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Library lacking

Petitions ask for more books, staff and total renovation

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Touchdown Jesus is an NBC favorite during Saturday game days. It is a symbol known across the country, and a building that students and alumni often show off to visiting family and friends.

But what the building holds on the inside has become a source of concern for students and faculty who recently created petitions to improve the Library so that it meets Notre Dame standards.

"Notre Dame has been making decision to try and sell itself as a top research university, and so they need a library that is a top research library," graduate student Lauren Whitnah, who worked on the student petition, said.

The petitions are primarily asking that the Library become dedicated to

acquiring more books and increasing its collection size, she said.

"Notre Dame does not aspire to be the University of Louisville. We don't aspire to be the University of Cincinnati ... or Tulane, or Brigham Young, all of which are above us in library rankings," Whitnah said.

In the number of volumes added each year, Notre Dame fell from 27th to 49th between the years of 2001 and 2008, according to the Association of Research Libraries (ARL).

"To put this figure in perspective, Notre Dame now trails seven of the eight schools in the Ivy League and all but one of the eleven schools in the Big Ten," according to the student petition.

"We like to think of ourselves as being like an Ivy League. In fact, undergrads

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ASSOCIATION OF RESEARCH LIBRARIES

Institution	Total Volumes	Volumes Added
University of Notre Dame	(55) 3.4 million	(50) 75,659
Harvard University	(1) 16.3 million	(2) 319,547
Columbia University	(6) 10.3 million	(1) 547,346
Yale University	(2) 12.5 million	(5) 238,862
2007-2008, Not Including Acquisitions in Health Sciences & Law		

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Program assists College juniors

By MEGHAN PRICE
News Writer

As many Saint Mary's College students begin their junior year, they start to think about life after graduation and the various career paths they will pursue. Tuesday night's "Junior Jumpstart," held at LeMans Hall, saw a large turnout of students eager to hear how the College can help their professional endeavors.

The weight that an internship carries on a graduate's résumé is surprisingly strong, said Tricia Dunton, Assistant Director of the Career Crossings Office at Saint Mary's.

"If it is between a résumé with an internship and one with other leadership or summer job experience, the one with the internship will get the job offer," Dunton said.

She illustrated the various benefits that internships carry. Besides bolstering a résumé, they help students to network, award many students academic credit and often provide compensation, Dunton said. Many interns receive a full time job offer and enter their senior year

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Activities Night draws record crowd

4,300 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students visit booths of over 200 clubs and organizations



CASEY CARNEY/The Observer

Clubs like the Men's and Women's Running Clubs welcomed interested students at the Joyce Center Tuesday night.

By KATIE PERALTA
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The annual undergraduate Activities Night, sponsored by the Student Activities Office (SAO) did not disappoint again this year as thousands of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students visited the booths of over 200 campus clubs and organizations, as well as a number of community agencies and other area groups.

Student Program Coordinator Mary Kate Havlik said more than 4,300 students crowded the arena. This number, she said, com-

pared favorably with the 4,025 turnout of last year.

"There were enormous amounts of groups this year," Havlik said. The groups all had to register through club registration last spring, she said.

Sophomore Meagan Sullivan, who transferred to the University of Illinois, said that she visited booths that pertained to her major as well as her personal interests.

"I visited the booths for the Habitat for Humanity, Global Health and the Women's

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

New off-campus Web site reviewed

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

During its first meeting of the school year Tuesday evening, the Council of Representatives (COR) discussed the development of its first Web site especially designed for students living off campus.

Director of External Affairs Gus Gari, who helped to develop the Web site, offcampus.nd.edu, presented it to members of the Council and

then asked for them feedback and suggestions for how to advertise the Web site.

The site was created as an extension of the Good Neighbor Guide, the University's official guide to off-campus living, which was implemented last year.

Jennifer Monahan, executive assistant to the vice president of student affairs, was also on hand to help answer questions associated with the Web site. The Office of Student Affairs backed

and funded the creation of the Web site.

"The Web site shows you how to move, live and play off campus," Gari said. "There is a lot of information and we're trying to make it as easy for students as possible."

Safety tips, restaurant guides, tips for reading leases and a section for headlines and events around campus and South Bend are included on the Web site.

"The site tries to help students transitioning off cam-

pus," Gari said. "We tried to cover the process step by step."

While a large portion of the Web site is aimed specifically at helping Notre Dame students ease their transition to off-campus living, Gari said the site also aims at helping both on and off-campus students use the city of South Bend to their advantage.

"We tried to present the information as catchy a way as possible," he said. "We

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INSIDE COLUMN

An ode to football season

Friday morning you could drop a leaf onto South Quad, and watch one Notre Dame employee or another pick it up within 60 seconds.

That's right, a football weekend is finally upon us, and the transformation of our campus is in full swing.

Freshmen may not believe me, but by Saturday morning Notre Dame will be the fourth-largest city by population in Indiana.

Walking from North Quad to Gate E will entail turning down a dozen burned hot dogs.

The Basilica will be completely impenetrable, flooded by tourists.

Two hundred added garbage bins will dot campus, and in a few of them, lost season ticket booklets will end up.

To the freshmen, none of this may sound plausible. To the seniors, it is a luxury to be enjoyed while it lasts.

That is probably the best advice for all of us.

After all, as a sophomore I only have 21 home football weekends left to enjoy, and I already know I'll miss one game this year. Suddenly I'm down to 20.

Only 20 more times will I be able to enjoy a \$6 Knights of Columbus steak sandwich with a "free" drink. I shall see Zahm and Carroll looking their best, covered up by large bed sheets a mere 20 more Saturdays.

Officer Tim McCarthy will wow me with a scant 20 more puns, and worse yet, I can count on my fingers and toes the number of times my eardrums will be strained by flyover jets.

I already know I will miss waking up to the Band at three o'clock marching across South Quad to Notre Dame Stadium. I can't say I'll miss seeing hundreds of people wearing a nacho cheese-colored shirt mobbed behind the Band.

I'll take the bad with the good though, and indeed, enjoy it while it lasts.

After all, maybe ol' Lou Holtz is right, and our soft schedule will land us in a BCS bowl, if not the national championship.

If that is the case, Athletic Director Jack Swarbrick need not be offended by the label "soft," and instead relish the dollar sign that would come in front of eight digits on a check.

While he dreams of those zeroes, we can relish our days in the student section throwing the foreigners and toothpick girls in the air after Irish touchdowns.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Douglas Farmer at dfarmer1@nd.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD CREATE ANY STUDENT GROUP ON CAMPUS, WHAT WOULD IT BE?



Glynnis Garry
junior
Cavanaugh

"Boy Meets World" appreciation club."



Mark Pomeranke
junior
Zahm

"The He-Man Woman Haters Club."



Brendan Mulnerhan
junior
Off campus

"Bros Anonymous"



Joe Bizjak
senior
Zahm

"The Team Nutties Fan Club."



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Leah Hall, right, a Saint Mary's student, passes out flyers advertising the annual Dance Marathon before Tuesday's Student Activity Night at the Joyce Center. The Dance Marathon is scheduled for March 2010.

IN BRIEF

"Para la Gente: Art, Politics and Cultural Identity of the Taller de Grafica Popular," an exhibit at the Snite Museum of Art, will take place today from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Admission is free.

"The Irish Sublime," a lecture by Professor Terry Eagleton, the Excellence in English Distinguished Visitor, will take place in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium on Friday at 3 p.m. This lecture discusses the place of the sublime in Irish culture, tracing continuities in literature, politics, and aesthetics from the Middle Ages to the present. A reception will follow the event.

The Football Pep Rally will be held Friday at 6:30 p.m. on South Quad in front of Dillon Hall. The rally will include the entire Irish Cheer Squad.

The film "The Brothers Bloom" will be shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Sunday. The film follows two brothers, who just so happen to be expert swindlers, as they take on their last job - a wealthy heiress. Tickets are available online or at the Ticket Office 574-631-2800.

"Thin: Photographs by Lauren Greenfield" is running at the Snite Museum of Art through Oct. 18. The exhibit showcases photographs of women with eating disorders at a Florida treatment facility. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

OFFBEAT

No Muslims at Black Eyed Peas concert

KUALA LUMPUR — Muslims in Malaysia have been barred from attending a concert by U.S. hip hop band the Black Eyed Peas sponsored by Guinness which is owned by the world's biggest spirits group Diageo.

The move comes after a Malaysian Islamic court sentenced a 32-year Muslim woman to be caned after she was caught drinking beer in a hotel and at a time when an opposition Islamic party has moved against beer sales.

The concert, part of celebrations of Guinness 250th birthday, asks on its website,

"Are you a non-Muslim aged 18 years and above?" and if the response is no, access is not allowed.

Muslims account for 55 percent of the 27 million people in this Southeast Asian country and are barred from consuming alcohol although the rules are regularly flouted, especially in big cities like the capital, Kuala Lumpur.

Judge silences defendant with duct tape

CANTON, Ohio — An Ohio judge unhappy with repeated interruptions from a robbery suspect ordered a deputy to put duct tape over the defendant's mouth. Canton

Municipal Court Judge Stephen Belden says the taping last Thursday was the best way to restore order at a hearing for 51-year-old Harry Brown of Canton.

Brown complained that his court-appointed attorney wasn't prepared and angered the judge with interruptions. After a warning, the judge told the bailiff to tape Brown's mouth shut.

When the tape was removed, the defendant said the judge wasn't being respectful. The judge ended the hearing and sent the case to a grand jury.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 75 LOW 60	HIGH 51 LOW 45	HIGH 77 LOW 56	HIGH 78 LOW 55	HIGH 78 LOW 56	HIGH 75 LOW 58

Atlanta 80 / 61 Boston 75 / 55 Chicago 75 / 55 Denver 85 / 59 Houston 94 / 70 Los Angeles 89 / 68 Minneapolis 76 / 54 New York 77 / 60 Philadelphia 78 / 58 Phoenix 106 / 84 Seattle 78 / 58 St. Louis 79 / 56 Tampa 85 / 74 Washington 79 / 61

Professors discuss consequences of war

By JIM FERLMANN
News Writer

In front of a packed auditorium in the Hesburgh Center on Tuesday evening, David Cortright, director of Policy Studies at the Kroc Institute, and Notre Dame Law Professor Mary Ellen O'Connell examined the conflicts in Afghanistan and Pakistan in a discussion titled "Is Afghanistan a 'Good War?'"

Cortright and O'Connell began the event with an overview of issues related to the conflicts in Afghanistan and Pakistan and answered questions at the end of the evening.

Cortright questioned the means by which U.S. objectives are being carried through in the two countries, specifically addressing Just War theory.

"If we consider the mission in Afghanistan, I would say that it must be judged a worthy and just cause," Cortright said. "The question, however, is not about the objectives of the mission. It is about the means of their execution. Are our objectives able to be served through military means?"

"I would argue that war is an inappropriate means of countering Al Qaeda," Cortright said, citing a study that claims sheer military force eliminates terrorist organizations seven percent of the time, while state policing and political negotiations towards terrorist organizations achieve vastly higher rates of success.

"War against non-state terrorist organizations also has many harmful and detrimental consequences," Cortright said.

"The presence of foreign troops in Afghanistan and Pakistan is a principal factor motivating armed resistance and insurgency," he said.

Professor O'Connell continued the discussion, speaking about U.S. use of drones against potential Taliban targets in Afghan and Pakistani mountainous tribal

regions. Drones are unmanned aircraft that are used for various purposes, including airstrike.

O'Connell cited a personal study that found that drones caused far more civilian casualties than high-profile kills. The study claimed that 700 civilians had been killed by air strikes so far, while only 12 Taliban or Al Qaeda commanders had been killed.

"That is a kill ratio of 58:1," O'Connell said. "If that is not disproportionate killing, I don't know what is." The study

only took officer casualties into account, and not regular militant deaths, she said. "Drone attacks are proving counterproductive to the military objective of suppressing militancy and terrorism. The strikes have been to date wildly disproportionate in respect to civilian lives lost," she said.

"We are failing with respect to the fundamental principles of international law, and with those principles our practical chances of success and most importantly our cherished moral principles," O'Connell said.

O'Connell's commentary was not based on the Just War theory, but of current international law, her academic specialty. "The international law on the use of force, both the rules respecting the resort to force and its conduct ... grew out of the Just War teaching of Augustus, Aquinas, and Grotius," she said.

O'Connell said our military must be cautious in their efforts so as not to destroy innocent civilian lives. "You may only use that force which can accomplish the military objective, and only in such a manner that does not cause disproportionate loss of life or destruction of civilian property," O'Connell said, citing international law.

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law professor

ND Forum delayed until spring

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

A popular highlight of recent fall semesters at the University has been the annual Notre Dame Forum, which invites panelists from different backgrounds to discuss various controversial topics.

With no indications of a Forum this year so far, however, University spokesman Dennis Brown confirmed Tuesday that one will take place this year, but in the spring semester.

"A planning committee has been working on the event for several months," he said.

Brown said the Forum was delayed from its usual fall date because "the spring

semester is a better fit for the schedules of key panelists."

Brown said the University will announce the Forum's topic and its participants "once commitments are secured from key panelists."

Brown did not make further comment about the Forum, which will be the fifth at the University.

Last September, General Electric CEO Jeff Immelt, Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter, environmental activist Majora Carter and MIT Professor Ernest Moniz sat on a panel that discussed sustainability issues. The Forum coincided with a number of green and other environmental events last fall.

The Notre Dame Forum was started in 2005, the first year of University President Fr.

John Jenkins' leadership at Notre Dame. The first Forum addressed the role of religion in a plural world and was moderated by former NBC anchor Tom Brokaw.

According to a 2008 University press release, "[t]he Notre Dame Forum assembles world leaders on campus in discussion of the leading issues of the day."

"The Forum seeks to engage all campus constituents in these important conversations to better formulate solutions and effect positive change."

The 2006 Forum addressed global health issues and the 2007 Forum dealt with immigration.

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Running Club," she said.

Havlik said both the Women's and Men's Running Club saw larger turnouts this year.

Freshman Charles Kaiser also visited club booths which coincided with his major and personal interests, collecting pamphlets from the Investment Club, Rugby Club, College Libertarians and Republicans.

"This was a good chance to see what ND had to offer," Kaiser said. "The number of people here was impressive."

The Student Government booth, which was located close to the entrance of the event, saw a huge turnout in sign-ups. Hundreds of signatures occupied over seven pages, Cynthia Weber, student body vice president, said.

Student Government will follow up with an orientation meeting for interested students, Weber said. The meeting, called Student Gov. 101, will take place on Tuesday at 8 p.m. in LaFortune.

Club Coordination Council president Cameron Shane, who has attended Activities Night all of his three years at the

University, said the event was again a success.

"There was a lot of turnout and interest [on the students' part,] Shane said. He added he was particularly impressed with the large number of off-campus groups around the perimeter of the arena.

"Everything went smoothly," Shane added.

Event coordinators hope that the event will help students channel their interests to meaningful and exciting groups and events around campus.

"Students are always complaining and saying there's nothing to do around campus," Havlik said, adding that Activities Night shows them just how much there is to do."

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Juniors

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with plans for after graduation already set, she said.

Another benefit, Dunton said, is that internships help students to decide where they want to take their career path.

"From internships, students learn what they like, and more importantly, what they don't like," Dunton said.

The Career Crossing Office at Saint Mary's College is designed to help students prepare for interviews, write résumés and find internships and job openings. The Office helps student to connect with alumnae and different companies in their field.

"We want to help you realize what you want before you get a job and end up hating it," Dunton said. "We want you to like your job and want to stay there."

Ashlee Girard, an accounting major, said she found this talk helpful but that it also made her nervous for the future. Girard wants to get

her CPA and possibly work at one of the larger marketing companies in Chicago.

Girard believes that an internship would help her achieve these goals.

"I will definitely be using the services of the Career Crossing Center," Girard said.

Five Saint Mary's students who had participated in internships last summer through various programs also attended the forum. These students, who had participated in internships in a number of different locations including Georgia, Oklahoma, Michigan, England and Germany, answered questions and offered advice to the juniors.

They said that as interns, students should be outgoing and take initiative. They encouraged the juniors to be comfortable ask questions and communicating with their

superiors.

Rachel Eisterhold, a senior communication major, benefited from this talk last year and returned Tuesday to share her experience with the juniors. Eisterhold had an internship with a public relations company in her hometown of Tulsa, Okla.

Eisterhold said as a junior, this event helped her to plan for the future.

"It really helps students to get started thinking ahead and creating

goals," she said. Career Crossing has an office in Spes Unica Hall and will also have a both set up every Wednesday in the atrium of the student center starting Sept. 16. The staff encourages al Saint Mary's students to use their services.

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"We want to help you realize what you want before you get a job and end up hating it."

Tricia Dunton
assistant director
Career Crossings Office

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Library

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are paying close to the tuition of an Ivy League," Whitnah said. "So why is it that our library is lagging so far behind?"

Library director Jennifer Younger said the Library is aware of the need to increase its collection, and has already purchased more scholarly texts and journals.

"We have, in fact, invested significantly in the library materials," Younger said. "So we're making progress, although, as [the petitions] point out, there is progress to be made."

Although graduate students mainly developed the petition, nearly 80 percent of more than 1,100 students who have signed the petition have been undergraduates, graduate student David Morris, who started the petition, said.

Morris said the large student response exceeded his expectations and shows there is a need to improve the Library.

"The desire to improve the Library ... is something shared by a broad segment of Notre Dame's student body, from incoming freshmen to advanced Ph.D. candidates, from engineers to English majors," he said.

Nearly 200 faculty members have signed a similar petition, said Sabine MacCormack, who worked on the faculty petition and is a professor of history and classics.

The student and faculty petitions ask to increase the number of books bought per year in addition to hiring additional bib-

liographers and professional staff. It also calls for a renovation of the entire building to the scale and cost of new science buildings on campus.

The Jordan Hall of Science cost \$70 million, according to its Web site.

"The Library is the lab of the humanities, so it's really important that the University dedicate the funding dollars to keep the Library on par with the top science labs that we've been building," Whitnah said.

MacCormack agreed.

"For many of us, the Library is — or rather ought to be — our intellectual home. This is especially true for those who work in the humanities," MacCormack said. "I myself find the collections insufficient even for some of my teaching needs."

Assistant Provost Susan Ohmer said the University has not meant to neglect the humanities, but has focused on the sciences because the sciences had been lagging behind.

"We've been behind on the sciences. So in a way this is catch up," said Ohmer. "As the sciences move ahead, we don't want the Library to fall behind."

But improving and renovating the library inevitably brings up monetary issues.

"If you are talking about renovating the whole library, it's a lot of money," Ohmer said. "You can look around campus and say well, we are doing a lot of other things, but we already have the funds for those things."

But Whitnah said she thinks that the University should be able to raise the money.

Notre Dame has the 13th largest educational endowment in the country and the largest at

a Catholic university, according to the Investment Office.

"This is Notre Dame. We can have the money if we want to have the money badly enough. If we don't have the money, it's because we're not asking," Whitnah said.

