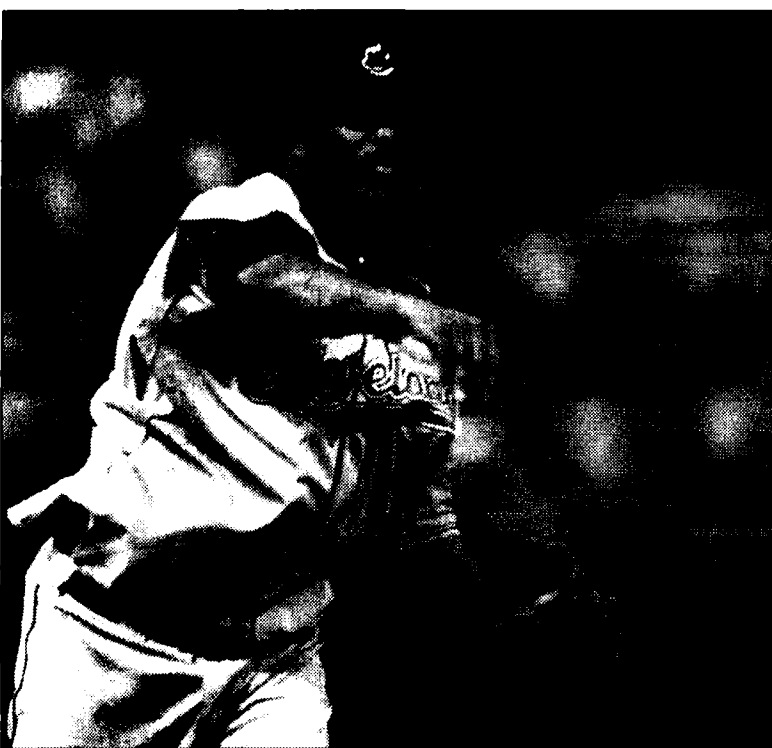
The Yankees planned to take him out of the starting lineup because of his sprained right ankle, but A-Rod talked his way in. Then he homered twice in an eight-run seventh inning to lead New York over Seattle Wednesday night and help the Yankees open a three-game lead over the Mariners in the AL wild-card race.

Rodriguez arrived at Yankee Stadium limping following a collision with Seattle third baseman Adrian Beltre on Tuesday, and the team's medical staff sent him downtown for an MRI exam. Rodriguez pronounced himself "ready to roll" and was upset that he had to go for the scan.

About an hour before game time, Yankees manager Joe Torre said A-Rod likely would be limited to pinch-hitting duty. Rodriguez then tested his ankle with a few jogs in right field while the Mariners were finishing batting practice. He ran in foul territory toward the dugout, up a runway and into the Yankees' clubhouse.

"I've got to talk to the manager," he said with a determined look, never stopping as he went through the door.

He walked and popped out in his first two plate appearances against Jarrod Washburn (9-13). Then, with the Yankees trailing 2-1 in the seventh, Rodriguez hit a 3-2 fastball over the retired numbers behind the fence in left-center. Pinch-hitter Jorge Posada's bases-loaded walk off Sean Green put the Yankees ahead, and New York padded the margin on Johnny Damon's run-scoring grounder, Melky Cabrera's RBI single and Derek Jeter's two-run double.



Indians pitcher Fausto Carmona throws out a Twins runner after fielding a grounder in a 6-2 victory Wednesday.

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# AROUND THE NATION

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## Major League Baseball

### American League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Boston	84-55	.604	6-4	-
New York	77-62	.554	5-5	7.0
Toronto	70-68	.507	6-4	13.5
Baltimore	60-77	.410	2-8	23.0
Tampa Bay	57-82	.413	7-3	27.0

### American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Cleveland	81-58	.583	9-1	-
Detroit	73-65	.529	4-6	7.5
Minnesota	69-71	.493	2-8	12.5
Kansas City	62-76	.449	5-5	18.5
Chicago	59-79	.428	3-7	21.5

### American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Los Angeles	82-57	.590	7-3	-
Seattle	74-63	.540	1-9	7.0
Oakland	69-72	.489	4-6	14.0
Texas	64-74	.464	8-2	17.5

### National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New York	78-61	.561	5-5	-
Philadelphia	73-66	.525	6-4	5.0
Atlanta	71-69	.507	4-6	7.5
Washington	62-77	.446	4-6	16.0
Florida	60-79	.432	3-7	18.0

### National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Chicago	70-67	.511	4-6	-
Milwaukee	70-68	.507	5-5	0.5
St. Louis	68-67	.504	7-3	1.0
Cincinnati	63-77	.450	3-7	8.5
Houston	62-77	.446	5-5	9.0
Pittsburgh	60-78	.435	3-7	10.5

### National League West

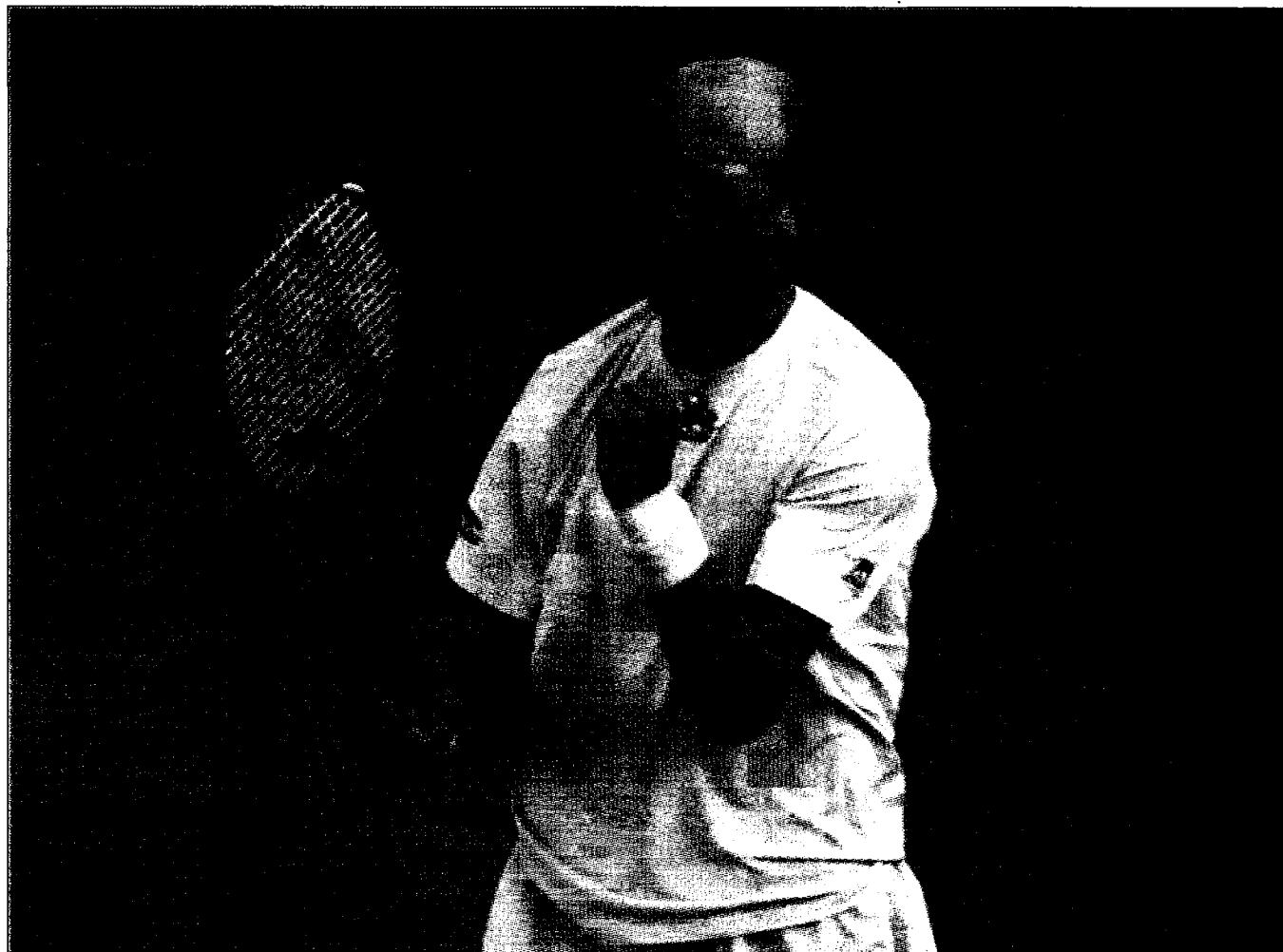
team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
San Diego	76-62	.551	6-4	-
Arizona	77-63	.550	4-6	-
Los Angeles	73-65	.529	7-3	3.0
Colorado	72-66	.522	7-3	4.0
San Francisco	62-77	.446	5-5	14.5

