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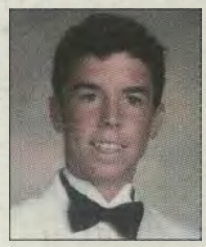
ND alum fatally injured in car accident

Observer staff report

A Notre Dame graduate died after he was struck by a car early Sunday morning when he left a local bar.

Ryan O'Connor, 24, a 2002 graduate, died as a result of injuries sustained in the crash that occurred at approximately 3:30 a.m. in the 1800 block of South Bend Ave., South Bend police officer William Kraus said in a news release.

Police said O'Connor had left the bar with a group of friends to walk to a local restaurant. Several in the group had already crossed South Bend Avenue at Vaness Street when O'Connor and another person stopped at the intersection.



O'Connor

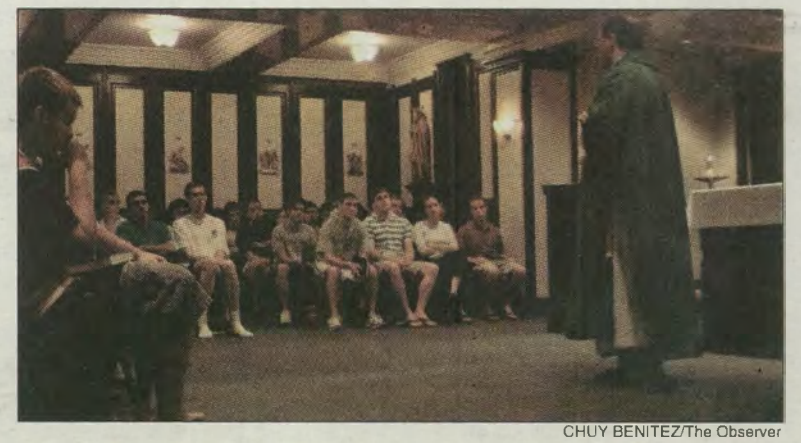
According to a police statement, a witness said that O'Connor began to run across South Bend Avenue for an unknown reason, running into the path of a northbound car that struck him.

The car was driven by a 19-year-old South Bend resident who is a sophomore at Saint Mary's.

O'Connor, a West Chester, Pa., resident, was taken to Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center where he was later pronounced dead.

Police said alcohol appears to be a factor in the accident.

Several dorm masses across Notre Dame's campus Sunday night prayed for both O'Connor and the driver.



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Students gathered in Siegfried's chapel Sunday evening to pray for all those involved in the early morning accident.

PAUL SPADAFORA/The Observer

The Golden Knights parachuted into the packed Stadium before Saturday's game.

Soldiers fly into stadium

By PAUL SPADAFORA
News Writer

The opening ceremony of the first home football game was highlighted by members of the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team, who landed in Notre Dame Stadium with the American Flag at the start of the game Saturday.

The Golden Knights are the U.S. Army's official parachute demonstration team. According to Sgt. Jeffrey Schaffer, a performer on the team, they serve a three-fold mission — to test parachute equipment and techniques, participate in parachuting competitions around the world and to promote the public relations and recruitment offices of the army.

Founded in 1959, the Golden Knights have been called "the best parachute team in the world" by many organizations, Schaffer said.

This year marks the

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Community reacts to Irish victory

Above, ushers stand together before students begin rushing the field. At left, the leprechaun, Eddie Lerum, cheers on the team.

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Despite field rush, damages are minimal

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Writer

Despite the excitement caused by Saturday's victory over Michigan, many people at the game had something bigger to worry about __ student safety and the condition of the field.

For students, the victory win meant doing something they've always wanted to do.

"Realistically, around halftime it became a serious thought, and I got goose bumps," O'Neill sophomore Chris Tarnacki said. "It's something you see on TV all the time and it's so special to be a part of."

But for stadium employees and ushers, storming the field is not as exciting of an idea, mainly because of safety reasons.

Manager of Stadium Personnel Cappy Gagnon said rushing the field often causes safety issues.

"The big problem with rushing the field is that the height of the wall to the asphalt is about 8 to 9 feet and that's a

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Students impressed by Notre Dame's surprising victory

By DANIELLE LERNER
News Writer

After a devastating loss last week to Brigham Young, the football team came back in full force Saturday, beating Michigan 28-20 and recapturing the title of the most winningest program in college football.

Notre Dame senior Andrew Nakamoto was happily surprised by the outcome.

"I really didn't think we were going to do so well," Nakamoto said. "I just wanted the game to be a close one, and I was able to get that, and, even better, the win."

Whether it was Brady Quinn's 46-yard touchdown pass to Matt Shelton or the fact that Notre Dame rebounded from last year's 38-0 loss, fans campus-wide were pleased with the win.

But before the Michigan game, some students were skeptical of the outcome.

Notre Dame junior Sam Richey was one of those students.

"I don't think anyone expected us to do as well as we did because of what happened last week and what happened against Michigan last year," he said.

Entering halftime down 9-0, students were happy with the defense's effort to keep the Irish in the game and impressed with the dominance the unit showed throughout the game.

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Inside Column

Genocide must end

Jeannine Privat

Wire Editor

Last week, in our nation's capital, Secretary of State Colin Powell, sat in front of the Senate Committee of Foreign Relations and uttered the word "genocide." Not in reference to the Holocaust or Rwanda, but to the mass slaughter of men, women and children today in Darfur, Sudan.

This is not just torture, not just ethnic cleansing and not just systematic rape, it is genocide. Yet again, the old cliché "Never again" has been ignored. The world faces the horror of genocide once more. Another holocaust, except, instead of the use of systematic gases and shootings, these perpetrators in Dafur use fire, burning people alive in their homes, use rape, sometimes raping women to death; and use machetes, hacking people apart until they are beaten or bled to death. Genocide is not a thing of the past. It will not go away. It is going on now. As you read this column, it is likely an African from Darfur is being killed by the janjaweed militia, is dying from starvation or is suffering from one of the myriad diseases that quickly spread in the temporary refugee camps.

Numbers vary, but current estimates place the number of Africans who have already been killed at 50,000, with up to a million and a half people ousted from their homes. Around 100,000 refugees have fled to neighboring Chad, with more trying to cross the border everyday.

Imagine, for a second, that your life is completely different. Your life centers on the day-to-day mundane trials of merely surviving. You take pleasure in the most simple of things: an extra piece of ripened fruit, good health, clean water and a beaten up half-inflated soccer ball. Now imagine, that the little that you have, the little that you live for has been taken away.

One night, your village is stormed; your mother and sisters are brutally raped and your father beaten to death while you cower hidden behind one of the few pieces of furniture in your one-room home. The smell of smoke overwhelms you as the janjaweed sets fire to your entire village. You struggle to run out, and maybe if you're lucky, you escape. With absolutely nothing but your life and the little bit of clothing on your back. You're an innocent, you've done nothing. But, still people whom you have never even met hate you so much that they will stop at nothing to wipe you off the face of the earth.

How many times must we come face to face with the perpetrators and victims of genocide until we finally put an end to it? Do not discount the existence of the people who have lost everything. Their homes, their families, their land, their crops and food, their livelihood. For those 50,000 who have perished, respect their memory and for those 1.5 million who have little more than the blood pumping through their veins, respect their humanity. Do what you can. Above all, inform yourself. Do not be ignorant to the fact that the Sudanese are being systematically slaughtered.

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

Corrections

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Question of the Day: *What were the best and worst moments of the Michigan game?*

Kalinda Brown

senior
Lyons

"The whole first half was the worst moment, but sometimes you have to believe in the luck of the Irish."

Dave Hartung

sophomore
Alumni

"The high point was only letting them get one touch down. The worst point was letting them get a touchdown."

Jana Wingo

sophomore
Welsh Family

"The high point was storming the field. The low point was almost being trampled when storming the field."

Dan Nickele

sophomore
Zahm

"The best moment was storming the field after the win. The worst moment was all our turnovers."

Alyse Kinchen

sophomore
off-campus

"The worst moment was when I had to go to the first aid room during the third quarter."

Julie Hynes

sophomore
Howard

"The first touchdown was the best moment."

CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Assistant Band Director Lane Weaver, left, stands with former Notre Dame women's basketball player Danielle Green Saturday as the National Anthem is played before the game's kickoff. Green, an army officer, lost her left hand and forearm on May 25 while stationed in Baghdad.

Offbeat

Dog pulls trigger on attacker

PENSACOLA, Florida — A Florida man who tried to shoot seven puppies was shot himself when one of the dogs put its paw on the revolver's trigger.

Jerry Allen Bradford, 37, was charged with felony animal cruelty, the Escambia County Sheriff's Office said Wednesday. He was being treated at a hospital for a gunshot wound to his wrist.

Bradford said he decided to shoot the 3-month-old shepherd-mix dogs in the head because he couldn't find them a home, according to the sheriff's office.

On Monday, Bradford was holding two puppies — one in his arms and another in his left hand — when the dog in his hand wiggled and put its paw on the trigger of the .38-caliber revolver. The gun then discharged, the sheriff's report said.

Bradford was treated and released after receiving care to a wrist wound.

Fans try selling Britney's chewed gum on eBay

NEW YORK — Britney Spears' fans don't think the pop star's chewed gum is "Toxic" — they're buying wads of it on eBay.

There are over two dozen auctions of used chewing gum on eBay, each claiming their product has been spit out by the 22-year-old singer. Prices go as high as $14,000, but most are for significantly less.

Though there is no way to verify the authenticity of the various wads, many postings include photos of a small piece of chewed gum, a copy of a ticket stub from the place of finding and a personal story of procurement.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

Come hear a **vocal and piano concert** by soprano Georgine Resick and pianist Doris Stevenson in the Annenburg Auditorium at the Snite Museum of Art Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

There will be an **Interdenominational Prayer Service** on Tuesday at 9 p.m. at Sacred Heart Chapel in Holy Cross Hall at Saint Mary's. All faiths are welcome.

The film **"Rebel Frontier"** will be shown Wednesday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

On Friday, **self-guided tours of Debartolo Performing Arts Center** will be offered. Campus entertainers will provide continuous entertainment in all five venues from 4:30 to 10 p.m.

The **Relay for Life: "Fighting Irish Fighting Cancer"** will take place at the Stepan Center beginning Friday at 6 p.m. and continue until Saturday at 10 a.m. For more information, call 631-6829. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

The **Domer Run** will take place on Saturday starting at 11 a.m. A 3-mile run, a 6-mile run and a 2-mile fun walk will take place with a pancake breakfast immediately following the race. Proceeds from Domer Run will benefit ovarian cancer research and education. Register in advance at Rolfs Sports Rec Center. For more information, call 631-6100.