Younger said that currently, the plan is to renovate two floors of the Library, but renovating the whole building could be a possibility.

"It has been in the University's thinking to renovate the entire library, however what we typically do is do it in phases," she said. "We very much anticipate renovating the entire building, but that will be in a future phase."

"I personally would like to see it happen," Ohmer said. "I will certainly work hard to make it happen."

Ohmer said she is "on the same page" with students and agrees that the Library needs more resources.

"I'm all for putting more money into the library," she said. "The Library has got to keep up. But I think the administration gets that. It's a question of how to do that."

The student petition will tentatively close Sept. 11. Students who wish to sign the petition can go to www.nd.edu/~dmorris1/petition_DM.shtml

MacCormack said the faculty petition will continue until the third week of September. Faculty members who wish to sign the petition can find it at www.nd.edu/~smaccorm/petition.shtml

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COR

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are trying to debunk the rumor that it's South Bend and there's nothing to do."

Gari highlighted the section of the Web site devoted to off-campus safety, where he said they try to give students information useful to being both safe and smart when hosting social gatherings.

After the conclusion of the presentation, student body president Grant Schmidt turned to the other members of the council for help with advertising the Web site.

"This Web site is so useful," he said. "I want to make sure people know where to start [when navigating the Web site]."

Some members of COR

suggested advertising the site to different off-campus apartment complexes that house large numbers of Notre Dame students, such as Clover Ridge.

Senior class President Chris Tillett suggested there be some sort of incentive buried in the Web site to encourage students to navigate the various pages of the site.

"We should have a buried discount for a local popular restaurant like Chipotle," he said.

Another idea popular with the members of the council was to continue to emphasize the name of the Web site, The Off-Campus Connector.

For students wishing to visit the website, its address is www.offcampus.nd.edu

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Student body president Grant Schmidt and vice president Cynthia Weber discuss the off-campus Web site Tuesday.

Fulbright Information Session for Notre Dame graduate students and advisers

Speaker: Joanne Forster
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September 3
3:30 - 4:30 pm Room 100 McKenna Hall

On-campus submission deadline
of Fulbright applications is
Sept. 18, 2009



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Former military police arrested

SANTIAGO, Chile — A Chilean judge on Tuesday ordered the arrests of 129 former security officers on charges tied to the disappearance of leftists and the slaying of the communist party leadership during the Pinochet dictatorship.

It was the largest number of arrests ever ordered in an investigation of human rights abuses during the "dirty war" waged while Gen. Augusto Pinochet ruled in 1973-90.

Judge Victor Montiglio said the 129 were members of the army, air force and uniformed police who worked for the Dina secret police agency, which has been accused of many of the political killings and other rights violations of the Pinochet era. "We are investigating all who have participated ... in the deprivation of liberties of the victims," Montiglio said.

Elections will end Honduran crisis

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — Honduras' interim leader on Tuesday urged citizens to vote in November elections, vowing that the election of a new president will show the world democracy thrives in the Central America country despite a July coup.

Campaigning began this week despite warnings from many Latin American countries that they will not recognize the outcome of any election until ousted President Manuel Zelaya is restored to power. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, meanwhile, planned to meet with Zelaya on Thursday to show case U.S. support for the deposed president.

"We will be watched by many countries in the world," interim President Roberto Micheletti said in a televised address. "This process will serve to categorically show that we appreciate democracy, that we are a people who want to live in harmony."

NATIONAL NEWS

NYC schools to offer vaccinations

NEW YORK — The nation's largest school district said Tuesday it will offer free swine flu vaccinations to its 1 million-plus schoolchildren as New York City takes bold steps to avoid becoming the country's flu epicenter again in the fall.

Hundreds of school districts nationwide have agreed to allow vaccinations in school buildings, once the vaccine becomes available in mid- to late October as the nation prepares for a spike in swine flu cases in the coming months.

New York's announcement may influence other large cities. Brenda Greene, director of school health programs for the National School Boards Association, said the city could wind up being "a great role model."

Gay marriages legal in Vermont

DUXBURY, Vt. — After 17 years together, Bill Slimback and Bob Sullivan couldn't wait another minute to get married. So they didn't.

With Vermont's new law allowing same-sex marriage only a minute old, they tied the knot in a midnight ceremony at a rustic lodge, becoming one of the first couples to legally wed under a law that took effect at midnight Monday.

"It feels wonderful," said Slimback, 38, an out-of-work Teamster who is taking Sullivan's last name as his own. "It's a day I've been long waiting for, and a day I truly honestly thought would never come."

Vermont is one of five states that now allow same-sex couples to marry.

LOCAL NEWS

Candidate's license suspended

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Frequent northern Indiana congressional candidate Tony Zirkle has had his law license suspended for two years by the state Supreme Court.

The court found Zirkle engaged in eight counts of professional misconduct, including improper billing practices and charging clients for incompetent services. The court said Zirkle filed his response to the allegations several days late and ordered his suspension to begin Oct. 1.

Zirkle told the South Bend Tribune that the charges against him were exaggerated or blatantly false.

CALIFORNIA

Forces make progress against blaze

Santa Ana winds may make fires worse as peak fire season approaches

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Firefighters reported some progress Tuesday against a gigantic blaze on the edge of Los Angeles, but warned that this one might be just a preview of even greater dangers ahead. The peak Southern California fire season hasn't even started yet. The worst fires typically flare up in the fall, when ferocious Santa Ana winds can drive fires out of wilderness areas and into suburbs. As a result, Southern California could be in for a long wildfire season.

"When you see a fire burning like this, with no Santa Ana winds, we know that with the winds, it would be so much worse, so much more intense," said Los Angeles County fire Capt. Mark Whaling.

The Santa Anas are so devastating when they carry fire because they sweep down from the north and reach withering speeds as they squeeze through wilderness canyons and passes and plunge into developed areas.

Even though winds have been mostly calm since the blaze began along the northern fringe of Los Angeles and its suburbs, the flames have spread over 190 square miles of forest in a week. Some 12,000 homes remained threatened as 3,600 firefighters and aircraft battled the blaze across a 50-mile line.

But it was not the only significant blaze in Southern California.

In the inland region east of Los Angeles, 2,000 homes were being threatened by a fire of more than 1.5 square miles in the San Bernardino County community of Oak Glen, and a nearby 1.3-square-mile blaze was putting 900



Firefighters try to keep a fire in the Deukmejian Wilderness Park from jumping a fire break in Glendale, Calif. AP

homes at risk in Yucaipa.

"There's action everywhere," Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said as a helicopter interrupted his comments at a news conference in San Bernardino County.

The big fire, known as the Station Fire, was just 5 percent surrounded, but U.S. Forest Service incident commander Mike Dietrich said that figure could double by the end of the day, and he was pleased with progress.

"There's a lot more work to be done," Dietrich said. "It's still a very treacherous situation. It could still turn around."

Weather was more humid, which helps brush

resist burning, but the downside was a possibility of dry lightning. Some sprinkles were reported, but no significant rain.

Officials were worried about the threat to a historic observatory on Mount Wilson northeast of Los Angeles. But on Tuesday, the flames near the facility appeared much tamer than the infernos that boiled up out of the mountain range in previous days.

Authorities could not immediately ascertain whether the fire at the top of Mount Wilson was the result of the overall advance of the blaze or backfires set by fire crews.

From a helicopter above the 5,700-foot peak, small

flames could be seen creeping under trees. Firefighters had doused the peak with flame retardant before withdrawing when the fire appeared to be too dangerous.

Mount Wilson is home not only to the observatory but numerous television, radio and cell phone antennas serving the metropolitan area.ch Institute.

"The fire is still eventually going to impact around the site," Dietrich said. "The amount of damage is yet to be seen."

The fire is one of hundreds of wildfires in a season that usually does not gather steam until October, when the Santa Ana winds arrive.

Europe observes WWII anniversary

Associated Press

GDANSK, Poland — On a wind-swept peninsula where shells lobbed from a German battleship ignited World War II 70 years ago, European leaders vowed Tuesday never to forget the lessons of the 20th century's bloodiest conflict.

Evidence of continued animosity was not far from the surface, however, as Poland pushed for greater acknowledgment from Russia of its role in starting the war, while Russia sought to minimize the impact of Moscow's 1939 pact with Berlin.

At dawn on Gdansk's Westerplatte peninsula, Poland's leaders marked the hour the German battleship Schleswig-Holstein shelled a tiny Polish military

outpost housing the navy's arsenal. It was the war's opening salvo.

Red and white Polish flags fluttered in a breeze as the officials opened the ceremony at 4:45 a.m. (0245GMT). Later, Poland's president, prime minister and others placed wreaths at the foot of the towering granite monument to the defenders of Westerplatte as an honor guard looked on.

The blitzkrieg on Poland launched nearly six years of war that engulfed the world and left more than 50 million people dead as the German war machine rolled over Europe.

Poland alone lost 6 million citizens, half of them Jews. During the German occupation, the country was used as a base for the Nazis' genocide machinery: It was home to Auschwitz, Majdanek,

Sobibor and other death camps built by the Nazis to annihilate Europe's Jews.

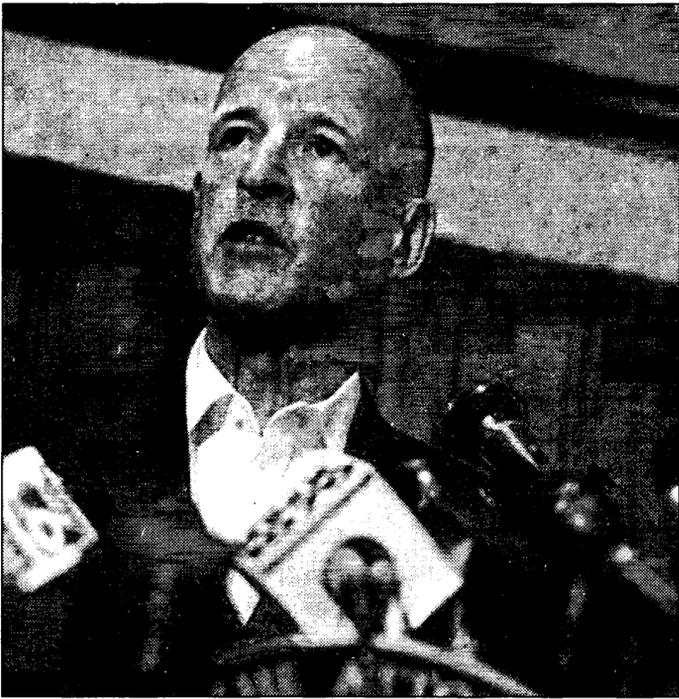
"Remembering the cruelty, remembering the extermination of peoples and nations, is perhaps the most important and most effective shield against the danger of another war," Prime Minister Donald Tusk said in a solemn afternoon ceremony with European and American officials along the waterfront on Westerplatte.

"Nobody in the world who will remember the events here in Gdansk in 1939 and the horrible events around the world in the years that followed ... will ever do anything to allow that nightmare to return."

The war in Europe ended May 8, 1945, with Germany's unconditional surrender.

MEXICO

U.S. releases funds to combat drug trade



California Attorney General Jerry Brown announces the seizure of over 550 pounds of cocaine and marijuana at a press conference.

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — The U.S. has released \$214 million of an aid package to help Mexico fight drug trafficking, including funds for five helicopters for the military to be delivered by year's end, a top State Department official said Tuesday.

The helicopters will be the first to be sent to Mexico under the Merida Initiative, a three-year, \$1.4 billion program to train and equip law enforcement to deal with the ruthless cartels, said David Johnson, U.S. assistant secretary for international narcotics and law enforcement.

He said \$214 million of the package has been spent or committed. The funds have gone to training Mexican federal investigators and providing technology such as X-ray machines to check for contraband at border crossings.

"We greatly admire the strong efforts made by the government of Mexico ... to confront the extreme rise in violence fueled by drugs," Johnson told reporters during a visit to Mexico to discuss the Merida Initiative with officials.

Earlier this month, President Barack Obama's administration sent to Congress a favorable report on Mexico's human rights record that could allow the release of an additional \$100 million in aid. Washington has conditioned 15 percent of the Merida Initiative on assurances that Mexico makes progress in combatting corruption and rights abuses.

In early August, U.S. Sen. Patrick Leahy, a Democrat from Vermont, delayed the release of the State Department report over concerns of torture and other abuse allegations against the Mexican military. International rights group have also urged the Obama administration to withhold Merida Initiative funds, saying Mexico has done little to investigate alleged abuse.

But the U.S. report defended Calderon, saying the government of President Felipe Calderon "has embarked on a major effort

to reform and overhaul its justice system."

Johnson said the United States is helping Mexico improve its internal systems for preventing and rooting out corruption in law enforcement, including lie-detector tests and continuous checks on officials.

He also made clear the Obama administration has no intention on passing judgment on a new Mexican law that eliminates jail time for possessing small amounts of marijuana, cocaine and even heroine, LSD and methamphetamine.

"We've studiously avoided commenting on that," Johnson said. "There is a clear commitment by Mexico to confronting" drug gangs "and that is what we are focused on," he said.

Calderon has made fighting Mexican drug cartels, which are responsible for the vast majority of cocaine smuggled to the United States from South America, a cornerstone of his administration.

He has sent tens of thousands of soldiers to drug hotspots across Mexico, and federal authorities have arrested hundreds of police officers and other officials — including top members of Calderon's own administration — for alleged ties to cartels.

However, drug gang violence surged, claiming more than 13,500 lives since Calderon took office in December 2006. Drug cartels have lashed back at the crackdown, killing more than 1,000 police and soldiers.

Calderon defended his efforts in a report submitted to Mexico's Congress on Tuesday, insisting no other Mexican government has taken on the cartels frontally.

The report said his government has seized 90 tons of cocaine, 5,000 tons of marijuana and some 50,000 illegal weapons. It also said authorities have detained more than 80,000 people linked to organized crime, although it did not specify how many were part of the drug trade. Mexico also has a major problem with kidnapping and other criminal gangs.

It has been "an effort never before seen in Mexico," the

Video reveals animal cruelty

Animal rights group horrified at treatment of chicks at Iowa plant

Associated Press

DES MOINES — An animal rights group publicized a video Tuesday showing unwanted chicks being tossed alive into a grinder at an Iowa plant and accused egg hatcheries of being "perhaps the cruelest industry" in the world.

The undercover video was shot by Chicago-based Mercy for Animals at a hatchery in Spencer, Iowa, over a two-week period in May and June. The video was first obtained Monday by The Associated Press.

"We have to ask ourselves if these were puppies and kittens being dropped into grinders, would we find that acceptable?" asked Nathan Runkle, the group's executive director, at a news conference in Des Moines. "I don't think that most people would."

The group said that tossing male chicks, which have little value because they can't lay eggs or be raised quickly enough to be profitable for meat, into grinders is common industry practice. United Egg Producers, a trade group for U.S. egg farmers, confirmed that.

The hatchery is owned by West Des Moines-based Hy-Line North America and is one of many operations in Iowa, the nation's leading egg producer.

The video, shot with a hidden camera and microphone by a Mercy for Animals employee who got a job at the plant, shows a Hy-Line worker sorting through a conveyor belt of chirping chicks, flipping some of them into a chute like a poker dealer flips cards.

These chicks, which a narrator says are males, are then shown

being dropped alive into a grinding machine.

In other parts of the video, a chick is shown dying on the factory floor amid a heap of egg shells after falling through a sorting machine. Another chick, also still alive, is seen lying on the floor after getting scalded by a wash cycle, according to the video narrator.

Hy-Line said the video "appears to show an inappropriate action and violation of our animal welfare policies," referring to chicks on the factory floor.

But the company also noted that "instantaneous euthanasia" — a reference to killing of male chicks by the grinder

— is a standard practice supported by the animal veterinary and scientific community.

Company spokesman Tom Jorgensen said Tuesday an investigation was continuing, and once it's completed the company would release more information.

Runkle acknowledged that his group's ultimate goal was to get people to stop eating eggs. He said he believe many would refuse to eat eggs if they knew what happened to male chicks.

"The egg industry is perhaps the cruelest industry on the face of the planet," Runkle said.

Mercy for Animals also sent letters to the nation's 50 largest grocery store chains, including Walmart, Whole Foods, Safeway,

Harris Teeter and Trader Joe's, asking them to include a label on egg cartons that says, "Warning: Male chicks are ground-up alive by the egg industry."

A spokesman for United Egg Producers called the proposal "almost a joke." The egg producers spokesman, Mitch Head, said Mercy for Animals had no credibility and questionable motives because "this is a group which espouses no egg consumption by anyone — so that is clearly their motive."

Mercy for Animals estimated 200 million male chicks are killed a year, which the United Egg Producers also confirmed.

"There is, unfortunately, no way to

breed eggs that only produce female hens," Head said. "If someone has a need for 200 million male chicks, we're happy to provide them to anyone who wants them. But we can find no market, no need."

Using a grinder, Head said, "is the most instantaneous way to euthanize chicks."

There is no federal law that ensures the humane euthanasia of animals on farms or hatcheries, according to Jonathan Lovvorn, vice president and chief counsel of the Humane Society of the United States.

The Humane Society also says that virtually all egg farms, even those that sell cage-free eggs, get their hens from hatcheries that kill their male chicks.

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Nathan Runkle
executive director
Mercy for Animals

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Stocks			
Dow Jones	9,310.60		-185.68
Up: 708	Same: 87	Down: 3,063	Composite Volume: 3,719,763,839
AMEX	1,662.94		-7.71
NASDAQ	1,968.89		-40.17
NYSE	6,487.81		-155.43
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FTSE 100 (London)	4,819.70		-89.20

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CITIGROUP (C)	-9.20	-0.46	4.54
BK OF AMERICA CP (BAC)	-6.42	-1.13	16.46
FANNIE MAE (FNM)	-17.62	-0.34	1.59
S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	-2.21	-2.26	100.20

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-1.45	-0.050	3.40
13-WEEK BILL	0.00	0.000	0.13
30-YEAR BOND	-0.64	-0.0270	4.18
5-YEAR NOTE	-2.73	-0.0670	2.39

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)		-1.91	68.05
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)		+3.00	956.50
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)		+2.00	78.25

Exchange Rates	
YEN	92.6550
EURO	1.4205
CANADIAN DOLLAR	1.1040
BRITISH POUND	1.6126

IN BRIEF

Rumors cause drop in stock market

NEW YORK — A stock market ripe for a big pullback succumbed Tuesday, plunging when rumors of a bank failure revived investors' anxiety about the banking industry and the economy as a whole.

A batch of economic reports that just weren't good enough added to the mix as the major indexes all fell about 2 percent and the Dow Jones industrials slid 185 points. Treasury prices, usually the beneficiary of a slide in stocks, ended only moderately higher.

A break in the market's six-month rally was widely expected after investors showed a growing inclination to sell for some time. While the major indexes finished August with respectable gains, including a 3.4 percent rise in the Standard & Poor's 500, trading was erratic and the advances had a half-hearted feeling. Analysts warned that investors were doubting whether they should have bid stocks so high in the rally that began in early March.

