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STUDENT SENATE

Senators vote to amend Constitution

Student body president must brief representatives on meetings; 'abstain' vote debated

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

The Student Senate passed an amendment to the Student Body Constitution Wednesday that formally requires the president to share certain information with representatives, but failed to pass a second constitutional amendment as senators debated the role of the vote to abstain.

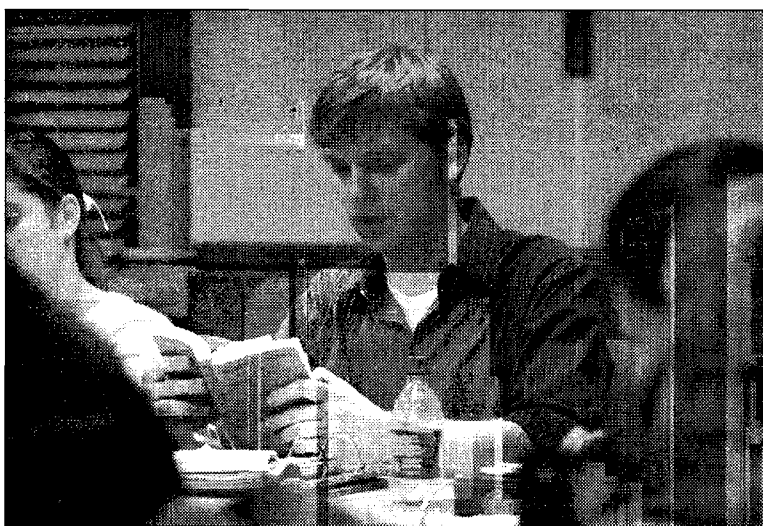
The Senate unanimously passed a resolution describing the role of the student body president in his or her interactions with the Community/Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC). The CCAC was created by the South Bend

Common Council to bring together city, resident, student and college representatives from South Bend.

The CCAC's goal is to help the Council identify neighborhood concerns related to the local colleges, to propose solutions, and to develop long-term strategies regarding community relations. It was created as a final amendment to the party permit ordinance passed by the Common Council on Sept. 24.

Siegfried senator Jim Lockwood proposed an amendment Nov. 7 that spelled out the responsibilities of the student body president regarding his or her interactions with the CCAC.

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Senate Oversight chair Ian Secviar reads from Robert's Rules of Order during Wednesday's Student Senate meeting.

New FedEx Kinko's draws business



The FedEx Kinko's LaFortune location, which opened on Oct. 29, is the second shop on campus.

Students, staff compare service, prices of LaFortune location to old Copy Shop

By GENE NOONE
News Writer

Business has been strong for the new FedEx Kinko's in the LaFortune Student Center, said Director of Administrative Services and Business Operations Dan Skendzel.

The new location, which is the second on campus, opened Oct. 29. The first FedEx Kinko's opened in Grace Hall in 2005.

FedEx Kinko's replaced The Copy Shop, a privately owned business under Copy Services, Inc., which operated in the LaFortune basement for 18

years. The business closed after a nearly two-year-long legal battle.

Compared to The Copy Shop, Skendzel said FedEx Kinko's prices are "much more competitive" than the rates at The Copy Shop.

Pricing for black and white copies is \$.04, down from The Copy Shop's charge of \$.08 per black and white copy.

Saint Mary's sophomore Catherine Germer paid \$6.70 for 70 black and white flyers for the Equestrian Club of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

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Students mentor children

Big Brothers/Big Sisters recruiting for next year

By GENE NOONE
News Writer

Senior Alex Melecki has been busy studying like many Notre Dame students — but his study partner is a fifth grader and the subject is spelling.

Melecki is president of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program of Notre Dame and is one of nearly 100 Notre Dame students who spend time every week mentoring children in St. Joseph County.

The program is recruiting new volunteers, especially males, Melecki said.

"My work with Big Brothers/Big Sisters has been the most rewarding thing I have done during my time here at Notre Dame," he said.

The Notre Dame Big Brothers/Big Sisters program works closely with the St. Joseph County branch of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization, which began in 1969.

The mission of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization, according to its Web site, is to provide children who lack sufficient adult support with the opportunity and skills necessary to develop positive personal growth.

"A lot of young people today do not get much of an opportunity to be friends with adults, especially ones who are going listen to them and act as a positive role model," said senior Devin Easter, vice president of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Notre Dame.

Statistics show that the Big

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Aidan Project expects high turnout

Students to make blankets, buy T-shirts to help chemotherapy patients

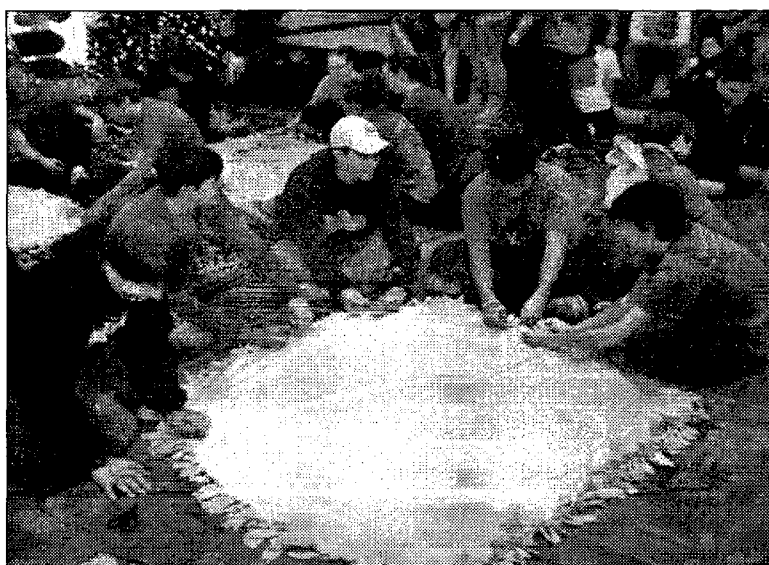
By MEG MIRSHAK
News Writer

The Aidan Project, a blanket-making drive now in its second year, will take place this Saturday. Organizers are promising more student involvement the second time around.

Circle-K's annual Blanket Bash, where students made fleece blankets for chemotherapy patients, was renamed and reorganized after Notre Dame student Aidan Fitzgerald was diagnosed with testicular cancer in 2006.

Chris Esber, Fitzgerald's roommate at the time of his diagnosis, wanted to do something to support his friend in a time of need.

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Students make a fleece blanket at last year's The Aidan Project, which produced more than 100 blankets for chemotherapy patients.

World AIDS Week offers free testing

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

A tree wrapped with 8,500 ribbons to represent the number of people who die every day from AIDS stands outside of DeBartolo Hall as one part of a weeklong project to raise money for and awareness of the worldwide AIDS epidemic.

The Center for Social Concerns is behind the project, which ends with World AIDS Day on Dec. 1.

Senior Teresa Hancock, who co-chaired the project with senior Erin Greenberg, hopes to "raise awareness and get [students] to really

think about the issues and relate them to their own lives and their own situations."

The week began with the sale of red shirts in the dining halls to create unity among students.

"The main incentive has been our theme: 'Live solidarity, keep the promise,'" Hancock said. "We are trying to push solidarity and inspire students to show support by wearing the shirts."

The sale from the shirts sponsors a children's choir from Watoto, a village in Uganda with 1,500 children who have been orphaned

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INSIDE COLUMN

Talking to Tebow

With only nine days remaining in the race for the most prestigious award in football, Florida quarterback Tim Tebow hopes to become the first sophomore to win the Heisman Trophy. Along with Chris Leak, dual-threat Tebow led the Florida Gators to a National Championship last season. In addition to his successful career in football, Tebow is a devout Christian.

Meghan McMahon

Sports Writer

So what is Tim doing to prepare for his trip to the Big Apple? Talking to the media, giving interviews to Observer reporters and, as always, drinking his Gatorade (his favorite flavors are grape and orange-strawberry).

I had the privilege of talking to Tim, and was pleasantly surprised at how friendly, down-to-earth and (most importantly) single he was. Here's what Tebow had to say.

MM: What role has your Christianity played in your athletic career and your life, and how has it been tested in college?

TE: My faith has played a huge role. It's the No. 1 thing in my life, above school and football. Being a Christian totally changes your perspective on life, priorities, and how you treat people. Really, it's a guideline for how you live your life, even in football and school. It does get tested every day with stuff at college, but growing up in a strong Christian family and having positive influences has really helped me stay grounded.

MM: Your Gators are 10th in the country, but only fourth in the SEC. How would you describe the competition in the nation's best conference, and do you think it has helped or hurt your team this year?

TE: The competition in the SEC is as good or better than anywhere in the country, and that's one of the reasons I chose to go to Florida. Every week you play in a championship type atmosphere in amazing stadiums with players who will soon be playing in the NFL. The passion for football is unbelievable. This year I'd say it hurt us having to play such great teams, but at the same time it's made us a better team. I wouldn't trade the experiences for anything.

MM: You've already won a national championship, broken school and SEC records, and you're the first person in NCAA history to rush and pass for 20 touchdowns in a season. Are you considering going to the NFL?

TE: Right now, I'm not considering it. Later, sure, but I love being at the University of Florida, I love being a Gator, and I want to get my education. Professional football is not something I'm focused on right now. Staying here for four years is a goal I went to accomplish. Plus, I'm having too good of a time to leave early.

MM: Right now, you're the top candidate for the Heisman Trophy. How does it feel knowing that in a little over a week you could be the first sophomore to ever win this award?

TE: Well, it's an honor just to be mentioned with the Heisman Trophy, the prestigious award you dream about when you're younger. Just to be mentioned with guys like Danny Wuerffel ('96 Heisman winner, Florida quarterback) is a privilege in general, not just specifically because I'm a sophomore. Win or lose, it's something I'll remember for the rest of my life.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Meghan McMahon at mcmah2@nd.edu

CORRECTIONS

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ITEM DO YOU WISH THE BOOKSTORE WOULD SELL AND WHY?



Pat Moran
freshman Keenan

"Cheaper course packets."



Michelle Nguyen
sophomore Farley

"Real life clones of football players."



Brendan Geisler
sophomore Keenan

"Salsa con queso."



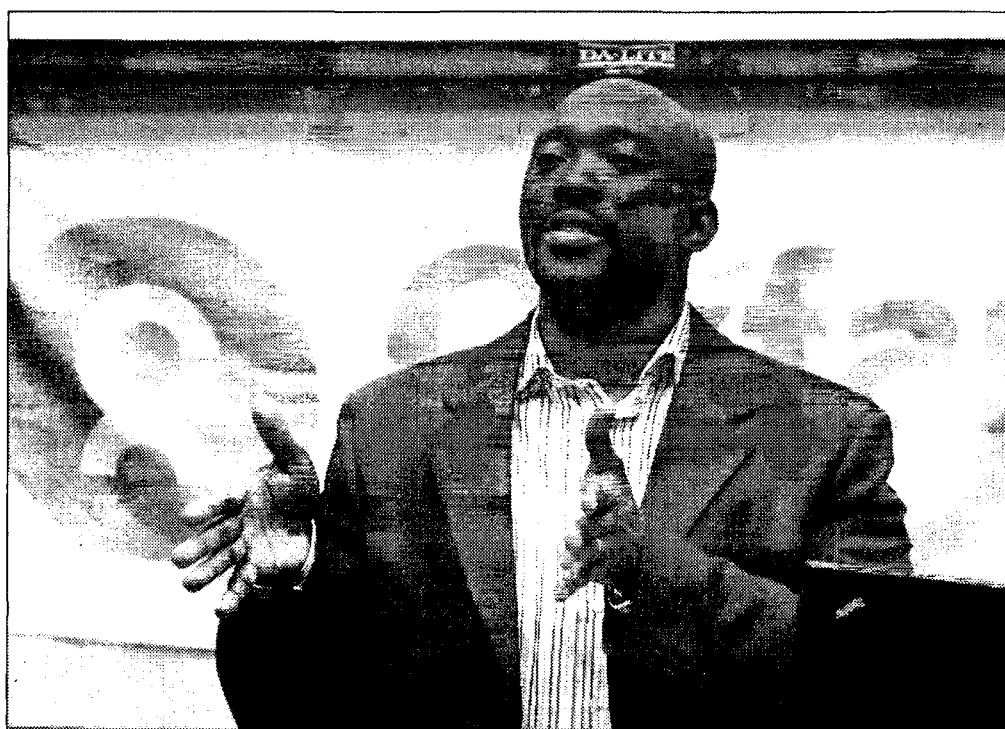
Paul Pokaski
sophomore Keenan

"Call of Duty 4."



Jennie Weller
freshman Welsh Family

"Those green and navy fleeces that the athletes wear."



IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Tutu Alicante, a lawyer born in Equatorial Guinea, speaks Wednesday about the oil-rich nation's government during a lecture titled "Poverty, Petroleum and Politics" in the Montgomery Auditorium in LaFortune Student Center.

OFFBEAT

Lottery winner wasn't supposed to gamble

BOSTON — The winner of a \$1 million lottery scratch ticket may not be so lucky after all: He's a convicted bank robber who isn't supposed to gamble. Timothy Elliott faces a Dec. 7 court hearing over whether he violated his probation when he bought the \$10 ticket for the \$800 Million Spectacular game at a supermarket in Hyannis.

Elliott was placed on five years' probation after pleading guilty in October 2006 to unarmed robbery for a January 2006 heist at a bank on Cape Cod. Under terms of his probation, he "may not gamble, purchase lottery

tickets or visit an establishment where gaming is conducted, including restaurants where Keno may be played."

Elliott, 55, has collected the first of 20 annual \$50,000 checks from the Massachusetts lottery commission. A picture of Elliott, holding his first check, was posted on the lottery's Web site Monday, though it was removed by Wednesday.

Poem headstone uncovered at courthouse

BANGOR, Maine — Workers on a courthouse renovation project have made an eerie discovery in the basement, the headstone of a man who died in 1874.

County Administrator Bill Collins said no one knows why the headstone was kept in the basement of the courthouse, but he guesses it may have been evidence in a case. The front bears the name Isaac Cobb, who was 72 when he died.

Adding to the mystery is the poem scrawled on the back of the 3-foot high grave marker.

The ditty on the flip side appears to have been painted in black paint, by jail inmates. It's titled "Pretty Boy Floyd Redmond" and tells the story of someone who came to town to "do or die."

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Mass will be celebrated in the Alumni Hall Chapel at 5 p.m. Friday for the Feast of St. Andrew. The Gregorian Schola will sing Gregorian chant.

Carroll Hall will host "A Carroll Christmas" Friday at 7 p.m. It will feature a tree lighting ceremony, a performance by the Undertones and karaoke. Ugly Christmas sweaters are encouraged.

The Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra will present Handel's Messiah Friday at 8 p.m. in Leighton Concert Hall, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be ordered by calling ticket office at (574) 631-2800.

As part of the Solidarity film series, there will be a screening of the film "We are Together" in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Friday at 10 p.m. The film focuses on the story of the children of the Agape Orphanage as they overcome the adversity of growing up among Africa's 12 million AIDS orphans.

The Voices of Faith Gospel Choir will perform their fall concert, "Come Back to Your First Love" Saturday at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall.

Habitat for Humanity will host "A Home for the Holidays" Sunday from 3:30 p.m. to 8 in the Stepan Center. Groups of students can register online to build a gingerbread house. The cost of registration ranges from \$30 to \$50 per group, depending on size of the house. There will also be performances, entertainment and food to raise money for the organization.

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

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Board holds glasses drive to help needy

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

As part of Disabilities Week, the Student Diversity Board (SDB) at Saint Mary's is sponsoring an eyeglasses drive to benefit the poor in Africa and Latin America who cannot afford new lenses.

Jana Blake, disabilities representative for SDB, is in charge of the drive, which began on Monday.

"This year the Board decided to take a proactive step in actually helping the segment of the world's population who struggles with visual impairments by collecting glasses," she said.

Students are asked to donate any pair of prescription reading glasses or sunglasses to the drive. Collection boxes are located in all Saint Mary's residence halls at the front desk.

This year, the Board worked with New Eyes For The Needy, a group that has helped more than 6.5 million people since its founding in 1932. New Eyes For The Needy sends donated eyeglasses to countries in Latin America and Africa, where the price of eyeglasses can sometimes be more than the average annual household income, Blake said.

"It is probably unfathomable to many of the students here that there are people in the world who cannot afford something as simple as a pair of glasses," Blake said. "I think this drive is an excellent opportunity for Saint Mary's students to share some of the many luxuries we, as Americans, have that many people throughout the world do not."

When Americans get new frames, they tend to leave their old ones lying around, and through the drive, these old glasses can go to good use, she said.

The prescription lenses will be sent to people who work in schools, Blake said. Sunglasses that are donated will be sent to areas near the equator to protect people's eyes from UV rays.

The Board is also showing the movie, "Emmanuel's Gift," during Disabilities Week. It will be today in Vander Vennet Theater at 6:30 p.m. Popcorn and pop will be served.

Disabilities Week is an annual event. Each year, the Board chooses a different disability as its focus. This is the first time the SDB decided to hold an eyeglasses drive.

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Coins hidden for treasure hunt

American Airlines offers discounts, free flight as prizes for winners

By AMBER TRAVIS
News Writer

The Sophomore Class Council and American Airlines are sponsoring a campus-wide treasure hunt that begins at 8 a.m. today as part of a nationwide event that includes 40 colleges and universities.

Prizes range from American Airlines discounts from \$10 to \$50, as well as one free roundtrip ticket that can be used anywhere in the U.S., said sophomore class president Grant Schmidt.

Schmidt said 221 gold coins labeled with "treasure hunt" and "American Airlines" have

been placed all over campus in various locations, possibly including residence halls, recreational facilities and the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Putting the coins all over campus allows all students to be involved in the treasure hunt, he said.

"The airline sees this as an opportunity to serve students in a way that will build a loyal relationship in the future."

Scott Andrews
sophomore
American Airlines
campus representative

The coins can be redeemed for golden envelopes in the Dooley Room of La Fortune Student Center between 1:30 and 4 p.m. today, and student IDs are needed, Schmidt said. Each student can only turn in one coin.

All Notre Dame undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to participate in the treasure hunt, a choice made by the Sophomore Class Council.

"So many of the events on campus are dorm related, class related, or tied to specific events or causes, and we are trying to bring all of that together," Schmidt said.

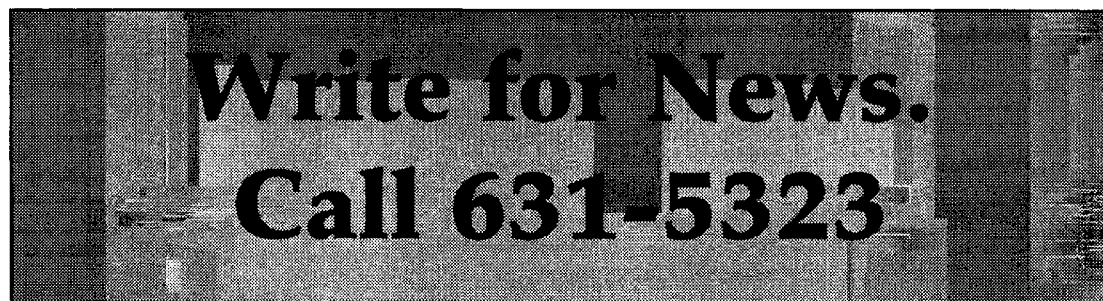
The prizes were made possible by a donation from American Airlines.