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

Local Weather

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HIGH	85	74	84	80	81	77
LOW	64	64	63	61	60	57

Atlanta 80 / 66 **Boston** 76 / 54 **Chicago** 84 / 66 **Denver** 83 / 52 **Houston** 95 / 74 **Los Angeles** 82 / 64 **Minneapolis** 84 / 64
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Lecture explores Mother Wars

Hope College sociology professor speaks about female competition

By MICHELLE EGGERS
News Writer

More than 50 Saint Mary's community members crowded Stapleton Lounge Friday to hear Debra Swanson and Jenelle Dame speak about the "mother wars" being fought in communities across the nation.

Entitled "Undermining Mothers," the hour-long lecture discussed the pitting of at-home and employed moms against each other.

"There is a mother war out there," Swanson, an associate professor of sociology at Hope College, said. "The women that choose to stay home and the women that choose to go to work often fight with each other."

Women define what makes them a good mom based on these choices, and consequently become defensive of their choices and degrade the choices of others.

"Mother wars" are fueled further by society's contradictory messages that affirm a particular mother role and also condemn her for achieving it.

Dame, a senior sociology major at Hope College, said, "At-home moms are undermined [in society], and the employed moms are lacking affirmation."

Jill Roberts, a senior sociology major, felt the lecture resonated well with the college community.

"This is an issue pertinent to a women's college," Roberts said. "It is unavoidable that we will all have to choose a side of the mother wars."

The lecture was co-sponsored by the department of sociology, the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership and the Women's Studies Program. The lecture came in part from Swanson and another Hope College professor's research into the struggles women face balancing work and children.

A mother of two, Swanson said the colleagues decided to "put their heads where their hearts are" with their project.

"There is a mother war out there. The women that choose to stay home and the women that choose to go to work often fight with each other."

Janelle Swanson
Hope College professor

"At-home moms are undermined [in society], and the employed moms are lacking affirmation."

Jenelle Dame
Hope College senior

"We thought that if we are academics, why not look at this transformation that was happening to us as we became mothers," she said.

The project was based on extended interviews with moms of preschoolers, as well as the analysis of the representations of at-home and employed mothers in five popular women's magazines.

The researchers predicted at-home moms would be depicted as selfless, overly involved, nurturing and failing in the public sphere, while employed moms would be depicted as selfish, uninvolved, neglectful and failing in the domestic sphere. Part-time moms would fall somewhere in the middle.

"What we found was that 88 percent of the mothers were portrayed as at-home mothers, and only 12 percent were depicted as employed mothers," Swanson said. "That does not match statistics that say more than half of all women are in the labor force."

In addition to the misrepresentation, at-home moms were more likely to be portrayed as serving others, having exaggerated needs of connections and failing in the public sphere.

Employed moms, on the other hand, were portrayed as having an independent identity, being competent at work and home and being natural mothers.

"While we expect at-home moms to be portrayed as natural moms, in the magazines she is actually depicted as needing lots of help," Swanson said. "Employed moms, who you would think would need more help because they aren't at home as much, they are the more natural mothers."

Swanson calls employed moms' positive portrayal and under representation in magazines the "double bind."

"You have to chose one or the other," she said. "That is often where women struggle."

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SMC updates e-mail security protocols

By LYNN SIKORA
News Writer

Saint Mary's students and faculty found themselves without e-mail access Thursday night due to system maintenance that included a thorough security audit.

The scheduled outage went from 5 p.m. until 2 a.m. Friday morning. Standard maintenance is performed every Thursday night, but this time the focus was on security.

Director of Information Technology Keith Fowlkes said the security updates were necessary for combating viruses on the server.

"We did a once-over on the systems to make sure they're secure."

Keith Fowlkes
director of Information Technology

"We did a once over on the systems to make sure they're secure," Fowlkes said. "The extended security outage will prevent attempts by hackers."

Before the security updates, the system had been exposed for a short amount of time to Internet hackers and viruses. The extended security audit allowed Saint Mary's main server to be brought up to date with protection against unwanted glitches.

This is the first time the e-mail has been down since a power outage in July.

Network and system administrator Doug McKeown said the server and e-mail are now running as was previously planned, and the conditions have improved over the past few years.

"E-mail is up and running above 95 percent of the time which is up from 70 to 75 percent when I came here two years ago," McKeown said.

The server is currently under the allotted information quota and is running on "pretty good hardware" according to McKeown.

Many updates are not invasive, and don't normally interrupt student, staff or faculty work.

When a matter is more pressing, a notification is sent in advance by e-mail, but not everyone receives the notice in time.

Sophomore Helen Casey believes e-mail outages have become more frequent this year.

"It seems more professors are relying on students to e-mail assignments, and you can't always bank on the e-mail to be up and running," Casey said.

Other times students are left confused when experiencing problems outside of the hours specified in the e-mail.

Junior Jenny Parker said the unplanned outages can become frustrating.

"They make it more inconvenient than it needs to be," Parker said. "It's hard when we get an e-mail saying it will be out during a certain time and then it's out beyond those specified times.

"I know updates are important, but sometimes they just cause problems."

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Lecturer, Psychology
Saint Mary's College
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Dress code imposed

Associated Press

WHITING, Ind. — Baggy pants and logo T-shirts are out and plain shirts and khaki pants are in this fall at Whiting High School.

The 900-student district adopted the dress code as a way of curbing gang activity, the Post-Tribune of Merrillville reported Sunday.

The Whiting School Board earlier this year approved the policy, which requires a "uniformity of color in dress."

"The way they did dress was a big distractor and symbol of who they were."

Pam Smith
teacher

The policy dictates specific clothing colors and attire for all students, grades kindergarten through 12. Schools in nearby East Chicago have a similar requirement.

"We've had our share of gang-related activity," said Whiting High School Principal Dirk Flick. "It's more of a coordination of color than a dress code for the safety of our kids."

The code prohibits jeans, low-rise or baggy pants and cargo pants with more than six zippers. Spandex and skirts three inches above the knee also are off-limits.

No logos are allowed except that of the Whiting Oilers.

Instead of designer T-shirts, students have a choice of three solid colors: white, yellow or dark green.

Teacher Pam Smith said the change seems to have eased discipline problems in her English class.

"The way they did dress was a big distractor and symbol of who they were," she said. "Now we don't have to deal with that."

The code resulted from a series of meetings that began last year. Some students and parents did not accept the new rules willingly.

"I had people screaming at me on the street," said Judy Gresko, president of the Whiting PTO.

Parents seem to have adjusted, however, said Gresko.

Parachute

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Golden Knights second appearance at a Notre Dame game, but it hasn't dulled their enjoyment of the event. Cries of "Let's Go Irish!" were shared by the soldiers as they prepared for the jump, and Sgt. 1st class Michael Elliot, wearing the Notre Dame jersey later presented during the game, performed the arm motions for the Celtic Chant.

Excitement didn't reduce their sense of caution. Private first class Sean Sweeney said the safety procedures made sure they could control as many factors that could interfere with the jump as possible.

"Stadiums are a very difficult place to jump into," Sweeney said.

Sweeney said the preparations for the event included a dry run conducted with streamers designed to replicate a parachute in flight.

"The streamers help us compensate for wind in the jump," Sweeney said. "They let us know when we need to get out."

After reaching 4,100 feet and passing by Notre Dame Stadium twice, Schaffer announced it was time to jump, and the seven members flew out the plane doors.

The jump also served to honor the anniversary of September 11.

Sergeant 1st class Calvin Fredlake said they would assist in raising the flag, then lower it to half mast in honor of the anniversary. Fredlank said the anniversary was important, but it shouldn't overshadow the events of the day.

"We respect and remember what happened on 9/11, but we also have a job to do," he said.

Sweeney said he felt fortunate to be able to participate.

"It's definitely an honor to represent the Army today, at such a big event."

After the presentation of the flag, the team retired to the sidelines to watch the game. For some of the team, like Sweeney, the game was their first live Notre Dame football game.

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little far to jump, but it's really far to jump if you have someone pushing," Gagnon said.

However, once the student body started flooding out of the stands, Gagnon and his team changed their approach.

"While our policy is that we will not permit a field rush, once we determine that we can't stop it, we move into our assist role," he said. "We're living in the real world. We use a term for what the ushers do — crowd management. We don't say crowd control. A crowd of 80,000 can't be controlled by a few hundred ushers."

Problems also arose when students began taking up pieces of the field.

"I saw and stopped two students who were digging up chunks of turf," Gagnon said. "What people didn't realize is that what in one sense is a souvenir is also a place of work for the football team. You can't grow turf in a few days, so you end up patching a few places."

"You don't want to create a situation where a football player will sprain an ankle or something even worse."

The last time the students stormed the field was Sept. 14, 2002, after a 25-23 victory over, once again, the Michigan Wolverines.

At Saturday's game, similar punishments were enforced for students who went overboard.

"I took one ticket booklet away. I took a driver's license from a student who couldn't produce an ID," Gagnon said. "He was tearing up a piece of sod, and he was intoxicated. I would have taken his booklet, but he claimed not to have it or a student ID. There was one booklet taken from a student who was smoking on the field and wouldn't put it out."

There were also fears that the field storming would cause injury.

However, assistant director of Medical Services Outreach Ruthann Heberle said there was not a single reported injury from storming the field.

"It has happened in the past, but Cappy does a really good job of not trying to force an issue," Heberle said. "He assisted them over the wall and they just peacefully and quietly walked out.

"It was just a really wonderful game, all-around. We only had one transport and that was after the game was over and that wasn't related to the weather or the game or anything. We were busy, but just with minor things like splinters and bee stings."

Generally, Saturday's game was no different from any other in terms of health issues and damage to the stadium.

"Whenever we have a hot, humid game it's harder on the elderly and people who either don't drink enough liquids or drink too many liquids, so we had the usual amount of that," Gagnon said. "From my perspective there weren't anymore than we would have expected.

"I think, off the top of my head, there were maybe three or four broken benches, almost always in the student section. It's just a hazard of standing on benches.

"In a game like that you're not just standing, you're jumping around, but there was minimal damage."

In past year's, ushers also have had to combat the marshmallow throwing that usually takes place within the senior student section.

Gagnon and the rest of the stadium personnel were on the lookout for marshmallows being thrown during halftime, but it didn't appear to be as large as in past years.

"That was one of the best days I've ever had. Everything was just so special."

Chris Tarnacki
sophomore

"We didn't catch any student with marshmallows," Gagnon said. "The last home game last year we caught a bunch. Hopefully it will fade out of existence.

"It really doesn't sound like a whole big deal to throw a few marshmallows around, but we can't be in the situation from a liability standpoint to endorse throwing anything."

Saturday's victory and storming of the field was an event that, in many students' minds, will go down as a great Notre Dame moment.