So it wasn't surprising that, after the Dow was up 60 points in response to a seemingly better-than-expected reading on manufacturing, something like a rumor about a possible bank failure could take the market down.

Southwest Airlines to repair planes

DALLAS — Federal officials are giving Southwest Airlines until Dec. 24 to replace unapproved parts on about 50 airplanes.

The Federal Aviation Administration said Tuesday that the parts do not prevent safe operation of the planes. The jets' manufacturer, Boeing Co., had reached the same conclusion.

The FAA will let Southwest fly the planes as long as they are inspected every seven days and the unapproved parts on the wings are replaced by Dec. 24.

The planes make up about 10 percent of Southwest's fleet of Boeing 737 aircraft.

Southwest had lobbied for more time to fix the problem. The airline argued that the parts in question, which deflect hot engine exhaust away from control flaps on the wings, were scarce. Now it will get nearly four months to find replacement parts.

The FAA also directed Southwest to find and dispose of any other unapproved parts.

Auto sales post best month of year

Automakers expect slowdown as Cash for Clunkers program ends

Associated Press

DETROIT — The nation's automakers are bracing for quieter showrooms and slower sales this autumn after the Cash for Clunkers program offered a big but unsustainable boost in August.

U.S. sales of cars and light trucks rose to 1.3 million in August, a roughly 30 percent increase from July. It also was the first monthly year-over-year gain since October 2007.

Ford, Toyota, Hyundai and Honda were the big winners as consumers snapped up their fuel-efficient cars. Rivals Chrysler Group LLC and General Motors Co. endured another month of falling sales, although their high-mileage vehicles did better.

But the August industry gains could quickly be followed by a slowdown in September and for the rest of the fall, automakers and analysts warned Tuesday. Although the clunkers program succeeded in bringing in new buyers, a large portion were people who planned to buy vehicles later in the year.

Now the question is whether automakers will need to roll out an expensive new round of rebates and low-cost financing to spur sales.

Cash for Clunkers, which ended on Aug. 24, drew hordes of buyers into quiet dealerships by offering up to \$4,500 toward new, more fuel-efficient cars and trucks. The hefty rebates gave automakers and dealers a much-needed lift, spurring 690,114 new sales, many of them during August, at a taxpayer cost of \$2.88 billion.

Several automakers said their supplies plummeted during August, especially for their fuel-efficient models. That could make it harder for customers to find the exact model they want going forward.



A sign promoting the federal government's "cash for clunkers" incentive program hangs off a clunker vehicle at Mankato Ford on Aug. 3.

Still, the coming months might offer some stability in an auto sales market that's been floundering for more than a year. Even before the program began in late July, sales were showing small signs of improvement.

"We believe the fourth quarter will be better than the second quarter," as the broader economy shows signs of recovery, said Ken Czubay, Ford's vice president of U.S. marketing and sales.

August sales at Ford Motor Co. totaled 181,826 cars and light trucks, up 17 percent from a year earlier, when high gas prices and growing economic uncertainty kept car buyers at home.

Two of Ford's vehicles — the Focus and Escape —

ranked among the top selling cars under the clunkers program. Sales of the Focus rose 56 percent while those of the Escape small sport utility vehicle climbed 49 percent.

In another sign of a strengthening economy, sales rose for Ford's pickup trucks, which are popular among contractors and other small businesses. Ford's F-Series rose nearly 13 percent. Those results, along with a 57.4 increase in Ranger sales — a small version of the F-150 — may reflect that the "toughest part of the recession, the most dramatic declines" are over, the company said.

Japanese automakers Toyota Motor Corp. and Honda Motor Co. also posted gains year-over-year in

August. Toyota sales rose 6.4 percent to 225,088, lifted by small cars like the Corolla, the best-selling clunkers vehicle.

Honda sales rose 9.9 percent to 161,439, while sales at Nissan Motor Co. slipped 2.9 percent.

At General Motors Co., sales fell 20 percent to 245,550. GM said its inventory levels hit an all-time low of 379,000 during August, but like Ford will be replenished this month thanks to production increases.

GM vehicles like the Chevrolet Aveo subcompact, the Cobalt sedan and Equinox crossover got a lift from the clunkers program. No GM vehicles made the closely watched list of top-10 Cash for Clunkers sales.

Internet gambling ban upheld by court

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — A U.S. appeals court upheld an Internet gambling ban Tuesday, rejecting a challenge from an association of off-shore bookies that the federal prohibition was too vague and violated privacy rights.

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia rejected arguments from Interactive Media Entertainment & Gaming Association in New Jersey, which had filed the lawsuit hoping to legalize online betting in that state.

Congress passed the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act in 2006 to ban online gambling that would be illegal in the state where the individual or gambling business conducts the transaction. The law

does not target the bet itself but criminalizes bank or credit card transactions linked to the bet.

The group, comprised of mostly off-shore betting operators, had attacked the law as unconstitutionally vague. Their lawyers questioned how the location of an online bet would be determined if the gambler is in Delaware, for instance, and the operation is in Costa Rica.

At least one of the three judges who heard arguments last month seemed to question that logic.

"No matter how metaphysical you want to get, I'm not in Costa Rica, I'm in Delaware," 3rd Circuit Judge Kent Jordan said.

The court also rejected arguments that the law invades a gambler's right to privacy in the home.

The Justice Department,

which successfully defended the law, had no immediate comment, a spokesman said.

While the association is considering an appeal, Chairman Joe Brennan Jr. said he saw a potential victory in the ruling because most states have not expressly addressed the legality of online betting.

"(The Justice Department) has been insisting there is a blanket ban on internet gambling in the U.S., but the panel said state law is the determinant," Brennan said. "If you go by that reasoning, if it's not illegal in that state, then it would not be a violation of federal law to process a transaction from a player there."

The group also is involved in a lawsuit in New Jersey that challenges the constitutionality of a 1992 federal ban on most sports betting.

Gmail knocked offline, affects users

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Google Inc.'s Gmail service was knocked offline Tuesday in an outage that the company said affected a "majority" of its millions of e-mail users, including consumers who get Gmail for free and businesses that pay for a version for their employees.

The disruption, which lasted under two hours, was a reminder of the growing dependence on Google's technology. The free version of Gmail is the world's third most-popular e-mail program with some 149 million users worldwide in June, ranking behind the free e-mail services offered by Microsoft Corp. and Yahoo Inc., according to data from comScore Inc.

Tuesday's disruption led tens of millions of Gmail users to get an "Unable to reach Gmail" error message as their computers tried repeatedly to reconnect to the service. Google said it had taken some of Gmail's servers offline for routine maintenance, and underestimated the load

that would place on other computers responsible for directing traffic to the appropriate Gmail servers.

Google said it was alerted to the failures within seconds. It said it has added capacity and made other changes to prevent similar incidents in the future. A separate outage on Monday had wiped out e-mail to a "small subset" of users.

Though occasional disruptions are common, widespread outages involving Google's services are rare. They are becoming a bigger threat to Google as it tries to sell more of its services to businesses.

Businesses are increasingly leaning on Google's services because they are delivered over the Internet instead of being managed in-house. That can save companies money and buy them more storage than they could otherwise afford. But many corporations are skeptical about outsourcing such critical tasks.

Google argues that Web-based services are more reliable than those handled in-house, but big outages like Tuesday's add

another challenge to selling to reluctant businesses.

Google says more than 1.75 million businesses use Gmail as part of Google Apps, which is Google's answer to business software from Microsoft Corp. It's a key part of Google's strategy to inject its brand deeper into corporations. Google Apps costs \$50 per user per year.

As usually happens with hiccups in popular Web-based services, the Gmail glitch touched off a flurry of posts to social-networking Web sites from frustrated Gmail users wondering if others were having the same problem.

"Omg thank God I was at work!!! I wouldve gone mad!" one Twitter user wrote. Some favored snark. "Minute 30 of Gmail outage. The cities are in flames and people eating pets to survive. To future generations: we meant well," another user tweeted.

The last major outage at Google happened in May, when millions of people were cut off from Google's search engine, e-mail and other online services after too much traffic was routed through computers in Asia. About 14 percent of Google's users encountered problems with the Internet's No. 1 search engine. Those outages lasted about an hour.

"Minute 30 of Gmail outage. The cities are in flames and people eating pets to survive."

Twitter user

JAPAN

Voters fed up with conservative rulers

Associated Press

TOKYO — Most Japanese voters chose the opposition in historic weekend elections because they were fed up with a half century of rule by the governing conservatives, not because they were enthused by what the opposition had to offer, a poll said Wednesday.

The poll by the major national newspaper Asahi suggested the Democratic Party of Japan, which took control of the powerful lower house of parliament by winning 308 of the 480 seats, has only a conditional mandate and must make good on its promises to mend the flagging economy and lower the record unemployment rate quickly if it is to stay in power.

The Democrats are expected to form a new government and name leader Yukio Hatoyama as prime minister on Sept. 16, replacing outgoing Taro Aso.

Aso has announced he will step down as president of the conservative, pro-big business Liberal Democratic Party, which has led Japan for all but nearly 11 months since it was created in 1955.

In the first major poll since Sunday's elections, the Asahi said 81 percent of respon-

dents felt the reason for the Democrats' win was that voters wanted a new administration. Only 38 percent said the victory was due to support for the party's policies, it said.

Only 32 percent of respondents said they felt the Democrats would be able to change the government significantly, while 46 percent said it would not, the poll said. It put the Democrats' approval rating at 39 percent.

The poll was a random telephone survey of 1,104 eligible voters conducted on Monday and Tuesday. It reported direct results and so gave no margin of error, but a poll of that size would generally have a margin of about 3 percentage points.

The Democrats acknowledged they will face tough economic realities when they take over.

"The economy is in a severe condition," Katsuya Okada, a senior Democratic Party executive, said Wednesday. "We deeply feel the responsibility of what we must do."

Japan, the world's second-largest economy, climbed out of a year-long recession in the second quarter, but its recovery is still weak. The unemployment rate has risen to a record 5.7 percent, its highest since World War II.

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UPCOMING MANAGEMENT CLUB ACTIVITIES – FALL 2009

Just a heads-up on some great events in the next few weeks!

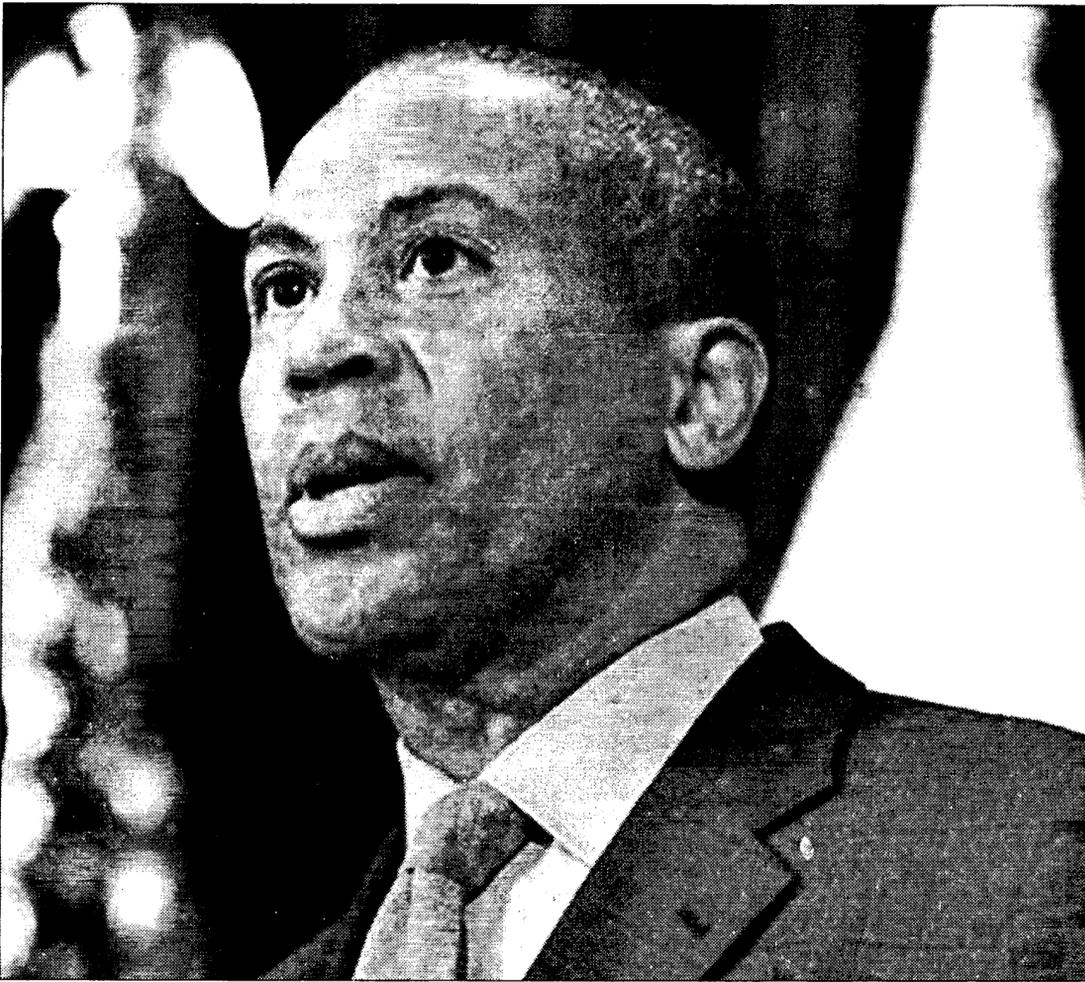
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 - Panel discussion and networking reception
 - Presented by The Career Center and MBA Career Development
- **Consulting Industry Forum**
TOMORROW, Thursday, September 3rd at 6:00 pm in Jordan Auditorium, Mendoza College of Business
 - Participating Firms: Acquity Group, Clarity Consulting, The Claro Group, Ernst & Young, FTI Consulting, and Ocean Tomo
 - Industry presentations and networking reception
 - Presented by The Career Center and MBA Career Development
- **How to Land Your Dream Job or Internship**
Tuesday, September 15th at 7:30 pm in Montgomery Auditorium, Lafortune
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Race to fill Kennedy's seat begins



Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick announced Monday that a special election to fill the U.S. Senate seat left vacant after the death of Sen. Edward Kennedy will be held Jan. 19, 2010.

Associated Press

BOSTON — The race for the U.S. Senate seat left vacant by the death last week of Edward Kennedy got off to a cautious start Tuesday, despite a tight five-month election schedule that leaves little time for campaigning. By the end of the day just one major candidate — state Attorney General Martha Coakley — opted to take out nomination papers. A campaign aide declined to comment.

Other possible contenders decided to hold back in part to see whether a member of the Kennedy family might decide to enter the race — including Kennedy's widow Vicki Kennedy or his nephew, the former U.S. Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II.

Another possible contender — former U.S. Rep. Martin Meehan — said he is "thinking about" a run for the seat and hopes to make a decision by the end of the week.

Meehan, now chancellor of the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, is waiting to see whether a Kennedy jumps in. Meehan has \$4.8 million in his federal campaign account, the largest sum of any potential candidate.

"There's a lot of speculation about whether Joe Kennedy or Vicki Kennedy would run and I think either of them would make a great senator," he said. "Certainly if one of the two Kennedy candidates decided to run, I would support them."

Other possible candidates include several members of Massachusetts all-Democratic congressional delegation — Reps. Stephen Lynch, Michael Capuano and Edward Markey. All three have sizable federal campaign war chests, including \$1.3 million for Lynch, \$1.2 million for Capuano and \$2.8 million for Markey as of June 30.

Capuano said he hopes to make a decision in the next week or so, and in the meantime he's reaching out to political allies and completing more mundane tasks like upgrading computers.

"I'm doing my own gut check

now," Capuano said. "This is not something I take lightly. I want to make sure there's a legitimate path to victory for me."

Capuano, who has Joe Kennedy's old House seat, suggested he would be unlikely to run if Kennedy seeks the seat.

"If Joe's in it, it's awfully hard to run against someone you respect so much," Capuano said.

Another Democrat weighing a run is Gloucester attorney Edward O'Reilly, who unsuccessfully challenged Sen. John Kerry in last year's Democratic primary.

"I am very seriously considering it. I ran for the same office less than a year ago and received 31 percent of the vote," O'Reilly said.

On the Republican side, potential candidates were even more tightlipped.

Former Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey, former U.S. Attorney Michael Sullivan and state Sen. Scott Brown, R-Wrentham, have all been mentioned as possible candidates, but none responded to requests for comment.

Other political figures decided to take their names out of the running.

Lt. Gov. Timothy Murray issued a statement saying that despite receiving "words of encouragement from many supporters suggesting that I consider running for the United States Senate seat," he will keep his day job.

"I look forward to running and winning re-election with Governor Patrick in 2010," Murray said.

Gov. Deval Patrick, in response to a reporter's question on Monday, also snuffed out a suggestion that he might have his eye on the Senate seat, saying he remains focused on his job as governor.

Potential candidates will have to decide fairly quickly if they're in or out given the quick pace of the special election.

The first major deadline, Oct. 20, is less than two months away. That's when candidates vying for their party's nomination must deliver the signatures

of at least 10,000 voters to local officials for certification to secure a spot on the Dec. 8 primary ballot.

The final election is just six weeks later on Jan. 19.

Voters are facing their own deadlines. The last day to register for the primary is Nov. 12, and for the general election the registration deadline is Dec. 30.

While possible candidates have their eye on the special election, Massachusetts lawmakers were gearing up for a public hearing scheduled for Sept. 9 on a contentious bill that would change state law to let the governor make an interim appointment to the seat until the election.

Gov. Patrick supports the change, but House Speaker Robert DeLeo, D-Winthrop, and Senate President Therese Murray, D-Plymouth, haven't said whether they back it.

Democrats are facing charges of hypocrisy from critics who point out that just five years ago, they changed the law to block then-Gov. Mitt Romney from naming a fellow Republican to fill the seat if Kerry, the Democrats' presidential nominee, won his White House campaign.

Before that change, the governor was allowed to appoint a nominee until the next general election. As part of the 2004 change, Democratic lawmakers also blocked the possibility of Romney naming an interim senator.

Patrick said it's unfair to let Massachusetts to go five months without two voices in the Senate. He said he'd ask for a guarantee from whoever he named as interim senator not to run in the special election.

National Democratic leaders including Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., also support the interim appointment. They say they need as many votes as they can during the debate on President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

Kennedy died last week of brain cancer at age 77.

CANADA

Election heats up

Associated Press

TORONTO — Canada's main opposition party vowed Tuesday to try to topple Prime Minister Stephen Harper's minority government at the first opportunity, which could force a fourth election in the last five years and the second in just a year.

Liberal opposition leader Michael Ignatieff's announcement means the Conservative government could be toppled in a confidence vote if Canada's two other opposition parties also vote to bring down the government.

"Mr. Harper, your time is up. The Liberal party cannot support this government any further," Ignatieff said. "We will hold Stephen Harper to account, and we will oppose his government in Parliament."

Harper now needs support from at least one of three opposition parties to stay in power. The Bloc Quebecois and New Democrats would have to do an about-face to back Harper.