"The airline sees this as an opportunity to serve students in a way that will build a loyal relationship in the future," said sophomore Scott Andrews, campus representative for American Airlines. "American Airlines believes that it is very important to invest in students."

Schmidt said the best part of the treasure hunt is its convenience.

"This isn't an event that requires attendance. You don't have to change your schedule," he said. "I could be walking to Theology at 9 a.m., and I happen to see a gold coin, which makes me a part of it."

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Kinko's

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"I thought the pricing was really reasonable," Germer said while picking up her copies.

Bridgett Kent, an administrative assistant for the University Writing Program, agreed.

"I like that the prices are a lot less," she said. "But I liked The Copy Shop more on service."

Kent contrasted the new FedEx branch with the former campus-based Copy Shop.

"I think a lot of people liked that The Copy Shop was campus people serving campus people, which you don't have when there's a corporate business in there," Kent said. "But then again, you're paying less."

Skendzel noted the benefits of having a corporate copy center.

"With the new FedEx Kinko's, you have access to the multitude of Kinko's services," he said. Those services include online ordering and shipping. Also, the cheaper Notre Dame rates apply to the 24-hour FedEx Kinko's State Road 23 location with a student I.D. card.

The legal battle over the The Copy Shop's LaFortune location began in August 2005, when the University filed a suit in the St. Joseph Circuit Court in Mishawaka against Copy Services, Inc. The

University asked the court for immediate possession of the The Copy Shop's property in the basement of the student center.

The Copy Shop argued that its lease contained an "option to renew" which would allow it to stay in the LaFortune location until the owner decided he or she no longer wanted the space, or until they violated a rule of the lease.

The case went to the Indiana Court of Appeals, which ruled against The Copy Shop.

In March 2007, The Copy Shop closed its doors, citing the cost of the lawsuit with the University as the primary reason for its closing.

In a letter to customers, Tim Wright, owner of The Copy Shop and 1963 Notre Dame graduate, wrote that the University intended to "terminate our campus lease and, in effect, sell our business to Kinko's."

FedEx Kinko's first came to Notre Dame in 2005 after a campus committee researched ways to provide more efficient copy services to the University, at the request of Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves.

Skendzel said there are no plans to add additional FedEx Kinko's to campus.

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Mentors

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Brothers/Big Sisters program makes a difference. Little Brothers and Sisters were 52 percent less likely to skip a day of school, 46 percent less likely to start using drugs, 27 percent less likely to start drinking and 33 percent less likely to hit someone, according to the organization's Web site. Also, they are generally more trusting of their parents or guardians.

Through the program, students are matched with children ages 6-16, often from single-parent homes or other living situations in which they would be in need of an additional positive role model, Melecki said.

The St. Joseph organization offers two ways for Notre Dame members to volunteer: the Community Mentor Program or the School Mentor Program.

"The Community Mentor Program is what people generally associate with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program," Melecki said. "Community Mentors meet with their 'Littles' once every week or two on their own time for a few hours."

The time Bigs and Littles spend in the Community Mentor Program does not require a special occasion or expensive activities.

Junior Patrick Sweeney, who participates in the Community Mentor Program, said he and his Little will either grab a bite to eat

or play basketball or pool.

"We have plans to check out the College Football Hall of Fame soon," he said.

The School Mentor Program requires participants to go directly to their Little's school where they help the student with their homework. Six area schools and youth centers participate in the program.

"[The School Mentor Program] is better for volunteers who don't have cars, because carpooling to schools is possible," Melecki said.

While time commitment is often a concern for potential volunteers, Melecki said, the program does not set specific hours for volunteers.

"The best part is that as a Big Brother or Big Sister you can set your own schedule, working directly with your Little's caretakers to find times that work for both of you," he said.

Melecki said the program tries to match college students and children with similar interests.

"The St. Joseph organization goes to great lengths to make sure that you and your little share interests and personality types," he said. "Whether you're a sports nut or a chess grandmaster, the program will work to find a child whom you will be able to relate."

All students are eligible to participate in the program; however, they must be able to commit at least one year. Applications are available at the Center for Social Concerns.

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Senate

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The original version of the amendment called for the student body president to attend all CCAC meetings and compelled the president to give "any and all documentation" from the meetings to the Senate at the next regular meeting.

During discussions of Lockwood's proposed amendment at the Nov. 7 meeting, several senators, as well as student body president Liz Brown, voiced opposition to the wording of the amendment, which they said was too stringent.

The amendment was sent to the Senate Oversight committee for revisions. The resolution was on the agenda Nov. 21, but the Senate failed to reach quorum and could not discuss the new version of the amendment until Wednesday.

Lockwood was not present at the Senate meeting, but Senate Oversight chair Ian Secviar presented the revised resolution.

He read aloud a statement in support of the resolution from Brown, who was not present at the meeting. In her message, Brown said she believed the revised amendment "strikes a balance" between giving the president flexibility and acknowledging his or her responsibility to keep the Senate and the student body informed.

"I encourage you to vote in favor of the amendment as we continue to explore ways to improve community relations in the years to come," Brown said in the statement.

Secviar thanked senators for providing feedback and called Wednesday's version "a much better amendment."

The approved amendment states that the student body president — or a "qualified designee" — will attend all CCAC meetings, then brief the

Student Senate at its next regular meeting.

The amendment was passed without further discussion among the senators. The second resolution, which Secviar also presented, was more divisive.

The resolution addressed the abstain vote, which is a vote senators may make instead of yea or nay when the Student Senate considers a resolution. Secviar's amendment states that, except when noted otherwise in the Constitution and its bylaws, "all votes taken in the Senate shall be taken from those senators casting a vote, provided there is a quorum, and not necessarily from the entire voting membership of the Senate or the voting membership present at a given meeting."

With the way voting currently takes place in the Senate, Secviar said, a vote to abstain negatively affects the outcome of the voting. He gave a scenario to illustrate the intended effect of the resolution.

"If we have all 28 senators present, and we have 12 members voting in favor, 6 members voting against and 10 members abstaining, [the bill] would need 2/3, and that bill would fail," he said.

The amendment would change the meaning of the abstain vote, so senators who voted to abstain would excuse themselves from the vote, and the bill would pass 12 to 6.

Senate Academic Affairs chair Carol Hendrickson asked what would happen in a situation where 20 people abstained, seven voted yea and one voted nay.

The bill would pass in that situation, Secviar said.

Chief executive assistant Sheena Plamoottil said she was concerned about the possible effect of the amendment.

"The reason we have, in my opinion, the abstention, is so that you really have to get the

majority of the senators," she said. "You don't want seven people to have the ability to change the constitution, something that is supposed to be fairly rigid."

Secviar clarified that the proposed amendment would not affect constitutional amendments, which always require two-thirds of all senators present at the meeting.

Zahn senator Nick McCollum voiced support for the proposed amendment.

"Right now, abstention and voting against have the same effect," he said. "There's no difference."

But Pangborn senator Denise Baron said she opposed the amendment, saying voting down the amendment with nays sends the message that the subject is closed, but voting it down through abstentions can mean senators feel there is more work to be done on the resolution before it can be passed.

McCollum said the amendment corrects the system already in place to pass resolutions.

"It creates a definite purpose to each option, and I see no reason to vote against this," he said.

The resolution failed to meet the two-thirds majority required for it to pass, with 16 senators voting for it, 7 against and 2 abstaining.

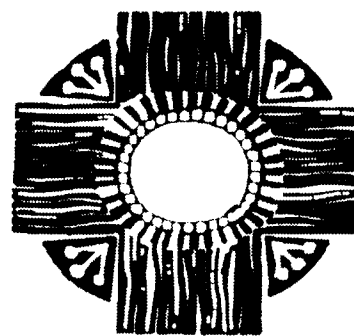
In other Senate news:

♦ Residence Life chair Mariana Montes said Notre Dame Security/Police has approved three new locations for emergency call stations: in the D6 parking lot, behind Lewis Hall and next to McKenna Hall.

♦ University Affairs chair Callie Pogge said her committee is considering launching an environmental campaign next semester.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Refugees return to Iraq from Syria

BAGHDAD — About 20 buses carrying hundreds of Iraqi refugees returned to Baghdad from Syria late Wednesday, a move the government hailed as a sign of growing public confidence that Iraq was finally on the road to stability.

The convoy was the first from an Iraqi-funded effort to speed the return of families that fled the country's violence. The buses rolled into a central Baghdad bus station about midnight.

National Security Minister Sherwan al-Waili, who met the convoy, said Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki would give each returning family \$750 to get started rebuilding their lives.

"The returning home of displaced families is considered as a great victory for law enforcement and national reconciliation," military spokesman Brig. Gen. Qassim al-Moussawi said. "We didn't ask any family about his sect or ethnicity. Such things were created by terrorism and will disappear along with terrorism."

Chavez cuts off contact with Colombia

CARACAS — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said Wednesday he was cutting off all contacts with the Colombian government, but left it unclear whether he was announcing an end to diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Chavez's announcement came after a series of sharp exchanges with President Alvaro Uribe set off when the Colombian leader last week abruptly ended the Venezuelan's mediation between Colombia's government and leftist rebels.

"While President Uribe is president of Colombia I will have no type of relationship with him or with the government in Colombia," Chavez said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Federal workers to get smaller raises

WASHINGTON — Federal workers living in more expensive regions of the country will get much smaller pay raises than scheduled under an order from President Bush, who said Wednesday that the proposed raises were unacceptably high.

Ordering a lower adjustment is not unusual. Presidents routinely override the pay formula and assign figures deemed more reasonable.

Current law provides that federal civilian workers will get a 2.5 percent across-the-board raise in January. That will not change under Bush's order.

The law also gives an extra pay bump to some federal employees based on a formula that incorporates cost of living and comparable private-sector pay.

On average, workers who live in such metro areas were due to receive an additional raise of 12.5 percent. Bush is cutting that added bump to 0.5 percent.

Two deputies killed by patrol car

PAHOKEE, Fla. — Two Palm Beach County sheriff's deputies who had tried to stop a stolen vehicle on a rural road in the Everglades were killed when they were struck by a fellow deputy's patrol car early Wednesday. The driver of the patrol car was injured, authorities said.

Scores of officers combed the region looking for two suspects in the car theft, and later said they arrested one man.

The deputies, described as close friends, had put spikes on a road that punctured the stolen car's tires. But when they ran to remove the spikes from the road they were struck at about 1:45 a.m. by a canine patrol vehicle that was pursuing the car thieves, Sheriff Ric Bradshaw said.

LOCAL NEWS

Zoo fire blamed on armadillo, lamp

INDIANAPOLIS — A fire at the Indianapolis Zoo is being blamed on an armadillo that apparently pushed combustible material or bedding too close to a heat lamp.

Zoo officials said Wednesday that a fire investigator's report found no indication that the lamp fell or malfunctioned. The lamp had been double-chained more than two feet above the floor in the armadillo area at the Zoo's Critter Corner exhibit.

The armadillo, three turtles, two birds, a snake and other small animals died in the November 10 fire.

Zoo President Michael Crowther estimates damages at about \$120,000 and says the building should reopen in 30 to 60 days.

IRAQ

6,000 Sunnis sign pact with U.S.

Alliance with tribal militia considered a critical step in blocking escape routes for extremists

Associated Press

HAWIJA — Nearly 6,000 Sunni Arab residents joined a security pact with American forces Wednesday in what U.S. officers described as a critical step in plugging the remaining escape routes for extremists flushed from former strongholds.

The new alliance — called the single largest single volunteer mobilization since the war began — covers the "last gateway" for groups such as al-Qaida in Iraq seeking new havens in northern Iraq, U.S. military officials said.

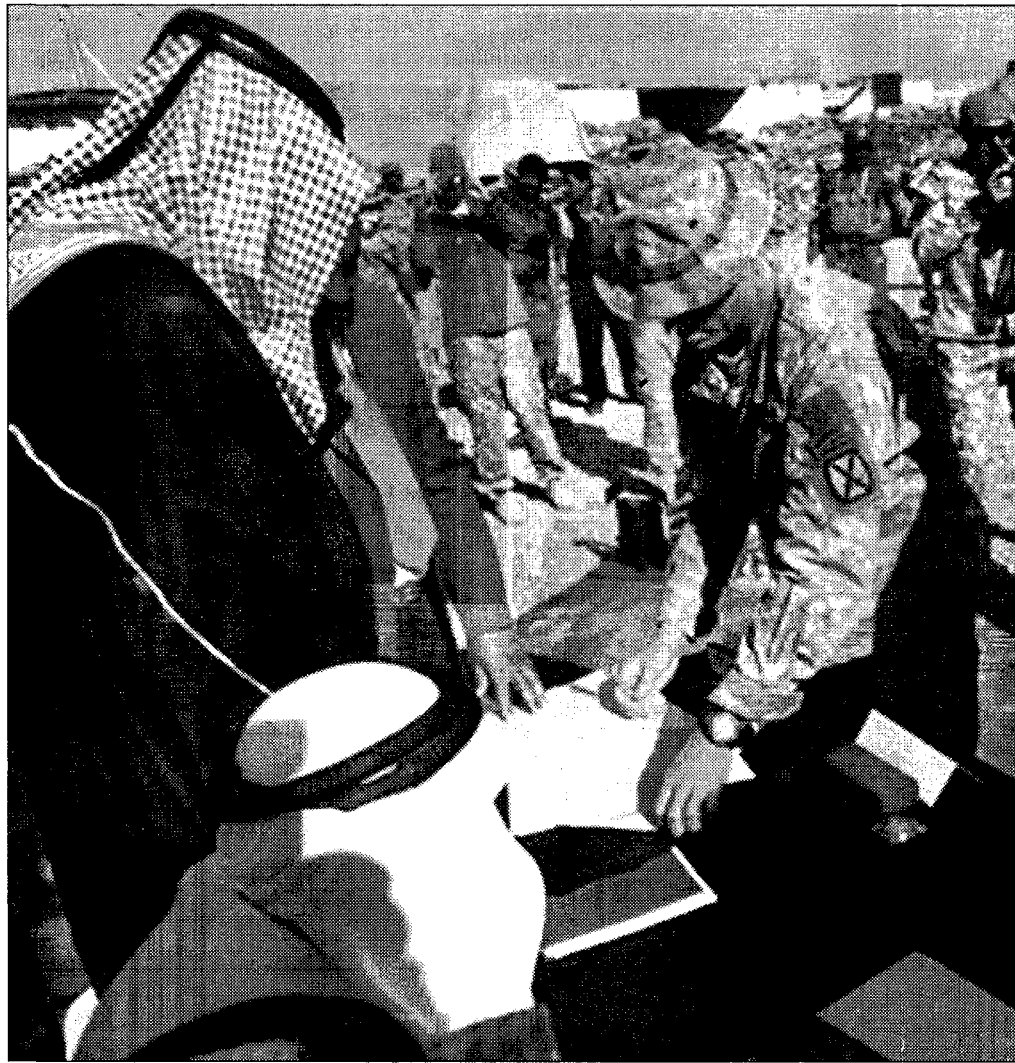
U.S. commanders have tried to build a ring around insurgents who fled military offensives launched earlier this year in the western Anbar province and later into Baghdad and surrounding areas. In many places, the U.S.-led battles were given key help from tribal militias — mainly Sunnis — that had turned against al-Qaida and other groups.

Extremists have sought new footholds in northern areas once loyal to Saddam Hussein's Baath party as the U.S.-led gains have mounted across central regions. But their ability to strike near the capital remains.

A woman wearing an explosive-rigged belt blew herself up near an American patrol near Baqouba, about 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, the military announced Wednesday. The blast on Tuesday — a rare attack by a female suicide bomber — wounded seven U.S. troops and five Iraqis, the statement said.

The ceremony to pledge the 6,000 new fighters was presided over by dozen sheiks — each draped in black robes trimmed with gold braiding — who signed the contract on behalf of tribesmen at a small U.S. outpost in north-central Iraq.

For about \$275 a month — nearly the salary for the typical Iraqi policeman — the tribesmen will man



Sunni tribal leaders sign an alliance with the U.S. military Wednesday in Hawija, a farming community known as the last gateway for militants going northward in Iraq.

about 200 security checkpoints beginning Dec. 7, supplementing hundreds of Iraqi forces already in the area.

About 77,000 Iraqis nationwide, mostly Sunnis, have broken with the insurgents and joined U.S.-backed self-defense groups.

Those groups have played a major role in the lull in violence: 648 Iraqi civilians have been killed or found dead in November to date, according to figures compiled by The Associated Press. This compares with 2,155 in May as the so-called "surge" of nearly 30,000 additional American troops gained momentum.

U.S. troop deaths in Iraq have also dropped sharply. So far this month, the military has reported 34 deaths,

compared with 38 in October. In June, 101 U.S. soldiers died in Iraq.

Village mayors and others who signed Wednesday's agreement say about 200 militants have sought refuge in the area, about 30 miles southwest of Kirkuk on the edge of northern Iraq's semi-autonomous Kurdish region. Hawija is a predominantly Sunni Arab cluster of villages which has long been an insurgent flashpoint.

The recently arrived militants have waged a campaign of killing and intimidation to try to establish a new base, said Sheikh Khalaf Ali Issa, mayor of Zaab village.

"They killed 476 of my citizens, and I will not let them continue their killing," Issa said.

With the help of the new Sunni allies, "the Hawija area will be an obstacle to militants, rather than a pathway for them," said Maj. Sean Wilson, with the Army's 1st Brigade, 10th Mountain Division. "They're another set of eyes that we needed in this critical area."

By defeating militants in Hawija, U.S. and Iraqi leaders hope to keep them away from Kirkuk, an ethnically diverse city that is also the hub of Iraq's northern oil fields.

"They want to go north into Kirkuk and wreak havoc there, and that's exactly what we're trying to avoid," Army Maj. Gen. Mark P. Hertling, the top U.S. commander in northern Iraq, told The Associated Press this week.

States sue for information on toxic chemicals

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Twelve states sued the Bush administration Wednesday to force greater disclosure of data on toxic chemicals that companies store, use and release into the environment.

The state officials oppose new federal Environmental Protection Agency rules that allow thousands of companies to limit the information they disclose to the public about toxic chemicals, according to New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo, the lead attorney general in the lawsuit.

The change lets 100 polluters off the hook in New York alone, he said.

The EPA, however, said the change

improves the Toxics Release Inventory law and eases requirements only on companies that can certify they have no releases of toxins to the environment.

The EPA this year rolled back a regulation on the law signed by President Reagan after the deadly Bhopal toxic chemical catastrophe in India in 1984, according to the states involved in the lawsuit. That law required companies to provide a long, detailed report whenever they store or emit 500 pounds of specific toxins.

The new rule adopted this year requires that long accounting only for companies storing or releasing 5,000 pounds of toxins or more. Companies

storing or releasing 500 to 4,999 pounds of toxins would have to file an abbreviated form, said Katherine Kennedy, New York's special deputy attorney general for environmental protection.

The lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in New York City seeks to invalidate the EPA's revised regulations.

"The EPA's new regulations rob New Yorkers — and people across the country — of their right to know about toxic dangers in their own backyards," Cuomo said. "Along with 11 other states throughout the nation, we will restore the public's right to information about chemical hazards, despite the Bush administration's best attempts to hide it."

Blankets

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As the Vice President of Service for Circle-K, the largest organizer of service opportunities on campus, Esber presented the idea of a service project to raise cancer awareness.

Last December, The Aidan Project brought 250 students together to make more than 100 blankets.