Tarnacki said this game was something he will not soon forget.

"The memory I will never forget is walking out of the tunnel, seeing Touchdown Jesus," Tarnacki said. "There is nothing like that anywhere else.

"That was one of the best days I've had ever. Everything was just so special."

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"The defense played really well, [and] to hold them to a touchdown until the very end, I don't think anyone expected that," Richey said.

And many fans felt this week, the team looked and seemed just a little bit different.

"We did well because our offense and defense played their hearts out and, more specifically, we were able to get our rushing game in order," Nakamoto said.

While some attribute the team's success to the offense or defense, some attribute it to heart — the heart of the team, and of the fans.

Saint Mary's freshman Natalie Holtz, stood in awe of the student body's support.

"It was amazing how the student body came together and put their hearts into it," Holtz said. "It was great how we backed our boys the whole way, through thick and thin."

Saint Mary's junior Shannon McManus felt the game gave new meaning to the idea of home-field advantage.

"There is something about being at Notre Dame Stadium, something about coming to our house," McManus said. "You don't want someone beating you in your own house."

The high from Saturday's win has still yet to wear off, but some students cannot help wondering what future games hold for the Irish.

"I am very optimistic for the future; they proved to themselves and the fans that you can win if you have the heart," McManus said.

Although the team succeeded in upsetting Michigan, they still have a tough upcoming schedule, including No. 13 Tennessee and No. 1 USC.

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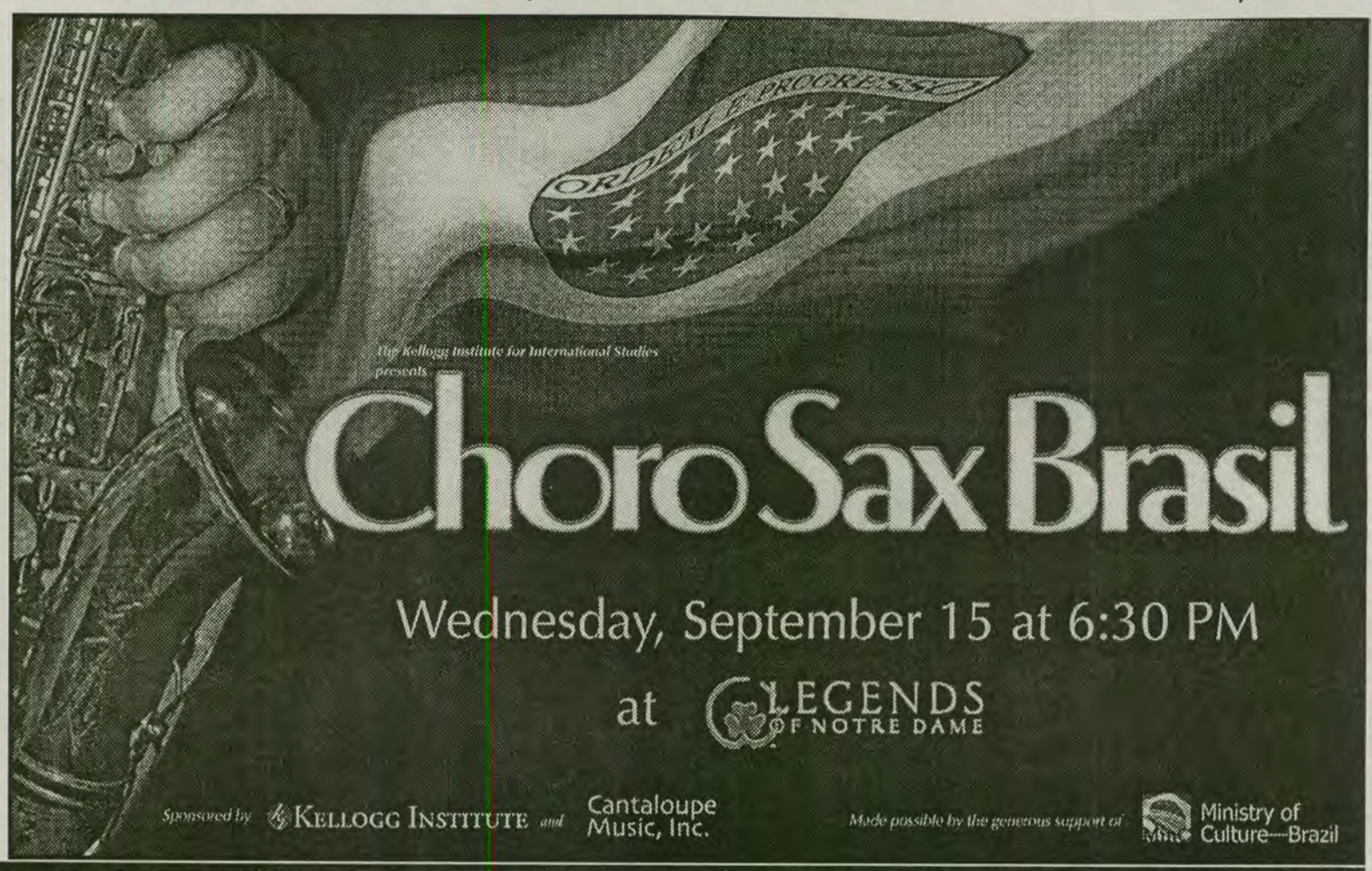
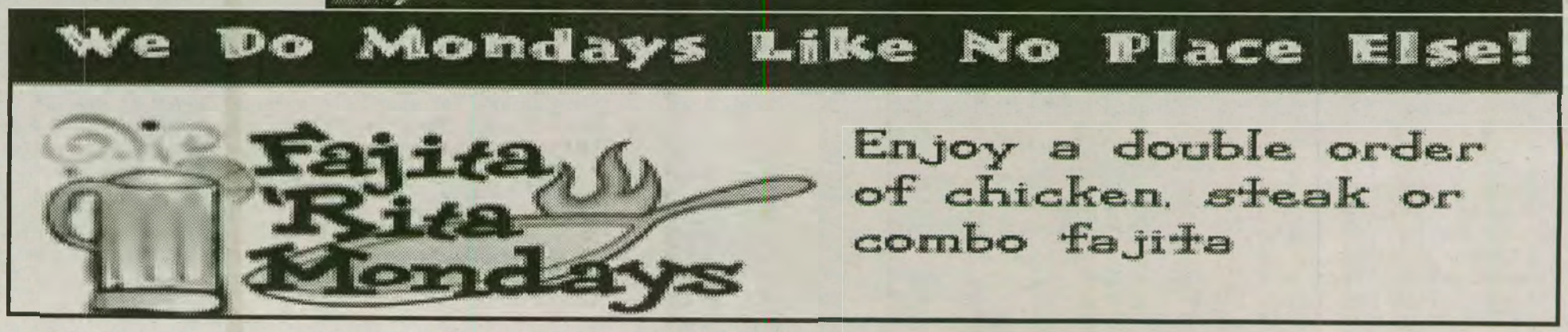




INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Baghdad violence kills near 60

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Insurgents hammered central Baghdad on Sunday with one of their most intense mortar and rocket barrages ever in the heart of the capital, heralding a day of violence that killed nearly 60 people nationwide as security appeared to spiral out of control.

At least 37 people were killed in Baghdad alone. Many of them died when a U.S. helicopter fired on a disabled U.S. Bradley fighting vehicle as Iraqis swarmed around it, cheering, throwing stones and waving the black and yellow sunburst banner of Iraq's most-feared terror organization.

The dead from the helicopter strike included Arab television reporter Mazen al-Tumeizi, who screamed, "I'm dying! I'm dying!" as a cameraman recorded the chaotic scene. An Iraqi cameraman working for the Reuters news agency and an Iraqi freelance photographer for Getty Images were wounded.

Bin Laden is still around

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — The trail has gone cold in the hunt for suspected Sept. 11 mastermind Osama bin Laden three years after the audacious attacks, but the al-Qaida chief and his No. 2 are still orchestrating strikes like the recent suicide car bombing of a U.S. security firm in Kabul, a top American commander said Saturday.

Maj. Gen. Eric Olson told The Associated Press the military had not intercepted any radio traffic or instructions from either bin Laden or his deputy, Ayman al-Zawahri. But he said the involvement of well-trained foreign fighters in attacks near the Pakistani border convinced him that the fugitive leaders were pulling the strings.

NATIONAL NEWS

Family members remember 9/11

NEW YORK — Their voices breaking, parents and grandparents of those lost on Sept. 11 stood at the World Trade Center site Saturday and marked the third anniversary of the attacks by reciting the names of the 2,749 people who died there.

The list took more than three hours, punctuated by tearful dedications when the readers reached the names of their own lost loved ones.

"We miss you very much, we love you very much, and we'll never forget you because you're in our hearts forever," said Stewart D. Wotton, looking skyward and remembering his son, Rodney James Wotton.

Four moments of silence were observed at 8:46, 9:03, 9:59 and 10:29 a.m. — the precise times that the two planes slammed into the buildings and when they collapsed on Sept. 11, 2001.

Low crime rates hold steady

WASHINGTON — The nation's crime rate last year held steady at the lowest levels since the government began surveying crime victims in 1973, the Justice Department reported Sunday.

The study was the latest contribution to a decade-long trend in which violent crime as measured by victim surveys has fallen by 55 percent and property crime by 49 percent. That has included a 14 percent drop in violent crime from 2000-2001 to 2002-2003."The rates are the lowest experience in the last 30 years," Justice Department statistician Shannan Catalona said in the report

LOCAL NEWS

Indiana feels small earthquake

INDIANAPOLIS — Some Indiana residents felt a jolt from a small earthquake Sunday morning.