The Liberals will have their first opportunity to present a motion of non-confidence in the first week of October. At an election-style pep rally Ignatieff said the party would push for a vote at the first opportunity.

Ignatieff has been the party's leader since December and doesn't want to be seen as propping up the government, as former leader Stephane Dion did dozens of times before losing the election last October.

Harper's Conservative Party was re-elected last fall with a strengthened minority government, but still must rely on the opposition to pass legislation and to stay in power.

The three opposition parties hold the majority of the seats in Parliament with 162, while the Conservatives have 143 and there is one independent.

New Democratic Party leader Jack Layton met Harper last month and reiterated that it would be the least likely party to prop up the Conservatives.

But New Democratic deputy leader Thomas Mulcair immediately offered an olive branch

to Harper on Tuesday.

"What I'm saying is: the last thing Canadians want is a fourth general election in five years, and we'd better have a bloody good reason for forcing a fourth general election in five years," Mulcair said. "So if Mr. Harper goes about being provocative as he has been in the past, going after key things that Canadians hold dear — like women's rights and the environment — then we'll throw him out of office because he'll have provoked it."

"If, on the other hand, Stephen Harper comes into Parliament with a willingness to work in the public interest, then we're going to take it on a case-by-case basis. Our caucus will decide."

The Bloc hasn't backed Harper's government in recent years and is expected to comment on Wednesday.

Harper said now is not the time for another election.

"We had an election in this country less than a year ago. I haven't met a single Canadian who is saying they want to see another election right now," Harper said. "I think Canadians have been pretty clear."

"They want Parliament to focus on the economy. That is what the government will be doing in the fall session. It's certainly our view ... that going through more political games, more political instability does not serve the country's interest right now."

Conservative Transport Minister John Baird accused Ignatieff of putting his own interests ahead of Canadians. Baird also cast doubt that the Conservatives could work with the New Democrats, a union-backed party with socialist roots.

Ignatieff criticized Harper for the nation's high unemployment and rising budget deficit. He said his goal is to make Canada "the smartest, healthiest, greenest, most open-minded country there is" by 2017 — the 150th anniversary of Confederation.

Ignatieff, 62, left a prestigious post in 2005 as director of the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at Harvard to enter Canadian politics.

Driver to be exhumed

Associated Press

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — A lawyer says the body of a woman who killed herself by driving a minivan the wrong way on a New York parkway and crashing into an SUV will be exhumed for testing in an attempt to counter findings that she was drunk.

Attorney Dominic Barbara represents the woman's husband. He said Tuesday night on CNN's "Larry King

Live" that an investigation has found enough cause to dig up the body of Diane Schuler.

The West Babylon woman's July 26 crash on the Taconic State Parkway just north of New York City killed her, her daughter, her three nieces and three men. Toxicology tests found she had been drinking and smoking marijuana.

Her husband, Daniel Schuler, insists she wasn't drunk. He says he believes she suffered a stroke.

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The future of Hesburgh Library

Thanks to the renovation of Hesburgh Library, we'll soon be able to get a cup of coffee in the middle of winter without having to trudge all the way over to LaFortune — and I'm looking forward to that as much as anyone. But making the library "a gateway to knowledge and intellectual endeavor" means more than just reorganizing its layout. At its core, Hesburgh Library also needs a strong and well-managed collection of books, periodicals and electronic resources.

Darryl Campbell

Guest Columnist

Scholars in the humanities and social sciences depend on the library just as much as those in the natural and applied sciences depend on their lab space. Right now, Notre Dame is doing fine for a school whose focus on graduate and faculty research is only a few decades old — but it's not yet on course to becoming "the preeminent Catholic research institution in the world," one of the goals stated on the library renovation Web site.

According to the Association of Research Libraries, the Notre Dame library system has about 3.39 million volumes, the 61st largest collection among all U.S. research universities. In 2008, the library purchased just under 76,500 volumes, at a growth rate of about 2.2 percent, 54th overall among U.S. research universities. The library has slipped in standing every year since 2001, when the library purchased approximately 102,000 volumes and ranked 29th overall in volumes added.

Our collection is decent, but in the bottom half of research libraries in the United States, and it is lagging behind our peers, our betters and even some of our subordinate institutions. Notre Dame's collection is smaller than those

of peer institutions such as Duke (5.9 million volumes), Northwestern (4.8 million), Brown (3.8 million) and Vanderbilt (3.44 million). Last year, ND also acquired fewer volumes than those four peer schools; football rivals Penn State (184,000) and the University of Michigan (147,000); and even other universities that, like Notre Dame, have no medical schools, such as Illinois Champaign-Urbana (208,000), BYU (185,000), Colorado (98,800), SUNY Albany (92,500) and Michigan State (85,000).

To put this in perspective, if all the research universities in the ARL rankings acquire books at the same rate they do now for 10 years, Notre Dame will only have advanced to 56th place in total volumes held. If Notre Dame doubles its acquisitions to 170,000 volumes per year, it will advance to 35th place. In order to break into the top 10 percent of academic research libraries in ten years, Notre Dame would have to increase its acquisitions by 600 percent, to 440,000 volumes per year.

Why is all this important? First, the University is developing programs of study in areas such as Islamic, African, South and East Asian, and Gender Studies, which are not currently well-represented in the library collection. Second, the University expects to increase its graduate student population by 1,000 — over one-third — in the next 10 years, and cannot support the research of these graduate students without considerably increased library collections. Third, in the words of Notre Dame's University Committee on Libraries, "staff acquisition remains a concern of which the library is well aware;" that is, the library staff is already stretched thin, both in terms of front-line staff like subject librarians and support staff like cataloguer, archivists, resource coordinators, and so on.

I'm not the only person who recog-

nizes that the library collections need attention. Over the summer, the faculty began circulating an online petition (www.nd.edu/~smaccorm/petition.shtm), which called upon ND's administration to do two things: to make the library collections extensive enough to sustain faculty, graduate and undergraduate research through a combination of one-time expenditures (on the order of the \$76 million spent on Jordan Hall or the \$69 million budgeted for Stinson-Remick Hall) and permanent annual budget increases; and to hire the staff necessary to support such an expansion. Down the road, this also means that the library will have to increase its capacity, probably through the use of an off-site depository for lesser-used volumes.

Obviously, the library administration recognizes these needs, and the financial climate will probably delay any such expansion. But in the meantime — if donating to the University with specific instructions that your gift go toward library acquisitions isn't feasible — you can help put Hesburgh Library on the right track by writing to Provost Thomas Burish (tburish@nd.edu), Chairman of the Board of Trustees Richard Notebaert (notebaert.2@nd.edu) and Director of the Library Jennifer Younger (younger.1@nd.edu) to express your support for these proposals.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The art of life lies in a constant readjustment to our surroundings."

Okakura Kakuzo
Japanese scholar

Tradition never graduates

Two years ago, students were handed out white towels at the football game against Michigan State which read, "Tradition Never Graduates." The intention was to raise morale about that team and show that Notre Dame would produce a winner, regardless of how many record-setting seniors had graduated the previous spring, because we had a tradition of doing just that. Well, we all know how that season turned out, and none of us that sat through it have any intention of revisiting it, but it does raise an interesting discussion about the role tradition plays on campus, and how it affects every student.

Andy Ziccarelli

Moment of Inertia

If you were to ask any person who had ever stepped foot on campus to describe Notre Dame in one word, my guess is that "traditional" would be one of the most commonly given answers. Much of life here hasn't changed at all from a generation ago, or even further. The Golden Dome on top of the Main Building still shines in the sun, the quads are still impeccably landscaped and all of the buildings, even the new ones, are all still made out of brick and limestone, in the same mold as the ones that have been around for over a century. Students still participate in dorm Mass on Sundays, eat in the dining halls, and stay up all night doing schoolwork that they probably could have done earlier.

And all of these things are wonderful things. These common experiences are the things that connect all

Domers to one another, regardless of graduation year, major, dorm or dining hall preference (even though everyone knows South is better). The sense of spirit and community on campus is Notre Dame's major attraction, the one that distinguished it, at least in my eyes, from all other schools. And maybe that connection why alumni always flock back to this place as a though it is a second home. Sometimes walking though campus on a fall afternoon is like walking through a time capsule.

But within this lies a challenge, perhaps the biggest challenge we face as a university community. Unlike campus, the world we live in is not static, it is dynamic. And not only is the world changing, it is changing at a faster rate than it ever has before. It is in this way that we must look at our traditions not as a restraint, but rather as a unique advantage. Doing so might require a leap of faith. How can parietals and single-sex dorms possibly be seen as an advantage in the world today? They can if you look at the big picture. Traditions go beyond just the draconian rules, or goofy Frosh-O rituals that every dorm does. The traditions of faith, service and scholarship are what Notre Dame holds dear, and no matter how much the world changes, those will never go out of style.

Sure, some may point out Notre Dame's unapologetic affiliation with the Catholic Church as a reason that it can never be a truly elite academic institution. But who says that the two can't exist together? Spirituality is a key pillar in the Notre Dame experience, and graduates are

sure to come out not only as excellent students, but also as excellent people. Why shouldn't we embrace that.

So here is the challenge for our University community. Let's continue to excel at what we do, but let us adapt it to the ever changing world in which we live. If the administration deems that the future of academic excellence is in research, then we should build institutions that allow us to do just that. Since the world is becoming more connected, we should continue to send student overseas to study abroad in record numbers, like we are now. Many elite universities have no real core ideology, but our goal should be to prove to the world that the traditions of this place can stand the test of time, and that we can still make a difference in the world based on a centuries-old experience of faith, service, and high-level academics.

So before you bemoan your late-night sludge through the snow (unfortunately, another time-honored Notre Dame tradition) to the dining hall, before you dive into a never-ending stack of homework and before you go to Mass this Sunday with your dorm mates, realize that nights like these are what connects you to Domers from generations past. And, as any alum will tell you, the experience we have here is what will shape us for the rest of our lives, regardless of the outside world.

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U-WIRE

Facebook can kill grades

The Bible states that there is a time for everything. A time to dance, a time to die, a time to weep, a time to love, but a time for homework is never mentioned. Frankly, time can be a student's worst enemy. The clock is always ticking, an ever-present reminder that we don't have enough time. We're left in a constant battle trying to determine what we are going to fit into our preciously small amount of time.

Allcia Williams

University of Utah

Students have lives, after all — family and friends, work, pets, exercise and entertainment. We all do daily things that cannot be eliminated: commuting, getting cleaned up, eating and sleeping. If you want to eat or sleep, you have to work to financially support those times. But, you want to make more than \$10 an hour, so you have to get an education. With education comes studying and homework. Heaven forbid you might meet someone you want to spend some quality time with. The million dollar question is: "How do we fit it all in?"

According to an April 2009 pilot study, "A Description of Facebook Use and Academic Performance among Undergraduate and Graduate Students," by Aryn Karpinski and Adam Duberstein, doctoral students at Ohio State University, one activity students shouldn't be wasting time on is the social networking site Facebook.

The study found a relationship between students' use of Facebook and lower grades. Out of the 219 Ohio State graduate and undergraduate students, 148 had a Facebook account and GPAs that fell between 3.0 and 3.5, and reported studying on average one to five hours per week. In general, students without Facebook had GPAs between 3.5 and 4.0, and studied 11 to 15 hours a week.

"In a nutshell, the main purpose of my study was to explore the demographic composition of a Facebook user at the college level," said Karpinski in an April 24, 2009 e-mail in response to a pulse2.com article by Amit Chowdhry. "I also wanted to investigate academic achievement in relation to Facebook use. I am fully aware of the limitations of my study, and merely want people, the personnel at universities, researchers, parents, students and tech-savvy people like yourselves to think about this intricate relationship."

Although we can't blame Facebook as the ultimate culprit causing college students to get bad grades, it is a means by which many of us waste vast amounts of time. A June 2 Nielsen Online news release reported a 700 percent increase of minutes spent on Facebook during the last year, going from 1.7 billion minutes spent in April 2008 to 13.9 billion minutes in April 2009. On July 14, Nielsen reported that the average Facebook user spends four hours and 39 minutes a month—9.5 minutes a day—on Facebook alone. Add in

other social sites such as MySpace, Twitter, our ever-growing e-mail accounts and news source sites, and we are definitely wasting valuable time that could be better spent studying.

The University of Utah offers a three-credit course in the educational psychology department called Strategies for College Success, designed to help students develop learning skills, time management, and note-taking and test-taking skills. If you have no time in your class schedule, you can attend a two-hour free workshop.

The amazingly accessible Internet now goes with us everywhere. Our phones and laptops are ready at the flick of a button. No wonder we are obsessively checking to see if anyone sends us a message. It could happen anytime and we want to know, we want to respond. But time dictates the need to exercise self-control. If we want to be successful students, we must exert the will to recognize and change worthless time-consuming habits. You only have this time of your life once. Choose to take control of how you spend your time and make each moment count.

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As Generation Y dopes up, Mexico pays price

On Aug. 9, President Obama flew to Guadalajara, Mexico, for a two-day summit with Mexican President Felipe Calderón and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper. Predictably, a topic of discussion was the drug violence in Mexico that has claimed more than 12,000 lives since Calderón took office in December of 2006.

John Thornburgh

Georgetown University

The United States has become so concerned by the violence in Mexico that it has pledged \$450 million to aid the effort this year, with a total of \$6 billion spent by the United States between 2000 and 2006. Moreover, a recent U.S. military study identified Mexico, along with Pakistan, as a country at risk of "a rapid and sudden collapse."

And yet, in spite of the billions spent by the United States to help Mexico fight the drug cartels since 2000, the underlying problem remains largely unchanged and undiscussed. The money driving the violence, drug wars and killings in Mexico doesn't come from the country's domestic demand for illicit drugs; rather, Mexico's violence is a direct result of the 114 million Americans who have used illegal drugs at some point in their lives.

The most culpable are members of Generation Y. According to a recent study from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, individuals

ages 18 to 25 are the age demographic most likely to have used illegal drugs within the past month and year. Over one third of Americans between the ages of 18 to 25 are thought to have used drugs within the past 12 months, including 21 percent who have used illicit drugs other than marijuana. These percentages are drastically smaller for individuals under 18 and over 25.

For a generation that has concerned itself with the welfare of our nation and humanity through programs like Teach For America and the Peace Corps, we tend to ignore the perils of our own actions. Sure, smoking a single joint isn't likely to affect your long-term health or impact your future career (unless you plan on working for the CIA), but the purchase and use of the drug doesn't occur in a static environment. There are consequences.

While it is true that not all of the money involved in the criminal drug trade in the United States makes it way back to Mexico, a large portion of it does, and the portion that doesn't still helps keep the drug culture in this country thriving. Furthermore, a thriving drug market in America makes it possible for terrorists to make a profit off the drug trade and continue to wage war against U.S. armed forces in countries like Afghanistan.

Legalization is certainly an option. Since 47.5 percent of all drug arrests are marijuana-related, it is not far-fetched to argue that legalizing that one drug could substantially decrease the size and impact of the illegal drug

market in the United States.

Drug cartels would continue to buy and sell hard drugs, but marijuana could be regulated on an open market just like tobacco. As a result, profits would drop, violence would decrease and lives would be saved.

That's an optimistic take on the situation, though. There is no guarantee that the legalization of marijuana would stop it from being illegally imported and sold at a lower price in order to undercut the legal market. Legalizing marijuana could also lead users to dabble in other drugs.

There are no easy answers. While many may hope that marijuana is legalized in the near future, the fact remains that it is an illegal drug today. Its popularity among young Americans continues to contribute to the drug violence in Mexico and across the globe. It is long past time for Americans, specifically members of our generation, to acknowledge the hard truths about the damage this country's drug culture is doing to communities in Mexico and across the globe. Until the underlying problem is fixed, there is no such thing as a harmless joint.

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there was an undeniable female charm and coyness, stereotypically embodied in witty banter and cute, romantically-charged encounters. These two prototypical film elements collided as Heigl's Abby Richter and Butler's Mike Chadway take each other on. Uncouth, manly hilarity and cheesy female wit ultimately reconciled in an odd combination of opposites, just as the two leads find happily ever after in the most unlikely of places.

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen

Alien robots are plaguing earth. Again. And while good and evil machines battle it out both off planet and in the earthly realm, who will fight for the survival of the human race? Why, Shia LaBeouf and Megan Fox, of course. Though it's difficult to say that Fox contributes much to this effort outside of some slow-panting jogging and undeniable good looks, LaBeouf once again becomes not only an emissary for the human race but also a key player in the struggle to save the world from evil alien robots. With fighting robots, a jogging Fox, space travel and an intergalactic war, this summer blockbuster packed a uniquely intergalactic, poorly-scripted, crazy technological war punch that appeals to the three loves of nerds everywhere. Aliens. Talking, fighting robots. And hot female mechanics. And as Optimus Prime said, "I rise: You fall!" and that seems like just

what happened in the box office battle this summer, too.

The Proposal

When was that moment audiences knew they were in love with Sandra Bullock? It is impossible to pick just one, but what sealed the deal and had crowds screaming "Yes!" to "The Proposal" was a scene involving the stiff Editor-in-Chief Margaret Tate (Bullock) losing all inhibition and doing an interpretive and slightly perverse dance to Lil Jon's "Get Low" with her fake fiancé's grandmother (Betty White) in the Alaskan woods. "The Proposal" was one of the summer's most unique romantic comedies in that, though its storyline was clichéd as all good chick flicks are, its hilarious scenes were not. Audiences swooned over Ryan Reynolds and were charmed by

Sandra Bullock's transformation into a lovable character.

The Hangover

This is going to draw a lot of flak, but it must be said: "The Hangover" was the most overrated movie of the summer. Sure, the raunchy comedy remained steadfastly in the top three at box offices for four weekends and grossed over \$419 million worldwide, but this can be largely attributed to the Warner Brothers' all-out marketing barrage. Think about it — how many "Hangover" commercials were you forced to imbibe over the course of the summer? Which brings up one of the movie's biggest downfalls: almost everything funny in the movie was given away in the previews. Besides that, it was plagued by poor writing and a predictable plot. The movie started off with a great premise, but much more could have been done with it. Case in point: The guy that they are looking for the entire movie has been sitting on the roof of the hotel all along. Seriously? Was that the best resolution they could come up with? Sparks of creativity showed, as in the scene when the hungover guys are first waking up (next time you watch, look around at all the random objects in the hotel suite), but they failed to catch fire.

Paper Heart

This quirky cute "hybrid documentary" about the rumored but fictional relationship between Charlyne Yi and Michael Cera was a blend of non-fiction content, meaning real interviews from real people, and a fake storyline portrayed as a "mockumentary."

Charlyne Yi embarks on a quest across America to discover people's various views on modern romance and whether true love really exists, and the responses she receives from friends, strangers, romance novelists and children are insightful and humorous at times. The film included hilarious cameos from Seth Rogen, Demetri Martin, Martin Starr and Paul Rust.