Circle-K is encouraging students to give whatever time they can to The Aidan Project, an open-house-type event. Making blankets requires no sewing and instructions will be provided, Circle-K President Katie Teitgen said.

The event will include refreshments and musical entertainment by Pat McKillen, a Knott resident and friend of Fitzgerald.

The completed blankets will be donated to the Indiana Cancer Pavilion at Indiana University Medical Center, where Fitzgerald underwent treatment last year. Teitgen hopes a large turnout at the event will make 150 blankets, which would surpass the amount from last year's event.

Circle-K is also selling T-shirts this week to support The Aidan Project and to further cancer awareness on campus.

"People don't always realize that a healthy nineteen-year-old like Aidan can have cancer," Teitgen said.

Last year, the money raised by T-shirt sales was donated to the Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Early detection is the key to cancer survival and people should embrace cancer aware-

ness, said Fitzgerald, who is back at Notre Dame this semester after undergoing treatment last fall.

"I hope [The Aidan Project] increases knowledge that cancer is a disease of our generation," Fitzgerald said. "Cancer is a big part of my life and I am looking forward to seeing people at The Aidan Project excited about cancer awareness."

When Fitzgerald, a Knott resident, appeared to be injured playing a game of football last fall, he never imagined how the next 24 hours would impact his life.

A CAT scan administered to diagnose Fitzgerald's football injury revealed a more serious problem. His father, a doctor at Indiana University, viewed the x-ray and was startled to find evidence of cancer.

Fitzgerald immediately left Notre Dame for his home in Indianapolis. He was diagnosed with stage II testicular cancer the following morning.

After evaluating his options, Fitzgerald left Notre Dame for the semester to be treated at Indiana University. His cancer was not terminal, but complications from treatment forced him to take the entire year off from school.

"You don't expect it to happen to someone you see walking down the hall every day," said Mike Sullivan, who lives in Knott Hall.

Circle-K, Knott Hall, and the Class of 2009 are co-sponsoring The Aidan Project, which will be held Saturday in the LaFortune Center Ballroom from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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AIDS

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because of AIDS. A select number of children in the village are able to form a choir and tour for six months.

They gave a concert at Notre Dame Wednesday and collected donations.

"The donations and shirt sales goes toward a program in Uganda that houses the orphans, and gives them food and an education,"

Hancock said. "These are kids that come from nothing, and our goal is to raise \$2,500 to send back with the choir."

While it addresses the global AIDS problem, World AIDS Week also approaches the AIDS epidemic on a more local scale.

"AIDS affects young people from the ages of 18-24 in huge numbers more than

ever," Hancock said. "That's our age. It really does affect everyone. It doesn't discriminate."

Hancock, along with her task force, enabled free HIV testing on campus for the first time.

"This is something I have been really passionate about getting because there is such a stigma about testing. People think, why do we need it here? But the reality is that some are at risk. It does affect everyone," she said.

AIDS Ministry and AIDS Assist of South Bend, a non-profit organization that helps people with AIDS, will provide free testing today from 6 p.m to 8 in the Health Center, Saint Liam Hall.

The week ends Saturday with a panel discussion between two South Bend residents with HIV and two Notre Dame students who have worked closely with AIDS.

"This is to show how close-

ly it hits home," Hancock said.

Hancock said the week has already inspired responses, "both positive and negative," from the Notre Dame community.

"We had a really good response tonight at the concert, and we had a good response at the testing [Tuesday], but people still feel uncomfortable coming," she said.

Hancock said she believes AIDS is "the modern day leprosy."

"The thing that separates it from something like cancer is that people blame the victims, and therefore they suffer on both ends," she said. "They have no support and they are physically suffering."

However, Hancock's goal this week is to change that attitude.

"I hope the Notre Dame students will realize that there are things we can do to fight AIDS," she said. "There are treatments, but no cure, and the numbers are increasing. No one is immune."

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Teresa Hancock
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Rite of Welcome

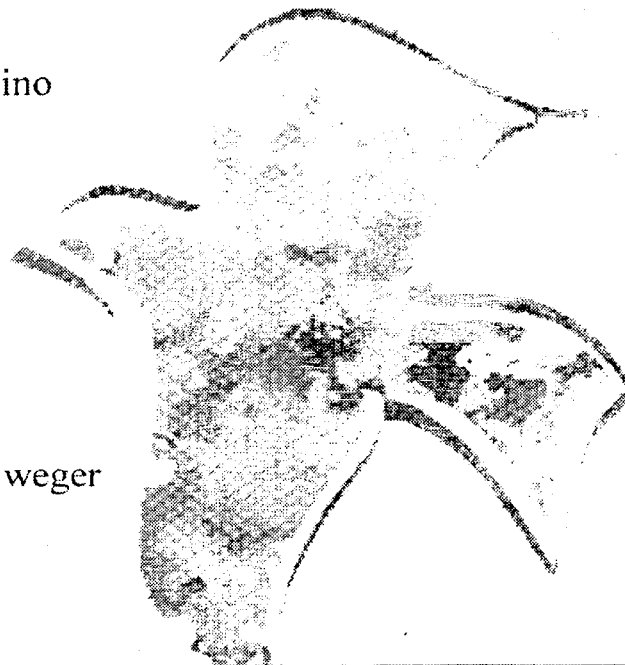
This Sunday at the 11:45 am Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, we will recognize those members of the Notre Dame community who are seeking to become fully initiated into the Catholic faith community in the Rite of Welcome. These women and men have met together over the past several months to explore their faith and the Catholic Church more deeply through the RCIA process. Catechumens seek full initiation through the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation; Candidates are already baptized and seek to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church through the sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation. The Rite of Welcome gives all of us an opportunity to encourage these men and women as they continue their journey of initiation in the months ahead.

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MARKET RECAP

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Up: 2,284 Same: 74 Down: 1,098 Composite Volume: 28,166,039

AMEX	2,353.94	57.50
NASDAQ	2,662.91	+82.11
NYSE	9,791.05	+269.29
S&P 500	1,469.02	+40.79
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	15,495.87	+342.09
FTSE 100 (London)	6,306.20	+165.50

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POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	+3.04	+1.52	51.48
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CITIGROUP INC (C)	+6.50	+1.97	32.29

Treasuries

10-YEAR NOTE	+2.05	+0.081	4.025
13-WEEK BILL	-3.73	-0.115	2.960
30-YEAR BOND	+1.19	+0.052	4.407
5-YEAR NOTE	+3.51	+0.118	3.48

Commodities

LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-3.80	90.62
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PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-0.15	91.48

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IN BRIEF

Ford settles Explorer safety lawsuits

SACRAMENTO — Ford Motor Co. on Wednesday agreed to settle class-action lawsuits covering plaintiffs in four states who claimed its Explorer sport utility vehicles were prone to rollovers, the company and an attorney for the plaintiffs said.

The settlement applies to about 1 million people in California, Connecticut, Illinois and Texas, said Kevin P. Roddy, a New Jersey attorney and co-counsel for the SUV owners who brought the lawsuit.

He said the settlement will be filed later Wednesday in Sacramento County Superior Court.

It will allow vehicle owners to apply for \$500 vouchers to buy new Explorers or \$300 vouchers to buy other Ford or Lincoln Mercury products, Roddy told The Associated Press.

The settlements apply to Explorers in model years 1991 through 2001, he said.

Consumers will be able to apply for the vouchers through a Web site starting Monday if a Sacramento judge gives preliminary approval to the settlement. The parties plan to ask Superior Court Judge David De Alba to give final approval during a hearing in April, after those covered by the settlement have had time to apply for the vouchers, Roddy said.

Hennessey named top economic adviser

WASHINGTON — President Bush announced on Wednesday that Keith Hennessey will become director of the National Economic Council, replacing Al Hubbard, who is joining a growing line of top presidential advisers exiting the White House as the Bush administration heads into its final year.

Hennessey, who came to the White House in 2002, is Hubbard's deputy and has been deputy to two previous directors of the council. He served as a top budget aide to Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., and worked for the Senate Budget Committee.

"Keith has been an important member of my White House team for more than five years," Bush said in a statement. "He has served as the deputy to three directors of the National Economic Council, and has worked on a broad range of economic policy issues."

Dow on rise as Fed hints at rate cuts

Investors pleased that companies hit by mortgage crisis have raised extra cash

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street barreled higher Wednesday for the second day in a row, giving the Dow Jones industrial average its biggest two-day point gain in five years after a Federal Reserve official hinted that the central bank may lower interest rates again.

Investors' renewed hopes for a rate cut added to their relief that companies that made losing bets on subprime mortgages, such as Citigroup Inc. and Freddie Mac, are coming up with ways to raise cash. The market was clearly optimistic that at least some of the damage from the months-long credit crisis was finally being mitigated.

However, Wall Street has been fickle in recent months, with the Dow often rising and falling by triple digits, and no one is betting that the mortgage crisis that tripped up the nation's financial industry this year is over or that the market's huge gains so far this week will stick. Despite its spectacular advance, the Dow remains more than 6 percent below its Oct. 9 record close over 14,000, having plunged due to worries that the housing market's slump will lead to further losses for banks, and that the Fed can't keep slashing rates.

"The market's perception of whether the Fed cuts or not really changes by the day," said Michael Sheldon, chief market strategist at Spencer Clarke LLC. "We still have more data to come."

Early Wednesday, Fed Vice Chairman Donald Kohn told the Council on Foreign Relations that recent financial turbulence has reversed some of the improvement seen in markets in previous weeks, and could squeeze credit for households and



Donald Kohn, Vice Chairman of the Federal Reserve, said the central bank may lower interest rates again during a speech at the Council on Foreign Relations Wednesday.

businesses. He said tight financial conditions may merit "offsetting" policy from the central bank.

The possibility for lower rates seemed more compelling to investors than persistent concerns about a slowdown in economic growth. The Fed has already reduced rates at its last two meetings, and continues to inject billions of dollars into the financial system through repurchase agreements to help calm the shaky markets. The central bank will hold its final rate-setting meeting of the year Dec. 11.

Plunging oil and gold prices also lifted investors' hopes for a rate cut — if inflation is in control, policy makers have less reason to keep rates high. The Fed's Beige Book of economic activity around the country said with the economy expanding at a reduced pace, most core prices are stable or down slightly.

The Dow soared 331.01, or 2.55 percent, to 13,289.45, adding to the blue chip index's 215 point gain on Tuesday and giving the market's best known indicator its largest two-day point gain since Oct. 11,

2002, and largest two-day percentage gain since Nov. 21, 2002.

Wednesday's jump was also the biggest one-day percentage gain for the Dow since April 2, 2003.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index climbed 40.79, or 2.86 percent, to 1,469.02, logging its best two-day point gain since April 19, 2001.

The Nasdaq composite index shot up 82.11, or 3.18 percent, to 2,662.91, giving the technology-dominated index its largest two-day point gain since March 4, 2002.

Spending, economic growth slow down

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The economy grew at a slower pace in the late fall as shoppers watched their pennies heading into the busy holiday season.

The Federal Reserve's new snapshot, released Wednesday, suggested the strains from a severe housing slump and a painful credit crunch are affecting the behavior of individuals and businesses alike — making them somewhat more cautious.

Yet, the hope that the Federal Reserve will cut a key interest rate for a third time this year to energize the economy sent stocks soaring on Wall Street. The Dow Jones industrials jumped for the second day in a row, gaining 331.01 points to close at 13,289.45. It marked the index's biggest two-day point gain in five years.

"Reports on retail spending were downbeat in general," the Fed survey said. "Most retailers said that they were

expecting a slow holiday season, with only small gains in sales volumes compared with last year," the Fed added.

Spending by consumers and businesses is the lifeblood of the country's economic activity. The big worry for economists is that consumers and businesses will cut back on spending and investing, dealing a blow to economic growth. The odds of a recession have grown this year. Still, Fed officials and many other economists remain hopeful the country will weather the financial storm without falling into recession.

The Fed report found the national economy continued to grow during the survey period of October through mid-November but at a "reduced pace." Of the 12 Fed regions surveyed, seven reported a slower pace of economic activity, while the remainder generally pointed to "modest expansion or mixed conditions," the Fed said.

The findings will figure prominently into discussions when Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and his col-

leagues meet on Dec. 11 to decide their next move on interest rates. Investors and some economists believe the Fed report, along with recent turbulence on Wall Street, would justify another rate reduction.

"The Fed realizes markets are fragile, and the ongoing dislocations we expect will lead the (Fed) to ease on Dec. 11," said T.J. Marta, fixed income strategist at RBC Capital Markets.

Fed Governor Donald Kohn, in a speech Wednesday, warned that if the financial turmoil seen in recent weeks were to persist, it could further crimp the flow of credit to people and businesses, raising risks to economic growth.

Kohn, the No. 2 official at the Fed, said the recent gyrations on Wall Street "partly reversed some of the improvement in market functioning" seen in late September and in October. The credit crunch had taken a turn for the worse in August, causing stocks to nosedive.

Illegal immigrant rescues child

Migrant abandons walk to the U.S. to save boy stranded in desert

Associated Press

PHOENIX — An illegal immigrant who gave up his long walk into the U.S. to help a boy whose mother was killed in a van crash in the desert said Wednesday that he never thought of leaving the child.

"I am a father of four children. For that, I stayed," Manuel Jesus Cordova Soberanes said in Spanish from his home in the Mexican state of Sonora. "I never could have left him. Never."

Authorities said Cordova may have saved the life of 9-year-old Christopher Buztheitner, whose mother was killed when their van ran off a cliff in a remote area north of the Mexican border on Thanksgiving Day.

A spokeswoman for the Mexican consulate in Nogales said the office is working to obtain a short-term visa for Cordova so he can come to Arizona and be recognized for his actions.

The 26-year-old bricklayer was two days into his walk and about 50 miles from Tucson when he saw the boy, who had walked away from

the crash.

In a telephone interview with The Associated Press from his home in Magdalena de Kino, Cordova said Christopher had scrapes on his leg and was dressed in shorts despite the desert cold.

The boy had his dog with him and was holding a side mirror from the wrecked van.

Neither Cordova nor Christopher spoke the other's language, but the boy took the migrant to the edge of a canyon and showed him the accident site.

Authorities said Christopher and his mother, 45-year-old Dawn Alice Tomko, had been in the area camping. Tomko was driving on a U.S. Forest Service road when she lost control of the van, which landed 300 feet from the road.

By the looks of the mangled van down below, Cordova said, it was obvious the boy's mother had died. The child was distraught but did not cry.

"I felt frustrated and sad because I couldn't do anything for the mother," Cordova said. "And I didn't know how to console the boy, so I just sat next to him."

Cordova gave the boy the sweater he was wearing, climbed down to the van, and found chocolate and cookies to feed him.

He then built a bonfire, and the two hunkered down. The boy slept most of the night; Cordova kept watch and tended the fire.

Fourteen hours later, a group of hunters found the pair and called for help. U.S. Border Patrol agents took Cordova into custody, and Christopher was flown to a hospital in Tucson.

Christopher was reunited with family over the weekend; a message left with his uncle was not immediately returned Wednesday.

Santa Cruz County Sheriff Tony Estrada said Cordova is "very, very special and compassionate" and may have saved the boy's life.

Adriana Hoyos Rodriguez, the mayor of Magdalena de Kino, called Cordova a hero. "He left everything to save that boy," she said.

Cordova said he wanted to come to the United States to earn money to feed his four children, who live with their mother, and help support his girlfriend's three children. "I have two families, many mouths to feed," he said.

He said that even though his trip was thwarted, he is glad to be back home and wishes Christopher the best.

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Manuel Jesus Cordova Soberanes
Immigrant rescuer

Kansas student, porn star missing

Associated Press

EL DORADO, Kan. — A missing Kansas college student believed to be the victim of foul play apparently led a double life as an Internet porn star by the name of Zoey Zane.

Nude photos of 18-year-old Emily Sander appeared on a Zoey Zane Web site before she vanished, and investigators are looking into whether her modeling had anything to do with her disappearance last Friday.

"She enjoyed it. She is a young teenage girl and she wanted to be in the movies and enjoyed movies. She needed the extra money," Nikki Watson, a close friend of Sander's at Butler Community College, told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "Nobody in El Dorado knew besides her close friends."

Sander's brother, Jacob Sander, confirmed that the nude woman pictured on the site is his sister.

El Dorado Police Chief Tom Boren said FBI and state experts on Internet crime have been called in.

"Investigators are aware that Miss Sander was apparently involved in a Web site situation," he said. "Allegations that this may factor into her disappearance are being thoroughly investigated."

Sander was last seen leaving a bar in El Dorado, about 30 miles from Wichita, with a man identified as Israel Mireles, 24, authorities said. Sander and Mireles had met that night at the bar, according to Watson.

After Mireles did not show up Saturday at his job at an Italian restaurant, his employer went to the motel room where he was staying.

"His motel room was found to appear in great disarray and a large quantity of blood was found in the room," Boren said. "Bed clothing was found to be missing. The police were called."

A nationwide manhunt was under way for Mireles and his 16-year-old girlfriend. A rental car he had been driving turned up Tuesday in Texas, where he had family. On Tuesday, authorities released a photo of a white bedspread with a floral design and asked for the public's help in locating it.

"Our hopes kind of diminish each day we don't hear from her," the police chief said Wednesday.

Sander recently signed a contract for the pornographic work on the Web site, and told her parents about it on Thanksgiving, Watson said. Her boyfriend broke up with her because he did not approve, Watson said.

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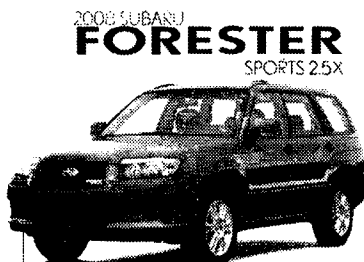


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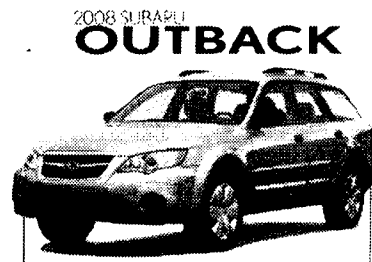


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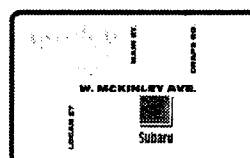
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NETHERLANDS

Nazi archives opened for first time

Documents could provide new information on inner workings of persecution

Associated Press

AMSTERDAM — After more than 60 years, Nazi documents stored in a vast warehouse in Germany were unsealed Wednesday, opening a rich resource for Holocaust historians and for survivors to delve into their own tormented past.

The treasure of documents could open new avenues of study into the inner workings of Nazi persecution from the exploitation of slave labor to the conduct of medical experiments. The archive's managers planned a conference of scholars next year to map out its unexplored contents.

The files entrusted to the International Tracing Service, an arm of the International Committee of the Red Cross, have been used until now to help find missing persons or document atrocities to support compensation claims. The U.S. government also has referred to the ITS for background checks on immigrants it suspected of lying about their past.

Inquiries were handled by the archive's 400 staff members in the German spa town of Bad Arolsen. Few outsiders were allowed to see the actual documents, which number more than 50 million pages and cover 16 linear miles of gray metal filing cabinets and cardboard binders spread over six buildings.

On Wednesday, the Red Cross and the German government announced that the last of the 11

countries that govern the archive had ratified a 2006 agreement to open the files to the public for the first time.

"We are there. The doors are open," said ITS director Reto Meister, speaking by telephone from the Buchenwald concentration camp where he was visiting with a delegation of U.S. congressional staff members.