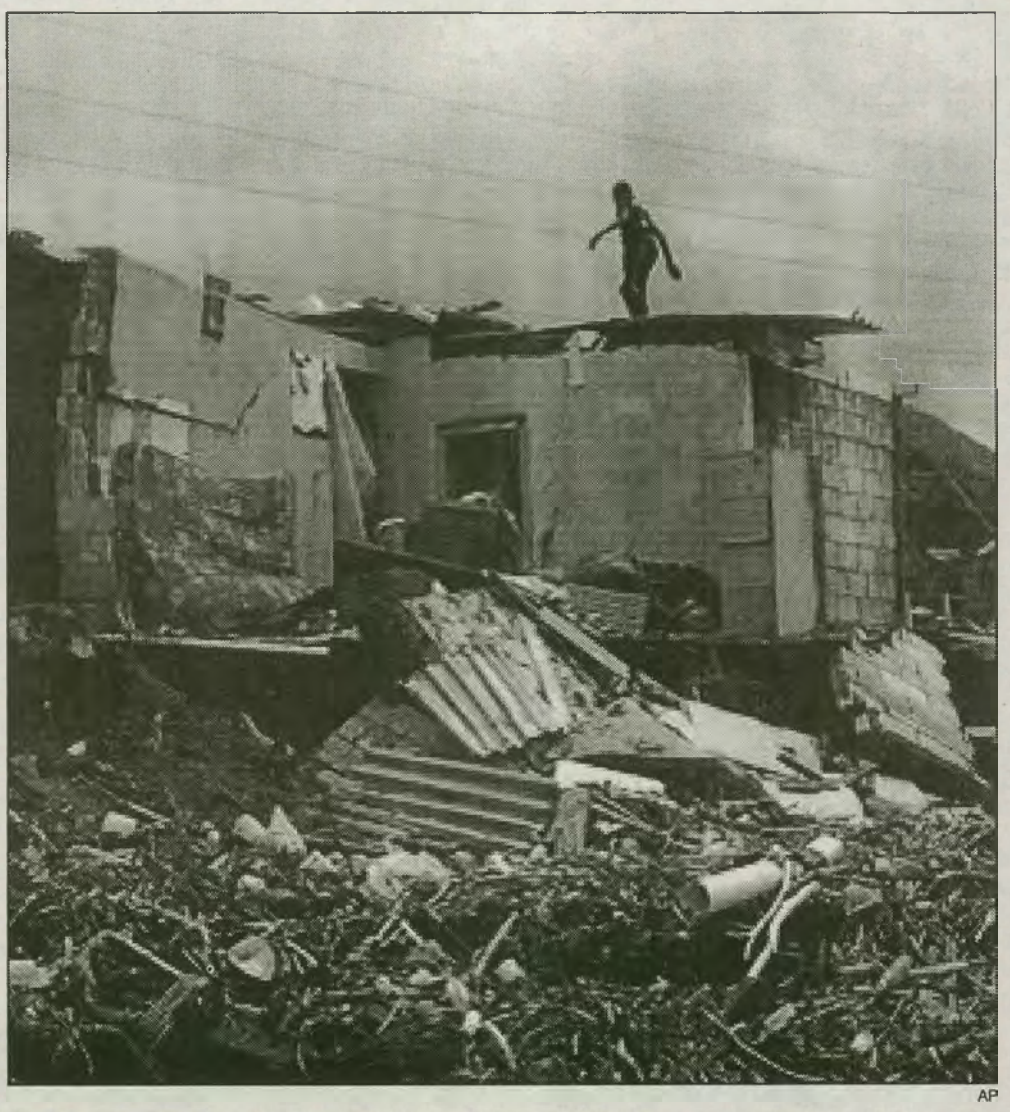
The 3.6 magnitude earthquake happened at 8:05 a.m. and was centered about six miles north of Shelbyville, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. Shelbyville is about 30 miles southeast of Indianapolis.

Buildings shook but no injuries were reported, said Julie Jones, a dispatcher at the Shelby County Sheriff's Department.

Ivan powerfully batters Caymans

Hurricane Ivan tore across the Caribbean at 150 mph killing at least 60 people

Associated Press



AP

A Jamaican boy cleans up his house after the passing of Hurricane Ivan on the outskits of Kingston, Jamaica, Sunday. The hurricane may strike Cuba and Florida.

GEORGE TOWN, Cayman Islands — Hurricane Ivan battered the Cayman Islands with ferocious 150-mph winds Sunday, flooding homes, ripping off roofs and toppling trees three stories tall as its powerful eye thundered past just offshore.

Ivan has killed at least 60 people across the Caribbean and was expected to strike western Cuba, where residents have dubbed the storm "Ivan the Terrible," on Monday. More than 1 million Cubans were evacuated from their homes.

The storm also could brush the Florida Keys and parts of Florida's Gulf Coast. Mexico issued a hurricane watch and tropical storm warning for the northeastern Yucatan Peninsula.

The hurricane, which grew to the most powerful Category 5 with 165 mph winds Saturday, lost some strength before tearing into the wealthy Cayman Islands chain, a popular scuba diving destination and banking center.

"It's as bad as it can possibly get," Justin Uzzell, 35 said by telephone from his fifth-floor refuge in Grand Cayman. "It's a horizontal blizzard. The air is just foam."

High winds prevented officials from assessing damage immediately. But Donnie Ebanks, deputy chairman of the British territory's National Hurricane Committee, estimated that as many as half of Grand Cayman's 15,000 homes were damaged.

At 5 p.m. EDT, Ivan's eye was about 225 miles southeast of Cuba's western tip. Hurricane-force winds extended 90 miles and tropical storm-force winds extended 175 miles. Ivan was moving west-northwest at near 10 mph and was expected to turn northwest by Monday.

It was projected to pass near or over Cuba's western end by Monday afternoon or evening. The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said the storm surge could reach 25 feet with dangerous, battering waves.

The Cayman Islands were better prepared for the punishment than Grenada and Jamaica, which were slammed by Ivan in the past week — though Jamaica was spared a direct hit Saturday. The Caymans have strict building codes and none of the shantytowns and tin shacks common elsewhere in the Caribbean.

The Hurricane Center said ham radio operators on Grand Cayman reported that people were standing on the roofs of homes because of storm surges of up to 8 feet above normal tide levels.

While it was nearly a direct hit on Grand Cayman, the eye of the storm did not make landfall, passing instead over water just south of the island, said Rafael Mojica, a Hurricane Center meteorologist.

Still, emergency officials said residents from all parts of the island were reporting blown-off roofs and flooded homes as Ivan's shrieking winds and driving rain approached Grand Cayman, the largest of three islands that comprise the British territory of 45,000 people.

The government said Grand Cayman was "experiencing the most severe portion of Hurricane Ivan" on Sunday morning.

"We know there is damage and it is severe," said Wes Emanuel of the Government Information Service.

The airport runway was flooded and trees were wrenched from their roots, including a giant Cayman mahogany next to the government headquarters in downtown George Town. Radio Cayman went off the air temporarily before resuming broadcasts.

Though there were no immediate reports of injuries in the Caymans. the death toll elsewhere rose as hospital officials in Jamaica reported four more deaths, for a total of 15. At least 34 people were killed in Grenada, where the hurricane left widespread destruction. Scattered deaths occurred on other islands and in Venezuela.

Blast ingites fear of nuclear testing

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — A large explosion occurred in the northern part of North Korea, sending a huge column of smoke into the air on an important anniversary of the communist regime, a South Korean news agency reported Sunday.

The South Korean government said it was trying to confirm the report of an explosion at 11 a.m. on Thursday in Yanggang province near the border with China.

The Yonhap news agency carried conflicting reports from unidentified sources, with one in Washington saying the incident could be related to a natural disaster such as a forest fire. It also cited a diplomatic source in Seoul as raising the possibility of an accident or a nuclear test.

Although North Korea is believed to be developing nuclear weapons, international experts would likely have been able to detect the test if one had occurred several days ago.

"We understand that a mushroom-shaped cloud about 3.5- to 4-kilometer (2.2 miles to 2.5 miles) in diameter was monitored during the explosion," the source in Seoul told Yonhap. Yonhap described the source as "reliable."

Thursday was the anniversary of North Korea's founding on Sept. 9, 1948. Leader Kim Jong Il uses the occasion to stage performances and other events to bolster loyalty among the impoverished North Korean population.

Experts have speculated that North Korea might use a major anniversary to conduct a nuclear-related test, but one analyst said an open test, as opposed to one below ground, would be hard in such a small country.

"It's difficult to say, but it won't be easy for North Korea to conduct a nuclear test without resulting in massive losses of its own people," said Koh Yu-hwan, a North Korea expert in Seoul.

Meditation aids pain in arthritis sufferers

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Dalia Isicoff knows pain. A lifelong sufferer of rheumatoid arthritis, she has had seven hip replacement surgeries.

Since leaving the hospital in February following her latest operation, however, she hasn't taken any painkillers. Not because the pain isnÕt there — it is. But Isicoff, 52, said she has learned to accept the pain, the disease, and herself, thanks to meditation.

"When you have an illness like this, what one tends to do is say, 'Oh, my God! Here we go again, this is going to render me disabled, I'm going to wind up in a wheelchair!' and you rush to the medicine cabinet,"she said. "This has allowed me to have the patience to deal with these flare-ups and become relaxed enough so the need for pain medication is almost not there."

The 52-year-old Clarksville resident said meditation has made her symptoms less severe, helping relieve stress that she said made the condition worse.

"With this type of approach, you learn to acknowledge you have pain and, by realizing it and by being in this relaxed state, the pain is less,' she said.

Researchers at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore are studying others like Isicoff to see if meditation helps sufferers of the autoimmune disorder, which affects about 2.1 million Americans, mostly women. Those with the disease often have general fatigue, soreness, stiffness and aches at first. Joints may swell and become damaged over time.

Groups of rheumatoid arthritis patients are being trained in "mindfulness," a form of stress reduction meditation developed 30 years ago at the University of Massachusetts. Their progress is being compared to patients not in the program.

Mindfulness is similar to many meditation techniques. Participants are taught to focus on breathing to quiet the mind and become aware of the moment.

The method has been used successfully to help patients with chronic pain from a variety of conditions, but this marks the first time it is being studied to see if it can help the physical and psychological symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis patients, said Lisa Pradhan, one of the study leaders for the University of Maryland's Center for Integrative Medicine.

Evidence suggests flare-ups of the disease are associated with stress, she said.

Thirty-six patients took an eight-week course that started in March and will be given their third and final evaluation later this month. Participants are being sought for a second group of a similar size, which will take the course beginning later this month and be tracked for six months.

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IN BRIEF

Stock prices climb as oil falls

NEW YORK — A sharp decline in oil prices and a surprise drop in wholesale prices pushed stocks higher Friday as investors' concerns about third quarter earnings were mitigated. The Nasdaq composite index surged with investors buying heavily into an oversold technology sector.

Oil prices fell briskly through the afternoon, again moving below $43 per barrel after spiking higher on Thursday. A barrel of light crude settled at $42.81, down $1.80, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Investors welcomed the 0.1 percent drop in the Producer Price Index, the Labor Department's measure of wholesale prices, since the news was a strong sign that the economy has still managed to keep inflation at bay despite this summer's rising oil costs.

A profit warning from Alcoa Inc., which slashed its third-quarter forecast by about 40 percent, weighed heavily on investors' minds and kept the Dow Jones industrial average lower for most of the session. Automotive systems manufacturer Visteon Corp.'s warnings drove new fears about the health of the auto market and overall consumer spending.

Gas prices resume decline

LOS ANGELES — Gas prices dropped about 2 cents in the past two weeks, reflecting recent drops in the price of crude oil and plentiful supply, an industry analyst said Sunday.