Away We Go

One of the summer's sweetest movies, "Away We Go," depicts the journey of one couple in search of home and happiness. Verona and Burt, expecting their first child, set out to find a place to call their own, along the way visiting with friends and family. Constantly challenged by other people's definitions of love and parenthood, Verona and Burt discover that it is their definition that truly matters. The highlight of this movie was Verona and Burt's unwavering love for one another, only accentuated by the crazy cast of characters they meet along the way.

G.I. Joe

Gentlemen, this is your movie. After a long hard day of welding and a delicious dinner of medium rare steak, this is what will make you complete. The effects were flawless, the action intense and the females in form-fitting body armor are not hard on the eyes. Plus, Scarlett not only has the looks, she's got brains. All in all, a fantastic ride that required minimal cerebral involvement while delivering explosions, martial arts, guns and obligatory one-liners. "G.I. Joe" deserves two enthusiastic thumbs up: enter with mediocre expectations and be pleasantly surprised.

District 9

"District 9" took some serious risks for a major motion picture: science fiction, an unknown lead, and a highly political message. Amazingly, it succeeds with all three. Director Neill Blomkamp manages to create a mock documentary with the action of a Michael Bay film. All the while, the film works as a political commentary of apartheid Africa. As remarkable as these feats are, Sharlto Copley uses his first lead role to near guarantee himself an Oscar nod. "District 9" is a stunning, explosions-and-laser filled, intelligent film which delivers on the promise of serious science fiction.

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SOCCER

D.C. United and Seattle Sounders face off in Cup

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — D.C. United have screamed it loud and clear, on the Internet and in full-page newspaper ads: "WE WIN TROPHIES."

The Seattle Sounders hear screams as well, echoing from the 30,000 or so people who come to every home game: We have lots of fans.

So it is that United and the Sounders are playing Wednesday at RFK Stadium in the championship of the U.S. Open Cup, a 95-year-old single-elimination tournament that is open to amateur and professional teams across the country.

The event has some charm but is usually ignored outside the hardcore soccer community. A little bit of controversy is giving the game a needed boost.

Both teams wanted to host the final. Four-time MLS Cup champions United had tradition on their side; the first-year expansion team Sounders could offer a big turnout. When U.S. Soccer chose United, Seattle general manager Adrian Hanauer cried foul, saying he was "frustrated and somewhat skeptical of the process."

"Our fans deserve some answers," Hanauer said. "And, by the way, U.S. Soccer has been trying to raise the profile of the U.S. Open Cup. A game in front of 10,000 fans at RFK, I don't believe, is going to raise the profile as much as a game in front of a sold-out Qwest Field."

United president Kevin Payne says nothing was underhanded. He said United "bid aggressively" for the game, in part because the team has been playing extra road games as part of the international CONCACAF Champions League. While U.S. Soccer won't say why one bid is favored over another, Payne noted that RFK has grass, instead of Qwest Field's artificial surface, and that Seattle could only host the game in the afternoon because of scheduling issues.

"We thought it was very important strategically to play at home in this final," Payne said.

Of course, it would be embarrassing to have such a

fuss over the home field and then have a tiny crowd show up, so United launched into aggressive marketing mode. The "WE WIN TROPHIES" ads feature the 12 national and international titles won by the club: four MLS Cups, two U.S. Open Cups, four MLS Supporters' Shields (for best regular season record), one CONCACAF Champions Cup and one InterAmerican Cup.

In addition, United are charging 1996 prices for the game, with tickets starting at \$12 and hot dogs and beers at \$2. Payne said he's expecting 15,000-20,000, perhaps double the number that came to RFK to watch United win last year's final.

Part of Payne pitch: "It's not that normal for a team to have a chance to win a championship in their home city," something that a major Washington pro team hasn't done since the Redskins won the 1942 NFL Championship at Griffith Stadium.

Payne said the big hurdle is educating the casual fan about the U.S. Open Cup. What's just as significant is that, even though they've been around 13 years, United still find themselves in the education business.

"We do have to do that, but I think frankly so do most of the other sports teams in town that aren't named the Redskins," Payne said. "We all struggle to some extent with that issue. And that's one of the points of the whole campaign that this is an opportunity for D.C. sports fans to hopefully stand up and say we do support our teams."

The players, of course, would welcome a good crowd, but a win would be better. After all, any trophy is a good trophy.

"I know there has been a lot of interesting talk in the press from what's gone on with Adrian to what's gone on with their ownership group," Seattle goalkeeper Kasey Keller said. "I just hope that it is a great atmosphere and there is a good crowd there and we perform the way we are capable of performing. We will see what happens from there. I've been fortunate to be in some tough finals, and nothing beats it."

"We thought it was very important strategically to play at home in this final."

Kevin Payne
D.C. United President

NBA

Jackson's future questioned

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Whether Stephen Jackson returns to the Golden State Warriors this season is unclear.

As of now, general manager Larry Riley still considers Jackson a key part of the team despite the leading scorer saying he wants to go elsewhere and win.

"Stephen Jackson has been a true professional since arriving here three seasons ago, and our expectations of him have not changed despite his recent comments," Riley said in a statement. "He's been one of our most consistent and productive players during that time. We expect that same display of professionalism as we begin to prepare for training camp and the start of the upcoming regular season."

Jackson, Golden State's leading scorer and emotional swingman, on Friday night told Dime Magazine at an event in New York that he wanted out and had made that known to the Warriors brass. But he signed a three-year contract extension in November and is someone the Warriors consider an integral

part of their long-term plans.

"It's not about a decision I made," Jackson told the magazine while with former Warriors teammate Al Harrington at an event sponsored by their shoe company. "It's just things are in the air right now. I really can't get too much into it right now, but I'm just looking to go somewhere where I can go and win a championship."

The team initially had no comment on Jackson's remarks, but Riley said Monday this isn't the first time Jackson has expressed his desire to play for a winning team.

Riley didn't address whether the Warriors would look to trade him, though that could be a tough task considering Jackson is 31, fiery and has a reputation for questionable behavior.

Jackson averaged 20.7 points, 5.1 rebounds and 6.5 assists in 59 games last season.

Since Jackson arrived in the Bay Area in a trade with the Indiana Pacers in January 2007, he has been a key piece for coach Don Nelson and a major spark for the Warriors. He helped the team end a 12-year playoff drought that

year and reach the postseason's second round.

"As far as his remarks on playing for a championship, that's not the first time we've heard it because that's the goal that he sets for himself and his teammates every season," Riley said. "That's the type of confidence that he exudes as a player and the reason that he has endeared himself to our fans. That's who Stephen Jackson is."

"We have always understood his desire to contend with the NBA's best. That's an aspiration that is shared by our entire organization. We will continue in our quest to achieve that goal, and to be aggressive in pursuit of those results."

The Warriors shocked Dallas in the 2007 playoffs, Golden State's lone postseason trip since 1994. The 2008 squad barely missed the postseason despite winning 48 games, the most by a non-playoff NBA team in a quarter-century.

Riley, previously an assistant general manager since last November, was promoted to GM in May when the team cut ties with Chris Mullin, executive vice president of basketball operations.

TENNIS

Sharapova back in U.S. Open

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Maria Sharapova simply couldn't bear the thought of a U.S. Open taking place without her. So while sidelined with a torn shoulder a year ago, she refused to follow the tournament on TV.

Basically pretended it wasn't even happening.

On Tuesday night, Sharapova was right where she likes to be: on the Grand Slam stage and in the spotlight. The 2006 U.S. Open champion returned to the tournament with an impressive 6-3, 6-0 victory over Tsvetana Pironkova of Bulgaria.

"I was in the physical therapy office every single day, and the tennis was on. But I made a point not to watch it," Sharapova explained. "When you're not participating in a tournament that you very much love, and you've had success at, as an athlete and as a competitor, to not be there and not be competing is pretty

tough."

Against her 98th-ranked opponent, Sharapova's game was as glittery as her black-and-silver dress and matching headwrap, an outfit she described as a tribute to New York's skyline. The three-time Grand Slam title winner produced 29 winners — 23 more than Pironkova. And Sharapova's game was particularly clean in the second set, when she hit 16 winners and only five unforced errors.

Apart from four double-faults, Sharapova showed no signs of the shoulder injury that forced her to have surgery in October and kept off the tour for nearly 10 months.

"This is a Grand Slam. You've got to get going from the first match," Sharapova said. "After being gone, this is what it's all about."

Tell that to Ana Ivanovic. Or Dinara Safina.

Earlier Tuesday, Safina came perilously close to becoming the first No. 1-seeded woman to lose in the U.S. Open's first

round. But she eked out a victory over an 18-year-old from Australia who is ranked 167th and needed a wild-card invitation to get into the tournament.

The worst showing ever by a top-seeded woman in New York came last year, when Ivanovic exited in the second round. Now seeded 11th, Ivanovic did herself one worse this time, losing in the first round to 52nd-ranked Kateryna Bondarenko 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7).

At least the 2008 French Open champion had a big support group in the stands, cheering for her wildly. Safina, in contrast, would look up at her coach for positive body language, and instead, he'd cover his eyes with his hands or turn his head with a wince.

Nearly undone by 11 double-faults and 48 total unforced errors, Safina was a point away from a 4-0 deficit in the third set before coming back to beat Olivia Rogowska of Australia 6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-4.

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NCAA Women's Volleyball AVCA Coaches Poll

team	points
1 Penn St.	1492
2 Texas	1429
3 Washington	1388
4 Hawaii	1299
5 Florida	1212
6 Nebraska	1142
7 Michigan	1056
8 Illinois	1036
9 UCLA	993
10 California	921
11 Stanford	904
12 Iowa St.	854
13 Minnesota	842
14 Oregon	767
15 San Diego	612
16 Southern California	570
17 Utah	545
18 Kentucky	406
19 St. Louis	375
20 Michigan St.	275
21 Pepperdine	237
22 UC Irvine	204
23 Kansas St.	144
24 Purdue	120
25 Wichita St.	109

NCAA Women's Soccer NSCAA Rankings

team	points
1 North Carolina	824
2 NOTRE DAME	772
3 Portland	760
4 Stanford	736
5 Florida St.	700
6 Florida	652
7 West Virginia	522
8 Virginia	512
9 UCLA	498
10 Texas A&M	481
11 Illinois	466
12 San Diego	430
13 Penn St.	421
14 Purdue	324
15 Colorado	296
16 Boston College	289
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18 Georgia	260
19 Minnesota	157
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NBA



Ricky Rubio, the fifth overall pick in the 2009 NBA Draft, speaks to reporters in New York the day before the draft. According to Timberwolves president David Kahn, Rubio chose to stay in Spain to prepare for the

T'Wolves say Rubio backed out of deal

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Less than 48 hours after the Minnesota Timberwolves, Ricky Rubio's agents and Spanish club DKV Joventut agreed in principle on a deal to bring the 18-year-old point guard to the NBA Minnesota, Rubio changed his mind.

He told Timberwolves president David Kahn on Monday he wanted to stay in Spain for the next two years to better prepare for life in the NBA — a blow to a team that was hoping to have the popular passer on the court this autumn.

"Of course there's disappointment, but I don't think that disappointment should

overshadow the big picture, which is, he's still so young," Kahn said on Tuesday during a call from Spain, where he spent the weekend negotiating the deal. "It appears now we will have a two-year wait. But if you frame it as he'll be 20 years old and he'll have two more years to develop, I can think of a lot worse things to happen to us as a franchise."

The Timberwolves drafted Rubio fifth overall in June, even though he was still under contract with DKV Joventut in a deal that included an \$8.1 million buyout clause. Kahn made three trips to Spain over the summer to try and help Rubio's representatives

negotiate that number down, a process that was hindered by NBA guidelines limiting the amount of money Minnesota could contribute to \$500,000.

Kahn said Rubio's agent, Dan Fegan, delivered a package of endorsement deals and sponsorships that helped make the NBA deal attractive enough for Rubio and Joventut to enter into an agreement on Saturday.

When Rubio backed out of the deal, DKV Joventut reluctantly agreed to trade him to rival Regal Barcelona, which will pay \$5.3 million to buy out his contract. The buyout, Kahn said, was the largest in European basketball histo-

ry. In a statement, Joventut noted the "big effort" by everyone to reach a deal.

"In front of this situation, and in contradiction with what he has been saying to us and to Timberwolves' representatives from time to time, the player has announced the decision that he wants to be transferred to Barcelona," the team said.

The deal with Barcelona requires Rubio to stay in Spain through the 2010-11 season, at which time the buyout price tag plummets to about \$1.4 million. That's a much more manageable number for Rubio to afford, but he said he was more concerned about

IN BRIEF

Brady tests shoulder in practice, looks healthy

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady zipped passes from 10 yards, lofted softer ones from 25 and showed no sign that his shoulder hurt.

It certainly was much better at Tuesday's practice than it was four days earlier when 350-pound Albert Haynesworth of the Washington Redskins landed on him, forcing his throwing shoulder into the ground on an incomplete pass.

New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick didn't say if Brady would play Thursday night against the New York Giants, although he prefers not to use starters much in the final exhibition game.

He's more interested in watching backup quarterbacks Andrew Walter and Brian Hoyer than exposing his two-time Super Bowl MVP to hard hits.

Dodgers acquire Jim Thome and Jon Garland

LOS ANGELES — It'll be old home week when Jim Thome joins Manny Ramirez on the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Their reunion was set up when the Dodgers acquired the slugging first baseman from the Chicago White Sox on Monday night. Also joining the Dodgers' lineup is right-hander Jon Garland, who came over from the Arizona Diamondbacks.

The deals were announced in the top of the eighth inning of the Dodgers-Diamondbacks game, with both trades completed before the midnight EDT deadline required for postseason eligibility.

Ramirez was all smiles about the deal for Thome after the Dodgers lost 5-3 to Arizona in 10 innings. The two men played together in Cleveland for eight seasons from 1993-2000, including the 1997 World Series. They have a combined

1,106 homers. Adam "Pacman" Jones close to deal to play in CFL

WINNIPEG, Canada — Adam "Pacman" Jones appears to be headed north of the border to play in the Canadian Football League.

Jones' lawyer said he has been in negotiations with a CFL team. Attorney Worrick Robinson told The Associated Press on Tuesday a deal could be completed by the end of the week.

Robinson wouldn't identify the team, but The Canadian Press and SI.com reported that Jones would play for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

Jones turns 26 at the end of this month. He spent last season with the Dallas Cowboys after missing the previous year because of multiple violations of the NFL's personal conduct policy.

Robinson said there were discussions with "a number of NFL

around the dial

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TENNIS

Safina holds on in first round

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dinara Safina overcame a long, mistake-filled display of tennis to barely avoid becoming the first top-seeded woman to lose in the first round of the U.S. Open on Tuesday.

She defeated 167th-ranked Olivia Rogowska of Australia 6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-4 in a match that included 113 unforced errors, 24 double-faults and 15 service breaks over 2 hours, 35 minutes.

"I didn't break any rackets and didn't get any warnings," Safina said, when asked if there were any silver linings. "That's already positive."

She overcame a 3-0 deficit in the third set to avoid becoming the first top-seeded player to be ousted in the first round of any Grand Slam since Martina Hingis lost 6-4, 6-2 to Virginia Ruano Pascual at Wimbledon in 2001.

Safina served out her final game at love, forcing errors on Rogowska's groundstrokes during one of the Russian's few sustained runs of consistency.

Safina's coach, Zeljko Krajan, was clearly having trouble watching it — slumping, scowling and shaking his head from his lonely seat in the stands.

Safina moves on, but all the questions about her worthiness as the world's No. 1 player will almost certainly gather steam.

No. 2 Serena Williams has won the Australian Open and Wimbledon this year. Safina hasn't yet won a Grand Slam, having been blown out in all three of her finals.

"In the French Open, I won all the matches 6-love, 6-1. Did it help? Not really," she said. "It happens like this. You pull out the match somehow."

Even though Safina won, her showing counted as the biggest news on a Day 2 when things mainly went to form. There was the occasional surprise: 267th-ranked Jesse Witten of the United States knocked off No. 29-seeded Igor Andreev of Russia 6-4, 6-0, 6-2; Yanina Wickmayer of Belgium defeated No. 16 Virginie Razzano of France 6-4, 6-3; Shahar Peer of Israel eliminated No. 32 Agnes Szavay of Hungary 6-2, 6-2.

But otherwise, nothing was out of the ordinary. Winners included 2004 U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova, past runners-up Elena Dementieva and Jelena Jankovic, No. 9 Caroline Wozniacki and No. 13 Nadia Petrova.

Men's winners included 2008 Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic and that tournament's runner-up, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, along with No. 10 Fernando Verdasco, No. 11 Fernando Gonzalez, No. 16 Marin Cilic, No. 17 Tomas Berdych and No. 22 Sam Querrey.

Safina will next play Kristina Barrois of Germany, who will get her chance to match history.

The earliest a top-seeded woman has been ousted from the U.S. Open is the second round. That was last year, when Ana Ivanovic fell to Julie Coin of France, who moved up 55 spots in the rankings

thanks in part to that victory. Safina's first set was filled with tentative play and ended when she double-faulted for a 7-5 loss in the tiebreaker — the first serve barely making it halfway up the net, the second a good 3 inches out.

They slogged on and Rogowska, an 18-year-old with one win over a top-100 player, had chances to put a stranglehold on the match and put her name in the history books, even after she blew the 3-0

lead in the third. Serving at 4-all and deuce in the final set, she chipped a slicing backhand deep into the corner and Safina lobbed it back, but Rogowska hit a tentative overhead, then failed to put away a floater on the next return and eventually got passed.

That set up break point, which Safina promptly lost. Finally, Rogowska made two unforced errors in a row to give Safina the game.

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MLB

Texas rookie Feliz closes with two perfect innings

Hamels shuts down Giants with two-hitter; Tatum drives in four runs to lead Reds past hapless Pirates

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Aaron Hill fell to the ground in the batter's box, his eyes wide after a 97 mph fastball whizzed by his head. What was really unfair was the pitch Rangers rookie Neftali Feliz threw next.

Feliz snapped off a 79 mph breaking ball, freezing Hill for a called third strike and capping his latest impressive appearance in Texas' 5-2 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays in the first game of a doubleheader Tuesday.

After Dustin Nippert (5-2) allowed two runs over six innings, Feliz struck out four in two perfect innings. Three of the punchouts were called third strikes with off-speed pitches.

"It's unbelievable. I was sitting on the training room table watching it," Nippert said. "It's unreal, his stuff. I've never seen anything like it. It's a lot of fun to watch."

Unless you're trying to hit against him.

"He's real good. Very impressive," Blue Jays manager Cito Gaston said.

Feliz has 26 strikeouts and one walk in 11 appearances spanning 19 2-3 innings since being promoted to the majors Aug. 2. The 21-year-old right-hander had a major league-best 0.51 ERA in August before lowering his career mark to 0.46 on the first day of September.

"As long as he's throwing that secondary stuff over the plate, they just can't sit on (the fastball)," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "That's what's important."

Frank Francisco worked the ninth for his 20th save in 23 chances.

Ian Kinsler got Texas started with a leadoff homer. Chris Davis, who had three hits, singled home two runs with a grounder in the fourth that slipped under the glove of first baseman Lyle Overbay, who appeared miffed that he hadn't made the play with his backhand stab. That broke a 1-all tie and put Texas ahead to stay.