Survivors have pressed for decades to open the archive, unhappy with the minimal responses — usually in form letters — from the Red Cross officials responding to requests for information about relatives.

"We are very anxious," said David Mermelstein, 78, an activist for survivors' causes in Miami, Fla., who wants to scour the files for traces of his two older brothers whom he last saw as he passed through a series of concentration camps.

"Now I hope we will be able to get some information. We have been waiting, and time is not on our side," said the retired businessman.

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington and the Yad Vashem Memorial in Jerusalem began receiving digital copies of the entire archive in August, allowing survivors and historians more access points.

Izzy Arbeiter, 82, the head of a survivor's organization in the area of Boston, Mass., said he hoped to go to the museum next month to

browse the files.

"My goodness, I don't know where I would start, there are so many things I am interested in," he said. "The history of my family, of course. My parents. One of my brothers is missing. We never knew what happened to him."

Yad Vashem said the opening of the archive was "a breakthrough" for survivors and others.

"Our understanding and knowledge of the personal story of the Holocaust will be deepened," said Yad Vashem's chairman Avner Shalev.

The records are unlikely to change the general story of the Holocaust and the Nazi era, probably the most intensely researched 12-year period of the 20th century.

But its depth of detail and original documentation will add texture to history's worst genocide, and is likely to fuel a revival of academic interest in the Holocaust.

Among its files, seen by The Associated Press during repeated visits to Bad Arolsen in the last year, are the list of deportees from the Netherlands to Auschwitz on which Anne Frank's name appears, the list of employees of Oskar Schindler's factory who were sheltered from death, medical records showing the number of lice on the heads of prisoners, the list of inmates evacuated by the Nazis from the Neuengamme labor camp who later died on prisoner boats mistakenly bombed by the British air force.

SUDAN

Teacher charged with inciting hate

Associated Press

KHARTOUM — Sudan charged a British teacher Wednesday with inciting religious hatred — a crime punishable by 40 lashes — because she allowed her students to name a teddy bear Muhammad as part of a class project.

The country's top Muslim clerics pressed the government to ensure that the teacher, Gillian Gibbons, is punished, comparing her action to author Salman Rushdie's "blasphemies" against the Prophet Muhammad.

The charges against Gibbons angered the British government, which urgently summoned the Sudanese ambassador to discuss the case. British and American Muslim groups also criticized the decision.

Gibbons, 54, was arrested at her home in Khartoum on Sunday after some parents of her students accused her of naming the bear after Islam's prophet, Muhammad is a common name among Muslim men, but the parents saw applying it to a toy animal as an insult.

Officials in Sudan's Foreign Ministry have tried to play down the case, calling it an isolated incident and predicting Tuesday that Gibbons could be released without charge.

But hard-liners have considerable weight in the government of

President Omar al-Bashir, which came to power in a 1989 military coup that touted itself as creating an Islamic state.

The north of the country bases its legal code on Islamic Sharia law, and al-Bashir often seeks to burnish his religious credentials.

Last year, he vowed to lead a jihad, or holy war, against U.N. peacekeepers if they deployed in the Darfur region of western Sudan. He relented this year to allow a U.N.-African Union force there — but this month said he would bar Scandinavian peacekeepers from participating because newspapers in their countries ran caricatures of Prophet Muhammad last year.

Streets were calm Wednesday in Khartoum, but a pickup truck drove through the capital with loudspeakers blaring calls for Muslims to protest Friday after prayers and not to let their religion be insulted.

Sudanese Prosecutor-General Salah Eddin Abu Zaid said Gibbons was charged with inciting religious hatred and her case would be referred to courts Thursday.

If convicted, she faces up to 40 lashes, six months in jail and a fine, said Abdul-Daem Zumrawi, an undersecretary at the Justice Ministry. The verdict and any sentence are up to "the discretionary power of the judge," he said.

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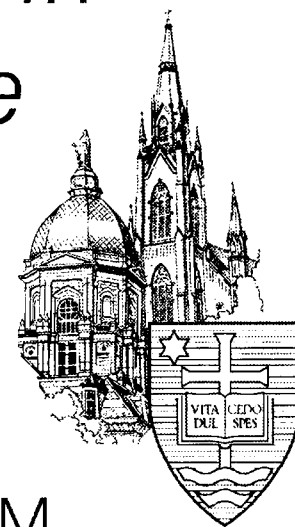
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Mysterious admissions standards

In a few months, we will ruin thousands of kids' lives.

And most people around here will hope that next time, we get to ruin more lives than we do this time around.

Last year, 14,500 high school seniors applied to Notre Dame — and only 3,300 were admitted. So, yes, we told more than 10,000 kids, "No, we prefer someone else." And this year, if projections are right, we'll deny even more. (Full disclosure: I work in the admissions office as a student e-mail responder. I have no influence, though, in making admissions decisions or on the decisions I discuss below.)

No doubt, some of these 10,000-plus kids had no place at Notre Dame. But the overwhelming majority of denied applicants, Admissions Director Dan Saracino told The Observer last year, "could do the work at Notre Dame." So why weren't they admitted?

Because some other applicant — well, more than 3,000 other applicants — had stronger profiles. Something tipped the admissions scales in their favor: their SAT scores and grades were higher, they were football stars, they seemed particularly involved in high school, etc. Some fit the class better — bringing a unique talent that other applicants simply could not. And then there are what I'd call "dirty strengths" — "dirty" not because their strengths are actually less valuable, but because nobody seems to like to talk about them too frankly: their parents went to Notre Dame, they are an ethnic minority, there is a building on-campus named after their great-uncle, their mom or dad is a well-respected scholar in Science, or

Engineering, or Arts and Crafts.

And when we reject kids, I'm willing to guess that at least some of them don't immediately think, "You know what, I bet I just wasn't as smart or involved as those other kids."

They blame the Black Bogeyman — the amorphous "affirmative action-admit" who, no doubt, took their spot in the class.

They are convinced that if it weren't for the "dirty strength" admitted students, they'd get to go to Notre Dame. And at a certain point, some of them are right: There are kids, each year, who would have gotten in had we not granted substantial preference to ethnic minorities.

But this isn't a column about affirmative action based on race — in fact, I happen to believe that it is justified. It is a column about the way we "sell" these preferences and how we engage those who feel slighted by these preferences.

If we truly want to advance the cause of diversity, we need to confront those who blame affirmative action for their rejections. We need to demystify the Black Bogeyman.

How? Much the same way that we share general profiles of admitted students each year, we should share profiles of different types of admitted students in our pool: We should offer a general profile of our admitted students who are legacies, a general profile of our admitted students who are ethnic minorities, and a general profile of our other admitted students.

Why? For one, sharing these numbers means that rejected students will no longer be able to blame an amorphous concept. We won't look like we're operating in secrecy, like we're hiding something from prospective students, about the true meaning of affirmative action on the basis of race or legacy status.

More importantly, by frankly admitting the practical implications of different forms of affirmative action, we will facilitate a more honest and pragmatic discussion of its merits. Yes, we'd be inviting controversy, but

we should have the strength in our own convictions to face that controversy head-on.

By not releasing these profiles, we send the wrong message. We suggest that we have some reason to keep these numbers to ourselves; whether we mean to or not, we imply that the disparity is embarrassingly large. We suggest that the public outcry over seeing them would derail our diversity efforts.

Sharing these profiles would open up the debate in real terms. We could discuss not only whether preference is appropriate in the abstract, but also how much preference is acceptable. It would enrich the debate about affirmative action, and the debate would become more meaningful and practical.

And if you, as a college admissions office, believe in affirmative action — whether for legacy status, or race, or both — this sort of disclosure will ultimately help your cause. With full disclosure, you can effectively engage and defeat the ignorance that the current vagueness fosters.

And it's the only way to address the ultimate goal of affirmative action: greater ethnic diversity. Without acknowledging the gap and its magnitude, it's easy to deny the need for diversity and preference. But the fact that an achievement gap still exists so prominently underlies the need for affirmative action programs — a need that many people cannot appreciate when considered only in abstractions.

Dismantle the "Black Bogeyman" and extend a bit of Notre Dame education to everyone — even those 10,000+ to whom we say, "no thanks."

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QUOTES OF THE DAY

"Just the other day I sent the girlfriend a huge pile of snow. I rang her up and said, 'Did you get my drift?'"

Peter Kay
English comedian

"I was Christmas shopping and ran into a guy on the street. I noticed his watch and said that it runs slow. He said, 'So does the guy I stole it from.'"

David Letterman
talk show host

Hit me with your best shot

I've noticed that the Viewpoint section has gotten rather stale lately. I yearn for the glory days when we debated so vigorously lyric changes and hypothetical reactions to unlikely football victories.

John Everett

Unfortunately, it's a little too early for the annual spring dust-ups, the unholy trinity of Vagina

Kids These Days

Monologues, meatless Fridays, and how the Keenan Revue is oh my God the most offensive thing ever. Did you hear they made fun of Saint Mary's?

Let's work together to break this dull, plodding train of unoriginal objections. My part in this is simple, over the next 700 words or so I plan to take all manner of debatable positions on ridiculous issues. I will occasionally, as is my privilege as a columnist, use questionable logic and I reserve the right to resort to demagoguery.

Where do you come in, gentle readers? Why you must respond with equal vitriol, and even less reliance on logic, of course! I want you to flood the inbox of my editor with strongly worded pleas for reason, while demonstrating none yourself. If you think my positions too absurd for discussion on the editorial page, just remember this: There's a freshman out there somewhere composing a letter stating that her class should be referred to as "freshpeople" in order to be more inclusive.

There is something in here for

everyone to argue about: music-lovers, sports fans, and people of all majors. I swear that I strongly believe in at least half of these statements, and that I am willing to fake it on the rest. Do your worst, Notre Dame!

I believe that Robert Louis Stevenson's "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" is beyond question the greatest of all 19th-century British epistolary horror novels. "Dracula" and "Frankenstein" backers, I welcome your disdain.

The biggest fault to be found with Charlie Weis isn't arrogance, foul language or occasionally questionable play-calling. It is his taste in music. I'm about as New Jersey as they come, but I can't stand Bon Jovi, and the next time I respect someone after hearing that they love "Living on a Prayer" will be the first.

"Mickey's Christmas Carol" is the best version ever made of the Dickens story. Scrooge McDuck is much more convincing in the Ebenezer role than Alastair Sim.

Leibniz invented the calculus. And people who are truly refined only refer to it as "the calculus."

"Family Guy" is the most extensive work of plagiarism since Joe Biden's law school career.

Typing "plagiarism" into Wikipedia in order to make a moderately obscure reference is completely acceptable.

I removed a joke about Ron Paul from this column because I don't want to give Libertarians anything

else to whine about.

People who complain about the low quality of American television but don't watch "30 Rock" are empty-headed pedants who do not have to be taken seriously.

Bacon, ham and pork are all wildly overrated meats. I eat so few pig products that I'm afraid I'll wind up on a government watch list.

It shames me to admit this after so many years of arguing for the positive aspects of the Hayes presidency, but Tilden really should have won in 1876.

Your favorite beer is swill. All beer is swill. ResLife, you know where to mail my check.

The worst result of the Cola Wars was that R.C. Cola got left in the dust because it was unable to lure Max Headroom or Michael Jackson to be its spokesman.

The best way to cure doubts of one's sanity is to spend 90 seconds in conversation with a Chicago sports fan.

The Cubs are not lovable. Your Rex Grossman jokes are not funny. You're not a Bulls fan if you can't name more than five post-Jordan players. Go away and try to figure out if Luc Longley or Bill Wennington is still playing.

I am as yet unsatisfied that Fermat's Last Theorem has been proved.

George Harrison had the best solo career of any of the Beatles. Anyone who cites "Imagine" while making the case for John Lennon is deafer than

Beethoven.

It is okay to make deaf jokes about Beethoven because he's been dead for 180 years. The fact that he couldn't hear them anyway is only an ancillary consideration.

If your car leaked oil onto an easel, you wouldn't be able to tell the difference between that and a Jackson Pollock original.

I certainly understand that colonialism was oppressive and exploitative, and that it is the right of every free people to name their own country. I just happen to think Rhodesia sounds better, and I don't think you have to so rudely correct me.

The same goes for Ceylon and British Honduras.

This column is an inane, irrelevant, and poorly thought out piece of tripe written at the last minute by a hack writer too ill-informed or lazy to form a cogent argument on one topic over 800 words.

Alright, get going on your responses, although you better not disagree with that last one. I happen to know it for a fact.

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This season of longing

The title promises a story about this football season, so I should come clean up front — this is the weekly Faithpoint article.

As we approach the season of Advent — it begins this Saturday night — we do so, surely, with

Father Lou DeFra

We want the semester to be

Kids These Days

over. Or we want a paper to write itself while we sleep. We want the Irish in a Bowl game, in a warm and fun place, and, please God, we want to win it. We want more time with our friends, preferably without study obligations. We want a job. We want Christmas break. We want our family's Christmas traditions, even (and, secretly, maybe especially) the cheesy ones. If we have lost a loved one recently, we will feel over these holidays that we want them back with us. We want to be close to our families. Or, if there is division in our family, we want our family to be at peace for the holidays. We want joy to overwhelm our sorrow.

As we look inside ourselves, we find — what we always find — that we are teeming with wants and longings.

Those of you who study marketing need no convincing of this. It is one of the primary motivations we have for buying things — a gnawing sense of our incompleteness. Every sidebar ad

that pops up on our computer screens makes some attempt at reminding us of what we don't have — but could, if we click this flashing box.

Incompleteness, and unfulfilled desire, is an inescapable human reality. And it rarely lies dormant...

Our faith teaches us that there is a reason for our longing. Deep in the heart of our Judeo-Christian spirituality is the realization that we humans have a deep emptiness at the center of our being. And this emptiness longs to be filled. This is our foundational story as the People of God. That once upon a time, in Eden, we had lives of perfect contentment and union with our Creator. A snake and an apple later, however, we had been cast out of the Garden. And ever since, we have carried within us an incessant ache to return home, to that place where our deepest contentment beckons.

The stories of our Scriptures are filled with this human reality of longing for something more. Abraham and Sarah are lured away from their home to wander after a Promised Land. Moses and the Israelites in Egypt flee, in the middle of the night, on a desert journey, because they long for freedom and a land to call their home. All the prophets we will hear from in these next four weeks of Advent — none more aware of the sheer depth of his longing than Isaiah — kindle and rekindle the flame of

our desire: "You want, you need, you long — and One is coming." Finally, John the Baptist, tipped off in Elizabeth's womb that the One has taken flesh, grows up breathless and breathing fire. He can no longer contain his longing, and, as we hear in the Advent Gospels, begins to shout, almost maniacally, "Turn and see, the Kingdom of God is at hand!" John is the personification of Advent — this season of our longing.

Through the sacraments and liturgical seasons — like this season of Advent — the Church takes existential realities that are always and everywhere occurring, so much so that we can almost forget them, and lifts up and celebrates them in specific times and particular places. So, for example, we believe that it is always and everywhere the case that God is nourishing and sustaining our lives. This is so much the case — as true as our knowledge that oxygen in the air we breathe is constantly keeping us alive — that if we didn't stop to celebrate that reality, we would be in danger of forgetting it. (For, we must admit, it is not often we say thanks to God for the gift of oxygen.) So, at 10:30 p.m. in Dillon Hall every Sunday, or at whatever specific time in whatever particular place, we celebrate the Eucharist, and are fed by the life of God.

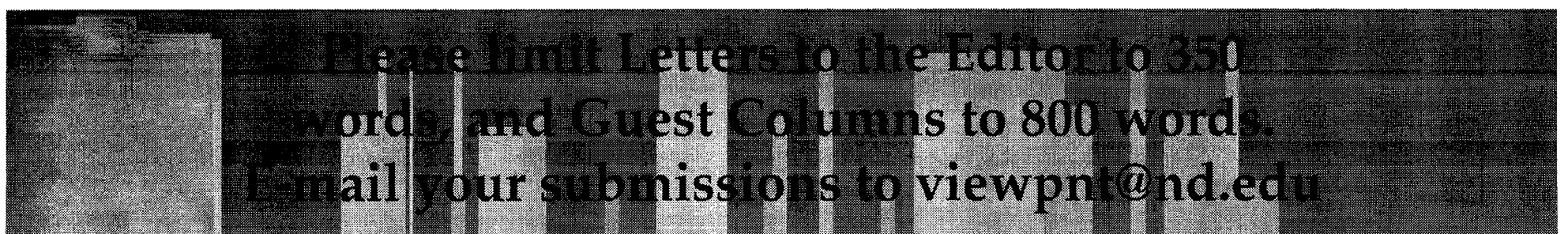
The Season of Advent might helpfully be understood in a similar way. It is always and everywhere the case that

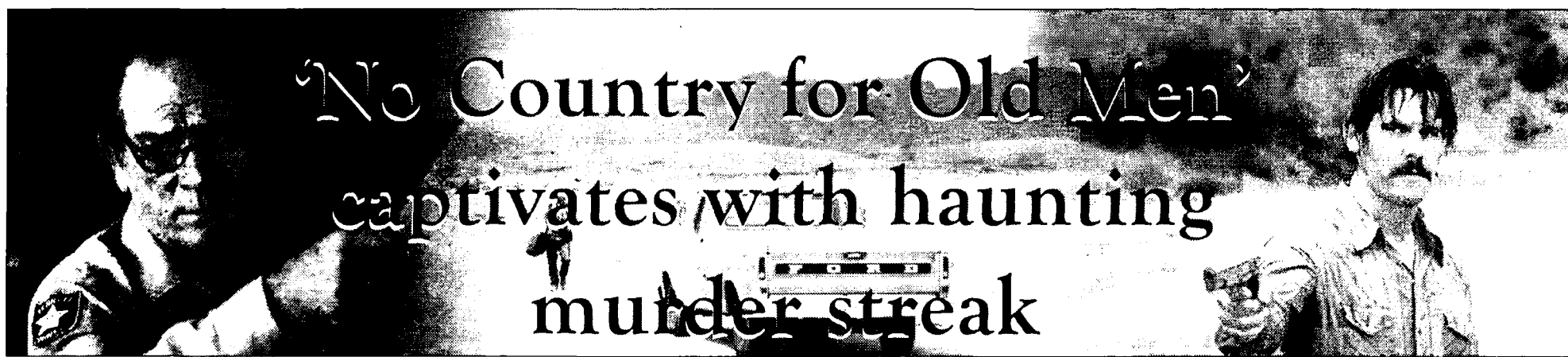
we humans are incomplete, and therefore in a constant state of longing. This is so much the case that it would be inhuman, indeed dangerous, not to acknowledge this longing explicitly for a specific time. That is, if we don't somewhere and sometime explicitly acknowledge that we are a people longing for nothing less than union with God, we run the risk of seeking fulfillment, consciously or unconsciously, in all kinds of ways that ultimately frustrate our hearts' deepest desire.

Here we see the gift of these four weeks of Advent — our season of longing. Contemplate St. Augustine's most famous words: "Our hearts are restless, O Lord, our hearts are restless, until they rest in you." Gaze upon Bernini's statue of the Ecstasy of St. Teresa of Avila, as she experiences union with Christ her spouse. (You can Google Image it.) These are examples of why the Season of Advent is such a powerful season for us. Advent is the season where we acknowledge our deepest longing — and set our hopes of fulfillment on the One who alone can complete us.

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By MARK WITTE
Scene Writer

"No Country for Old Men" is a movie about evil. It is a movie about murder and it is a movie about uncertainty. It may be the Coen Brothers' ("Fargo," "The Big Lebowski") finest work.