The combined national average for all grades of gasoline was $1.89, said Trilby Lundberg, who publishes the semimonthly Lundberg Survey. The price was down from $1.91 on Aug. 27.

The survey, taken Friday, polled about 6,000 gas stations across the United States.

Self-serve regular, the biggest seller, was $1.86. The mid-grade national average was $1.96 and the average for premium was $2.05.

Lundberg said crude oil prices, which began the month around $44 per barrel, have been declining most days since then. Prices at the pump are beginning to catch up with those drops, she said.

Prices went down despite the Labor Day weekend.

US Airways files bankruptcy

Seventh-largest airline claimed bankruptcy for the second time in 2 years

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. — US Airways Group Inc., the nation's seventh-largest airline, filed for bankruptcy protection Sunday for the second time in two years. The company's president vowed to continue restructuring the airline into a low-cost carrier during the bankruptcy process.

"We have come too far and accomplished too much to simply stop the process and not succeed," said Bruce Lakefield, US Airways' president and chief executive. "A restructured US Airways with low costs and low fares will be a dynamic competitor."

US Airways said customers would notice no operational changes as a result of the bankruptcy and that it will seek permission to continue its frequent flyer program.

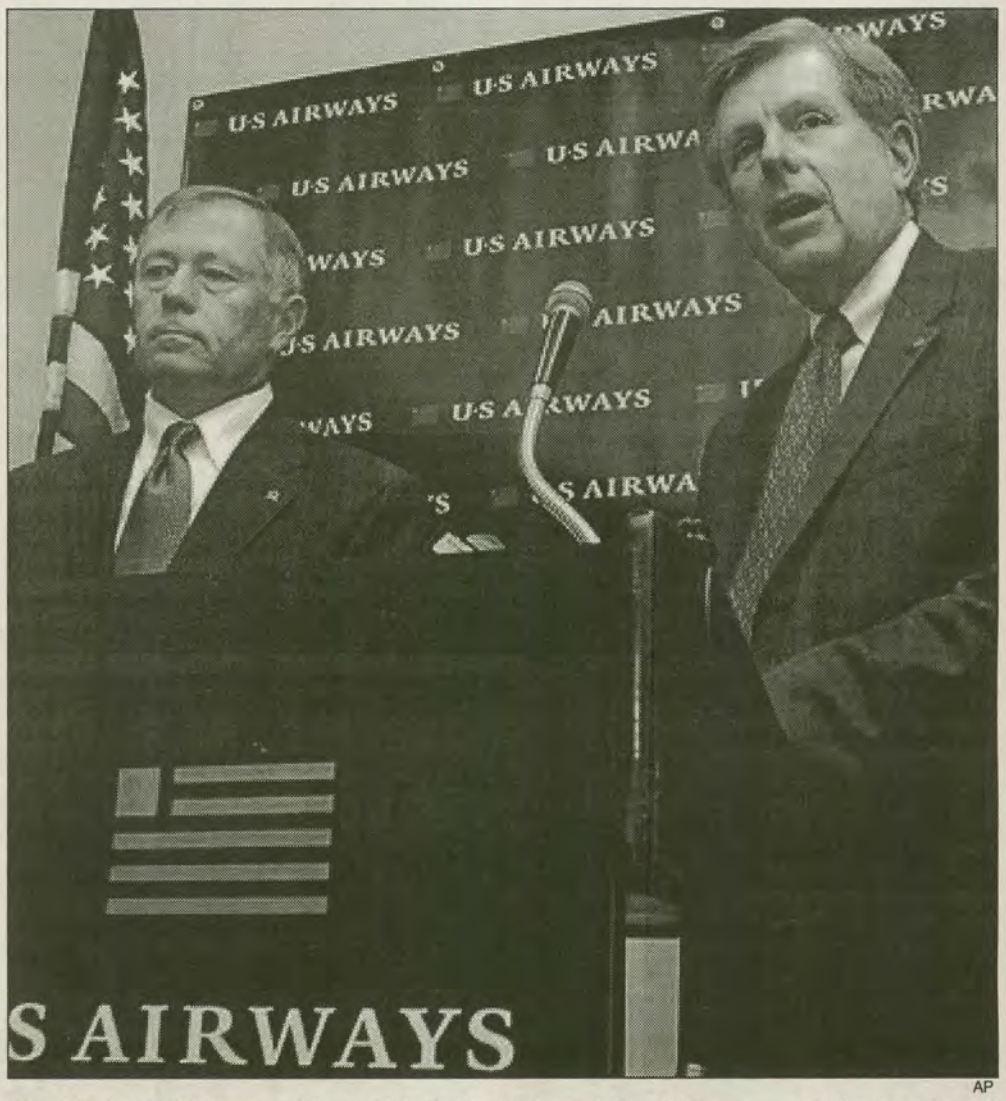
The Chapter 11 filing in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Alexandria came after US Airways was unable to obtain $800 million in annual cost cuts from its workers' unions that the airline said it needed to stay afloat.

Several major airlines also are confronting the need to repair weak finances. United Airlines has been operating under bankruptcy for nearly two years, American Airlines was on the brink of a filing 18 months ago and Delta Air Lines warned that it might seek similar protection soon if it cannot trim its labor costs.

Several weeks ago, US Airways Chairman David Bronner warned that the airline would most likely have to liquidate if it filed for bankruptcy.

Lakefield subsequently backtracked from those comments, and on Sunday again sought to assure customers that the airline faced no immediate danger of shutting down.

"I believe that the light of day will convince our employees that sacrifices are needed to keep the airline flying," Lakefield said in a telephone interview Sunday.



AP

President of US Airways Bruce Lakefield, right, and David Bronner, chief executive of the Retirement Systems of Alabama, speak to the media about airline's circumstance.

"When you look at the other choices, I believe our employees will make the right choice."

Last Monday, a deeply divided pilots union refused to allow its membership to vote on a company proposal that would have cut pay by 20 percent and retirement plan contributions by 50 percent.

As recently as Friday, US Airways made a last-ditch effort to reach a deal with the pilots, offering a proposal with minimum pay cuts that would have required more flight hours each month, putting more pilots at risk of furlough.

Some pilot representatives who opposed the new deal said the pilots and other US Airways workers had made enough concessions during the company's first trip into bankruptcy in 2002. Then, the unions collectively agreed to contract concessions of more than $1 billion a year.

The airline had hoped a deal with its pilots might spur other unions to take action.

Fred Freshwater, a pilots' union representative from Pittsburgh who opposed management's latest contract offer, said he wasn't surprised the company was unable to reach deals with labor and that it sought bankruptcy.

"When you look at the behavior of management, when you look at their proposals, they were seeking the total capitulation of labor," Freshwater said.

Bronner issued a statement Sunday saying workers will have to make concessions if the airline is to survive.

"The reluctance of union negotiators to agree to concessions is understandable, but their refusal to acknowledge the realities of the airline industry is a mystery," Bronner said.

The bankruptcy filing probably will cost federal taxpayers. The government loaned the airline $900 million last year as part of a special program to assist airlines after the Sept. 11 attacks.

The airline still owes Uncle Sam $718 million, and it will ultimately be up to a bankruptcy court to determine

Disney CEO offers his resignation

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Walt Disney Co. chief executive Michael Eisner unexpectedly offered his resignation from the entertainment company he has led for two decades, but he will not be leaving the executive suite anytime soon.

In a letter to Disney's board dated Thursday, Eisner said he intends to step down on Sept. 30, 2006, when his contract expires.

"Until then I shall continue to exert every effort to help the company achieve our goals, to assist the board in selecting the new chief executive officer, and to make the transition expeditious, efficient, and smooth and easy," Eisner wrote.

Eisner — known as a workaholic who reads scripts at night, watches every television pilot and even helps in the design of theme parks — helped transform Disney into a media powerhouse, but recently fought off a shareholder attempt to oust him.

Disney has fallen on hard times in recent years amid sinking ratings at ABC Networks and some questionable acquisitions. Disney stock has stumbled, and investors have begun to question Eisner's control over his board of directors. Eisner did not say whether he would seek to retain his seat on the board.

Critics called for Eisner to step down sooner and resign his seat on the board as well.

"It is not clear to us how a two-year lame duck CEO will benefit shareowners, and his continued presence on the board would prevent the company from the clean break that is needed to restore investor confidence," said Sean Hannigan, president of the California Public Employees Retirement System, the nation's largest pension fund and a major investor.

The timing of the announcement surprised investors and many of the company's top executives.

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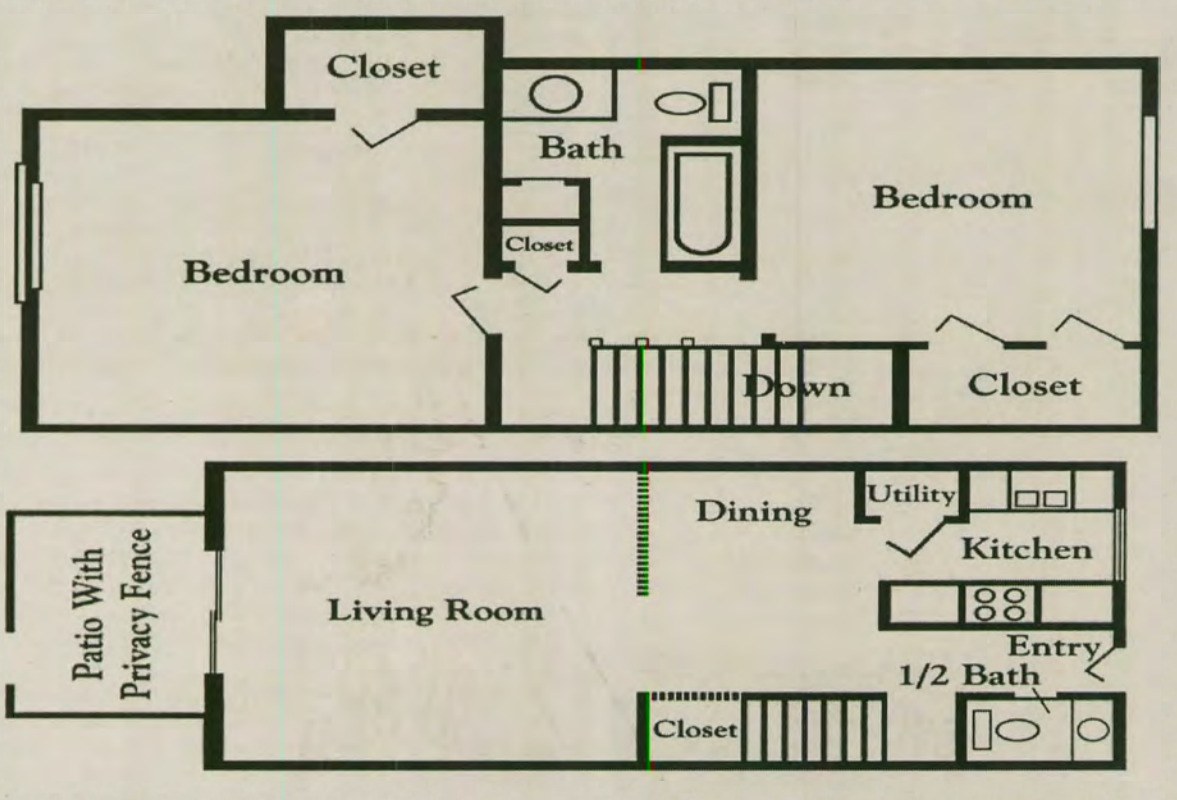