## NCAA Volleyball

### CSTV/AVCA Coaches' Poll

team	record	previous
1 Nebraska	4-0	1
2 Stanford	4-0	2
3 Penn State	3-1	3
4 USC	6-0	4
5 UCLA	3-1	5
6 Florida	5-0	7
7 Texas	2-2	6
8 Washington	6-0	8
9 BYU	5-0	15
10 Wisconsin	5-1	10
11 Duke	5-1	14
12 Minnesota	2-2	9
13 Ohio	4-1	23
14 Michigan	6-0	20
15 California	5-1	11
16 Hawaii	3-2	16
17 Cal Poly	3-2	18
18 San Diego	2-3	12
19 Santa Clara	5-1	19
20 Ohio State	4-1	13
21 LSU	6-0	22
22 Kansas State	5-2	25
23 Dayton	6-0	NR
24 St. John's	7-1	NR
25 Middle Tennessee	6-0	NR

## U.S. OPEN



Nikolay Davydenko celebrates his 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 victory over No. 10 Tommy Haas on Wednesday. Davydenko has now reached the semifinals of the U.S. Open for the second straight year.

## Davydenko, Kuznesova reach semis

Associated Press

NEW YORK — For better or worse, Nikolay Davydenko is back in the semifinals at the U.S. Open.

Smack in the middle of tennis' gambling scandal, the fourth-seeded Davydenko once again looked untouchable Wednesday, beating No. 10 Tommy Haas 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.

Davydenko is the only man who has not lost a set in the tournament.

The Russian expects to meet soon with investigators. A British online gambling company tracked bettors putting 10

times the usual amount of money on a match he played in August, most of it backing his 87th-ranked opponent; Davydenko quit in the deciding set with a foot injury.

Next up, Davydenko was to play the winner of Wednesday night's matchup between No. 1 Roger Federer and No. 5 Andy Roddick. Davydenko has never beaten either one — he's 0-9 against Federer and 0-4 vs. Roddick.

Also at night, two-time Open champ Venus Williams was to play No. 3-seeded Jelena Jankovic in the quarterfinals.

Davydenko beat Haas in the quarters at Flushing Meadows for the second straight year. This was a frustrating defeat for the German, who flung his racket into the net, hit a ball into the stands and chastised the chair umpire.

Davydenko joined a pair of Russian women in the semifinals.

Svetlana Kuznetsova advanced that far for the first time since winning the 2004 title, beating unseeded Agnes Szavay 6-1, 6-4.

"It's my favorite tournament. I love New York," said the No. 4-seeded Kuznetsova, who's been

wearing Yankees baseball caps when she's not playing. "It doesn't matter how I feel, I just come to this court and always want to give my best."

She'll face fellow countrywoman Anna Chakvetadze, who swept the last six games to eliminate No. 18 Shahar Peer 6-4, 6-1.

It will be the sixth-seeded Chakvetadze's first Grand Slam semifinal. Kuznetsova can count on an edge in experience, having made it to the 2006 French Open final, in addition to claiming her only major championship at Flushing Meadows three years ago.

## IN BRIEF

### Manning opens children's hospital

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning has a collection of MVP trophies and starred in numerous commercials. Now, the Colts quarterback has a children's hospital named after him.

The St. Vincent Children's Hospital was renamed Wednesday as Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at St. Vincent.

Manning has had a strong public and private relationship with the hospitals since he joined the Colts in 1998. He said he was honored to be so closely associated with the children's hospital, which St. Vincent opened in 2003 to care for critically ill and injured children.

"In the NFL, the name on the back of the jersey is emblematic of a player's commitment to contribute in any way he can to the success of that team," Manning said.

### Matsuzaka's ERA takes hit in past few starts

BOSTON — The \$103 million man has a 7.61 ERA in his last four starts.

Daisuke Matsuzaka is struggling at a bad time for the Boston Red Sox. They have baseball's best record and want to build momentum as the pennant race heats up. Lately, he's been a momentum stopper.

Before winning his first game in more than a month on Monday he allowed seven runs in that one the right-hander had lost his three previous starts. And those losses ended a pair of two-game winning streaks and one four-game surge.

That's not quite what the Red Sox hoped for when they paid \$51.11 million for the right to negotiate with his Japanese team, and then gave the celebrated rookie a \$52 million, six-year contract before throwing a single pitch in the majors.

### Kahne gains momentum toward end of season

DOVER, Del. — Kasey Kahne entered last year's race at Richmond on the brink of qualifying for the Chase for the championship.

With all the pressure on the baby-faced star, Kahne finished third in the race and qualified in the 10th and final spot. The result seemed almost expected from a driver who won a series-best six races in 2006, and maneuvered his way up to eighth in the final points standings.

When the green flag drops there this week in the final race before the 10-race Chase begins, Kahne's only pursuit will be for his first victory.

"I'd much rather have the pressure of having to be in the top 12, or having to win a race to get in, then not having any pressure or not having a chance," Kahne said Wednesday.

Kahne's startlingly gloomy season which had him deep in the points standings around spring training.

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## MLB — NATIONAL LEAGUE

# Braves oust division-rival Phillies in wild finish

*Piniella's managerial changes help produce offense for the Cubs, as they remain in first place by a half game*

Associated Press

The Braves will have a hard time making the playoffs, despite their most remarkable comeback of the season. So they went ahead and celebrated as though this one was for a championship.