Based off of author Cormac McCarthy's novel of the same name, "No Country for Old Men" begins its merciless brutality with Anton Chigurh (Javier Bardem). Chigurh is a man who speaks softly and carries a big tank of compressed air, which he uses to punch holes in the heads of his victims. The killing begins when he strangles a

police officer, breaking out of jail. The movie then follows the path of destruction he leaves in his wake. But for the most part, his motive for killing falls upon the unfortunate head of Llewelyn Moss (Josh Brolin), a poor Vietnam veteran living in a trailer with his wife Carla Jean (Kelly MacDonal) down in Texas near the Mexican border.

Llewelyn's trouble starts when, while deer hunting one day, he unexpectedly comes upon the aftermath of a bloody shootout, involving a slew of dead bodies, a truck-bed of drugs, a dying Mexican pleading for "agua" and a suitcase of cash. Llewelyn decides to take the money and return home. Later that night, against his wife's pleading,

he returns to the bloody scene with a jug of water, but his charitable action quickly puts his life in danger. He returns to find the man dead, the drugs gone, and an angry truck-load of Mexicans who flatten his truck's tires before chasing him into a nearby river.

Chigurh soon arrives at the scene with a couple of well-dressed Americans and, upon finding

Llewelyn's truck and a transponder for tracking the briefcase, he promptly executes his companions. He then spends the rest of the film hunting down Llewelyn and the money.

There is another part to this tale as well, seen through the eyes of an aging Sheriff Ed Tom Bell (Tommy Lee Jones). Bell opens the film with a narration in which he recalls sending a boy to the electric chair for killing his young teenage girlfriend: "The papers said it was a crime of passion, but he told me there weren't nothin' passionate about it. Said he'd been fixin' to kill someone for as long as he could remember. Said if I let him out of there, he'd kill somebody again. Said he was goin' to hell. Reckoned he'd be there in about 15 minutes."

Bell continues, saying, "I don't know what to make of that, I really don't."

The incomprehension of such evil lies at the heart of this film and none of the characters understand it. Bell spends most of the film in Chigurh and Llewelyn's footsteps, hopelessly trying to catch up. Bell never once judges the decision Llewelyn made in taking the money, and the film doesn't either. Instead it focuses on dealing with what comes next.

Carson Wells (Woody Harrelson) is a

witty, fast-talking hitman hired to track down Chigurh, and he provides some comic relief in the mostly-serious film.

On the whole, the movie moves at a slow pace. However, there's something fascinating about the way the Coen Brothers' film their character. It's hard not to be captivated by their struggles.

The Coen Brothers create suspense through the actions of their actors. From the sound of Chigurh's boots, to the heavy breathing of Llewelyn, down to the cocking of a gun, a serious suspense pervades the film.

The story's desert setting is barren, not only in landscape, but in people, too. There aren't many extras in this film and the ones who are in it die quickly. The barren backdrop makes for quite a few shots in which only one character appears in the frame. You'll feel Llewelyn's loneliness and his fear as Chigurh chases him through empty streets.

The Coen Brothers' film was nominated for the prestigious Palme d'Or at Cannes Film Festival this year.

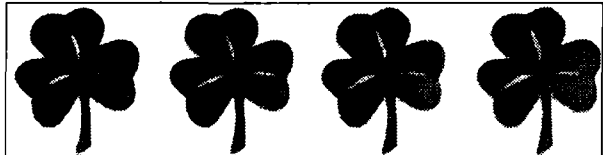
The film never once descends into cliché, and sticks to a serious plot. The film won't rile your emotions, but it will make you think.

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No Country for Old Men

Director: Ethan and Joel Coen

Starring: Tommy Lee Jones, Javier Bardem and Josh Brolin



**Bloated album
only for real
Say Anything fans**



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By RYAN RAFFIN
Scene Writer

Concept albums are notoriously hit or miss. Double albums are infamous for their self-indulgent filler. So it's pretty easy to be apprehensive about the new 27-song effort by L.A.'s Say Anything, titled "In Defense of the Genre." The hype surrounding the album and the band is enormous. Frontman and band leader Max Bemis has been heralded as "the new Bob Dylan" as often as the New England Patriots get called "the best team in the NFL."

For the most part, though, the pop-rock found on "In Defense of the Genre" is a half-decent listen. The lyrics are occasionally cringe-worthy, sometimes hilarious (in a good way) and always honest. It's obvious they come from the heart. The overarching story of the lyrics pertains to Bemis' struggles with love, drugs and his bipolar disorder. An alternate title could have been "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Max." Say Anything might technically be a full band, but it's really all about Bemis here.

Unfortunately, Bemis isn't entirely successful in pulling his sonic experiments off. A myriad of guest singers changes things up a little, but often they just distract and annoy.

One of the first memorable songs is "That is Why," a bizarre cabaret piece, which is not really good or bad, but just strange. It features some of the funniest lyrics on the record, such as: "Though once I was emoting/and Bono lyric quoting." "Baby Girl, I'm A Blur"

is the danceable first single featuring an electronic beat, sure to make diehard fans cry foul.

With 27 songs, some of them are sure to be fairly horrid. "Hangover Song" on disc two is one of the album's worst songs. (A sample of someone vomiting isn't really that attractive, not to mention completely unnecessary.) Also unnecessary is the song "Died A Jew", which has some lyrics so awful they shouldn't even be dignified with an example here. As with most double albums, a lot of the songs could be cut out, or should have been.

Filler is a serious problem on this album, especially on the second disc. Aside from the couple of duds already mentioned, a lot of the songs just aren't noteworthy. They are not necessarily bad or good, but completely forgettable. This CD would have been much better as a tight, less-bloated single disc.

The best songs are usually the angrier ones, such as "Skinny Mean Man," "Surgically Removing the Tracking Device" and "People Like You Are Why People Like Me Exist." There are some good quiet songs as well, such as "Spores" on the second disc.

If you have the patience to sift through the filler, there are some real gems here. Max Bemis is certainly a



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"In Defense of the Genre" is Say Anything's third studio album..

capable songwriter. He puts his entire self onto paper in a way that never seems forced or cheesy. While a solid chunk of the songs are not memorable, few are awful. The first half of the album is better than the second.

The album is definitely not for everyone, and the only people who will truly enjoy it are diehard Say Anything fans.

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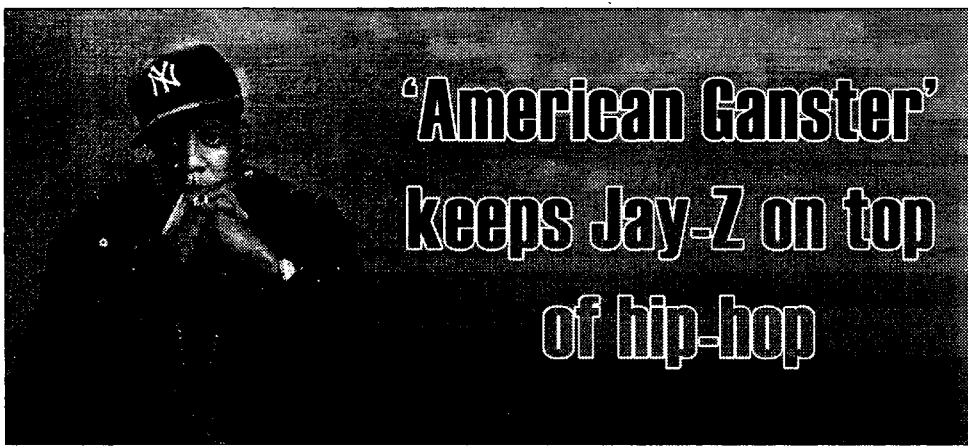
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By BRITTNY FLINT and AMELIA THOMPSON
Scene Writers

Our favorite retired rapper is back. Again. Following his supposed retreat from the music world, Jay-Z proves once more why he deserves the self-proclaimed title, "The Best Rapper Alive" with the release of his latest, "American Gangster." The rapper's first concept album, which follows the storyline of Ridley Scott's recently released film bearing the same title, breathes fresh air into a hip-hop industry that reeks of banality. Smart and innovative, "American Gangster" does not claim to "Walk it Out" or "Superman." Instead, as Jay-Z proclaims on the song "No Hook," he simply does not need one.

He also does not need to be backed by contrived hip-hop controversy (think Kanye and 50 Cent). Jay-Z is able to stand on his own and show why he continues to be relevant in the music industry. Revisiting many themes explored on past albums, "American Gangster" reveals an updated and more refined Shawn Carter. A few tracks stand out as the brightest of the bunch.

◆ "Party Life." While performing this song on Vh1's "Storytellers," Hov requested red lighting — and justifiably so. This song is hot. Transporting us "80s babies" into the Super Fly era, this track is the definition of swagger.

Combining sultry vocals with Jay-Z's undeniable cool, "Party Life" makes you want to do just that.

◆ "Roc Boys." This track is sure to have us all throwing up the Roc. As declared in Beyonce's "De Ja Vu," "Roc Boys" proves that Jay runs the bass, high hat and the snare. Termed "black superhero music" this song has an element of blithe. From the moment the horns start, it's impossible to not invoke the gods of funk. With brilliant instrumentation and lyrical content, this song is sure to be a Roc-A-Fella anthem and classic.

◆ "Fallin." Laced with Bilal's vocals, "Fallin" is introspective and thought-provoking. Both the lyrics and the beat have an element of sadness.

Strategically placed after the track titled, "Success," "Fallin" examines the juxtaposition of success and failure. Alluring his listeners with a sort of intimacy detailing his own "rise and fall," Jay-Z reminds us why he continues to rise and rise again.

◆ "Hello Brooklyn." With an infectious beat and Lil' Wayne's magnetism, this track is guaranteed to be a club favorite. The song is a sort of ode to the state of New York and its influence on Jay-Z as an artist. One of the more upbeat tracks on the album, "Hello Brooklyn," exudes energy. Personifying Brooklyn, the duo recognizes the importance of the city to hip-hop. While Lil' Wayne's verse is not his best, both he and Jay prove why they are considered rap royalty.

◆ "Blue Magic." Surprisingly not featured on the soundtrack to the film, "Blue Magic" outlines one of the major themes of the movie and album — the hustle. Hova teams up with Pharrell Williams on this track to reiterate the power of the collaboration.

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American Gangster

Jay-Z

Label: Rock-A-Fella

Recommended Tracks: "Party Life," "Roc Boys," "Hello Brooklyn" and "Blue Magic"



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Jay-Z recorded his album "American Gangster" as a soundtrack for the Ridley Scott movie of the same name, starring Denzel Washington (center).

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NBA

Bucks unable to stop Johnson, lose second straight

76ers late push not enough as Jazz close out win; James sprains finger in second quarter of Pistons win over Cavaliers

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Atlanta's bench provided the spark the Hawks needed to beat Milwaukee 96-80.

With each team playing for the second straight night, depth was crucial as Atlanta pulled away late and beat the Bucks on Wednesday night, including a dominant 43-7 advantage in bench scoring.

"Our bench was great," Hawks coach Mike Woodson said.

The Hawks recovered from a disappointing 90-78 loss at Chicago on Tuesday night in which they were outrebounded 60-37. Atlanta outrebounded Milwaukee 38-34.

"To come out and play the way we did tonight I think is a great sign of maturity," said Joe Johnson, who led Atlanta with 21 points.

"It was good to see everybody get involved and make plays on both ends of the court."

Of Atlanta's six players to score in double figures, three were backups: Zaza Pachulia, 14; Josh Childress, 12 and Tyronn Lue, 11. The 43 points by the bench set a season high for Atlanta.

Michael Redd had 24 points and Mo Williams added 23, but Andrew Bogut, who had 18 points and 11 rebounds, was Milwaukee's only other scorer in double figures.

Mario West, a late fill-in starter for injured Marvin Williams, set the high energy pace for Atlanta in the first quarter.

West, an undrafted rookie from Georgia Tech, had not played more than 8 minutes in a game, but he had 4 points, 2 rebounds and a steal in the first 7 minutes.

"Mario West was a big key for us," said rookie Al Horford, who had 12 points. "He really got that energy going early in the game."

The Hawks broke open a close game with a 13-2 run midway through the fourth quarter, including six points by Childress. Atlanta outscored Milwaukee 23-14 in the final quarter.

"In the second, third and fourth quarters our defense really settled in," Woodson said. "I thought we were as good defensively as we've been all year."

The Bucks lost for the second straight night following a five-game winning streak.

"Atlanta did a nice job

attacking," said Bucks coach Larry Krystkowiak. "We had a hard time keeping the ball in front of us, because they broke us down off the dribble consistently. It was the type of attack we expected, we just weren't ready to move our feet."

Jazz 106, 76ers 95

Carlos Boozer is developing quite a reputation.

Despite tweaking his right ankle before halftime, he had it re-taped and scored 12 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Utah Jazz to a victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Wednesday night.

Ronnie Brewer added 19 points and Mehmet Okur had 16. Deron Williams had 15 points and 15 assists for the Jazz (11-5), who rebounded after a 113-109 loss at New York two nights earlier.

Boozer entered the game ranked fourth in the NBA in scoring (25.3) behind LeBron James, Kobe Bryant and Tracy McGrady. Boozer was 12-for-17 from the field and it was only the fourth time this season that Boozer didn't register a double-double.

"I think he's (Boozer) definitely an MVP candidate," Williams said of Boozer. "A lot of games he has put us on his back. He does everything well and he's tough."

Boozer simply said his team needed him.

"I told Paul (Millsap), 'I can't elevate so you get every rebound and I'll score,'" Boozer said. "I couldn't jump. I couldn't box out like I wanted to. I knew I could score."

Boozer is 44-of-62 from the field (71 percent) over the past four games.

"We're executing our offense," Boozer said. "Deron Williams is doing a great job of running the offense and getting us good shots on pick-and-rolls."

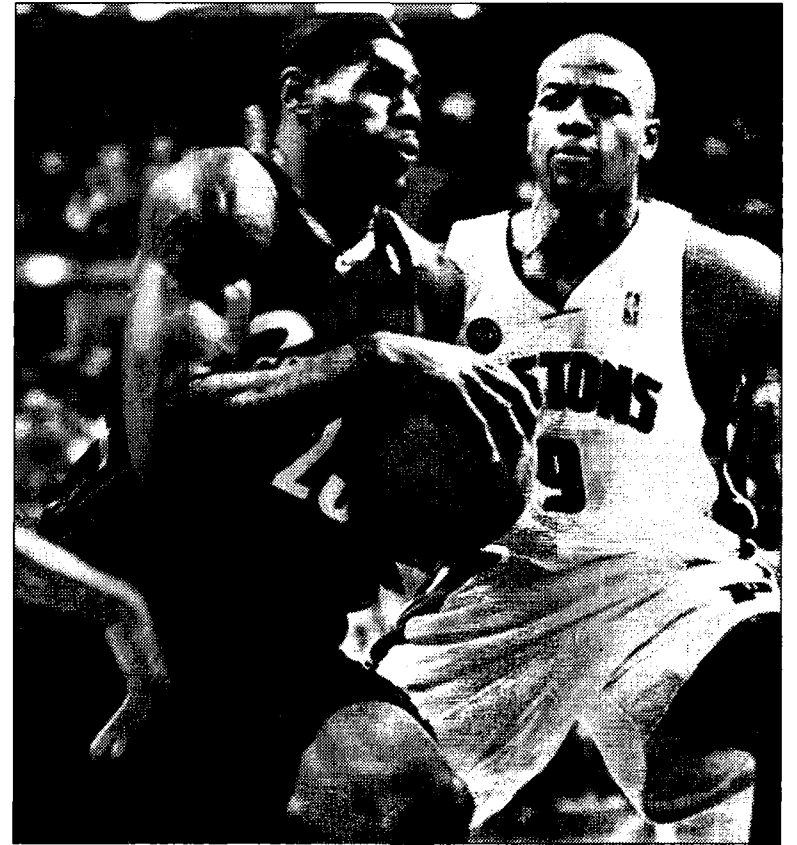
The Jazz shot 55 percent from the field and finished with 32 assists on 39 made field goals.

"We're a very confident team," Williams said. "When we execute, we'll get a lot of assists and convert easy baskets."

Andre Iguodala led the Sixers with 20 points while Andre Miller added 16. Lou Williams chipped in with 13 while Willie Green and Samuel Dalembert had 11 each.

It was a frustrating night for the Sixers (4-10), who picked up a win at Milwaukee 114-99 on Tuesday.

"We talked before the game



Cavallers forward LeBron James drives against Pistons forward Jarvis Hayes during Cleveland's 109-74 loss Wednesday.

about eliminating layups and they (Jazz) had 20-plus layups," Sixers coach Maurice Cheeks said. "That's something I'm trying to stop."

Utah surged ahead to a 14-point lead, 67-53, on a basket by Williams with 5:25 left in the third quarter.

Philadelphia got within five, 89-84, on a driving layup by Williams with 6:46 remaining. But the 76ers could get no closer.

The Jazz jumped out to a quick 13-2 lead, but the Sixers quickly rallied and the lead wound up changing hands six times in the first half.

Utah shot 54 percent from the field and led 49-44 at halftime.

Pistons 109, Cavaliers 74

LeBron James was grounded at The Palace after lifting his game to rarified air in his previous visit.

James sprained his left index finger in the second quarter Wednesday night, and did not return, and the Detroit Pistons went on to beat the Cleveland Cavaliers Wednesday night.

The Pistons insisted the victory didn't mean any less to them even though it came against a team missing its first, second and third option on offense.

"A win is a win," said Richard Hamilton, who led Detroit with 18 points. "LeBron is a big part of their

team, but they've still got five guys with an NBA jersey on the court."

The Cavs said James' X-rays were negative, adding he would be evaluated again Thursday.

"I think he's day to day," Cleveland coach Mike Brown said. "We'll see how he is tomorrow before we worry about anything beyond that."

James returned to Cleveland's bench late in the third quarter, sporting a suit and turtleneck, with tape wrapped around his index and middle fingers on his non-shooting hand. Late in the half, ice was packed and wrapped briefly over his left hand.

James did not respond to a few questions as he walked to the team bus after the game carrying a pizza.

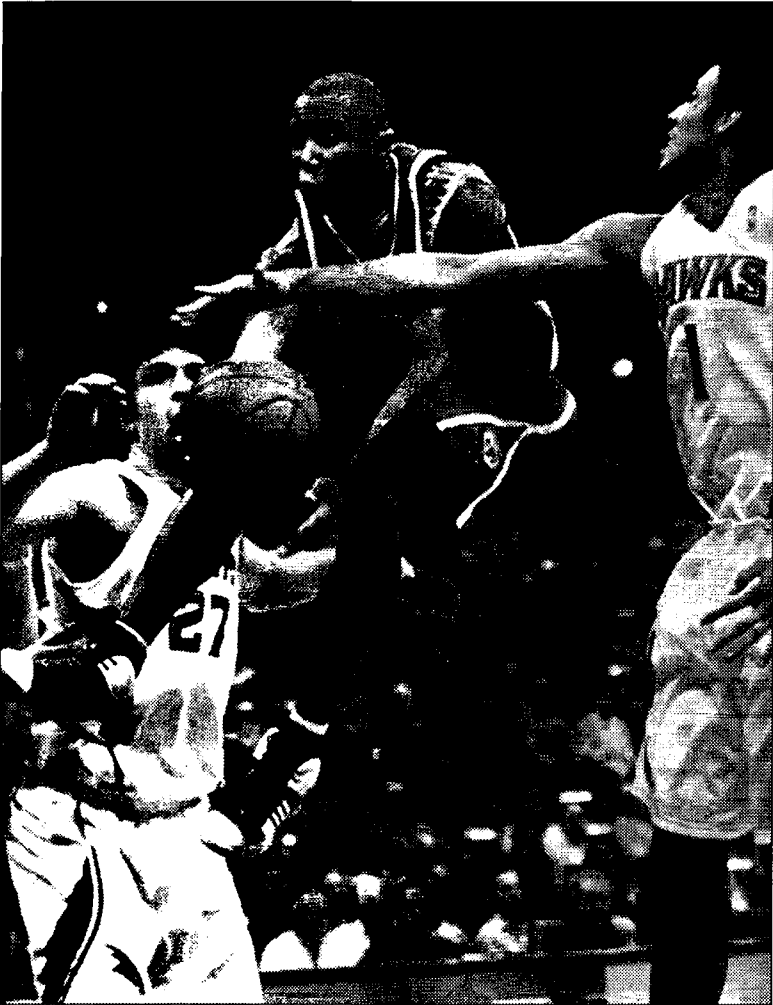
He appeared to be injured with 4:41 left in the first half, when Detroit center Nazr Mohammed fouled him.