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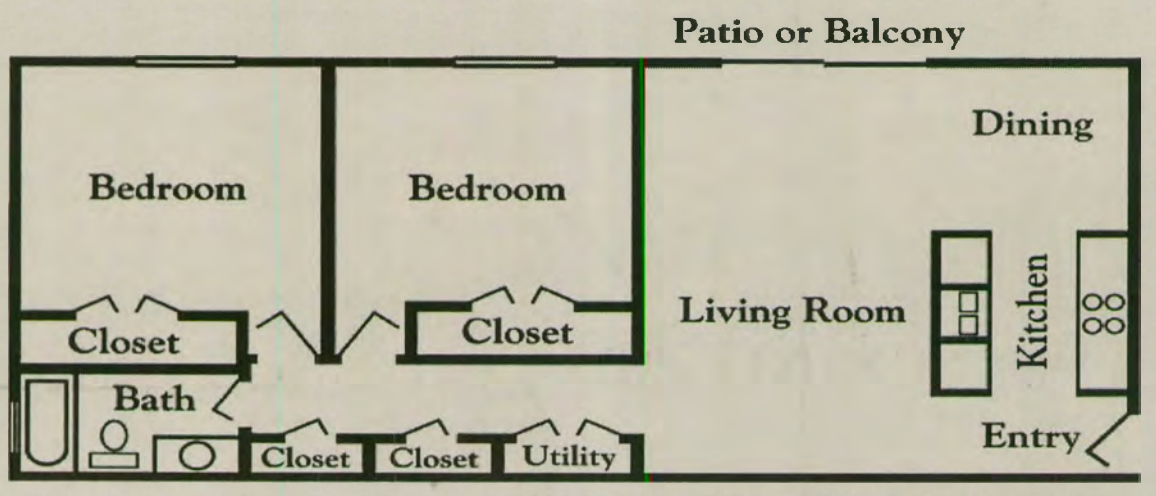

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Moviegoers favor 'Resident Evil: Apocalypse'

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The undead came alive once more over the weekend as "Resident Evil: Apocalypse" debuted at No. 1 at the box office, bringing in $23.7 million.

The sequel to 2002's "Resident Evil," based on a video game series about shooting apart shuffling, bio-poisoned zombie attackers, follows hits like last year's remake of "Dawn of the Dead" and the zombie art-house thriller "28 Days Later," which reinvigorated the genre.

Overall, however, it was a slow week for new releases as most kids headed back to school and the big-budget blockbusters of summer evaporated in favor of B-movie-style thrillers and monster movies.

The suspense drama "Cellular," with Kim Basinger as a kidnapping victim who makes a random phone call to a cell phone and pleads with a stranger to find her, opened at No. 2 with $10.6 million.

"'Cellular' did OK, but every other movie was just treading water behind 'Resident Evil,'" said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box office tracker Exhibitor Relations Co.

"Resident Evil: Apocalypse" stars Milla Jovovich as Alice, a bath-towel wearing, butt-kicking security chief who tries to help a group of survivors escape a zombified metropolis before the city of ghouls is annihilated by a nuclear strike.

With its miniskirted heroines and gooey guts-a-plenty, "Apocalypse" appealed mainly to guys under the age of 25.

"Certainly this is an adaptation from a game, so it has its own audience," said Rory Bruer, distribution chief for Sony, which released the film. "The zombies aspect of it is just fun."

Bruer also credited the marketing campaign, which featured early teaser trailers that had little to do with the action-horror theme. One trailer appeared to be an ad for a genetically engineered moisturizing lotion that promises to regenerate dead skin cells — the product that causes the mayhem in the films.

Final charter character bowes out of 'ER'

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Noah Wyle, the last continuous on-air link to the NBC medical drama "ER's" freshman season in 1994, seems headed for the doctor's retirement home.

Wyle, who plays Dr. John Carter, told E! Entertainment Television on Thursday that he plans to leave the show at the end of this season.

"I've just got other stuff going in my life right now," Wyle told "E! News Live." "I've got a son, I've got family and friends that said goodbye to me 12 years ago and are wondering when I'm coming back, and this little urge to scratch a different kind of itch in my career, and it's just coming to the end of the character's run."

Wyle was the impressionable young resident among a powerhouse cast that included Anthony Edwards, George Clooney, Eriq La Salle and Julianna Margulies. As they all left around him, Wyle became the show's promotional centerpiece.

"I've just got other stuff going on in my life right now."

Noah Wyle
actor

He may have talked to E! about leaving, but he hasn't told series creator John Wells or the producers, Warner Bros. Television, said Wyle's spokesman, Eddie George.

"He's clear on what he said," George said. "That's where his head is at. That could change. There's a lot of things that could happen between now and the end of the season."

A Warner Bros. spokeswoman said only, "people are going to have to stay tuned to see what's happening."

The five-time Emmy Award nominee's contract expires at the end of this season. This spring he watched as another popular Warner Bros. show that debuted the same season, "Friends," made its goodbye.

"The day the cast filmed their last episode, I saw them in the commissary. It was heavy," he told The Associated Press. "Here they were, closing a defining chapter in each of their lives, and all I could do was think: 'The end of that chapter's coming, for me.'"

Earlier in the year he said he thought about leaving several times.

What made him stay?

"The money, probably," he said.

"ER" will outlast him. NBC has locked up the show for another season past this one and, barring an unexpected downturn in the ratings, it will likely continue beyond that.

Walters departs '20/20'

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Barbara Walters says she is departing the ABC news magazine show "20/20" after 25 years because she wants to "leave at the top" and avoid being forced out.

"Newsmagazines in general are somewhat in jeopardy, I think," Walters told The New York Times for Sunday's editions. "I didn't want anyone to say, she was forced out, she had to leave."

Walters, 74, said that when she first became an evening news anchor, coanchor Harry Reasoner did not want to work with a woman and wouldn't talk to her off the air. Soon, she said, she was getting "the sympathy vote."

"One day I got a telegram from a man I did not know. It said, 'Don't let the bastards get you down.' And it was signed John Wayne," she said.

Walters says she plans to stay in television, continuing her interview specials and appearances on "The View." ABC News appointed Elizabeth Vargas to replace her on "20/20."

Walters said television news has changed in recent years.

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HONG KONG

Hong Kong voters turn out in force

Voters choose pro-democracy politicians in controversial election

Associated Press

HONG KONG — A record 1.7 million Hong Kong voters cast ballots Sunday for an election that sent a fresh contingent of pro-democracy opposition politicians to the legislature, but fewer than the outright majority feared by Beijing's allies, exit polls showed.

The contest was surrounded in controversy even before the results were tallied. Polling stations ran short of ballot boxes, prompting some angry people to give up rather than wait to cast their vote.

Politicians from the opposition Democratic Party conceded they had probably fallen short of expectations, after two candidates became embroiled in campaign scandals. One remains locked up in mainland China after allegedly being caught with a prostitute.

"The scandals hurt us a lot," said Democratic Party lawmaker Fred Li, who won a seat, according to TV exit polls. The Democrats accused pro-Beijing rivals of stirring up trouble — a charge the rivals denied.

The exit polls also predicted victory for a veteran activist known for chanting slogans, burning flags and demanding a fuller explanation from China about its deadly military crackdown on the 1989 Tiananmen Square democracy movement.

"The pro-China figures have been targeting the democratic side, but now they've got somebody even more radical to contend with."

Ivan Choy
political scientist

If "Longhair" Leung Kwok-hung ends up inside the legislature instead of staging protests outside it, he could become a major nuisance for unpopular Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa.

"The pro-China figures have been targeting the democratic side, but now they've got somebody even more radical to contend with," political scientist Ivan Choy said.

Official results weren't expected until Monday, but the exit polls conducted for several local media outlets by Hong Kong University researchers were seen as a reliable barometer of the vote's outcome.

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Fred LI
democratic party lawmaker

Another apparent winner was the outspoken former radio host Albert Cheng, who went off the air in May after alleged threats over his pro-democracy comments — one of the biggest controversies in a campaign that was full of alleged smears and intimidation tactics.

Many Hong Kong voters clearly were frustrated by Beijing's recent decision that ruled out full democracy in the near term despite widespread demands for universal suffrage.

As votes were counted, outrage grew over the shortage of ballot boxes. It was not clear how many polling stations were affected or how many people were unable to vote.

"This is very serious," said Margaret Ng, who was seeking re-election. "I don't care whether it was a careless mistake or whether it was a conspiracy. One is just as unforgivable as the other. And what would the world think?"

Constitutional Affairs Secretary Stephen Lam apologized and promised an immediate investigation.

Half of the legislature's 60 seats were directly elected, with 3.2 million people registered to vote, while the other half were picked by less than 200,000 members of special interest groups such as business, law and accounting that tend to back Beijing.

RUSSIA

Russia supports U.S. anti-terror methods

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia reserves the right to carry out pre-emptive strikes on militant bases abroad in the wake of the school hostage seizure, Russia's defense minister said Sunday, adding that Moscow and the United States see eye to eye on fighting terrorism.

Sergei Ivanov did not say what countries might be possible targets for a strike, but Russian officials in the past have said Chechen separatists have bases in nearby Georgia, and Moscow has had friction with that country's pro-U.S. government over the issue.

President Vladimir Putin has blamed international terrorism for the school hostage crisis at Beslan in southern Russia where at least 330 hostages died on Sept. 3. He lashed out at those in the West who continued to advise Russia to conduct peace talks with rebels in Chechnya, sneering that they should negotiate with Osama bin Laden.

President Bush visited the Russian Embassy in Washington on Sunday, signing a book of condolence for victims of the school hostage seizure and expressing outrage at the actions of "evil terrorists."

"The atrocities that took place in the school were beyond comprehension," the president told reporters.

Ivanov told the NTV television channel he had spoken twice with U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld last week, adding the U.S. administration was more receptive to Moscow's arguments on how to fight terror than some European officials.