Matt Diaz capped an improbable rally with a two-out, three-run double in the ninth inning, giving Atlanta a 9-8 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Wednesday.

The Phillies squandered leads of 5-0 and 8-2, giving up four runs in the eighth and watching in disbelief as Diaz's liner skidded off the tip of Chris

Robertson's glove with the bases loaded.

"I'm not believing that," said Philadelphia manager Charlie Manuel, whose team remained five games behind the NL East-leading New York Mets. "I totally can't believe that. I've never seen that — ever. It's mind-boggling."

The Braves' chances looked slim when Brett Myers (3-6) retired the first two hitters in the ninth with an 8-6 lead. But Jeff Francoeur and Martin Prado hustled to beat out infield hits, and Yunel Escobar walked to load the bases.

That brought up Diaz, who entered the game as a pinch-

hitter in the seventh. He went the opposite way with a liner that eluded Roberson's lunging attempt and stuck at the base of the wall.

Roberson hit the relay man, but the throw home was up the first-base line. Escobar slid across with the winning run, thrusting his right index finger toward the stands. Diaz, who had just rounded second, pumped his fists and was mobbed by his teammates in a wild pile beside the pitcher's mound.

"When I got it in the air, I thought I got too much," Diaz said. "I didn't realize how shallow he was playing."

Manuel remained on the top step of the dugout for at least a minute, watching the celebration and subtly shaking his head. Finally, he headed for the clubhouse.

"It didn't look good," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "But we did it."

The Braves still must face reality. They won for just the second time in six games on a crucial homestand against their top two rivals in the NL East, having been swept by the Mets last weekend.

Atlanta is 7 1/2 games behind New York, which lost 7-0 to Cincinnati.

"Whatever happens, we're going to play till the end," Francoeur said. "That was the most exciting game of the year for me."

Braves starter Tim Hudson allowed five runs in the first two innings, and the Phillies added three more in the seventh off Oscar Villareal for an 8-2 lead. Rafael Soriano (3-3) got the win with a scoreless ninth.

Atlanta sent 10 hitters to the plate in the eighth, scoring four runs off Tom Gordon. But it looked like another frustrating finish for the Braves when Kelly Johnson popped out on a 2-0 pitch from Myers with the bases loaded, then Chipper Jones hit a lazy fly to left for the third out, slamming his bat in disgust.

Gordon blamed himself for letting the Braves back in the game.

"It's devastating," he said. "We need to win those kind of games. I take responsibility for it."

Myers struck out Mark Teixeira to start the ninth, and Brayan Pena grounded out to first. Francoeur hit a grounder past third that shortstop Jimmy Rollins fielded in the outfield grass, giving him no chance to throw out the runner. Prado followed with a high hopper off the plate, just beating Myers' throw to first, which pulled Ryan Howard off the bag anyway.

"When Prado got that base hit off home plate, I thought, 'Uh oh, something's going to happen here,'" Atlanta's Willie Harris said.

He was right. Diaz came through with the biggest hit of all, giving the Braves a glimmer of hope in the playoff race. The team that won 14 straight division titles from 1991-2005 has only 22 games left to avoid missing the playoffs for the second year in a row.

"It happened so fast," Myers said. "The game got out of control: cheap hits, balls falling in."

Hudson gave up 11 hits in five innings. The remarkable comeback kept him from his third straight loss and kept the Braves (71-69) above .500.

"This is the kind of win we've been needing for a long time," Hudson said.

Pat Burrell hit his 25th homer in the second, a two-out drive over the center-field wall that put Philadelphia ahead 5-0.

Kyle Kendrick breezed through the first five innings, allowing just three hits. The Braves finally broke through in the sixth, knocking out the rookie with three straight hits that included Harris' leadoff

homer.

The Phillies escaped with a 5-2 lead when Aaron Rowand raced over from center to make a sliding catch on Francoeur's blooper toward left, then Andruw Jones struck out against Kane Davis.

But there were more comebacks to come.

"We had no business winning this game as lousy as we played the first few innings," Chipper Jones said. "We got lucky."

## Cubs 8, Dodgers 2

Ted Lilly got his first win in nearly a month and Aramis Ramirez homered to help the Chicago Cubs beat the Los Angeles Dodgers on Wednesday night.

The Cubs remained a half game ahead of Milwaukee in the NL Central. The Dodgers started the night in third place in the NL West, three games behind San Diego and Arizona.

Lilly (14-7) allowed two runs and six hits in 6 2/3 solid innings to win for the first time since Aug. 9 and tie Carlos Zambrano for the team lead in wins.

Ramirez hit his 20th homer, a two-run shot in the third for a 3-0 lead against lefty Eric Stults.

Stults (1-3), recalled Tuesday from the minors for the fourth time this season, got the start because David Wells is serving a seven-game suspension. In his sixth major league start, he gave up eight hits and four runs — three earned — in 4 1/3 innings.

Lilly left leading 4-1 after giving up a two-out walk to Mike Lieberthal in the seventh and Carlos Marmol relieved. Pinch-hitter Olmedo Saenz hit a liner to center and when Chicago's Felix Pie slipped, the ball rolled all the way to the wall, allowing Lieberthal to score and giving Saenz an RBI double. Pie had just entered the game in the sixth as a defensive replacement.

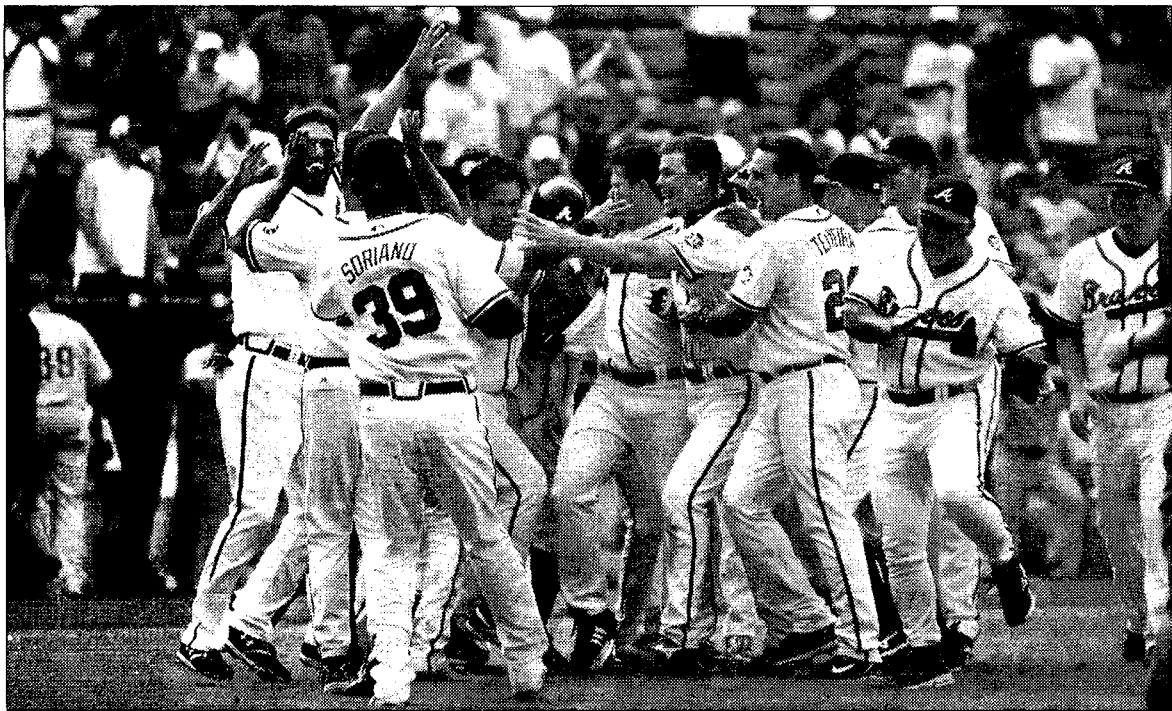
Lieberthal's double, a single by Stults and sacrifice fly by Rafael Furcal got the Dodgers their first run in the fifth.