Nippert has won all three of his home starts this season. The right-hander's other two starts at Rangers Ballpark came against Boston, which began the day four games ahead of Texas in the AL wild-card race.

Kinsler's seventh leadoff homer this season and 12th of his career, both Rangers records, came on the third pitch from rookie left-hander Marc Rzepczynski (2-4).

Rzepczynski struck out a career-high nine in six innings, but also allowed eight hits.

"I pitched OK. It wasn't great at times. They hit a couple balls through holes," Rzepczynski said. "I struggled a little bit the first few innings to find my command."

Nelson Cruz walked with one out in the fourth before Ivan Rodriguez doubled high off the 14-foot wall in left. Taylor Teagarden struck out before Davis drove both of them home.

Cruz lined a two-run single up the middle in the seventh.

Michael Young got 2 for 2 with two walks, ending his 18-game hitting streak, which had

been the longest active streak in the majors. He had also hit in 23 consecutive games at Rangers Ballpark, tying the team mark Rodriguez set in 1995.

Adam Lind homered and scored both Toronto runs. That came a day after Lind hit two homers and had a career-high eight RBIs in an 18-10 victory in the series opener.

Lind's solo homer in the sixth, his 28th, pulled Toronto to 3-2.

The other Blue Jays run came in the fourth at the start of a sequence in which All-Star third baseman Young was involved in three consecutive plays, with varied results.

Lind, who reached on a one-out walk, scored when Young was charged with an error for misplacing a grounder by Vernon Wells. Rod Barajas then was credited with an infield single on a chopper that ricocheted off the glove of Young, who then went to

his then went to Jose Bautista's grounder to start an inning-ending double play.

Phillies 1, Giants 0

Cole Hamels was relaxed and in control. This was the Philadelphia

Phillies and their fans got used to seeing last postseason.

Hamels pitched a two-hitter, Ryan Howard drove in the only run with a fourth-inning double and the Phillies beat the San Francisco Giants 1-0 Tuesday night.

Hamels (8-8) allowed a leadoff double to Ryan Garko in the second inning and a single to pinch-hitter Rich Aurilia to start the ninth. He struck out nine and shut out one in his fourth career shutout and second this season. The left-hander extended his scoreless innings streak to 19, tying a career best, and won for the first time since July 28 against Arizona.

"He pitched a heck of a game," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. "He used all his pitches. When he gets going, he keeps it for a while. That's what we're looking for. He looked like the old Cole."

Jonathan Sanchez (6-11) was the hard-luck loser for the Giants. He allowed one run and three hits, striking out eight in six innings.

The NL East-leading Phillies have won 15 of 20. They entered with a 7 1/2-game lead over Atlanta.

The Giants came in tied with Colorado in the wild-card race.

"We got good pitching. We just got beat," manager Bruce Bochy said.

For much of this season, Hamels hasn't pitched like the guy who was MVP of the NLCS and World Series last October. But he was outstanding in his previous start and dominated San Francisco.

Hamels tossed eight scoreless innings in Philadelphia's 4-1, extra-inning win at Pittsburgh last Wednesday.

He was sharp right from the start of this one, mixing a sharp fastball with his trademark changeup and an effective curve. Hamels retired 24 in a row after Garko's hit.

"I really tried not to stress myself out and go out and not try to be too good," Hamels said. "All I can do is throw strikes and let the team behind me take care of it."

After Aurilia's single, Hamels picked off pinch-runner Andres Torres. He then walked pinch-hitter Pablo Sandoval, but struck out pinch-hitter Bengie Molina and retired Edgar Renteria on a foul pop to end it.

The offensively challenged Giants didn't have their top hitter, Sandoval, and cleanup hitter, Molina, in the starting lineup. Sandoval is bothered by a right calf injury that sidelined him for three games in the middle of last week. Molina hasn't started the last seven games because of a tight right quadriceps.

"If you are able to locate and throw strikes, no matter who is in the batter's box, you are going to have success," Hamels said.

Sanchez didn't allow a hit until Shane Victorino led off Philadelphia's fourth with a single to left. Victorino stole second, advanced to third on Chase Utley's groundout and scored when Howard ripped a double down the right-field line.

"The pitch to Howard was a good pitch, but he found a hole," Sanchez said.

Hamels even picked up his first career stolen base in the fifth after failing to execute a sacrifice bunt. He reached on a fielder's choice and then swiped second base without a throw before Jimmy Rollins grounded out to end the inning.

It was the first stolen base by a Phillies pitcher since Curt Schilling had one in 1997.

Hamels gave first-base coach Davey Lopes credit for the steal.

"He said, 'Have you ever slid?'" Hamels said. "I said, 'Yeah,' so he said, 'Go.' I was going to blame it on him if I was out."

Reds 14, Pirates 11

Craig Tatum drove in four runs to double his previous career total and Justin Lehr overcame control problems as the Cincinnati Reds

beat the Pittsburgh Pirates to their sixth consecutive loss, 11-5 on Tuesday night.

Pittsburgh is four defeats shy of becoming the first major American professional team to string together 17 straight losing seasons. Cincinnati has won three straight and eight of 10.

Wladimir Balentien hit a two-run homer, Jonny Gomes had three hits and Paul Janish and Kevin Barker also drove in two runs each as the Reds reached double figures in runs for the third time this season and scored their most since setting a season high in a 13-5 win May 11 at Arizona.

Lehr (4-1) finished with five walks, one short of the six he allowed in his first career start July 31. He also gave up six hits and four strikeouts in six innings.

Micah Owings allowed one run over the final three innings for the first save of his five-year professional career.

For the second consecutive game, the Reds sent nine batters



Phillies' pitcher Cole Hamels, left, and catcher Carlos Ruiz celebrate after beating the Giants 1-0 Tuesday in Philadelphia.

to the plate in the first inning. They scored four runs on Tuesday, one more than in the first inning of the second game of Monday's day-night doubleheader sweep. Barker and Gomes each had RBI singles before Tatum grounded a two-run single up the middle with the bases loaded.

Garret Jones, who went in the game leading major league rookies with 16 home runs, hit his 17th with Andrew McCutchen on base in the third.

The Reds got one of those runs back in the bottom half when Gomes scored from third on Tatum's groundout.

The Pirates cut Cincinnati's lead to one in the fourth on pitcher Charlie Morton's RBI single and McCutchen's bases-loaded walk, his third free pass in the first four innings.

Tatum drove in Gomes from second with a two-out single in the fifth.

McCutchen added his fourth walk in the ninth, tying Pittsburgh's single-game season high.

Morton (3-7) matched his season high by issuing four walks. He also allowed nine hits and six runs in five innings for the last-place Pirates.

The Reds broke it open against Chris Bootcheck in the sixth on Janish's two-run double and Barker's sacrifice fly. Balentien added his second homer of the season and first in 63 at-bats since Aug. 4 in the seventh off Virgil Vasquez.

Yankees 9, Orioles 6

Jorge Posada homered twice, and Nick Swisher and Eric Hinske hit seventh inning drives that carried the New York Yankees past the Baltimore Orioles 9-6 Tuesday night.

Robinson Cano also connected for Yankees, who will try to complete a three-game sweep Wednesday. New York came to town after taking three in a row from the Chicago White Sox.

Posada hit a solo shot in the third inning and a two-run homer in the fifth, but the Yankees trailed 6-5 in the sixth before rallying for their 22nd win in 28 games. The victory put New York 36 games over .500 (84-48) for

the first time since finishing the 2004 season 101-61.

The AL East leaders remained 6 1/2 games ahead of second-place Boston, which beat Tampa Bay.

With the score 6-all, Cano led off the seventh with a double off Chris Ray (0-3). Swisher then homered to center, his 23rd of the season and second in two games. Two pitches later, Hinske homered to left.

New York won despite getting another poor start from A.J. Burnett, who gave up six runs and 11 hits, including two homers, in 5 1-3 innings. Burnett is 0-4 in his last seven appearances.

Damaso Marte (1-1) followed Burnett and got three straight outs. Mariano Rivera worked the ninth for his 38th save, and career-best 34th in a row.

Luke Scott and Felix Pie homered for the Orioles, who fell to 3-11 against New York this season. All-Star center fielder Adam Jones left the game with a sprained left ankle after twisting it on first base.

The Orioles got an uneven pitching performance from rookie Dave Hernandez, who gave up only four hits in five innings, but three of them were home runs. The right-hander walked six and struck out seven, but the three homers he allowed upped his total to 17 in 79 1-3 innings.

With the game tied at 3 in the fifth, Posada thought he took a called third strike and began to walk back to the dugout. It was only the second strike, however, and two pitches later the 38-year-old catcher hit a two-run, opposite-field homer to left.

Earlier in the game, Posada lost track of the count and had to be told to take first base on ball four.

In the Baltimore fifth, Nick Markakis and Nolan Reimold singled before Scott hit a drive that cleared the 25-foot scoreboard in right field and landed on Eutaw Street.

New York tied it in the sixth when Alex Rodriguez hit a two-out, broken-bat RBI single, but Posada looked at a third strike with runners on second and third.

Pie made it 1-0 in the first inning with his eighth home run, the sixth in his last 18 games. Cano gave the Yankees a 2-1 lead in the second, hitting his 22nd homer after Posada walked.

Posada homered in the third, but in the bottom half Melvin Mora tied it with a two-run double.

NHL

NHL working to buy and sell Phoenix team

Associated Press

PHOENIX — If the NHL is successful in buying the Phoenix Coyotes in U.S. Bankruptcy Court, the league plans to quickly engage in talks over a new lease agreement with the city of Glendale.

If no deal is forthcoming, the NHL says it would be forced to turn to a buyer to move the team elsewhere.

"I think we've got to get the lease situation resolved or not by the end of this calendar year," NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly said on Thursday.

No new lease could mean a lame-duck season in Glendale while plans are made to relocate the franchise.

"That's always a possibility. We're hoping that's not the case," Daly said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "Our first priority is to find a local purchaser because we think this team belongs in Phoenix."

The lack of a new lease with Glendale prompted the NHL to take the unusual move this week of submitting a bid to purchase the franchise. The league acted while its preferred purchaser, a group headed by Chicago sports entrepreneur Jerry Reinsdorf, pulled out because it had been unable to reach a deal with Glendale by Tuesday's court-imposed deadline for submitting a firm offer.

Ice Edge Holdings, a group of Canadian and American investors, submitted a bid, but it's contingent on reaching an agreement with Glendale, something Ice Edge CEO Anthony LeBlanc says must happen by the end of next week.

"The risk is if we don't finalize a deal with the city we simply can't move forward with the auction," LeBlanc said.

The franchise is scheduled to be sold at auction on Sept. 10.

The NHL bid would assume the existing lease agreement but only through the coming season.

"We felt at this point the best thing for the franchise was to put in our own bid, which doesn't contain any contingencies," Daly said.

The NHL plans to resell the team outside of the encumbrances of bankruptcy court. Could that buyer be Reinsdorf?

"I wouldn't rule anybody out," Daly said.

Daly placed much of the blame for a lack of local bidders on Coyotes owner Jerry Moyes and Canadian billionaire Jim Balsillie, saying the two "have taken every opportunity to make it as difficult as possible" for potential buyers who would keep the franchise in Arizona.

The franchise's value has been eroded by the bankruptcy process, Daly said.

"I think to a certain extent the Moyes and the Balsillie parties have intentionally tried to damage the club to make it less attractive to the local purchasers," Daly said.

Moyes took the team into

Chapter 11 bankruptcy, to the surprise of the NHL, on May 5, with a plan to sell it to Balsillie for \$212.5 million, on the condition the franchise be moved to Hamilton, Ontario.

The NHL has fought the move from the start, contending the filing was unnecessary and is a scheme to sidestep the normal transfer of ownership and relocation process. The league's board of governors rejected Balsillie as a potential Coyotes owner by a 26-0 vote.

The case should come to a head next Wednesday, when arguments are scheduled on Balsillie's request that Judge Redfield T. Baum overrule the NHL vote and approve relocating the team in Hamilton. The NHL refuses to consider relocation, saying the issue is moot because Balsillie has been rejected as an owner.

If Baum rules in Balsillie's favor, Daly said, the NHL will immediately appeal and seek a stay to halt the sale.

"We're willing to go to the wall to defend those principles," Daly said.

Moyes, who says he loaned the team \$300 million, would recoup \$104 million under the Balsillie deal. He would get nothing under the NHL and Ice Edge bids, which contend the lost money is equity, not a debt.

LeBlanc said his group is committed to keep the team in Glendale, to the point that Ice Edge is not seeking an "out clause" from the city. He said the plan to play five regular season games in Saskatoon is only to increase revenue while efforts are made to "re-brand" the team in Phoenix. He said Ice Edge has decided against an earlier idea, mistakenly included in the bid, to play some potential playoff games in Saskatoon.

"We think we've got the best possible bid from everything we've seen," LeBlanc said. "We think we've got a good, solid bid in terms of what we're offering creditors."

LeBlanc was a top executive of Research in Motion for nine years. Balsillie is co-CEO at RIM but has nothing to do with Ice Edge, LeBlanc said.

The NHL finds itself in the position of supporting Ice Edge and competing against it.

"It is kind of an odd dynamic," Daly said. "Having said that, we've not been shy about supporting local ownership."

Daly said he would give Ice Edge "full marks for all they've done in a very short time."

The NHL board of governors has not voted on Ice Edge's application to own the Coyotes but is expected to do so before the Sept. 10 auction, Daly said.

Ice Edge also must work out details of its agreement in principle to pay the debt owed by the Coyotes to the NHL and the \$80 million due SOF Investments, the franchise's largest secured creditor.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Rodriguez sued in condo case

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Michigan head football coach Rich Rodriguez has been sued in federal court by a bank claiming he failed to pay back millions on a loan for a struggling Virginia condominium project, according to court documents.

The suit — filed Aug. 13 in U.S. District Court in Spartanburg, S.C., and served on Rodriguez at his Ann Arbor, Mich., office last week — says the coach owes a bank \$3.9 million for defaulting on a loan to build condos near Virginia Tech's Lane Stadium in Blacksburg, Va.

Rodriguez told reporters the case won't hinder his Michigan's

preparations, while an adviser said the coach was the victim of fraud.

"This is something that's ongoing," Rodriguez said Tuesday in a Big Ten conference call. "It's not anything that will take our attention away from getting ready for the season."

Under the corporate name of The Legends of Blacksburg, LLC, Rodriguez and four partners borrowed more than \$26 million for the project in September 2007, when Rodriguez was still coaching at West Virginia University. But as the luxury condo project struggled amid the economic downturn, that amount was amended down to about \$3.63 million — the cost of only the land

itself, according to loan documents filed with the court.

When the loan matured in May, a law firm representing Banc Capital & Financial Services, Inc., the Spartanburg, S.C. bank servicing the loan, sent a demand letter to Rodriguez's investment group. In that letter, attorneys served notice that the reduced loan amount was in default for nonpayment, giving the group five days' notice to pay the loan in full or possibly face legal action.

Mike Wilcox, a Toledo, Ohio-based adviser to Rodriguez, issued a statement saying the coach had been the victim of fraud dating back to 2004, when he was coach at West Virginia.

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MLB

Tigers' closer Rodney earns 30th save this season

Pinch-hitter Morales delivers walk-off single to push Twins past White Sox; Pineiro earns eighth straight win

Associated Press

DETROIT — This time, the Detroit Tigers' hitters bailed out Edwin Jackson.

Placido Polanco and Carlos Guillen homered on successive pitches and Brandon Inge also went deep, lifting Detroit to an 8-5 win over the Cleveland Indians on Tuesday night.

Aubrey Huff, who has slumped since being acquired from Baltimore Aug. 17, added three RBIs for the Tigers, who won their second straight.

Jackson (11-6) allowed four runs on nine hits in five innings, walking two and striking out six.

He has received poor run support for most of the year.

"It was nice to see Edwin get one," Detroit manager Jim Leyland said. "He's been so good for us this year. He wasn't really sharp tonight and didn't have real good stuff, except for the fourth (when he retired the side in order)."

Jackson wanted to do better with the unusual run support.

"Just enough to get a win," he said. "I'm disappointed. You want to go deep into the game when they get runs for you like that."

Fernando Rodney pitched the ninth for his 30th save in 31 chances. He's the fourth Tigers closer to reach 30 saves in a season. He joins John Hiller, Guillermo Hernandez and Todd Jones.

Other members of the

Tigers' bullpen also shined as Zach Miner, Bobby Seay and Brandon Lyon combined to allow a run and a hit in three innings.

"All we're trying to do is get big outs at the right time and get where we want to be," Seay said.

Andy Marte homered for Cleveland.

Carlos Carrasco (0-1), making his major league debut, gave up six runs on nine hits in three innings, walking three and striking out three.

"My biggest problem was my fastball. It was all over the place," he said. "My other pitches were working, the slider and the change, just not the fastball."

Carrasco, who was obtained from Philadelphia in the Cliff Lee deal, allowed all three home runs after being recalled from Triple-A Columbus.

"He probably had the first-time jitters and we thought three innings were enough," Indians manager Eric Wedge said. "He did work hard to get through those three."

Cleveland took a 1-0 lead in the first on Shin-Soo Choo's RBI single. It scored Adrubal Cabrera, who hit a double.

But Detroit bounced back with four in its half. Polanco and Guillen — who has three home runs in the last two games — each hit his ninth homer on back-to-back pitches, Huff singled in a run and Gerald Laird had a two-out RBI double.

"We just kind of caught him by surprise and got real aggressive with him," Leyland said.

Inge's two-run homer in the third made it 6-1. Huff's two-out, two-run double in the fourth made it 8-1.

"I've been here a couple of weeks. It's nice to be able to contribute," Huff said.

Twins 4, White Sox 3

Pinch-hitter Jose Morales singled home Nick Punto with two outs in the bottom of the ninth to lift the Minnesota Twins to a 4-3 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday night.

Jason Kubel led off the ninth with a single off Matt Thornton (6-3) and Punto was inserted as a pinch runner. He advanced to third on a single by Brendan Harris, but Tony Pena got Carlos Gomez swinging to take away the sacrifice option.

Morales, the team's third catcher and just recently recalled from Triple-A Rochester, followed with a rope to right-center and was immediately mobbed by teammates.

Michael Cuddyer hit two homers and Jeff Manship was sharp in his first big league start for the Twins, who have won nine of 11 and remained 3 1/2 games behind Detroit in the AL Central.

Cuddyer tied his career high for homers in a season with 24 and continued his domination of White Sox starter Huff Danks.

Cuddyer is hitting .481 (13 for 27) with four homers and 10 RBIs in his career against Danks. He hit solo homers in the fifth inning to tie the game and in the seventh to give the Twins a 3-1 lead.

But the normally reliable duo of Jose Mijares and Matt Guerrier faltered in the eighth. Mijares walked Scott Podsednik to lead off the inning and Gordon Beckham followed with a two-run homer off Guerrier to tie the game 3-3.