"I didn't hit him that hard, but it's easy to sprain a finger," Mohammed said. "I'm sure he'll be OK."

James made both free throws and stayed in the game.

He had 15 points and three assists in the first half, accounting for more than one-third of the Cavs' points, in a rematch of the Eastern Conference finals.

Cleveland was lost without him.



Bucks guard Mo Williams splits Hawks defenders Josh Childress and Zaza Pachulia during Milwaukee's 96-80 loss Wednesday.

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NBA

Atlantic Division

team	record	perc.	home	road
Boston	11-2	.846	7-0	4-2
Toronto	7-7	.500	3-4	4-3
New Jersey	7-8	.467	3-6	4-2
Philadelphia	4-9	.308	2-4	2-5
New York	4-9	.308	4-3	0-6

Central Division

team	record	perc.	home	road
Detroit	8-5	.615	4-1	4-2
Cleveland	9-6	.600	4-3	4-3
Milwaukee	7-5	.583	6-1	4-2
Indiana	7-8	.467	4-5	2-5
Chicago	3-10	.231	2-3	0-6

Southeast Division

team	record	perc.	home	road
Orlando	13-3	.813	5-2	8-1
Washington	7-7	.500	3-3	4-4
Charlotte	6-8	.429	5-4	1-4
Atlanta	5-8	.385	3-3	2-5
Miami	4-10	.286	2-5	2-5

Northwest Division

team	record	perc.	home	road
Utah	10-5	.667	6-1	4-4
Denver	9-6	.600	6-2	3-4
Portland	5-9	.357	5-2	0-7
Minnesota	2-10	.167	1-6	1-4
Seattle	2-13	.133	0-6	2-7

Pacific Division

team	record	perc.	home	road
Phoenix	11-3	.786	5-1	6-2
LA Lakers	8-6	.571	5-3	3-3
Golden State	6-7	.462	2-4	4-3
LA Clippers	6-7	.462	4-4	2-3
Sacramento	5-9	.357	5-2	0-7

Southwest Division

team	record	perc.	home	road
San Antonio	12-3	.800	8-0	4-3
Dallas	9-5	.643	6-1	3-4
New Orleans	10-6	.625	3-4	7-2
Houston	8-7	.533	4-3	4-4
Memphis	5-9	.357	3-4	2-5

NCAA/adidas Women's Soccer Top 25

team	record	previous
1 UCLA	14-1-2	1
2 Texas A&M	16-2-1	2
3 Portland	13-3-0	3
4 North Carolina	15-3-0	4
5 Stanford	13-2-3	5
6 Penn State	15-3-1	7
7 Virginia	11-3-4	6
8 Purdue	16-2-2	8
9 Southern Cal	13-2-2	11
10 Texas	13-3-3	12
11 NOTRE DAME	14-4-1	13
12 West Virginia	14-4-1	14
13 Georgia	15-2-2	17
14 Florida State	11-4-3	15
15 Tennessee	13-3-2	9
16 Santa Clara	11-5-3	16
17 Boston College	11-4-3	10
18 Wake Forest	11-5-3	18
19 California	12-5-0	19
20 San Diego	14-2-3	20
21 Florida	13-4-2	22
22 Oklahoma State	12-5-2	25
23 Missouri	12-6-0	21
24 Connecticut	12-5-1	23
25 BYU	14-3-2	24

around the dial

NFL

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NCAA FOOTBALL



Houston Nutt accepts his official jersey after being introduced as the new head football coach at Ole Miss Wednesday. Ole Miss and Nutt came to a contract agreement just three days after former coach Ed Orgeron was fired.

Nutt signs four-year deal to coach Ole Miss

Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss.—Mississippi athletic director Pete Boone thinks he's finally found his man. He had to pay dearly to land Houston Nutt, though.

Nutt will make \$1.7 million to start and \$2 million in the fourth year of his contract, plus incentives. Former coach Ed Orgeron made just \$900,000, among the lowest salaries in the Southeastern Conference.

"The price of poker's gone up," Boone said.

Nutt will be introduced as Ole Miss' coach at a news conference Wednesday in Oxford. He resigned from Arkansas on Monday after 10 years and accepted an offer from Boone less than four hours later.

He will get an immediate raise of about \$500,000 for coming to Ole Miss and could make as much as \$2.3 million if he picks up each of three one-year options after his four-year contract ends.

Boone said a recent salary survey showed Southeastern Conference coaches average about \$2 million per year and he felt he had to be competitive to land Nutt, the 2006 SEC coach of the year.

Officials at Arkansas said they offered Nutt a one-year extension and an unspecified raise, but he turned them down to move to Oxford.

"In looking at these (salaries), they're high but they're reasonable numbers for the market as is," Boone said.

Alabama's Nick Saban is the highest-paid college coach in the nation with an average of \$4 million a year over the life of his eight-year contract.

Boone would have preferred to pay a lower base salary and load the new coach's contract with incentives. But he said the initial outlay was worth it to bring in a proven coach, one of football's rarest commodities.

"I think it's important to have a person like Houston Nutt, a proven success," Boone said. "This time we have to get it right, and so when (his resignation) came about we just had to move fast."

"He's going to fit in not only at Oxford, but Ole Miss, as well as anybody." Mississippi was without a

coach for less than three days. Orgeron was fired Saturday after three losing seasons and a 10-25 record.

Boone wiped away worry that he fired Orgeron a year too early with the hire.

Nutt led Arkansas to an 8-4 record and a likely Cotton Bowl berth before resigning. The 50-year-old is 111-70 in 15 years as a head coach at Arkansas, Boise State and Murray State, and he's been a winner in the SEC.

The Little Rock, Ark., native revived the Arkansas program, going 75-48 since he replaced Danny Ford in 1997. Nutt was 42-38 in conference with one of his biggest wins coming last week when the Razorbacks beat then-No. 1 LSU 50-48 in triple overtime.

IN BRIEF

Cardinals' La Russa pleads guilty to DUI charges

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — St. Louis Cardinals manager Tony La Russa pleaded guilty to driving under the influence Wednesday, eight months after police found him asleep inside his running sport utility vehicle at a stop light and smelling of alcohol.

La Russa said he had decided to plead guilty to the misdemeanor because it was in the best interest of all concerned.

"I accept full responsibility for my conduct, and assure everyone that I have learned a very valuable lesson and that this will never occur again," La Russa said in a statement released by his attorney, David Roth. La Russa did not appear in court to plead guilty.

As part of his plea agreement, La Russa will serve at least six months' probation, pay a \$678.50 fine, complete DUI school, and any recommended treatment and complete 50 hours of community service, according to state prosecutors.

New judge appointed in Bond's perjury trial

SAN FRANCISCO — The perjury case against former San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds will be heard by the same federal judge who presided over cases against others linked to a steroids ring centered at a Bay Area lab.

Court documents released Tuesday show the case has been transferred to U.S. District Judge Susan Illston. The move comes at the request of federal prosecutors, who said having Illston preside over the case would be more efficient.

Illston is also presiding over the cases against Tammy Thomas, a cyclist, and Trevor Graham, the coach for disgraced Olympic sprinter Marion Jones.

Both face federal charges they lied either to federal agents or to the grand jury investigating a performance-enhancing drug ring centered at the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, or BALCO.

Alexander expected to play Sunday against Eagles

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Shaun Alexander was back practicing Wednesday afternoon for the first time since he sprained his ankle three and a half weeks ago.

Alexander looked rested and lively while getting most of the running back plays with the offense, his first work since he sprained his left knee Nov. 4 in a loss at Cleveland.

"Everyone kept saying 'Man, it looked like you're fresh,'" Alexander said.

"This is the best I've felt since the second week of the season."

So does all fresh mean all healed?

"Uh, no," the 2005 league MVP deadpanned. "This is football. Nothing's healed. But it's definitely something I can play with."

Alexander said he will play Sunday when the Seahawks take their two-game lead in the NFC West to Philadelphia.

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NFL

Simpson enters not guilty plea in court

O.J. faces charges of armed robbery and kidnapping

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — O.J. Simpson stood before a judge Wednesday and firmly spoke a phrase he has uttered in other courtrooms in the past: "Not guilty."

This time the former football star was arraigned, along with two other men, on suspicion of kidnapping and armed robbery of sports memorabilia dealers in a strange case that has ballooned to 12 charges that could send Simpson and the others to prison for life.

Simpson's notoriety, gained from past trials on charges of murder and road rage, looms in the background of the Las Vegas episode. His lawyer said jury selection would be an "onerous" task that would probably last longer than the trial itself.

"I am very concerned that we get 12 people on the jury that can listen to the evidence that occurs in the courtroom," attorney Yale Galanter said on the courthouse steps. "People are going to have opinions."

Simpson's co-defendants, Charles "Charlie" Ehrlich, 53, and Clarence "C.J." Stewart, 53, also entered not guilty pleas, and Clark County District Judge Jackie Glass set trial for all three men on April 7.

Ehrlich's lawyer, John Moran Jr., said he would challenge the most recent charging document as vague and a list of potential witnesses as violating his client's Fifth Amendment rights.

District Attorney David Roger listed 78 potential witnesses, including Ehrlich and Stewart, an odd choice since prosecutors may not compel defendants to testify.

Moran said it would be impermissible for the prosecutor to call them "if this tortured process does proceed to trial."

Glass appeared impatient with Moran's argument and said she would consider written motions when they are filed. She moved quickly through the arraignments, requiring Simpson and the others to state their ages, education and that they could understand English.

Simpson appeared relaxed and cheerful before court convened, chatting with his

lawyers and a few friends in the courtroom. He did not comment about the case and confined his remarks to small talk.

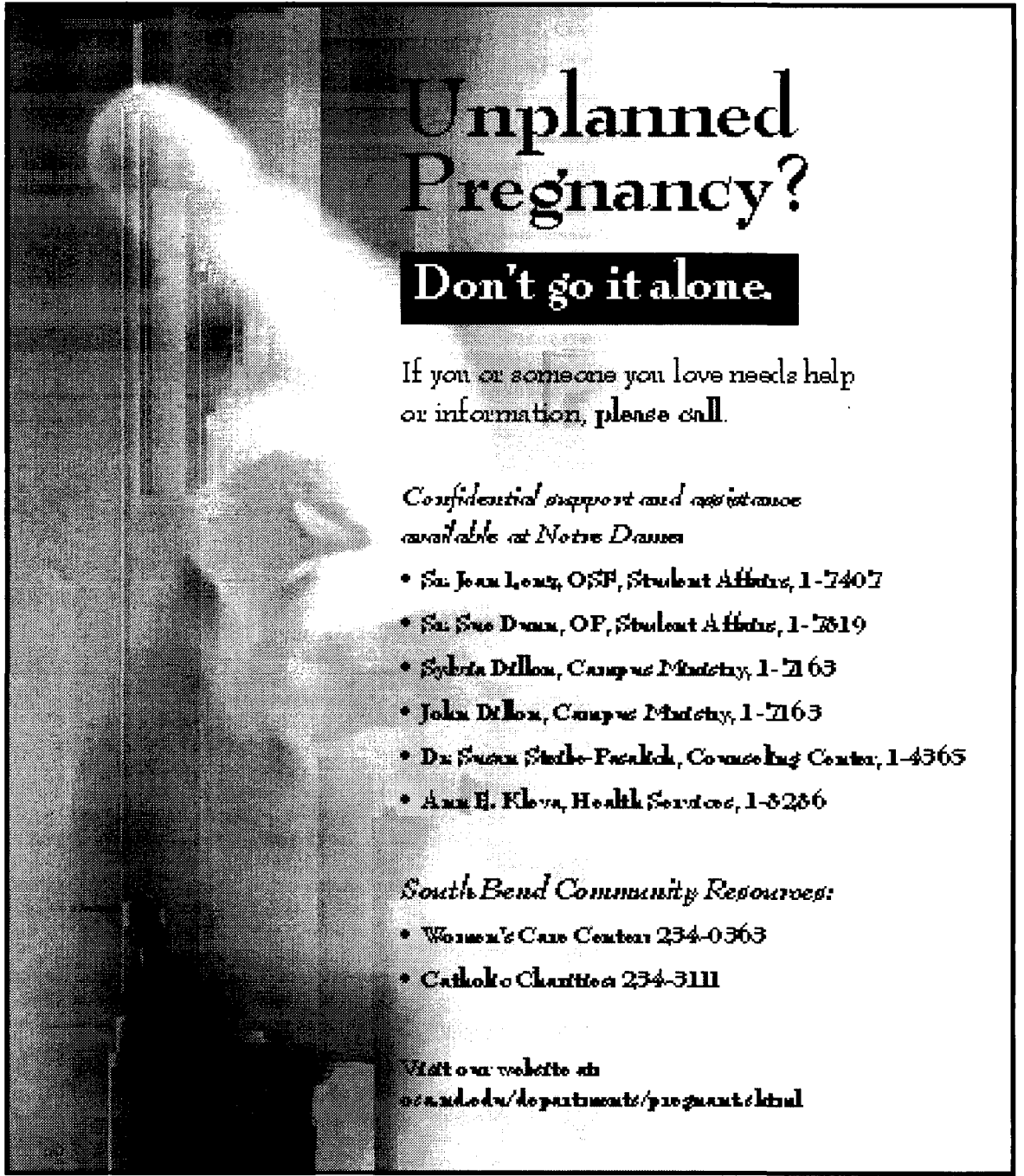
"Mr. Simpson is glad that the arraignment is over with. He's glad that he doesn't have to come back to Vegas until April," Galanter said.

While the lawyer said he would be pleased to have the case resolved without a trial, he said that seemed unlikely unless prosecutors dismissed all charges. A plea bargain, he suggested, was not on the table.

"I don't know what my client did wrong," Galanter said. "And that's why it would be difficult for us to enter into any kind of a plea agreement. It wasn't a trespass because he was invited into the room. It wasn't a robbery because it wasn't the unlawful taking of someone else's property."

The prosecutor declined to comment outside court.

Simpson landed in court after leading an odd raiding party in a Sept. 13 hotel room confrontation with two sports memorabilia dealers to take collectibles and family heirlooms he claimed were his.



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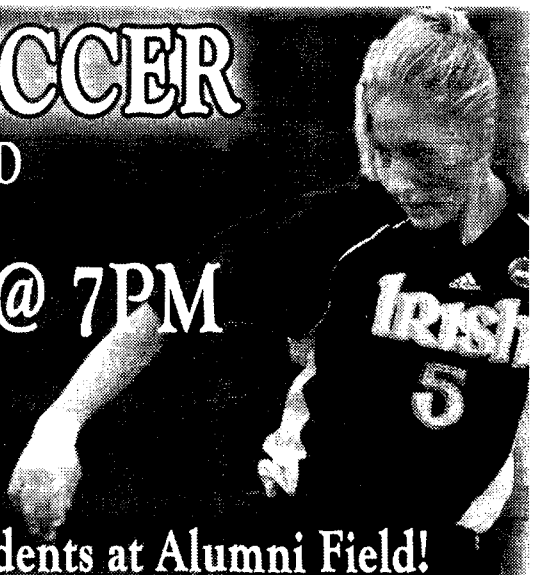
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MLB

Hunter to sign with Angels

L.A. acquires seven-time Gold Glove center fielder from White Sox

Associated Press

ANAHEIM — Torii Hunter had a news conference with the Los Angeles Angels even before completing his contract.

Hunter was introduced Wednesday along with starting pitcher Jon Garland, acquired this month in a trade with the Chicago White Sox. A seven-time Gold Glove center fielder, Hunter reached a preliminary agreement Nov. 21 on a \$90 million, five-year contract with the Angels but has yet to finalize the deal.

"We're just working out the final details of Torii's contract and that should be done relatively quickly," new Angels general manager Tony Reagins said. "He hasn't officially written his name, but we've agreed to all the terms."

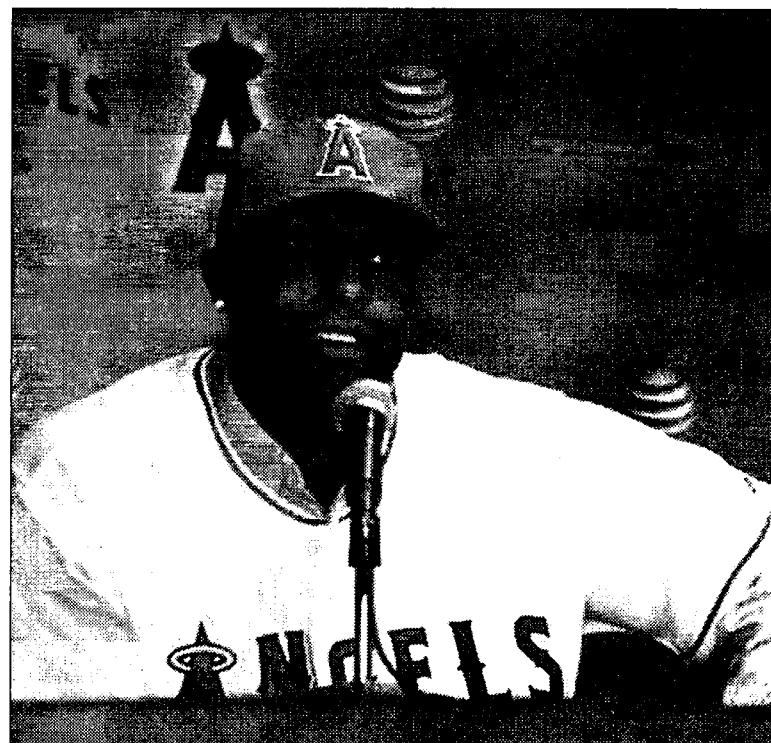
Hunter, who hit .297 with 28 homers and 107 RBIs for Minnesota this year, was obtained two days after the Angels dealt Gold Glove shortstop Orlando Cabrera to Chicago for Garland. But owner Arte Moreno denied the team acquired Hunter as insurance in case incumbent center fielder Gary Matthews Jr. gets caught up in baseball's investigation into performance-enhancing drugs.

"That never really entered our minds, to be honest," Moreno said. "I think it's a Pandora's box. I don't know what's going to happen here. Obviously we've spent time with Gary, and we're pretty sure Gary's been clean for three years. We've had communication with the commissioner's office, but to be able to get an athlete and a person like

Torii Hunter was something we wanted to make an investment in."