But the Cubs got it right back when Mark DeRosa doubled. Derrek Lee singled and Dodgers' right fielder Matt Kemp fielded the ball and threw it over catcher Lieberthal's head for an error. The ball bounced off a brick wall and DeRosa took off for the plate to put Chicago ahead 4-1.

Trying to shake up his offense, Cubs manager Piniella made some changes in his lineup, inserting Craig Monroe in center, Ronny Cedeno at short and Pacific Coast League Player of the Year Geovany Soto behind the plate to start the game.

Monroe doubled in the second and scored on Soto's RBI single. And when the Dodgers had a runner at third with two outs in the third, Cedeno made an alert play, grabbing Juan Pierre's hard liner after it deflected off third baseman Ramirez's glove.

The Cubs tacked on four in the eighth on an RBI double by pinch-hitter Ryan Theriot and run-scoring single from Jacques Jones, two regulars who didn't start the game. DeRosa then hit a two-run single through a drawn-in infield to make it 8-2.



Braves outfielder Matt Diaz is surrounded by his teammates after he hit a game-winning, three-run double in the bottom of the ninth of Atlanta's 9-8 victory Wednesday.

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# Giants and Jets unveil design of new stadium

*New \$1.3 billion facility, set to open in 2010, will be owned by 2 NFL franchises for the first time in league history*

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. —The New York Giants and New York Jets broke ground Wednesday on the first stadium to be jointly owned by two NFL teams and unveiled how architects plan to make two competing teams feel at home in a \$1.3 billion stadium.

"Ensuring that the stadium would feel like home to both teams and both groups of fans was our goal and also one of the biggest challenges in the design of the stadium," said Steve Tisch, chairman and executive vice president of the New York Giants.

To do that, the stadium will feature an eight-story mega display, called the "Great Wall," with 400-foot-long by 40-foot-high panels featuring either team's logo or neutral colors for non-football events.

Tisch, Giants President and CEO John Mara and Jets Chairman and CEO Woody Johnson unveiled the design at a ceremony also attended by New Jersey Gov. Jon S. Corzine and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

The yet unnamed building, for which owners are still working on a naming-rights deal, will host 20 NFL games each season — more than any football stadium in the country.

Constructed next to the existing Giants Stadium, the new field is expected to open for the 2010 season and seat 82,500 in a bowl-design, where seats in the front row are 46 feet from the sidelines. Fans also will find a 300,000-square-foot outdoor plaza for tailgating.

While Wednesday's event marked the official ground breaking, infrastructure work is already under way

on the open-air facility at the Meadowlands sports complex.

Along with the design of the building, planners have been working to make access to the facility easier. Lanes into the Meadowlands will increase to more than 40 from the existing 16 and a new rail facility will connect the stadium to New York's Penn Station through Secaucus beginning in February 2009.

The teams cleared a large hurdle last month when each completed separate \$650 million financing deals. CitiCorp is financing the Jets' portion, while investment banks Goldman Sachs and Lehman Brothers are financing the Giants' deal.

The teams also received a financial boost earlier this year when NFL owners approved \$300 million in loans for stadium work.

The teams announced plans to build a stadium together two years ago, after the Jets' plans for a stadium on Manhattan's West Side fell through. The Giants had been planning to build a new stadium them-

selves.

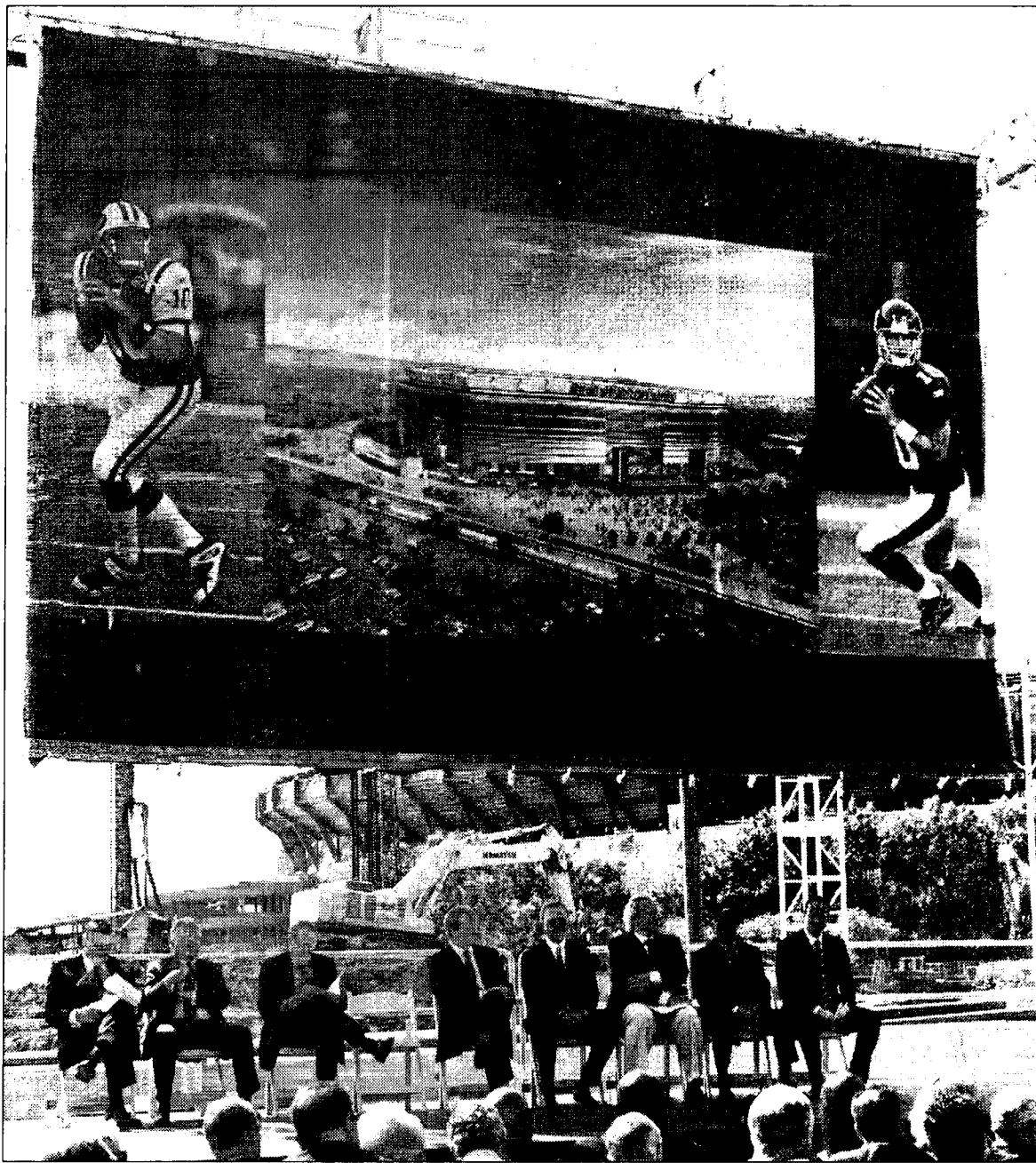
Now, the Giants also will construct a new training facility at the Meadowlands, while the Jets are building their own in Florham Park, N.J.