Alexei Ramirez had a solo homer in the fifth for the White Sox, the only mistake Manship made on the night. He allowed four hits with two strikeouts and two walks in five solid innings.

Danks allowed three runs on six hits in seven innings for Chicago, which has lost five in a row.

Jon Rauch (2-0) pitched one inning for the win.

The fact that Manship was on the hill in September against the division rival White Sox shows just how decimated the Twins' starting rotation has been by injury and inconsistency this season.

Francisco Liriano and Kevin Slowey are on the disabled list, and despite the patchwork job manager Ron Gardenhire has had to do with young arms, the Twins sent starter Glen Perkins to Triple-A Rochester after his stint on the disabled list because he has been unreliable in the rotation this season.

After losing their fourth straight

game and eighth in the last nine on Monday night to fall six games behind Detroit in the AL Central race, the White Sox appeared to raise the white flag.

General manager Ken Williams traded two of the most respected veterans in the clubhouse after the loss to the Twins. Slugger Jim Thome went to the Los Angeles Dodgers and starter Jose Contreras to the Colorado Rockies.

"Everybody has to play better and pick it up a notch," manager Ozzie Guillen said. "But a white flag? No."

Cardinals 7, Brewers 6

Matt Holliday's three-run homer snapped a seventh inning tie, lifting Joel Pineiro to his eighth straight win and the St. Louis Cardinals to a 7-6 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Tuesday night.

Albert Pujols added his major league-leading 42nd homer for the Cardinals, who are a major-league best 26-9 since the July 24 trade with the Athletics for Holliday. They're 30-4 since July 1 in starts by their big three - Adam Wainwright, Chris Carpenter and Pineiro.

Rookie Casey McGehee hit a three-run homer in the first and matched his career high with four RBIs for the Brewers, who entered a three-game series against the NL Central leaders with a three-game winning streak.

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NFL FOOTBALL

Umenyiora says he regrets walkout

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — An embarrassed Osi Umenyiora said he overreacted when he walked out of practice on Monday — and he's paying for it.

The two-time Pro Bowl defensive end with the New York Giants acknowledged he had a minor tiff with his new defensive coordinator, but said his decision to skip practice was probably the worst thing he has done in his NFL career.

Umenyiora on Tuesday declined to disclose the nature of his disagreement with coordinator Bill Sheridan, saying only the issue that set him off was "minuscule" and never should have escalated.

The Giants fined Umenyiora an undisclosed amount of money that the player said would feed a lot of people in undeveloped countries.

"Do I regret it? Absolutely," Umenyiora said after practice on Tuesday. "It was a very, very bad moral decision on my part and an even worse financial decision on my part. So everything is cool now. I talked to who I needed to talk to and apologized to those I had to apologize to. It was so stupid and trivial for me to do that. Sometimes when you get emotional, things happen like that."

Umenyiora and Sheridan, the linebackers coach who was elevated to defensive coordinator after Steve Spagnuolo was hired as coach of the St. Louis Rams, have known each other for five years.

"It's not like he just got here," Umenyiora said. "He has been here a while and I have known him forever. This is not the first time I've had a conversation with him, it's just so happened that this was the first time I took it that way and it is going to be the last time."

The Giants did not make Sheridan available for comment on Tuesday.

Coach Tom Coughlin believed the issue was resolved after Umenyiora talked with Sheridan and defensive line coach Mike Waulfle.

"I'm very confident it won't happen again," Coughlin said.

Umenyiora, who missed all of last season with a knee injury, attended team meetings on Monday morning and obviously was upset with something Sheridan said.

When the team went out to practice, Umenyiora was gone and Coughlin did not know why.

General manager Jerry Reese eventually reached Umenyiora by text message to make sure he was all right.

By that time, Umenyiora said he had returned to team headquarters, where he waited out practice. He later met with the coaches.

"It is not in my character to behave that way," said Umenyiora, who had six sacks against the Eagles in a game in 2007. "I have never behaved that way, and I don't plan on behaving that way again."

What surprised Umenyiora was the publicity the walkout generated.

"I promise you I never would have stepped out of this building if would have known the repercussions," he said. "The text messages and people thinking I was dead. I didn't know it would turn into that, but it did. I know better. I think everybody is allowed one mistake, and this is my one big mistake. I am not going to repeat nothing like that every again."

Fellow defensive end Justin Tuck said players frequently argue with coaches.

"That's one of the reasons the D-line room is so chaotic," Tuck said. "Waulfle encourages them. We have them daily with him. This is possibly the biggest and the first with the defensive coordinator."

Teammates, of course, didn't let Umenyiora forget it.

When he reported to the locker room on Tuesday, he said there were wanted signs for him, offering a \$1 million reward. Had the players had time, his face also would have been on milk cartons.

As Tuck was talking to the media, he noticed Umenyiora walking out of the locker room.

"Oosh, you weren't here yesterday?" a laughing Tuck said. "Where did you go?"

When the laughter stopped, Tuck got serious about a Giants team that endured a major distraction last season after Plaxico Burress accidentally shot himself in the leg at a Manhattan nightclub.

"We are pretty good with incidents that might seem to be a distraction to this football team," he said. "I honestly think the incidents bring us closer together. We chalk it up and have some laughs about it, talk about it, have the serious part of the conversation first and then the rest, it's kind of like laughing. That's the way we are, understanding that sometimes, things can escalate bigger than what was intended to begin with."

TENNIS

Murray rolls in first round of Open

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Second-seeded Andy Murray played a patient, steady game to defeat big-hitting Ernests Gulbis of Latvia 7-5, 6-3, 7-5 in his first-round match at the U.S. Open on Tuesday.

Murray traded baseline blows with 95th-ranked Gulbis in the first set and Gulbis responded with wild misses and blistering winners, pushing the Scot to five set points before finally succumbing to a service break in the 12th game.

Murray, runner-up last year to Roger Federer in his first Grand Slam final, then varied his attack by mixing in forays to the net and took advantage of mounting mistakes from Gulbis, who had 51 unforced errors, 30 more than Murray.

"When I needed to, I upped my game," Murray said. "My concentration could have been a bit better. But for a first match, it was very good because he played very well."

Murray said he enjoyed playing under the lights in Arthur Ashe Stadium before a crowd of nearly 24,000.

"I enjoy playing on that court," he said. "It's one of the biggest in the world. It's probably the coolest atmosphere out of all of the Slams."

"Hopefully I'll play a lot of my matches on there," he said.

Murray advanced to a second-round match against 87th-ranked Paul Capdeville of Chile.

Fourth seed Novak Djokovic made an impressive start to his title bid as he beat Ivan Ljubicic 6-3, 6-1, 6-3 in the first round.

The Serb, runner-up at Flushing Meadows in 2007,

was right on top of his game as he beat the Croat for the fourth time in five meetings.

Early breaks in each of the first two sets put Djokovic in charge and he broke once more in the eighth game of the third to clinch a comfortable victory.

The fans were gracious to Djokovic, who was booed loudly a year ago after he made some sarcastic comments toward Andy Roddick during a courtside interview.

"What happened last year was like a fight with a girlfriend," he said. "These things happen. It was something that everybody can learn from it."

"I always felt at home here. I played so well last three years. I see no reason for me thinking about something that happened already. So today was great. I just hope that the fans will behave nice in the next rounds," he said.

Djokovic will next face qualifier Carsten Ball of Australia, who beat qualifier Juan Pablo Brzezicki of Argentina 7-6 (5), 6-3, 6-4.

Seventh-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France breezed into the second round by beating 18-year-old Chase Buchanan of the United States 6-0, 6-2, 6-1.

Tsonga was the runner-up at the 2008 Australian Open. The U.S. Open is the only Grand Slam tournament at which he's never reached at least the fourth round.

"I'm here to win and to go to the next step," he said. "The next step for me is to be in the five best players in the world."

Tsonga played cleanly, making only 12 unforced errors, 24 fewer than Buchanan, who was

the youngest man in the field. Buchanan was awarded a wild card by the U.S. Tennis Association as the 2009 USTA boys' 18s champion.

Buchanan, of New Albany, Ohio, was making his Grand Slam debut. He had never faced anyone ranked higher than 121st.

Other winners included No. 10 Fernando Verdasco, No. 16 Marin Cilic, No. 17 Tomas Berdych, No. 22 Sam Querrey and No. 30 Viktor Troicki, but No. 29 Igor Andreev fell to American Jesse Witten, who earned the first four-level victory of his career.

"I hit with John McEnroe the other day, and he was really being helpful," Witten said. "He was trying to give me pointers."

Taylor Dent, playing in the U.S. Open for the first time since 2005, eliminated Feliciano Lopez 4-6, 7-6 (6), 6-3, 7-5.

"I wanted to be here competing and playing well and playing matches. So to be back here accomplishing that is pretty remarkable," said Dent, who reached a career-high ranking of No. 21 in 2005. "I still have a long way to go. I still feel like my game is still pretty rough around the edges. But it's extremely exciting."

Dent had two back operations and was told by doctors to forget about playing professional tennis again. The serving motion he had to adjust because of his back problems managed to produce 18 aces against Lopez. Dent still plays the hard-charging, serve-and-volley style he always has, and he won 39 of 58 points when he went to the net.

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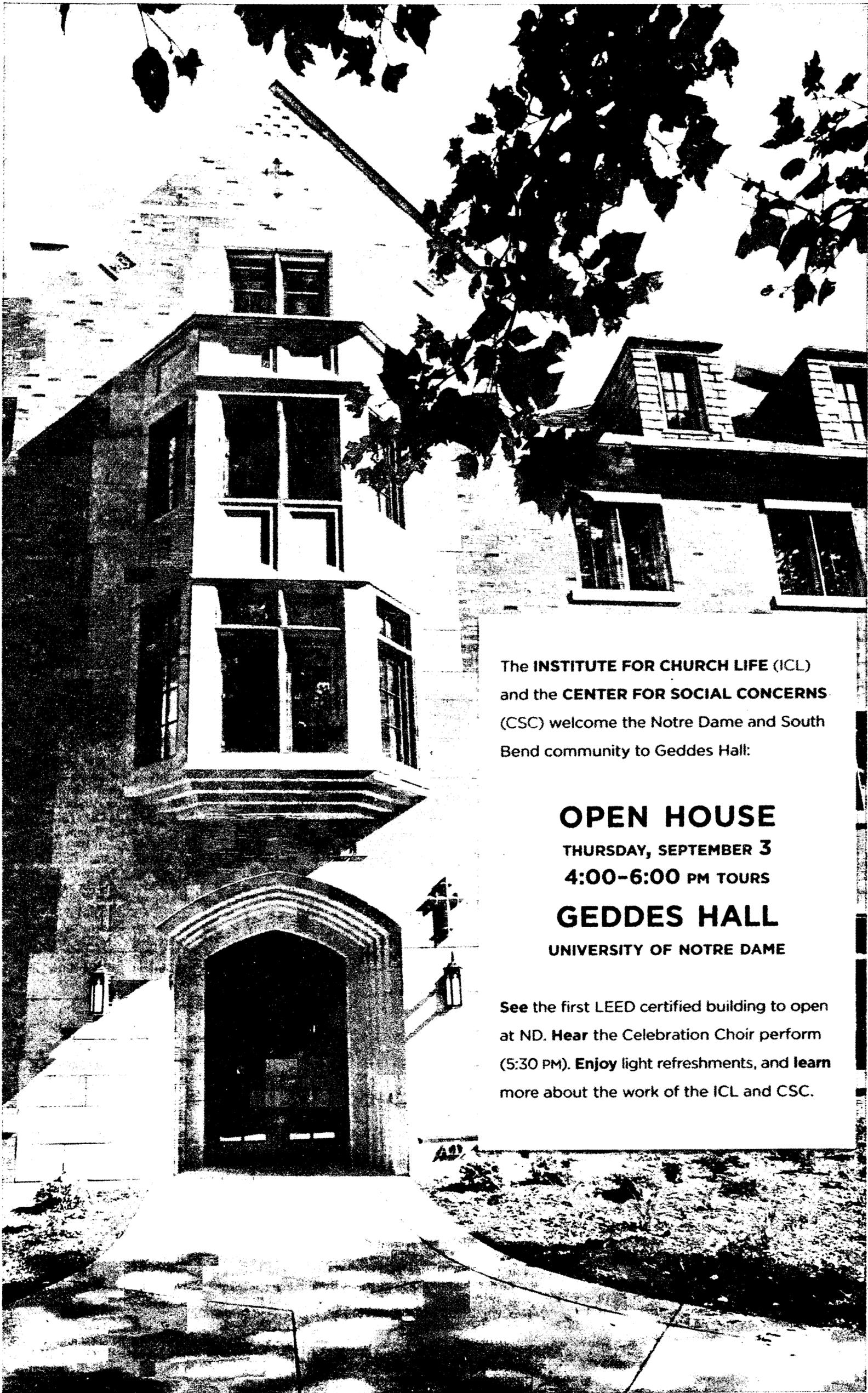
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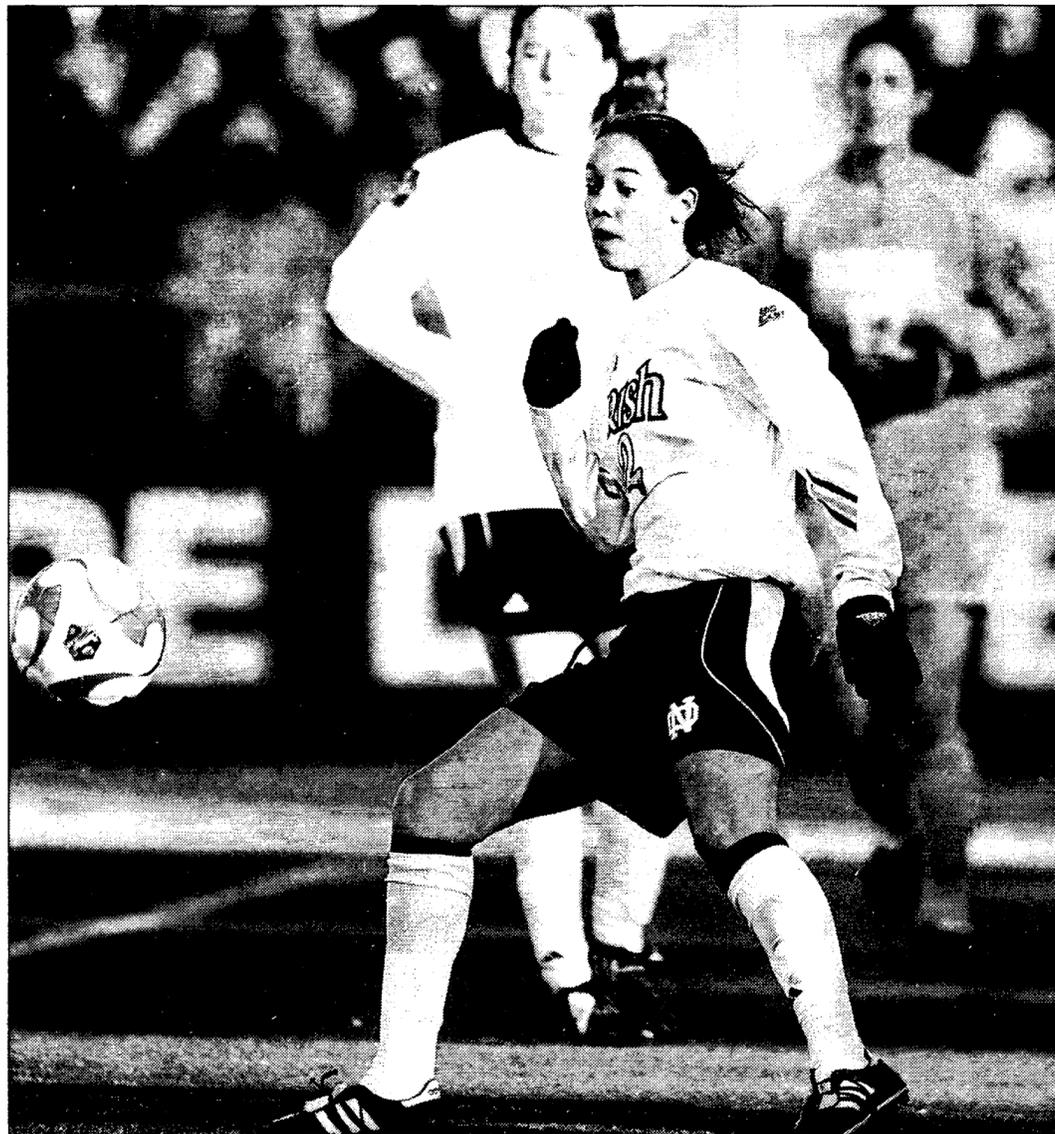
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Former Notre Dame forward Kerri Hanks readies for the ball in last year's College Cup Championship, which the Irish lost 2-1 to North Carolina.

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"The league is looking very good for the future of women's soccer. [The American] women's team has either been the champion or runner up in the World Cup or Olympics but others are catching up so we need that league to survive for us to continue to play and get better after college."

Waldrum also thinks that many members of Notre

Dame's talented current roster may be able to translate their success on campus into success in the young league as well as their former Irish counterparts.

"I think out of our senior class, Courtney Rosen is out, but she's our one senior this year who I thought certainly would go into the league and play but she might come back for a 5th year," Waldrum said. "[Senior] Michele Weissenhoffer could also go if she wanted to."

"A lot of the young ones, including [sophomore] Jessica

Schuveiller, [sophomore] Courtney Barg, [sophomore] Melissa Henderson, [freshman] Tereza Statsny, and [junior] Lauren Fowlkes, who played on the American under-20 team, have the potential to play in that league," Waldrum continued. "A sleeper in there could be [senior] Haley Ford if that's a direction she wants to go, but we've got quite a few players who might be in the league in a few years."

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Tennis

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which I think will carry over to this year."

While they will surely miss the presence of former teammates Kelcy Tefft and Katie Potts — who graduated last spring — the Irish return a strong group of players who are more than capable of duplicating last season's success.

While Potts played sparingly as a senior, the two-time All-American Tefft left behind some big shoes that will be difficult to fill.

"It is going to be hard to replace [Tefft] and [Potts]. [They] both won a lot of matches for us and were on two teams to reach the quarterfinals of the NCAA's and one final four team," Louderback said. "[Tefft] might have been the best doubles player in the country last year and was very solid for us at No. 1 singles for two years. They were both great competitors which had a great influence on our younger players."

Seniors Cosmina Ciobanu, Kali Krisik and Colleen Rielley have each had stellar

careers with the Irish and are well-prepared to step up and meet that challenge.

"We should have good leadership this year with our three seniors," Louderback said. "They have all won many matches for us and have been some of our most reliable doubles players."

Ciobanu and Krisik had a great 2008-09 campaign playing side-by-side at the No. 2 doubles position on their way to a 16-6 record. Krisik posted a 28-8 record in singles competition and ended the season on an 11-game winning streak. Ciobanu was a solid 24-6 in singles play.

Rielley partnered with sophomore Shannon Mathews and ended the season with a 23-8 record at No. 3 doubles.