"The Americans and the U.S. military have a better understanding of the seriousness of this threat since we and the United States have both been targeted in powerful terror attacks," Ivanov said in the television interview.

"In that sense, it has been easier for us to find a basis for mutual understanding with the United States than with some of the European nations."

There was no immediate U.S. comment on Russia's right to pre-emptive strikes. Speaking Sunday on Fox television, Secretary of State Colin Powell said the school seizure and other recent attacks in Russia highlighted the need for stronger global anti-terror efforts.

In Sunday's interview, Ivanov repeated an earlier statement that a "pre-emptive strike may involve anything, except nuclear weapons."

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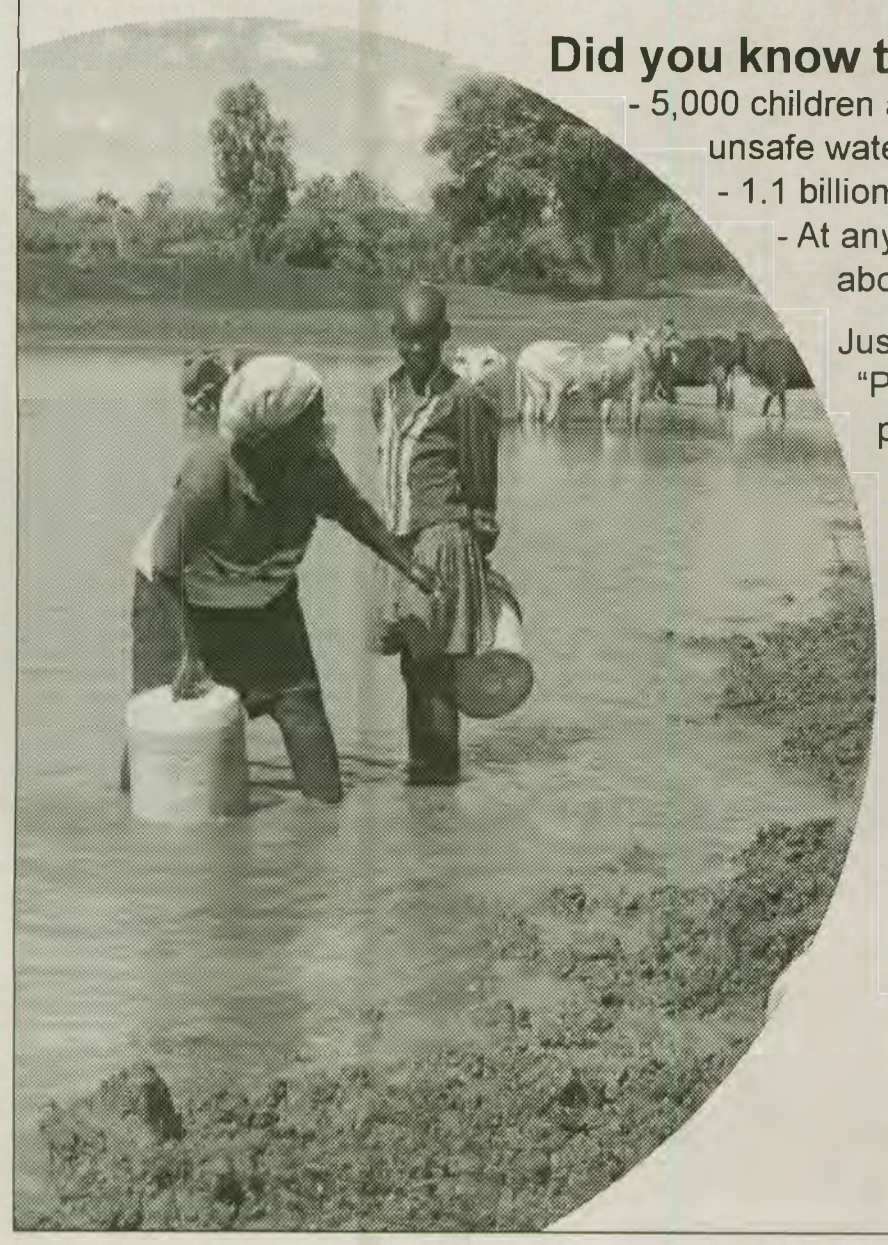

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ISRAEL

Thousands protest Israeli withdrawal plan

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Tens of thousands of Jewish settlers and their backers demonstrated in Jerusalem on Sunday against Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to evacuate all settlements from Gaza and four West Bank enclaves in a rally held against a backdrop of assassination threats and warnings of civil war.

The withdrawal plan has upset the Israeli political scene since it was announced last year, turning Sharon's backers into opponents and detractors into supporters. Skeptical Palestinians believe the whole plan is a trick to annex large parts of the West Bank to Israel.

The demonstrators filled downtown Jerusalem, shutting down much of the city, to protest the planned pullout.

Most of those filling downtown were Orthodox Jews, many of them teenage girls in long skirts or youths wearing knit skullcaps. A huge banner behind the stage set the theme: "Disengagement tears the people apart." Many waved blue-and-white Israeli flags.

Organizers pledged to prevent incitement to violence, but there were also some ominous signs.

One placard warned that the head of Sharon's disengagement committee would "not be forgiven." Another showed a picture of Sharon under the words, "The Dictator."

Another sign said, "A time to love, a time to hate," quoting the biblical Book of Ecclesiastes.

After the demonstration, hundreds of participants, many holding candles, marched to a square near Sharon's official residence, where they called on the prime minister to resign. The rally dispersed peacefully.

At a Cabinet meeting Sunday morning, Sharon warned of statements of "grave incitement" that were "directing toward a civil war."

Ten die in suspected arson fire

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A suspected arson fire raced through an apartment complex in suburban Columbus on Sunday, killing 10 people who lived in the same apartment and forcing others to jump from third-story windows to escape.

At least 53 people were left homeless by the blaze in Prairie Township, which destroyed the building's roof and third floor, melted siding and left its wooden skeleton exposed.

Antonio Noriega said firefighters pulled him from a ladder as he tried to rescue his brothers and nephews.

"My family is dead," Noriega said. Eight of his relatives — including three young boys — and two friends lived in the apartment, he said. Authorities wouldn't say whether others were still missing.

The fire came just six weeks after three fires were set in the same building in an empty apartment and hallway, said Fire Chief Steve Feustel. There were no suspects and no known witnesses to Sunday's suspected arson, he said.

The victims lived on the third floor and tried to escape, Feustel said.

"They were out of their beds. They didn't die in their sleep," he said.

Two people, including a woman who jumped from a window, were treated and released from a hospital, a nursing supervisor said.

Residents of the gutted 24-unit building stood vigil outside — some wrapped in blankets, some quietly sobbing. The American Red Cross handed out water, coffee and doughnuts, and helped residents find temporary housing.

The fire started about 2:30 a.m. in the basement or the first floor, but the cause was not known, Feustel said. He said the fire burned fiercely in a stairway, blocking people from escaping.

Pascasie Mulanigulwa, who lives in the next building, was awakened by the light through her bedroom window. "I saw people jumping down out of the third floor. It was terrible," she said.

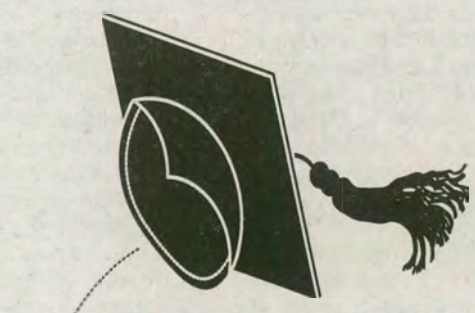
A hydrant that had been knocked over delayed getting water to fight the fire, which was already shooting through the roof when crews arrived, Feustel said.

"These people were probably already down by the time fire crews were on the scene," he said.

Killed in the fire were Ismael Noriega, 36; his wife, Lidia Mejia, 22; their three young sons; Mejia's two brothers; her nephew and two family friends, according to Antonio Noriega, Ismael's brother.

"My family, they're sleeping and the fire is coming fast," he said. "I can't help my brothers."

Noriega said his family members were all immigrants from Mexico who came to Columbus four years ago. Many in the family worked together at a landscaping company.



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Time inside opens your eyes

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Say why not

Life-changing experiences sometimes come at unexpected times. This one started with a harmless date to a baseball game and ended up in jail.

My date and I met friends for drinks before the game, downed a few beers and headed to Camden Yards in Baltimore to watch the Red Sox dominate the Orioles. Our optimistic attitudes were not drowned out with the rains that poured down in the fourth inning. Even if they cancelled the game, we were determined to have a fun night.

Ready to stir up some trouble, my date turned to me and said that she thought it would be a great idea to play slip 'n slide on the giant tarp that had been pulled out temporarily over the diamond. With alcohol and testosterone flowing through my veins, I, of course, could not back down from the challenge and soon found myself leaping onto the field and sprinting toward first base, hands pumping in the air as if I'd just won an Olympic medal.

My 15 minutes of fame did not disappoint. There were 30,000 disgruntled baseball fans cheering at their newfound entertainment, and my slip 'n slide dive was worthy of the record books. When I climbed back into the stands, the stadium police chased me through rows of fans in several sections. I rather inconveniently forgot however that radio waves travel faster than legs and was eventually caught and led to the stadium jail. But I was still all smiles and laughter, high on the experience and wishing that I had thought to run through the dugout to give Pedro Martinez a high five.

The comic nature of the incident came to an abrupt and sober end several hours later when I found myself booked, photographed and fingerprinted in a jail cell in downtown Baltimore. The next 20 hours were long and dehumanizing. But they were also eye-opening.

My time in jail will be looked back on with humor, a youthful folly. But the other 12 people sitting uncomfortably in the two-man cell in which I found myself, all of whom were black and from inner-city Baltimore, will probably have very different stories to tell, stories that challenge the comfortable boundaries of life at Notre Dame.

My cellmates had been in jail countless times. They all grew up in parts of Baltimore where public schooling is inferior, entry-level jobs are few and stable families rare. Pressures and expectations are radically different than in the typical suburban community. For my cellmates, this constructed reality led them to dope use and attempted escape from the cops, while its parallel for most kids in America includes attending school plays and seeing movies.

The cycle of drugs, dependence and materialism in which my cellmates have found themselves is a result of their political and economic marginalization at the hands of our wider society. Bad schools have led to dropping out — only 45 percent of black males graduate from Chicago public schools. Single parents working overtime at minimum wage jobs have led to a relative dearth of positive role models. Discrimination has caused frustration and rebellion. A lack of jobs and income generates crime (In 2002, one in four black males was idle all year long; that, shockingly, does not include the estimated 10 percent of black men under the age of 40 who are incarcerated at any given time). This cycle continually degenerates, assaulting human dignity.