The stadium is one of several new major sports facilities opening in the New York metropolitan area. New homes also are being built for the New York Mets, the New York Yankees, the New Jersey Nets and the New Jersey Devils.

The Devils hockey team is leaving Continental Airlines Arena at the Meadowlands for the Prudential Center, opening in downtown Newark in October.

*"Ensuring that the stadium would feel like home to both teams and both groups of fans was our goal and also one of the biggest challenges in the design of the stadium."*

**Steve Tisch**  
Executive Vice President  
New York Giants



Team owners and league executives unveil design plans for the new Giants-Jets stadium at a ceremony Wednesday in East Rutherford, N.J. The facility is expected to be finished by 2010 and seat 82,500 fans. AP



Construction on the new stadium gets underway yards away from the site of the current facility AP

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# Federer triumphs in tight match over Roddick

Swissman advances to semifinals; 2 victories away from his fourth consecutive U.S. Open title

Associated Press

To Andy Roddick's credit, he played nearly flawlessly against Roger Federer, serving brilliantly, returning well, too, and giving tennis' top player a tough time.

To Roddick's dismay, it all added up to yet another loss.

In a match as tight as could be for 2 1/2 sets Wednesday night, Federer was barely better on the most important points and emerged to edge Roddick 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4), 6-2 in the quarterfinals, moving two victories away from a fourth consecutive U.S. Open title.

"I'm not walking off with any questions in my head this time. I'm not walking with my head down," 2003 champion Roddick said after falling to 1-14 against Federer.

"I made him play as well as he can play."

Both came out wearing black shirts and shorts, Roddick adding a baseball cap, and Federer his trademark bandanna. The outfits matched and so did the level of play, right down until late in the third set, when Federer finally earned his first break points.

This rematch of last year's U.S. Open final was hardly the mismatch one might have expected.

"It was a very high-standard match. I was very pleased with my performance," Federer said. "I thought actually Andy also played very well."

That's for sure.

Banging serves consistently at 140 mph, Roddick hit 14 aces and didn't have a single double-fault. Then again, Federer came up with 15 aces, also never double-faulted, and erased the only break point he faced, in the second set.

Both played remarkably cleanly, combining for 90 winners (48 for Federer) and only 42 unforced errors (18 for Federer).

It was riveting stuff, even if the score showed it ended in straight sets, and was the second half of a double feature in Arthur Ashe Stadium that began with Venus Williams coming back from a set and a break down to beat No. 3 Jelena Jankovic 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (4). That put two-time U.S. Open champion Williams in her first semifinal at Flushing Meadows since 2002, and she now meets No. 1 Justine Henin, the player who eliminated Serena Williams.

In the other women's semifinal Friday, 2004 U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova will face No. 6 Anna Chakvetadze.

No. 1 Federer vs. No. 5 Roddick came down to those two tiebreakers.

With Federer ahead 5-4 in the first one, Roddick smacked a 130 mph serve that Federer got back. Roddick charged the net behind a good approach shot, but Federer flicked a cross-court backhand passing winner, leaving the American cursing.

At 6-5, Federer hit a 122 mph ace and slowly punched the air to celebrate while Roddick muttered to himself.

It was almost the same in the

second tiebreaker. At 4-4, Roddick unleashed a 140 mph serve, and Federer conjured up a backhand return that put the ball right at the opposite baseline. Roddick couldn't handle it, and two points later, Federer's 128 mph service winner put him ahead by two sets — and sent many in the partisan crowd streaming for the exits.

How different things could have been.

As Federer noted, matter-of-factly: "I could have been down two sets to none."

Federer earned his first break point all evening at 3-2 in the third set. Roddick erased the first with the help of a fortuitous net-cord bounce, and he laughed a bit at his luck while trudging back to the baseline.

Seconds later, his expression was far more downcast as he missed a backhand long, for the first break by either player.

Federer broke again to end the match and extend his own record by getting to a 14th

consecutive Grand Slam semifinal. That's where he will meet No. 4 Nikolay Davydenko — against whom Federer is 9-0.

"I've got a pretty good record against him. Never lost," Federer said. "But let's not get ahead of ourselves."

Well, let's, if only for a moment. Should he defeat Davydenko on Saturday, Federer would add to another of his own records by making a 10th straight major final. And a victory Sunday would not only make Federer the first man since the 1920s to win the American Grand Slam four years running, it would give him 12 Grand Slam titles overall — only Pete Sampras, with 14, won more.

Does Roddick feel a bit sorry for himself, given that he happened to be born almost exactly a year after the man who may very well go down as the greatest tennis player in history?

"No," he said. "I get to play in atmospheres like that."

Well, does Roddick think he can beat Federer?

"Yeah," he said. "If I didn't, I wouldn't be out here."

He looked good early. In the match's fourth game, Roddick turned it up a notch, pounding an ace at 140 mph, a service winner at 142 mph and delivering another serve at 146 mph. Remarkably, Federer put that last one in play, an indication of just how talented a returner he is.

Roddick serve-and-volleyed at times, even on a second serve, and covered the net well, early, winning the point on six of his first eight trips forward.

All the while, his coach, five-time U.S. Open winner Jimmy Connors, sat in the front row of a guest box in a jacket and blue tie, occasionally offering encouraging yells or claps, at other times gnawing on his fingernails.

Roddick got plenty of support from a partisan sellout crowd of 23,733, a celebrity-specked audience that included Andre Agassi, the eight-time major champion who returned to the scene for the first time since retiring after last year's Open.



Roger Federer of Switzerland celebrates his victory in three sets over American Andy Roddick at the U.S. Open Wednesday night. Federer will now face Russian Nikolay Davydenko in the semifinals.

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## NCAA FOOTBALL

## Michigan defeat not the only Big Ten problem

Williams expected to start next week after hit to head; Appalachian State merchandise sells in Columbus

Associated Press

These are bleak times for the Big Ten.