As strong as the three seniors are, a lot of Notre Dame's success could depend on the performance of its sophomores who all played big roles as freshmen last season.

"Our sophomore class was outstanding as freshmen last

year," Louderback said. "They showed that they can play high in our lineup and compete with anyone nationally in both singles and doubles."

Leading the way this season will be sophomore Kristy

Frilling, who made quite a splash in her first collegiate season. Frilling stepped into the spotlight last season at No. 2 singles and played alongside Tefft at No. 1 doubles. For a period, the duo

was the top-ranked doubles team in the nation and posted an incredible 34-3 record on the season.

Louderback is also looking forward to significant contributions from the freshman class once again this season as five-star recruit Christine McGaffigan joins the squad. McGaffigan played on the college circuit this past summer, winning two tournaments and reaching the semifinals of another.

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Smiths

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there are plenty, on the field.

This season, sophomore Darius Fleming will start at strong-side linebacker, senior Toryan Smith will play middle linebacker and junior Brian Smith will play weak-side linebacker, according to the depth chart released Tuesday.

Well, but what about senior Scott Smith, sophomore Steve Filer or superfreshman Manti Te'o? They'll play too.

Fleming has the Sam linebacker spot locked up. Scott Smith is second on the depth chart and Filer third.

"I think you'll see both Scott and Steven both play Sam linebacker as well, but Darius is the starter," Irish coach Charlie Weis said in a press conference on Aug. 24.

Weis added that Fleming was the most dynamic pass rusher of the group. He had 24 tackles and 2.5 sacks last season.

Filer, Weis said, was so eager to get on the field at the Sam position he may have neglected to focus on other positions that would also earn him playing time, such as the nickel formation.

Brian Smith, also listed behind Toryan Smith as the Mike linebacker, is the leading returning tackler on the team with 54 tackles last season. He had two sacks and recovered two fumbles, one of which he ran back for a touchdown against Michigan. He has the versatility to move around and

allow the defense to use different personnel packages, Weis said.

"If he's in with Toryan, he's not a Mike. If he's in with Manti, he is a Mike," Weis said. "Brian Smith is the guy who gives us the flexibility to move people around because he's the guy who's easily the most flexible and most interchangeable of all of the linebackers."

Speaking of Manti, he'll see most of his time at the Will, which is where Weis said he practiced most. But Weis didn't rule out his playing elsewhere. What he did say was he wanted Te'o on the field with an experienced linebacker.

"I wouldn't feel real confident with Manti being in there with an inexperienced player," Weis said Tuesday. "We won't start him, but I think you'll see him rotating in there, rotating in there at Will linebacker with Brian Smith or Toryan Smith."

Toryan had only 18 tackles in 10 games last season, but 10 of them came in a breakout game against Navy. He also recovered a fumble.

Sophomore Anthony McDonald is the third option at Mike and sophomore David Posluszny is third on the depth chart at the Will.

"I'd say that they both put themselves in the position where we're not going to be afraid to play them and I think that you'll see both of those guys on special teams a whole bunch," Weis said.

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Dike

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young team and they have very good players. It wasn't a five-nothing game where you could yawn. You were very happy to see the ball going in."

And that was a sight that came often, especially in the second half.

"I think the team in general played better in the second half," Dike said. "I had one of the most embarrassing misses in the first half, so maybe I was making up for that."

Four minutes into the period, junior Stephen Perry untangled himself from several Michigan defenders to put the ball in and make the score 2-0 Irish.

Then Dike took over.

Dike came back into the game with 26:09 remaining and almost immediately ran the ball down the field to the goal. He lined up against Michigan defender Julian Robes but got the ball past him and into the net.

Less than eight minutes later, he again found the ball and streaked past every defender before once again netting the ball.

Only five minutes after that, Dike went for the hat trick by taking a well-placed kick from freshman forward Dillon Powers, who had just entered the game, and putting it in. His three quick goals made the score unreachable for the Wolverines.

"I was just fortunate for the ball to land in the right places," Dike said.

The Irish were aggressive from the start but did not score a goal until 20 minutes left in the first half. Senior Jeb Brovsky recovered a loose ball in front of the Wolverine goal and kicked it in to make the score 1-0.

Brovsky had a scare earlier in the game when he and a

Michigan forward collided; he was knocked down and remained there after the other players had moved on. Trainers came out, but he was able to get back up and did not leave the field.

Senior midfielder Cory Dellas was not so lucky — he went down hard early in the first half and had to leave the game with a knee injury.

"I hope he'll be okay, we'll find out. We've got doctors looking at him," Clark said. "They didn't want to put him back on, and maybe we'll look at it tomorrow."

Senior midfielder John Schaefer replaced the injured Dellas and helped the Irish defense, which allowed the Wolverines only four shots on goal.

"The defense did very well, especially after losing Corey," Clark said. "We were worried, but John came in and I think he did a really, really good job. He's a senior and hasn't played a lot, and he came on and did really well."

Alumni Stadium was packed with fans eager to see the team and the new stadium. Clark said he and the players were in awe of the new facility as well.

"I've walked on to some pretty big stadiums in my life," he said. "But when I walked onto this stadium [Monday night] with the lights on, I'll tell you I had as big a buzz as I ever had. The boys were so excited. They were just jumping."

Notre Dame will be in action again this weekend at the Adidas/IU Credit Union Classic, where they will face No. 3 Wake Forest and No. 5 St. John's.

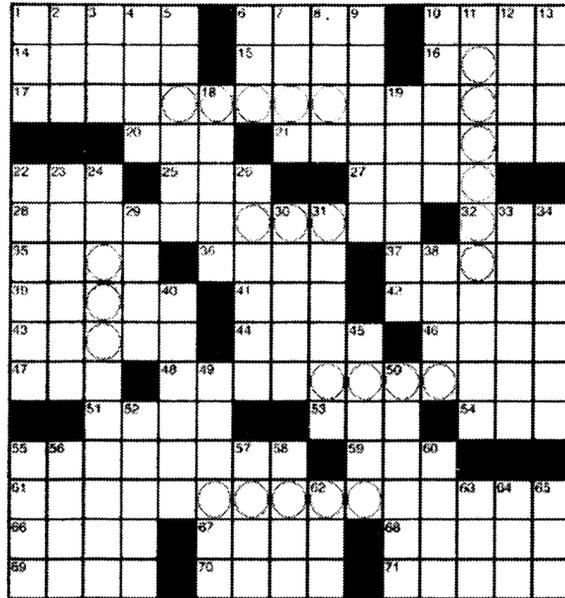
"That will be another level up," Clark said of the upcoming invitationals. "We'll be ready for them and we're looking forward to it."

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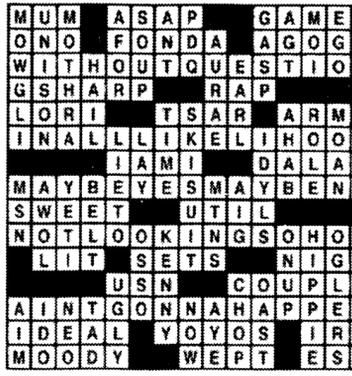
- Across**
- 1 Clinks
 - 6 Way out
 - 10 Baseball star in Senate steroid hearings
 - 14 Sheltered water
 - 15 Repetitive routine
 - 16 It may be pumped
 - 17 Argue forcibly
 - 20 South American cruise stop
 - 21 Finish lacing up
 - 22 ___ fly (run producer)
 - 25 Catch red-handed
 - 27 Royal Navy drink of old
 - 28 Pesticide spreader, e.g.
 - 32 Brian of ambient music
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 - 37 Name in 2001 bankruptcy news
 - 39 Knoxville sch.
 - 41 Grizzlies' org.
 - 42 "Call it!" call
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 - 46 Con man?
 - 47 Chaotic place
 - 48 Terse
 - 51 "Don't ___ me, bro!"
 - 53 Dark half of a Chinese circle
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 - 55 Like a Möbius strip
 - 59 Class with the periodic table on the wall, often: Abbr.
 - 61 Where Olaf I or Olaf II sat
- Down**
- 1 Huck's raftmate
 - 2 Bibliophile's suffix
 - 3 Sort
 - 4 Lounge lizard's look
 - 5 Discolorations
 - 6 Works in a gallery
 - 7 Snow structure
 - 8 Yours, in Tours
 - 9 Bridge no-no
 - 10 2007 Michael Moore documentary
 - 11 Juicer remnants
 - 12 Eh
 - 13 Work without ___ (be daring)
 - 18 Needing a rinse
 - 19 "La Bohème" setting
 - 22 Charles who created Peppermint Patty
 - 23 "Am not!" response
 - 24 Shake hands
 - 26 It's most useful when it's broken
 - 29 Blood drive donation
 - 30 Shady retreat



- Puzzle by Tim Wescott
- 31 Like bread dough or beer
 - 33 Actor Nick and family
 - 34 Like some football kicks
 - 38 Tandoor-baked bread
 - 40 Storied monster, informally
 - 45 Dance for Chubby Checker
 - 49 Counterbalanced, as bets
 - 50 What some races are won by
 - 52 ___ the custom (traditionally)
 - 55 "Get ___!" ("Stop procrastinating!")
 - 56 "The Thin Man" detective
 - 57 Mayo's land
 - 58 Dungeonlike
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 - 62 Alumna bio word
 - 63 Columbus sch.
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Gösta Ekman, 52; Dr. Phil McGraw, 59; Barry Gold, 63; Lily Tomlin, 70

Happy Birthday: You will have to make some serious decisions regarding your home and family this year. Don't be afraid of change or added responsibility if it comes with future promises of financial or emotional growth. Most of all, remember to be true to yourself and the ones you love most. Your numbers are 6, 9, 14, 22, 25, 37, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The more you step out on a limb for someone or something you believe in, the better you will do. There is plenty of potential coupled with opportunities if you work alongside people with the same goal or point of view. Don't fear the unknown. ★★

TAUROS (April 20-May 20): Don't count on anyone who is trying to pressure you. Even if promised, you aren't likely to get what you want in the end. Instead, go it alone. You will be able to capture attention by giving the most for the least. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Someone critical will be waiting for you to make a mistake. Your insight and ability to do things with finesse should be enough to keep everyone happy. Love and romance will lead to a chance to travel. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you overload your agenda you will end up feeling anxious. An argument will form a relationship you have with someone from work or with whom you have to deal regularly. Make your home more adaptable for the responsibilities you have taken on. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be able to express your feelings effortlessly. The talks you have will clear up any misconceptions. Plan a vacation that will allow you some time to relax. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A serious attitude will help you persuade others to take a chance on you. Uncertainty regarding someone you love can be cleared up with a few simple questions. Don't make assumptions or you will make a poor decision. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Love is on the rise and a chance to share your emotions with someone special will develop. It's time to make new friends and to find new hobbies. Mile time will lead to anxiety. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Watch your back. Someone you think you can trust will let you down. Focus on work, helping others and visiting friends. Creative collaboration will pay off. Avoid overconfidence in any form. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will discover alternative ways to make more money. A love relationship can lead to an easier lifestyle and less pressure on you. Follow your heart, it will not lead you astray. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may be under a little pressure. Don't let anyone push you to do something before you are ready. A serious deal will require more time and effort if you want to maximize the outcome. Find out everything you can. ★★

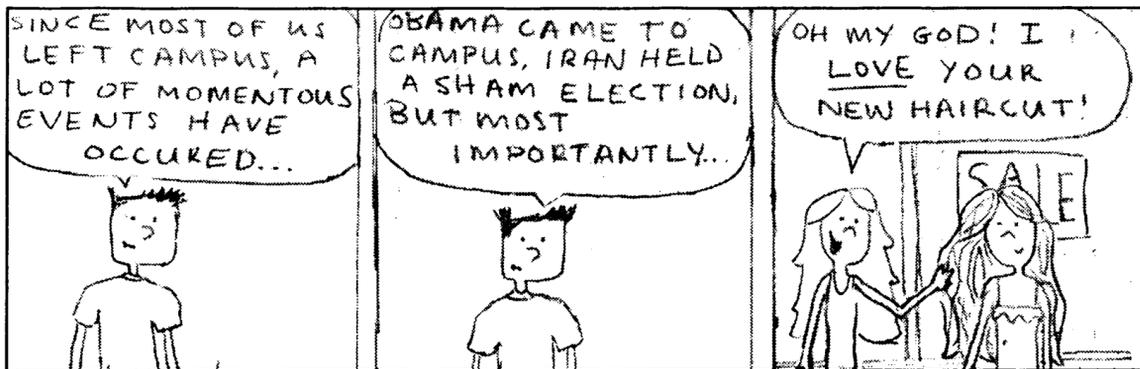
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can clear matters up by talking about the way you feel and what your plans are for the future. Don't hold back when so much depends on being truthful about your concerns and intentions. Love and romance will take a favorable turn. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't get caught up in the hoopla when there is so much more to the events taking place. Do your research and find out what and who is behind a project or event you want to be a part of. There may be a change of heart regarding a partnership. ★★

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

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TIPPEC
ASTUNE

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

Ans: IT WAS

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: WHILE SINGE EXHALE ARTERY
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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Notre Dame alumni fill new women's professional league

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

In its inaugural season of play, the Women's Professional Soccer League learned quickly why Notre Dame is one of the nation's premier college programs. The seven-team league has seen plenty of Notre Dame alumni in its premier events, including both the WPS Championship and the WPS

All-Star Game in August.

On Aug. 22, two-time defending Hermann Award Winner Kerri Hanks ('08) and Jen Buczkowski ('07) led New Jersey-based Sky Blue FC to the WPS Title with a 1-0 upset victory over the regular season champions, the Los Angeles Sol 1-0.

In taking down the Sol, Hanks and Buczkowski defeated fellow Notre Dame alumni Brittany Bock ('09) and

Shannon Boxx ('99).

Former Irish player Christie Shaner ('07) was also on the Sol roster, but was not able to play due to injury. In total, with five former players on the championship rosters, Notre Dame tied with North Carolina for most alumni in the game.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum was thrilled about the success of his former players in the new league.

"It's really exciting,"

Waldrum said. "It says a whole lot about the level of the program we're running and the kind of kids that we're not only getting to come into the school but how we're developing them. I'm really proud of them, and we think it's really good for our program."

As the young league grows, Waldrum believes the WPS is great for the future of women's soccer in America and that his players will continue to excel.

"As little as 10 years ago, there wasn't much opportunity for [female] athletes to play after college," Waldrum said. "We had a pro league that failed with the WUSA so we hope that the league is better this time around."

"I do think that the young [Notre Dame alumni] have a good future to look at with the WPS," Waldrum continued.

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FOOTBALL

Meet the Smiths

Irish rich in depth and talent at linebacker

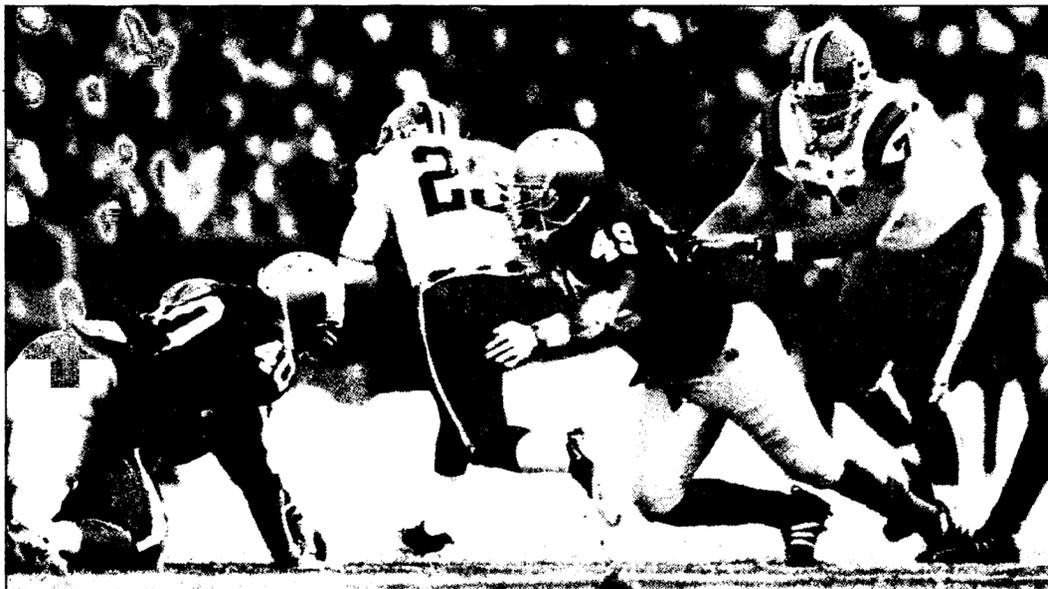
By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

The fall depth chart released Tuesday revealed good news: The Irish can once again field an all-Smith linebacking corps. Oh, and, uh, it revealed the starters.

The Irish defense changes again this season — Notre Dame will play four down linemen and three linebackers, compared to the three linemen and four linebackers it previously employed.

Which is a shame, really, because it removes a position that could get another talented Irish linebacker, of which

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DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Senior middle linebacker Toryan Smith, 49, makes a tackle during last season's loss to Syracuse. Tuesday, Smith was named the starting middle linebacker for Notre Dame's opener against Nevada.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

ND hopes to improve on last year

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Coming off a spectacular season in which the Irish knocked off four top-five teams on their way to the team's first ever-berth in the NCAA Semifinals, Irish coach Jay Louderback has his team reloaded and poised for another run at a national title.

"We were so close to winning it all last year and I was so proud of the way our team played the entire year, especially during the NCAA Tournament," he said. "We played with a lot of poise

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SMC SOCCER

Belles beat Holy Cross easily to start season

Observer Staff Report

Saint Mary's scored early and often coasting to a 3-0 victory at home over Holy Cross Tuesday afternoon.

The Belles' pressure on the offensive end led to an own goal off a Holy Cross defender in the 24th minute, giving Saint Mary's a 1-0 lead. Sophomore forward Katelyn Tondo-Steele stretched the lead to 2-0 when she hit a shot that grazed the post before going in. Senior forward Katy Durkin provided the final goal of the game just seconds

before halftime.

Saint Mary's defense was solid all night as it held Holy Cross to just a single shot on goal.

Senior Patty Duffy played goalkeeper in the first half, recording the lone save, before freshman Adele Bruggeman came on to close the game in the second half.

The win improves the Belles to 1-0, a vast improvement from last year's 0-4 start.

Saint Mary's will travel to Danville, Kent. to play in the Centre College Tournament Sept. 5.

MEN'S SOCCER

Squad wins in new stadium

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

The Irish sent a big message Tuesday that they are ready to play with the big boys.

Senior forward Bright Dike scored three goals and No. 10 Notre Dame soundly defeated No. 21 Michigan 5-0 in their season opener and the first game played in the new Alumni Stadium.

"It was a fun night," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "To be fair I thought the score lied. Michigan is quite a

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CASEY CARNEY/The Observer

Sophomore midfielder Adam Mena prepares to play the ball Tuesday night against Michigan. The Irish went on to win 5-0.

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