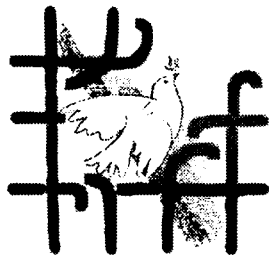
Hunter acknowledged he always admired the Angels from afar — especially since they beat his Twins in the 2002 AL championship series en route to the club's only World Series title. He hammed it up Wednesday with a rally monkey given to him by an Angels staffer, keeping the stuffed animal on his shoulder as he answered questions.

"I told myself years ago that if I ever become a free agent, I'm going over here with the Angels," Hunter said. "But at the time of my free agency, they had a center fielder already, so I kind of threw them on the back burner and looked at other teams — and then they came out of nowhere."



Center fielder Torii Hunter speaks about joining the Los Angeles Angels at a news conference Wednesday.

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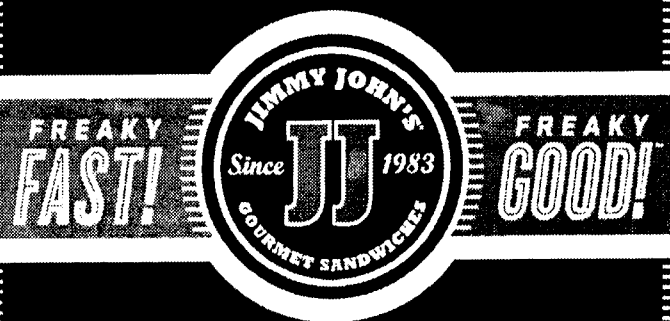
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SWIMMING

Coughlin advances to national championships

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Have suit and goggles, will travel.

That's Natalie Coughlin's motto as she goes just about anywhere in pursuit of competition: Singapore, South Africa, Brazil.

Starting Thursday, the five-time Olympic medalist will hit the water, along with Michael Phelps, at the U.S. short-course national championships, a meet contested in yards instead of Olympic meters.

Phelps will test his surgically repaired right wrist for the first time in competition since he hurt himself getting into a

car in October.

"I've been doing a lot of turns full-speed on it. I've been able to get a lot of pressure put on it to see how it's all going to handle," he said. "It feels fine. The first few times it hurt a little bit because I hadn't done those motions before in a while."

It's another chance for Coughlin and Phelps to fine-tune their starts, turns and strokes in the year's last major meet before the Olympic year begins.

"I'm just here for the racing experience," said Coughlin, who jetted into Atlanta from Brazil, where she won three races at a World Cup meet last

Sunday. "Regardless of what happens this weekend, I'm pretty happy with where I am physically. My World Cups are all just off my best times, if not my best times."

Coughlin trains with the women's team at California. But having completed her college eligibility in 2005, the 25-year-old swimmer can't compete with her teammates in meets.

"That's half the reason I travel so far," she said. "Frankly, it's hard to find meets when you're older and it's a good excuse to go to Brazil and Singapore and South Africa."

And she loves the dry-land

benefits.

"Singapore was incredible," she said, smiling at the memory. "Great shopping — I got a new camera there. Great food. I had a very nice week in Singapore."

Besides the new stamps in her passport, Coughlin has honed her ability to travel across multiple time zones, get off a plane and dive in the water.

"It's a really great skill for athletes to have," she said. "A lot of people kind of freak out about time changes and morning finals."

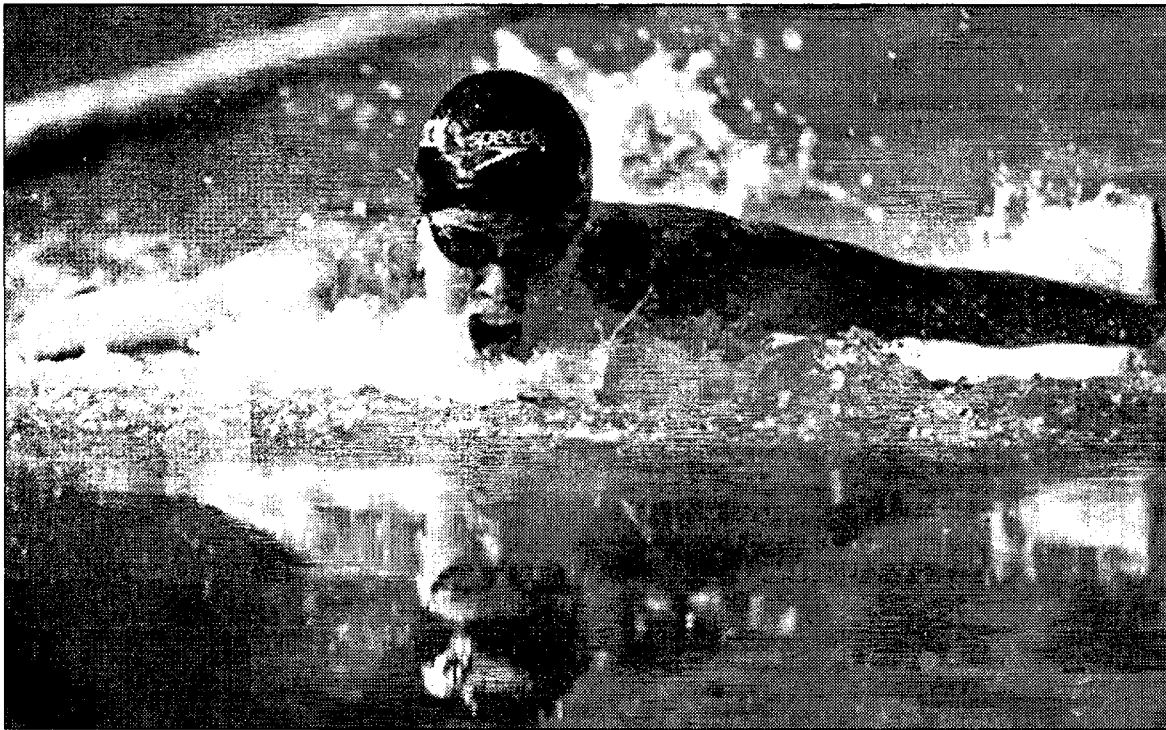
In Brazil, Coughlin competed in finals that began at 9:30

a.m. In Beijing, finals will be in the morning and preliminaries at night for the first time in several Olympics.

"It's going to affect everyone exactly the same," she said. "It's the Olympics. People are not going to be tired and sluggish in the morning."

Coughlin is considering swimming six events in Beijing, one more than she swam at the 2004 Athens Olympics when she won five medals, including three in relays.

"No way am I going to try and swim more events if it hinders my performance," she said. "I'm not going to try to be an ironwoman just to be one."



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NCAA FOOTBALL

Former Houston coach Briles moves to Baylor

Bears to replace Morriss after long stay in Big 12 cellar

Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — Houston coach Art Briles is next to take on the task of pulling Baylor out of the Big 12 basement.

Briles confirmed he was leaving in a news conference Wednesday at Houston after meeting with his players.

Baylor spokesman Nick Joos said a news conference was scheduled later in the day on the Waco campus to announce the school's new football coach.

Briles led Houston to four bowls in his five seasons. He was offered the job Wednesday, a day after meeting with Baylor athletic direc-

tor Ian McCaw in Dallas.

"Life is full of decisions. Sometimes, you have to look at things from a professional, personal standpoint," Briles said. "Professionally, (Houston) ... is great university with a situation I'm proud to be a part of. Personally, the move allows a person of my nature a little more security. When you're getting up in my age, that's an important factor in life."

The Houston Chronicle reported on its Web site that Briles will get a seven-year contract for about \$1.8 million per season. Briles, who turns 52 Monday, had four years left on his Houston contract with a base salary of \$900,000 annually.

Briles replaces Guy Morriss, who was fired Nov. 18 after five seasons. Morriss' firing came the day after the Bears (3-9) completed their 12th straight losing season with

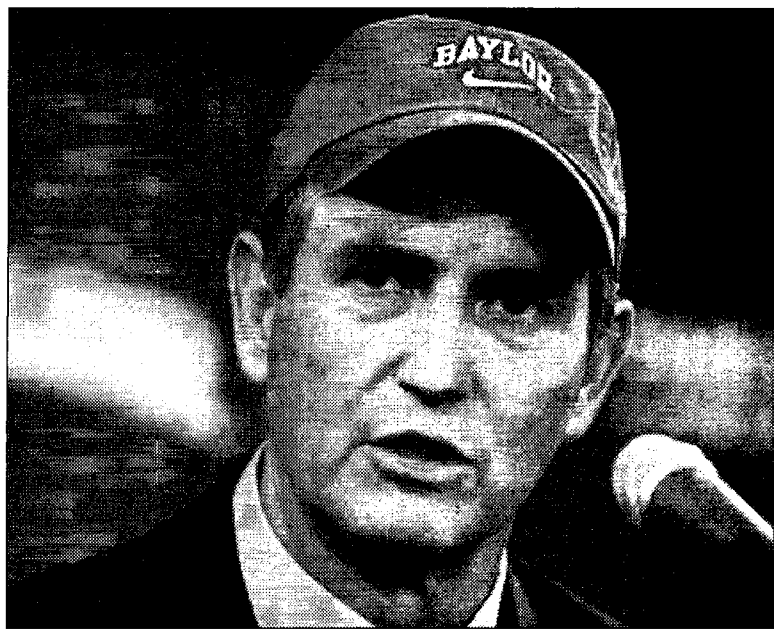
their 12th consecutive Big 12 loss, 45-14 to Oklahoma State.

Houston (8-4) has already accepted an invitation to play in the Texas Bowl on Dec. 28 in Houston against an undetermined opponent. The Cougars won the Conference USA title last season.

Briles was 34-28 in five seasons at Houston with only one losing season. Before his arrival, the Cougars had only two winning seasons in the previous 12 years.

Before going to Houston, where he was a four-year letterman as a receiver and played in the 1976 Cotton Bowl, Briles spent three seasons as running backs coach at Texas Tech. His previous head coaching job had been at Stephenville High School, where in 12 seasons he was 136-29-2 and won four Texas state championships.

Morriss was 18-40 overall, 7-33 in conference games. The



Former Houston coach Art Briles answers questions Wednesday after he was introduced as the new football coach at Baylor.

Bears were 0-8 in the Big 12 this season.

The leading candidate initially was Mike Singletary, the assistant head coach for the San Francisco 49ers. But the Pro Football Hall of Fame linebacker and Baylor icon took his name out of consideration after a lengthy meeting with McCaw last week in California.

Briles was also on Baylor's short list, along with Houston Nutt, who resigned at Arkansas on Monday and was hired by Mississippi on Tuesday.

Baylor's 12 consecutive los-

ing seasons have come under the four coaches since Grant Teaff left in 1992 after 128 victories and eight bowl appearances in 21 seasons.

The Bears are the only Big 12 team without a bowl appearance since the conference's inception in 1996. Only two teams from Bowl Championship Series conferences have gone longer without a bowl, but Indiana (7-5) is expected to play its first postseason game in 14 years. Vanderbilt (5-7) lost its season finale to miss making its first bowl in 25 years.

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NFL

Taylor shooter is unknown

Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — Sean Taylor's father urged the Washington Redskins to make a playoff push, while Miami police asked for the public's help to solve the safety's death in what they suspect was a random burglary.

Miami-Dade police director Robert Parker said Wednesday there were no indications the slain 24-year-old was targeted or knew his assailant.

"There's nothing that indicates thus far that there's some kind of involvement on the victim's part," said Parker, adding it was "more like a random event."

Police have no suspects in the fatal shooting.

"We have no reason to think this was anything other than a burglary or a robbery involving an intruder," Parker said.

Police are still investigating, however, a possible link to a Nov. 17 break-in at Taylor's home, in which police said someone pried open a front window, rifled through drawers and left a kitchen knife on a bed.

Evidence at Taylor's home indicates one or more intruders barged into the house early Monday in an attempted burglary, Parker said. After a confrontation inside the home, Taylor was shot once in the upper leg and died early Tuesday after losing a tremendous amount of blood.

Taylor's family has scheduled a funeral service for 11 a.m. Monday at Pharmed Arena at Florida International University in Miami. Redskins owner Dan Snyder is arranging for the entire football organization to attend.

At Redskins Park on

Wednesday, Taylor's family and teammates came together to privately share tears and memories.

"Many of these guys were wondering, 'How in the world am I going to go out and do this on Sunday?'" said Brett Fuller, the team chaplain. "And when Mr. Taylor stood up and said go out and win these next five and make it to the playoffs, we felt a surge in the room, that he almost gave us permission to play well."

Fuller said Pedro Taylor's 10-minute speech was followed by 10 minutes of "hugs and thank yous."

Sean Taylor's brother, sister and uncle were also in attendance, in addition to his girlfriend, Jackie Garcia, who also addressed the team.

"Both of them, they kind of echoed Sean's passion for things," coach Joe Gibbs said. "And the way he cared about things."

The team then began to attempt to focus on its preparations for Sunday's home game against the Buffalo Bills. Players went to their game-planning meetings — which were shorter than normal — and later held a quieter-than-usual afternoon practice.

"Nothing was normal about today," linebacker London Fletcher said. "We had the meetings, but it wasn't the normal type of meetings. Practice, it was practice, but it just wasn't the same type of feeling, so to speak. We tried to make it feel the same, but I found myself thinking about Sean and imagining him out on the football field playing free safety for us."

Taylor's locker remained untouched, but the Redskins made the uncomfortably neces-

sary move of dropping him from the official roster as part of a series of personnel moves.

Defensive lineman Andre Carter was having to cope with the loss of a teammate for the second time in three years. He played for the San Francisco 49ers when offensive lineman Thomas Herrion died of a heart attack after a preseason game in September 2005.

"I've experienced the death of two teammates," Carter said. "No person wants to say that."

Carter said he was drawing on his experiences in San Francisco to help him through the week. Also, Gibbs received a call from 49ers coach Mike Nolan, who offered advice.

Players found it difficult to stay focused on Xs and Os in the meetings, while the physical nature of the practice was somewhat therapeutic. Even so, many players did not wish to speak to reporters, including Clinton Portis and Santana Moss, Taylor's closest friends on the team.

"The mentality of it all is you really want to do nothing," Carter said. "You just have these moments of sadness. ... The focus level is tough. But your teammates up in the sky looking down on you, they would want you to keep on pushing, keep on moving forward."

The Redskins are 5-6 and remain in contention for a playoff berth despite three straight losses. Fuller said Taylor's father didn't explicitly say the team should win and make the playoffs for his son, but many of the players took the field with that feeling.

"Win for Sean," Carter said. "But win for us."

Belt

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Hanson brothers in the movie Slapshot.

The Irish hold a shootout after every Thursday practice before home games — a tradition that is thought to have started in 1995 under former coach Dave Poulin and that is also a staple on college rinks across the country.

The competition is simple: Every player skates down from center ice and takes on the Irish goalie one-on-one. If a player scores, he moves to the next round. If he doesn't, he takes the skate of shame to the loser's side of the ice. The snipers then battle in the second round to score again, but if no one does, then the goalies win.

The winner gets more than a little locker room cred — he receives a large leather title belt for the week with WSF (World Shootout Federation) Champion lettered on a nameplate riveted into the belt. Gilbert designed the belt years ago and cut out two monogram ND patches from the jerseys to frame the WSF logo on each side.

"It's like a World Wrestling Federation belt. You're the champ for the week," said Irish right wing, and occasional champ, Erik Condra.

Condra also said he could never imagine Hanson winning the belt in his four years at Notre Dame.

"I haven't seen Hanson's dad shoot a puck in a while, but I think anybody out there who has a stick in their hands can beat Hanson in a shootout," he said.

Hanson may not be able to score a goal on a shootout even if the net were empty, but the Irish tradition has seen a number of talented shooters take home the title in the last decade. Associate Athletic Director Tom Nevala said Yan Stastny, who left Notre Dame after two years in 2003 and now plays for the St. Louis Blues, was a shootout star.

You never knew what move Stastny would pull, Nevala said, but he always used a wood stick with a blade so big, it was just a "paddle."

Hanson has his own go-to move in the shootout, but chances are he didn't learn it from Stastny.

"I go down. I do a little head fake, goalie doesn't bite. I go to my backhand, goalie doesn't bite," Hanson

said. "So at that point, I usually dump it into the corner and skate hard back to the end of the line."

The shootout battle extends beyond the ice and into the stands. The team's staff, including Gilbert, Lockert, Nevala and Director of Hockey Operations Brad Aldrich, each pick the player they think will take the belt that day. The Gilbert-mandated rules say no players can be chosen twice and goalies can't be picked.

Lockert said he tries to mix his picks up, but it's kind of like the lottery. Aldrich has more of a system.

"I always stay with the younger guys," said Aldrich, who won for the first time this year when he picked freshman Ben Ryan last week. "I don't like to go with the upperclassmen. [The underclassmen] are a lot more loose, and they don't take it as seriously, usually those are the guys that score."

Aldrich didn't go out on a limb when he chose Ryan, because the freshman had won two straight shootouts before Aldrich called the third victory.

"I think it's fixed. I think people feel bad for him," Hanson joked. "Benny's hands are unbelievable. He comes down, and it's seriously like he has a wand in his hand. The stuff he does with a puck, I can't even dream of."

Lockert said he unfortunately picked Hanson to win last week, but only because Hanson begs to be chosen every week.

"I think those are sad puppies who want to pick [Hanson]," Condra said.

Hanson has no problem that no one thinks he can win a shootout.

"Because deep down at the bottom of my heart, I know no matter how bad I am at shootouts, when I look in the mirror I will never be as ugly as [Irish forward] Justin White," he said.

Hanson admits it would be easier for him to win a CCHA championship than it is for him to capture the belt.

"I do believe his first year in the [NHL], Sidney Crosby went 2-for-13 on shootouts, so you can't be great in every aspect of the game," Hanson said. "I figure I'll just sacrifice one thing — Thursday practice shootouts is it."

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points per game, followed by Charel Allen with 13.0 and Lindsay Schrader with 12.3.

The multi-pronged attack was most evident during Tuesday's 93-47 win over Canisius. The Irish played all 11 players on the roster, and when senior guard Amanda Tsipis nailed a free throw with 3:03 to play, all of them had managed to score. By the final buzzer, everyone but center Melissa D'Amico had an assist, and everyone but point guard Melissa Lechlitner had a rebound.

Because everyone in Notre Dame's lineup can shoot, pass and rebound, opposing coaches have had trouble figuring out which players to focus on. Golden Griffins coach Terry Zeh said even though he wanted Notre Dame to force the ball into the post, he still could not manage to find good matchups against Notre Dame's guards.

"They present matchup problems for a lot of people, even in the Big East. With their spread offensive system, their Princeton system, I think, that's one of the best passing basketball teams I've seen in a while," Zeh said. "And with everybody moving the ball and their confidence knocking those shots down, they are a really good team."

Zeh said one of the best aspects of Notre Dame's play — at least against his team — was its ability to pass the ball effectively. The Irish finished with a 25-16 assist-to-turnover margin even though the team leader (Barlow) only had six dishes

in the triumph.

One of the most important results of the squad's depth has been the decreased pressure on some of the top Irish scorers from last season. Even though Allen finished last season with 17.0 points per game and Barlow had 10.3 in her freshman campaign, both players feel less pressure to make shots because they can rely on teammates.

"We have a lot of depth so I feel confident in my team that I can make the extra pass and they can knock down the shot," Allen said.