Just last November the conference had the top two teams in the nation (Ohio State, Michigan) and they played in a thrilling showdown before a huge television audience.

Since then, the Big Ten has had numerous highly visible failures.

The league went 2-5 in bowl games, with its two highest-profile teams getting creamed. The Buckeyes were humiliated 41-14 in the BCS national championship game a few days after the Wolverines took a 32-18 beatdown from Southern California in the Rose Bowl.

Asked if the Big Ten's strength has wilted, Penn State's Joe Paterno said to reporters, "I don't know. You guys need to write something. You got to create some headlines. At one time last year we thought we (conference teams) were the greatest thing that ever happened in our lives and we got in a couple bowl games and Big Ten didn't do quite as well."

Those were the salad days compared to last Saturday, when Big Ten favorite Michigan, ranked No. 5 in the nation, was upended 34-32 by Appalachian State — the first time a ranked team has ever lost to a team from the Championship Subdivision (formerly I-AA).

The Wolverines subsequently spiraled out of the Top 25, the greatest fall ever.

Buckeyes coach Jim Tressel was asked if Michigan's loss was just another black eye for the conference.

"We don't spend any time looking in the mirror at those black eyes," he said. "That was September 1st. What's most important, black eyes heal well before November. The Big Ten's going to be a good conference."

## Reconstituted Juice

Illinois QB Juice Williams left Missouri's 40-34 loss to Missouri in the second quarter after taking a shot to the head. But coach Ron Zook says Williams, who had blurred vision after the hit, is expected to start on Saturday against Western Illinois.

Backup Eddie McGee threw for 257 yards and a touchdown while leading the Illini back from a 24-point deficit. But he also lost two fumbles and threw two interceptions.

## Rubbing it In

There's a popular bumper

sticker in the Buckeye state that reads, "I root for two teams: Ohio State and whoever is playing Michigan."

So it was only a matter of time before Ohio State fans adopted Appalachian State.

Not long after the Wolverines' loss to the Mountaineers, at least one enterprising street vendor was doing brisk business selling Appalachian State T-shirts near the Ohio State campus. Columbus stores say they're overwhelmed with requests for similar items commemorating the upset.

"If I had a dollar for every time someone's asked, I could retire," said a manager of one store.

## Slippery Fingers

Iowa QB Jake Christensen, making his second career start, was just 12 of 29 for 133 yards in a 16-3 win over Northern Illinois.

But Christensen was victimized by a number of drops, including several by Andy Brodell.

Brodell is expected to be the Hawkeyes' top receiver following the suspension of Dominique Douglas.

"They're not trying to drop the ball," Christensen said in defense of his receivers. "You can't get mad at them."

## MAC Attack

Bowling Green travels to Michigan State, hoping to become only the second Mid-American Conference team to beat two Big Ten squads in the same season.

Bowling Green beat Minnesota 32-31 in overtime last week.

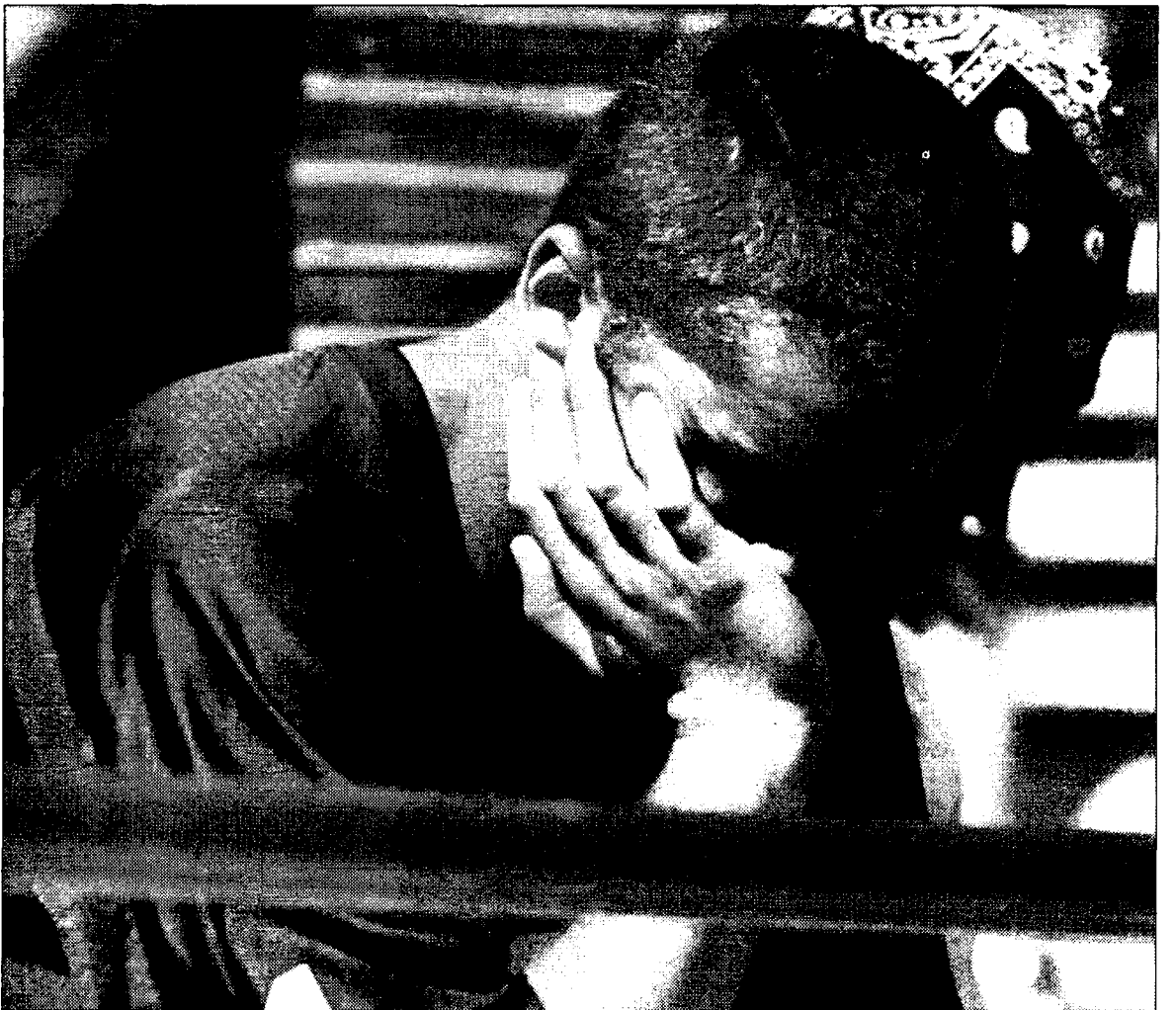
In the 2003 season, the Falcons beat Purdue 27-26 in the regular season, then handled Northwestern 28-24 in the Motor City Bowl.

## Getting Physical

When James Hardy worked out this summer, he was already preparing for defenders who wanted to play press coverage.

So when Indiana's 6-foot-7 receiver got knocked around a couple of times against Indiana State, he simply got back up and beat the Sycamores secondary for three catches, 153 yards and two touchdowns while drawing two more pass interference penalties.

"I'd rather them play me like that rather than playing off me because that's what I've been working on the



A Michigan fan looks dejected during the Wolverines' 34-32 loss to Appalachian State Saturday in Ann Arbor. Mountaineers merchandise has seen a massive increase in sales in other Big Ten cities.

whole offseason," he said.

## Red Menace

With a QB competition, a top-10 ranking and lofty conference expectations, Wisconsin coach Bret Bielema had plenty to dwell on before the opener against Washington State.

His last thoughts kept drifting back to a fashion statement.

Shunning the traditional red jerseys and white pants, Wisconsin came out wearing all red and went on to beat the Cougars 42-21.

"For like three weeks, that was my last thought every night before I went to bed," he said. "I threw it out to my staff and they unanimously pretty much said, 'No, don't do it.'"

Bielema said he got the idea from his players and decided to go with the fashion-forward look without the knowledge of former coach and AD Barry Alvarez, who wasn't sold on the change and said so on national television.

Bielema said he got a mixed reaction overall, but felt it helped establish a team identity.

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# Hope

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"Our outside attackers really wreaked havoc with Adrian's defense," Schroeder-Biek said. "They did a fantastic job of finding holes in Adrian's block and on their floor. Marisa Gross played with unbelievable intensity on defense."

Schroeder-Biek said the 17 digs by Gross were even more impressive because they came from the defensive specialist position.

"That's a number you usually see a libero with, rather than a defensive specialist," Schroeder-Biek said.

Although Schroeder-Biek hopes the defensive play continues against the Flying Dutch, the third-game meltdown is something she'd like to avoid having to see again.

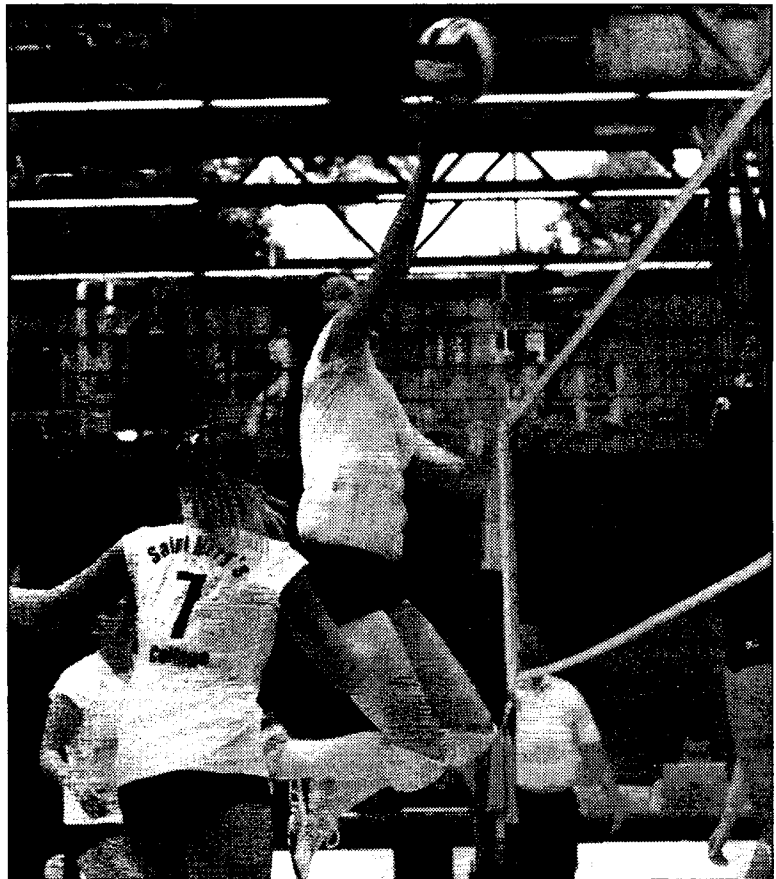
"I definitely saw a lot of

good things out there [Tuesday], but I also saw a lot of things that we need to fix," she said. "The fact that we deflated in the third game when we had shown such competitive spirit in the first two games of the match is something that we can never allow to happen again if we want to achieve the goals that we set for ourselves."

Despite the disappointment of the loss, Schroeder-Biek said Saint Mary's can recover and have a good season — starting tonight against Hope.

"I have confidence that we will fix those things and that we will learn from this ... it was our first conference match of the season against a tough team," she said. "We will get it all together and have an exciting year of volleyball ahead of us."

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Saint Mary's junior middle blocker Kaela Hellmann spikes the ball in the Belles' 3-0 win over Kalamazoo Sept. 20, 2006. KRISTY KING/The Observer



Saint Mary's senior midfielder Justine Higgins looks to pass during the Belles' 1-0 win over Manchester Wednesday. KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

## Unbeaten

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three games. Belles coach Caryn MacKenzie believes this kind of offensive balance will be beneficial.

"One of the best things about this team is that everyone is very unselfish," MacKenzie said. "They don't care who puts it in the back of the net. They just want to celebrate with whoever does it."

Manchester sophomore Paige Koomler, who scored four goals in Sunday's game against Tri-State, had a prime scoring opportunity in the 84th minute

but was unable to convert. MacKenzie attributed the shutout to the outstanding play of Mahoney and the four defenders in front of her.

"I want to give a lot of credit to Amy Mahoney," MacKenzie said. "She made a handful of amazing saves."

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Caryn MacKenzie  
Belles coach

Neither team could find the back of the net in the first half, although the Belles managed to register seven shots on goal.

The Saint Mary's defensive unit, comprised of senior Justine Higgins and junior Whitney Fron on the outside and sophomores Bridget Ronayne and Jessica Slean in the middle, also had a strong game.

"They just keep getting better and better," MacKenzie said. "They're able to recover well and communicate with each

other. "The outside backs get involved in the attack, and the entire unit serves as a great anchor for the rest of our offense. I couldn't be happier about how they have been playing."

On the offensive side of the ball, goals are not yet coming in bunches, but MacKenzie thinks that will change.

"We possess the ball very well and make very good decisions," MacKenzie said. "We play a much quicker game than we did a year ago, but sometimes we're looking for the perfect opportunity, even though that may never come, as opposed to just putting balls on frame and seeing what happens."

The Belles' record now stands at 3-0, while Manchester falls to 1-2.

With the goal scoring balance the Belles have shown so far, it is clear that they have numerous offensive weapons.

They will attempt to extend their season opening win streak to four games when they visit Hope Saturday.

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## ATHLETIC TRAINING & SPORTS MEDICINE

There will be a meeting for any Notre Dame freshman students interested in the student athletic training program. The meeting will be held on Monday, September 10th, at 4:15 p.m. in the Joyce Center Athletic Training Room.

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# 5th years

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advantage of their final year of eligibility. Given how the 2006 season ended, it was an easy decision.

Notre Dame reached the round of eight for the first time in school history, but took a hard-fought, 3-2 loss to Virginia. The Irish were left wondering what could have been.