Barlow said she has been getting more open looks because defenses cannot focus on shutting down one Irish player like many opposing coaches tried to do to Allen last season.

"They're going to have to go one-on-one with us," Barlow said. "They can't stop us, they can't double team one person and hope to stop our team. We have multiple threats, and that's a good thing."

But despite the production, the teamwork and the wins, McGraw is still not satisfied with her team's present position.

"I just think we can execute better," McGraw said. "Teams are going to take away our transition, and we have to get points in the half court."

The early success has not prevented McGraw from looking for areas to improve.

"I think we haven't scratched the surface of our potential yet and we really can be a really formidable team when we have everybody going on all cylinders," she said.

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Oakland

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the shot and fed a streaking Alex Yoshinaga at the post. Yoshinaga tapped the cross in to give the Irish a 1-0 lead.

"I knew I was getting a [substitution] soon, so I knew I had one more run to make," Yoshinaga said. "I just took off, and the guy that was on me was watching the ball, and I got behind him."

Oakland struggled to control the ball for the rest of the half as strong winds killed every ball the visitors sent down the field. The Irish were able to maintain offensive pressure for the remainder of the half.

"[Oakland] is a very direct team. The way they play, playing with the wind is a big advantage for them," Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

Ten minutes into the second half, Lapira added an insurance goal for the Irish. Fifth-year senior Ryan Miller crossed the ball and Lapira

timed the play perfectly, sneaking behind his defender for a sliding tap-in.

"The timing to get in front of your man at the near post like that, that was a thing of beauty there," Clark said.

Lapira, a 5-foot-10 senior, holds the record for career NCAA Tournament goals at Notre Dame — five — and has a habit of heating up at the right time of the season.

"Coach always preaches about getting to the near post. I kind of made a habit of it last year, but this year I haven't been doing it as a much," Lapira said.

Oakland turned up the pressure after the second Irish goal, switching to a 3-4-3 formation and pushing the ball deep into Notre Dame territory.

Grizzlies forward Endre Osnes cut the deficit to one with an unassisted goal with just under 25 minutes remaining in the game. Osnes collected a loose ball inside the penalty area, spun and beat senior keeper Chris Cahill in the lower left corner. The goal was the third of

the year for Osnes.

Oakland continued to pour on the pressure with good scoring chances in the 70th and 73rd minutes. At one point, senior Sebastian Harris got loose and fired a rocket to the near post, but Cahill was in position and swatted the ball away with both hands.

"Cahill did very well handling high balls into the box tonight. That was always a threat," Clark said.

Like Cahill, all three Notre Dame players that notched points are experienced veterans playing in their final NCAA Tournament.

"This group of seniors really wants it," Clark said. "From the minute we lost last year, they have worked tremendously hard. This is the culmination of their work and hopefully we can push this thing a little bit further."

Notre Dame will travel to California Saturday to take on UC-Santa Clara in the NCAA Round of 16.

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Husky

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Maxwell finished with a time of 1:03.31 in the 100-yard breaststroke and a 2:15.65 mark in the 200-yard breaststroke. Both finishes were personal bests for her and season-bests for the Irish. Miller finished just behind her teammate with a 1:05.46 in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Other bright spots for the Irish have been freshman Lauren Parisi, who finished third in the 200-yard backstroke against Wisconsin and

Northwestern with a time of 2:01.15, and junior Christa Riggins, who recorded a second-place finish of 51.15 seconds in the 100-yard freestyle in that same event.

The divers, who will attend the Ohio State Invitational, have been consistent performers all season. The field in Columbus will consist of 11 teams, including Minnesota and Purdue.

Sophomore Natalie Stitt and

senior Laura Rings have been key contributors to the squad.

Stitt holds the team's season-bests in both the one-meter and three-meter, with scores of 275.40 and 294.55, respectively.

The Irish had Thanksgiving week off after five straight weeks of competition.

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Morrow

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Five minutes into the contest, the sophomore midfielder beat two defenders down the left flank and got off a vicious shot that was saved by Clark.

Eighteen minutes later, Morrow beat Oakland defender Logan Lyon outside the box, forcing Lyon to foul him with the resulting free kick nearly ending in a goal for fellow Irish midfielder Michael Thomas.

In the 84th minute, Morrow beat a defender down the left flank and threaded a through-ball that was inches away from putting forward Joseph Lapira one-on-one with the keeper. The rest of the night, Morrow's galloping runs down the left sideline resulted in several dangerous crosses that nearly extended Notre Dame's lead.

"We talked to him," senior midfielder Alex Yoshinaga said. "We said, 'It's postseason. We need you to step up, to play big.' And obviously he did [tonight]."

What's most important about Morrow's performance against Oakland, however, doesn't concern last night's game. Despite the offensive chances created by Morrow, he didn't actually play a part in any of the goals that put the Irish through to the NCAA Round of 16.

The noteworthy part of Morrow's play against the Grizzlies is what it means going forward for Notre Dame.

The Irish will have to travel to California in their next game

to take on No. 7 seed Santa Clara and its miserly defense, which has allowed only 0.62 goals per game this season. Should the Irish advance to the Elite 8, No. 2 seed Wake Forest and its even stingier defense (0.55 goals allowed per game) will likely be waiting to greet them.

Against such stout defensive opponents, the Irish will need more on offense than just long balls played into Lapira's path. To create good offensive chances, Notre Dame will need players to penetrate and break down the opposing defenses. That's exactly what Morrow can give the Irish.

"[Morrow] can go at defenders and take people on," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "It's great to have people that can go at players. There's nothing that unsettles a defense more than someone that can take the ball and run past you."

All this brings us back to Wednesday night's game.

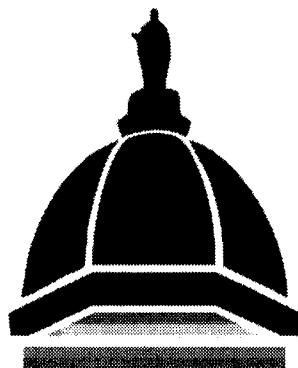
Morrow's confidence in his ability to beat defenders was unmistakable, and that confidence surely grew each time he blew past an Oakland defender. Given the way the Irish will need Morrow to play in the upcoming days, he couldn't have picked a better time to be attacking with confidence.

Hopefully for Morrow and the Irish, next game, it will result in a goal or two.

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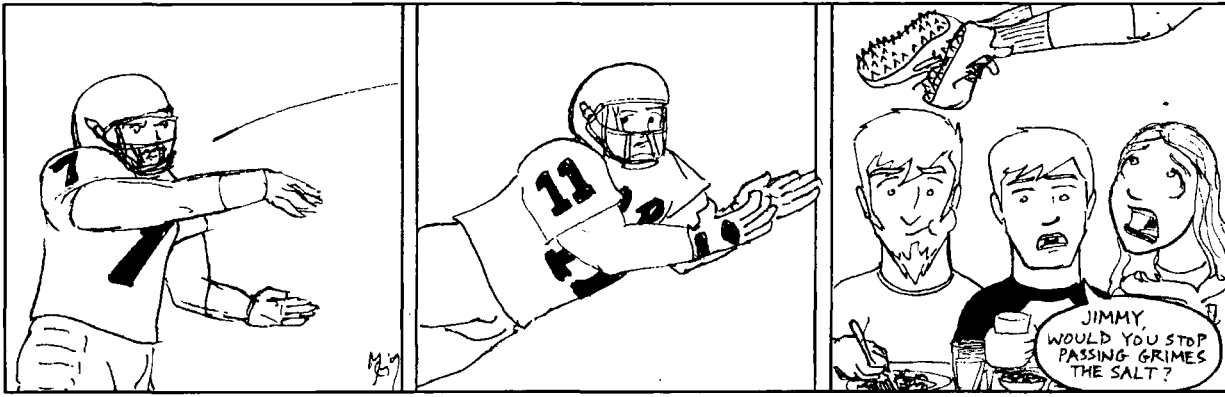
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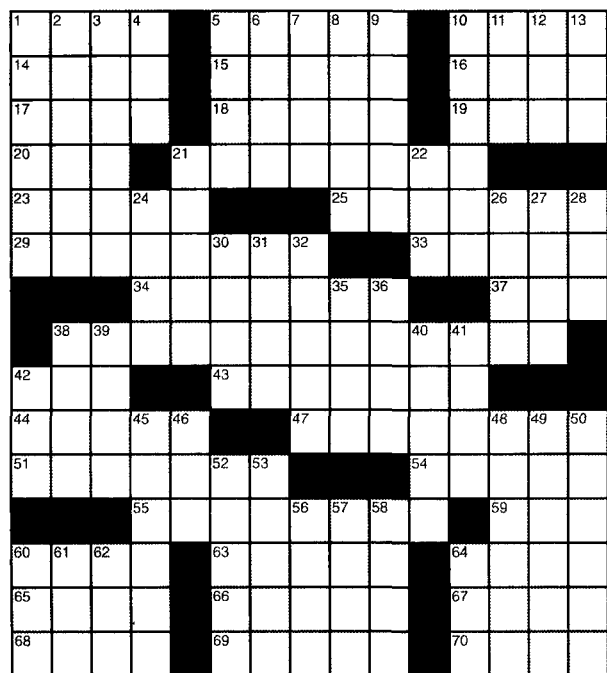
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The Observer apologizes for the absence of Tastes Like Failure. It will return in tomorrow's paper.

CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- Across**
- 1 Lady abroad
 - 5 With 50-Down, steak go-with
 - 10 With 68-Across, fish fillet go-with
 - 14 Wedding parties?: Abbr.
 - 15 Water, for one
 - 16 Tel ____
 - 17 Psyche components
 - 18 Fix, as a hitch
 - 19 Unnerve
 - 20 "Yep" negator
 - 21 Behind closed doors
 - 23 Drug-free
 - 25 Well-founded
 - 29 He-man
 - 33 With 44-Across, hot sandwich go-with
 - 34 Like waves on a shoreline
 - 37 It's on the St. Lawrence River: Abbr.
 - 38 Hilarious ... or a hint to this puzzle's theme
 - 42 Brown, in ads
 - 43 Passed
 - 44 See 33-Across
 - 47 Closed tight
 - 51 White-knuckle
 - 54 Make a ship stop by facing the wind
 - 55 Newscast lead
 - 59 Drift ____
 - 60 Airline rarity, nowadays
 - 63 "May ____ your order?"
 - 64 Bob Dylan's first wife and the title of a song about her
 - 65 Makeover
 - 66 Stinky
 - 67 Dirty magazines and such
 - 68 See 10-Across
 - 69 See 1-Down
- Down**
- 1 With 69-Across, burger go-with
 - 2 Treat splendidly
 - 3 One saying "I do"
 - 4 Letters before Liberty or Constitution
 - 5 Sprung (from)
 - 6 x, y and z
 - 7 Toy sometimes seen on a beach
 - 8 Order
 - 9 Big name in balers
 - 10 Unisex dress
 - 11 Female gametes
 - 12 1995 showbiz biography by C. David Heymann
 - 13 December 31, e.g.
 - 21 Harden
 - 22 Musician Brian
 - 24 Breezed through
 - 26 One of a series of joint Soviet/U.S. space satellites
 - 27 Dragged out
 - 28 Suffix with absorb
 - 30 Shake, in a way
 - 31 Cable inits. since 1979
 - 32 Albino in "The Da Vinci Code"
 - 35 Police target
 - 36 Jazzy James
 - 38 Something to take in a car
 - 70 Neither good nor bad



Puzzle by Lucy Gardner Anderson

- 39 Fred Astaire's "____ This a Lovely Day"
- 40 The Beeb is seen on it
- 41 "The very ____!"
- 42 The Rams of the Atlantic 10 Conf.
- 45 2003 #2 hit for Lil Jon and the East Side Boyz
- 46 ____-Cat
- 48 Go-getter
- 49 Womb
- 50 See 5-Across
- 52 Spruce (up)
- 53 Perfume ingredient
- 56 1955 Oscar nominee for "Mr. Hulot's Holiday"
- 57 Tex's neighbor to the north
- 58 Some wines
- 60 Partner, informally, with "the"
- 61 Underwater cave dweller
- 62 Oral health org.
- 64 Draft org.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



JUMBLE

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

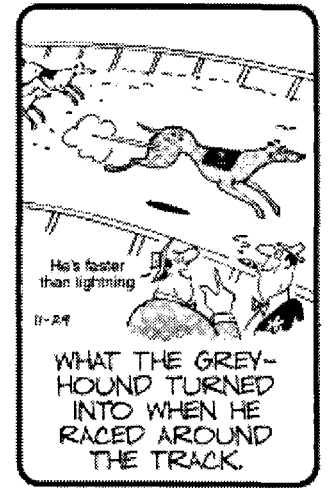
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LELOH

DOLDY

LENPOL

GAAMED



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

Print answer here: A "OOO" "OOO" (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: MOUTH ROBIN TAMPER DEMURE Answer: When the class got rowdy, the math teacher did a "NUMBER" ON THEM

HOROSCOPE

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Scarlett Pomers, 19; Jon Stewart, 45; Ed Harris, 57; Paul Shaffer, 58

Happy Birthday: If you expect too much or overspend, overindulge or overdo this year, your plans will backfire. Choosing the right partners, friends and colleagues will make a huge difference to the outcome. Make sure there is something substantial for you to work with before going ahead. Your numbers are 5, 21, 25, 29, 42, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get involved in activities or events that will expand your knowledge of different cultures or will introduce you to someone who can teach you something unique. Dance, laugh, love and be merry. 5 stars TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A stubborn attitude will not help you find out the truth. You need to compromise and listen to what others have to say. Talk face-to-face if you want to resolve issues without doubt. An added burden may cause you some worry. 2 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do things a little differently and you will be recognized for your uniqueness. Whether it is at work, school or play, being a leader not a follower will set a standard that others will admire and try to mimic. A close friend or relative will give you the go-ahead for something you want to do. 4 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will be able to make changes that are overdue and will contribute to your advancement. More responsibility is heading your way but with it will come higher status and respect. Aggressiveness on your part will pay off. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can't waste time spinning your wheels when there is so much to do and so much to gain. You will be the one with the ideas, solutions and the spark that ignites everyone else. Love is definitely present and a fairytale romance can develop today. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Keep things together, regardless of what others say or do. You have to give your best to something you believe in. Working for a worthy cause will help you differentiate yourself from others. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't trust what others are offering or promising. Get what you want in writing. Someone you thought you knew well will prove otherwise. Don't be alarmed but do prepare to move on. 2 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can't stop now when you are so close to having everything you want. Changes can be made that will set you apart from the crowd. Have the confidence to sell your talent. Love, live and be happy. 5 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You've got a whole lot of issues to deal with and, if you keep ignoring what needs to be done, you will continue to stand still. Set your mind on ending old conditions and letting go of what you no longer need. Revamp, reconcile or release. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You have to put your money on the table, check out good investments and refuse to let emotions, love or personal situations distract you. A change in direction, career or the use of your talents will lead to advancement and new connections. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll be emotional, up for whatever comes your way and ready to expand your horizons. Your openness will lead to intrigue, better relationships and probably more money if you put your talent to work for you. Love is in the stars. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be careful with whom you deal. Choosing the right person or people to do things with will be the difficult task. Focus on what will bring the highest returns financially. 3 stars

Birthday Baby: You are dedicated to your beliefs, friendships and family traditions but are curious about everything that is unfamiliar. You are impulsive, passionate and playful.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Moving on

Irish defeat Oakland 2-1, advance to NCAA round of 16

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

No. 10 Notre Dame survived a late flurry of Oakland shots to advance to the NCAA round of 16 with a 2-1 victory at Alumni Field Wednesday night.

With the wind at their backs, the Irish dominated the first 45 minutes of play, outshooting the Grizzlies 8-2 in the first half. They also had a 5-1 advantage in corner kicks in the half.

Grizzlies goalkeeper Steve Clark managed to keep the game scoreless until the 35th minute when senior forward Joseph Lapira beat his defender to a pass near the goalmouth. Lapira passed up

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DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Sophomore midfielder Justin Morrow controls the ball during Notre Dame's 2-1 victory over Oakland Wednesday at Alumni Field. The Irish advanced to the NCAA round of 16 with the win.

Morrow directs Irish attack from midfield

If you were looking at the box score from Wednesday's game, Justin Morrow's name would not be the one that catches your eye.

In 68 minutes, the sophomore midfielder registered three shots, one of which forced a save by Oakland keeper Steve Clark. Those statistics, though, don't do justice to the relevance of Morrow's performance Wednesday night.

From the opening whistle, Morrow was the most active player on the field for the Irish, constantly demanding the ball from his wide left midfield position. Nearly every time he received the ball, Morrow immediately looked to attack the Grizzlies defense, and he often succeeded.

Greg Arbogast

Sports Writer

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Swimmers travel to Washington for Husky Invitational

Divers leave for Ohio State Invitational in Columbus this weekend

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame travels to the 58th annual Husky Invitational in Federal Way, Wash., today

with hopes of earning qualifying time for the NCAA Championships at the end of the season. The diving team, meanwhile, will head to the Ohio State Invitational in Columbus, Ohio.

"Our main focus out in Washington this week will be to swim fast times so we can get more girls qualified for the NCAA Championship in March," head coach Carrie Nixon said.

This is Notre Dame's first appearance in the Husky Invitational, which will take place today through Saturday. The event follows the same format as the NCAA Championships, providing the team with some much-needed practice for the style and pace of that meet.

The Irish come into the weekend with a disappointing 1-5 dual-meet record. Their only

win so far this season was at the Dennis Stark Relays earlier this year. But Nixon said the record is not indicative of her team's progress this year.

"The regular season is more for race practice and does not affect the final outcome," Nixon said. "It is great for team morale to win a meet, but what is important is getting fast times to qualify for the championships."

The field at the Husky Invitational consists of 10 squads, including USC, who the Irish lost to earlier this season.

Freshmen Sam Maxwell and Amywren Miller have been key competitors for the Irish, providing the team with high hopes for the future.

Two weeks ago, against Wisconsin and Northwestern,

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HOCKEY

Shootout belt eludes Hanson

Practice tradition important part of icers' weekly routine

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame hockey equipment manager Dave Gilbert put the odds of center Christian Hanson winning a shootout at a trillion to one.

And in the minds of the team and staff, that's no exaggeration.

"He thinks he's got skills. His dad has more skills — even now." Irish hockey radio announcer Mike Lockert said, referring to Dave Hanson, a 10-year pro hockey player known for his legendary role as one of the



IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Irish junior center Christian Hanson looks down the ice during Notre Dame's 2-1 win over Bowling Green on Nov. 20.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Team's depth has left opponents confused

Irish boast ten players in regular rotation

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

After recording its third straight win of 30 points or more Tuesday, Notre Dame is proving it should be considered one of the top teams in the country.

The Irish have been getting production on both ends of the court from 10 players this season. The depth has enabled Irish coach Muffet McGraw to run a variety of offensive and defensive sets, often allowing the Irish to confuse opponents.

"When the other team is looking at their scouting

report, I'm not sure who they're going to try not to guard," McGraw said. "It's just great. I was worried about it in the beginning of the year, but the depth has been the thing that has been making us good because it's competitive and there's just so many people who can get in and do something good."

McGraw has run three- and four-guard sets effectively, mixing and matching from among Notre Dame's deep talent pool in the backcourt. This system has helped spark the Irish offensively, with three guards averaging double figures in points this season.

Sophomore Ashley Barlow leads the team with 13.7

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