Miller

"[The loss to Virginia] leaves a hunger in your stomach," Miller said. "It's something you know you can do better with, and you want to get back again."

Cahill echoed Miller's sentiments.

"There wasn't any closure," Cahill said. "[Last year] was unfortunate because we had a great senior class, but with this year's guys, the sky is the limit."

Whatever potential Notre Dame has this season, Cahill and Miller are sure to be a

big part of it.

Known for making jokes with his teammates, Cahill also tends to get the last laugh against his opponents. In his two-plus years as a starter, Cahill has compiled a career record of 27-13-4, and his three shutouts in the NCAA tournament are a program record.

Last season, Cahill was an all-BIG EAST third-team selection with a 0.77 goals-against average and .817 save percentage.

He kicked off his final season in similar style, earning Big East goalkeeper-of-the-week honors last week after collecting four saves in Notre Dame's 2-1 overtime win over No. 1 UCLA in Bloomington, Ind.

"It is [Cahill's] third year being the starter, and that's great experience for him," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "He's always had great hands, but he's now improved so many things. He's a great goalkeeper."

Miller offered similar high praise for his teammate, saying that Cahill is one of the best goalies in the nation.

Miller himself will be just as essential as Cahill to any

Irish title hopes this season.

The fifth-year marking back has been a starter since the day he arrived in South

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Ryan Miller  
Irish defender



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Irish fifth-year senior goalkeeper Chris Cahill feeds the ball in Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Georgetown on Oct. 7, 2006 at Alumni Field.

Bend, and the only reason Miller is back this season is because of a knee injury that ended his freshman year after two games. Since returning from the injury, Miller has been a staple at right back for the Irish, starting 65 straight matches dating back to his sophomore

season.

"[Miller] is a seasoned veteran when it comes to games, and a lot of guys respect him for that," Cahill said. "People turn to him whenever we're about to face a good team, and he's always going to be poised because he's been there a few times before."

About the only place Miller hasn't been in his career is the College Cup — soccer's version of the Final Four.

Along with Cahill, he has one more chance to change that.

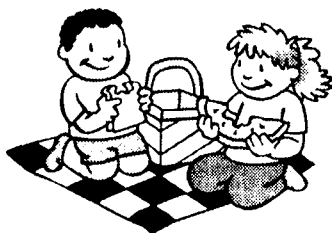
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## MEN'S SOCCER

# Unfinished business

*Cahill, Miller return for fifth seasons to avenge loss in 2006 NCAA quarterfinals*

By GREG ARBOGAST  
Sports Writer

With a career goals-against average of 0.81, fifth-year Irish goalkeeper Chris Cahill looks good in goal. But his 6-foot-6 frame may look even better in spandex.

Just ask Notre Dame strength and conditioning coach Rick Perry.

At last year's season-ending banquet, Cahill, in front of 300 fans and alumni, presented Perry with a full-body picture of the lanky keeper flexing in spandex. That sense of humor is one reason Cahill's coaches and teammates are glad to have him around for one more season. His play just might be another reason.

Both Cahill and fellow fifth-year senior Ryan Miller decided last spring to take



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Irish fifth-year senior goalkeeper Chris Cahill punts the ball during Notre Dame's 0-0 tie with Northern Illinois on Sept. 20, 2006.

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## SMC SOCCER

# Win streak continues for squad

*Saint Mary's blanks Manchester for third victory of season*

By CHRIS DOYEN  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's won its third straight game Wednesday in its home opener, shutting out Manchester in a 1-0 win.

Belles sophomore forward Micki Hedinger netted the game's only score, getting a shot off from 10 yards out that bounced off the crossbar and trickled past the goal line in the 66th minute.

With her game winner, Hedinger became the fifth Saint Mary's player to register a goal in the Belles' first

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## SMC VOLLEYBALL

# Belles to face Hope in defensive showdown



KRISTY KING/The Observer

Saint Mary's junior middle blocker Cathy Kurczak spikes the ball in the Belles' 3-0 win over Kalamazoo on Sept. 20, 2006.

## SMC, Flying Dutch combined for 107 digs in previous matches

By SAMANTHA LEONARD  
Sports Writer

After a frustrating loss to open the MIAA season Tuesday, Saint Mary's will need to play with more consistency again Hope tonight in Holland, Mich.

The Flying Dutch (3-1) are coming off a 3-0 win against Olivet. Hope is a strong defensive squad — they nearly doubled the Comets in digs, 55-38.

The Belles began league

play Tuesday with a loss to Adrian. The three-game defeat (25-30, 28-30, 11-30) dropped their record to 1-3 on the season and 0-1 in the MIAA.

The first two games were hard fought, but the Belles came apart in the final game.

"We had some struggles with offensive connections," Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. "If I could ignore the third game of the match, I would say that we played a very competitive match."

The Belles did have incredibly strong defensive play, which was lead by senior defensive specialist Marisa Gross' her 17 digs. As a team, Saint Mary's had 62 digs.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Hoopsters unveil schedule

### Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame released its schedule for the 2007-08 season Wednesday.

For the first time since expanding to 16 teams, the Big East will have an 18-game schedule, with each team in the conference playing each other at least once.

The schedule also includes three home-and-home matchups. Notre Dame faces Marquette, DePaul and Connecticut twice.

The Irish will face West Virginia and Connecticut at home during winter break, with the remaining home games against DePaul, Connecticut, Cincinnati, Providence, Pittsburgh, Syracuse and St. John's while the spring semester is in session.

In November, Notre Dame tips off its season with two exhibitions followed by a game against Long Island in the Joyce Center before heading to the U.S. Virgin Islands to play in the Paradise Jam tournament. The Irish return to South Bend and will play seven more non-conference games at the Joyce Center. They will travel to New York to play Kansas State at Madison Square Garden in the Jimmy V Classic.

Notre Dame is slated to play eight games on either ESPN or ESPN2, and its game against Syracuse on Feb. 24 will be broadcast on CBS.

The Big East tournament is scheduled for March 12-15, with the NCAA Tournament beginning March 20.

## Notre Dame Men's Basketball 2007-08 Schedule

11/2	St. Ambrose (IA) - Exhibition
11/7	St. Edward's (TX) - Exhibition
11/12	Long Island
<u>U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam Tournament</u>	
11/16	Monmouth
11/17	Baylor
11/18	Wichita State
11/19	Charlotte/Georgia Tech/Illinois-Chicago/Winthrop
11/24	Youngstown State
11/26	Colgate
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12/4	Kansas State @Madison Square Garden
12/8	Northern Illinois
12/22	San Francisco
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1/15	Cincinnati
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2/2	DePaul
2/6	@Seton Hall
2/9	Marquette
2/13	@ Connecticut
2/17	@Rutgers
2/21	Pittsburgh
2/24	Syracuse
2/28	@Louisville
3/2	@DePaul
3/5	St. John's
3/8	at USF
3/12-3/15	Big East tournament
3/20-3/23	NCAA First and Second Round
3/27-3/29	NCAA Regionals
4/5	NCAA Semifinals
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