With no options for making a valuable contribution to the greater society, the default reality is deviant behavior, sticking it to "The Man" who never gave a leg up. And time spent in our country's "correctional" facilities certainly does not help anything. It doesn't successfully protect the wider society from crime, and it doesn't correct criminal behavior. It does, however, institutionalize human beings, depriving them of any hope they might have, dehumanizing them to the point where they start believing the message of their own worthlessness that the world has been feeding them.

After a pause in conversation in our cell, the gravity of this crisis and the way it is affecting people was made most apparent by one of my cellmates when he said, "We gotta keep talking. The silence is bad, because then you start thinking. And that just gets depressing."

Structural solutions that would promote human dignity could include the implementation of a living wage, so that parents do not have to work numerous jobs and can be present more in the lives of their children, and so that crime is not the only way to fund life's needs. Improving the quality of public education in urban areas would increase the number of individuals who could attain higher education. Job training could provide much-needed alternatives. The list or possible solutions aimed at increasing equality of opportunity and participation in society goes on. Recent legislation from the Bush administration — such as the widely-touted "No Child Left Behind" Act — has only further demonstrated the lack of political concern about the situation of the urban poor.

Until all citizens of the United States experience economic security and a fair shot at life, no member of our society will be secure. Until then, the values that we cherish in America apply only to those of us on this side of the railroad tracks.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Senior pictures waste student money

What is it we pay to go to this school? $40,000? I've spent almost four years wondering where all that money goes, or better yet, doesn't go. One hundred fifty-nine dollars for football tickets is pretty bad. Nine dollars for a dining hall meal — yeah, that's about what they cost — is ridiculous. But now the class of 2005 is finding out one of the more absurd additional fees that I've ever heard of. You want to be in the yearbook? You've got to buy a senior portrait.

I don't care about a senior portrait, and unless your parents have brainwashed you, neither should you. I have lots of pictures of myself and my friends over my time at this school that mean a lot more to me than some elaborately set up photo opportunity. So why would I pay $10 to break out a jacket and tie — mandatory dress for males — and walk around campus like the point man in some twisted "Where's Waldo?"

In 30 years, when my classmates pick up their yearbook to take a walk down memory lane, I would like to have my smiling face on one of those big billboards on the side of the road. I go to this school, and I'm graduating with the class of 2005. Maybe I'm crazy, but shouldn't that be enough to get me in the yearbook? Maybe instead of giving away thousands of yearbooks every year, mostly to underclassmen who will never look at them again — I have a couple buried at home somewhere — we should start charging a small fee for the yearbooks rather than the pictures. This could fund at least a minimum portrait package for the whole senior class.

I'm afraid it's too late to do anything about it now; seniors, we are already lost. But there is still a chance for you underclassmen. As for myself, well, I cancelled my portrait session. But thanks to a digital camera and the wonders of email, I might still be cast into Notre Dame history; just look for the guy sporting a T-shirt and a huge grin, right between the two suckers in jackets and ties.

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"Besides pride, loyalty, discipline, heart and mind, confidence is the key to all the locks."

Joe Paterno
college football coach

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Realizing errors in Iraq

When are we going to wake up and get the point? Now that we have counted more than 1,000 dead soldiers in Iraq, isn't it about time to reconsider what we are doing? There are no weapons of mass destruction — just lies. There is no connection between Sept. 11 and Iraq — just lies. There was no connection between Saddam Hussein and Al Qaeda — just lies.

The world and especially America is not safer as a result of these actions. The Bush administration continues to manipulate your emotions with constant false alarms, vague warnings or nonspecific information from unspecified sources and elevated color alerts. Does this make you feel safer?

The Bush administration seems to think it can defeat terrorism by "taking the fight to the enemy," but Homeland Security expert Stephen Flynn warns, "Targeting terrorism at its source is an appealing notion, unfortunately, the enemy is not cooperating" The "coalition of the willing" is slowly coming to the realization that this approach won't work. The few "coalition" nations still present only have about 90 persons in Iraq and those may be withdrawn soon. We have about 145,000 and are losing territory, as well as Iraqi hearts and minds every day. The puppet government hiding in a compound in Baghdad, guarded by our troops, grows more unpopular every day. Does this make sense? The President lied to get us into this ill-advised war. I pray to God he can find another lie to get us out before many more of our soldiers are killed.

A year and four months since President Bush declared "Mission Accomplished," 865 soldiers have died, and still there is no exit strategy. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld calls the death toll "relatively small." I wonder if most Americans, or the families and loved ones of these victims of Bush's bad policy and "grand standing bravado" consider the sacrifice of these young men and women so trivial. Someone needs to remind the "chicken hawks," those who did not serve on any battlefield, that even one was far too many.

Regardless of the $200 billion already wasted, we may never be able to evaluate the real cost of this folly in lost lives, lost limbs, lost dreams and broken families.

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Sizing up the candidate

The title to Tom Rippinger's Sept. 8 column tells us that voting for Bush is the hard road which we should nevertheless take for the good of the country. Upon reading Rippinger's reasons for this conclusion, however, we find that the choice for Bush is easy indeed. Easy because, we discover, Bush is not running against John Kerry and the Democrats at all, but against Michael Moore and the Soviet Marxists. Or, at least, it amounts to the same thing. In Rippinger's world, this election is not a choice between two different kinds of American capitalism, or two different kinds of national security, but rather between freedom and totalitarianism, tough self-defense and unconditional surrender.

When Rippinger does seem to refer to Senator Kerry, his characterization still doesn't resemble much the man nominated to run against President Bush. This straw-Kerry would, Rippinger has discovered, not fight against terrorism, but instead, apologize and back down, presumably to Al Qaeda. In addition, this scarecrow-like Kerry is proposing to outsource our security to the international community, despite the fact that the real John Kerry's record in the senate and his explicit statements in this campaign offer nothing to support this outrageous claim.

If the GOP convention is any indication, many Republicans must believe that to qualify as worthy to defend America, a leader must be in favor of every military adventure, no matter how quixotic, and every defense spending proposal no matter how inefficient. Apparently a good commander-in-chief must forget that defense budget dollars and soldiers' lives are precious and limited. That seems to be the standard Sen. Kerry is held to when he is criticized for his votes against some military programs in the '80s, in the face of soaring deficits, and in the early '90s at the end of the Cold War. In the latter case, the B-2 bomber which Kerry voted against was also opposed by the first President Bush, who also in 1992 promised to cut defense spending by 30 percent, with the help of Defense Secretary Dick Cheney.

John Kerry never was a political rock star like John McCain or Bill Clinton, he really has an aloof air about him, and many parts of his voting record are indeed liberal. But under the watch of Bush and a Republican Congress, Americans have seen 1,000 deaths in Iraq, the alienation of powerful allies abroad, and poor economic performance despite federal spending, tax cuts and low interest rates on full tilt for three and a half years. Hence it is no real surprise that Bush and the Republicans are eager to run against just about anyone but the real John Kerry.

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Fear sells in political marketplace

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It is true, as President Franklin Roosevelt said, that "we have nothing to fear but fear itself." Unfortunately, the fear in our times is so powerful and overwhelming that those who agree with Roosevelt should consider unabashed panic.

We Americans are a timid, fearful lot who live life from crisis to manufactured crisis. We make little attempt to use reason to estimate the credibility or immediacy of these fears. We even go so far as to accuse those who use their reason to question these fears of being unpatriotic for not blindly accepting the terror.

Fear, uncertainty and doubt are the order of the day.

This is not a partisan thing: Rank-and-file liberals are just as likely to be scared into following as rank-and-file conservatives are — and there is no law of nature or politics saying that Democrats cannot be just as effective fear-mongers as Republicans. Though the Kerry campaign has refrained from manufacturing additional fear, many people support Sen. Kerry's bid for the presidency simply because they fear the neo-conservatives in power more.

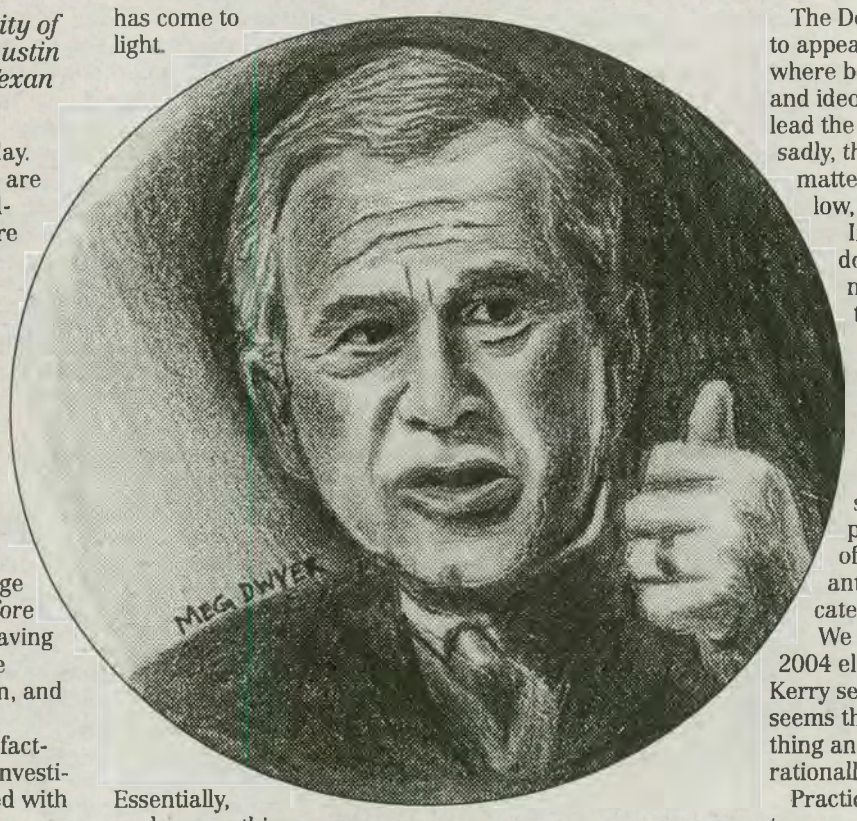
But no politician, with the possible exception of Joseph McCarthy, has done more to cultivate fear than President Bush. After the election of 2000, in which he failed to win the popular vote, his support has come almost entirely from the fear that gripped the nation after Sept. 11.

He has abused that support to pass policy and wage wars that would have been dismissed as absurd before the terrorism scare. He has everything to gain by leaving the American people frightened and clutching at the frayed edges of his "security blanket" administration, and the best way to do that is to leave us ignorant.

The Bush administration has repeatedly opposed fact-finding investigations related to Sept. 11. When an investigation was eventually launched, it was poorly funded with a mere $3 million (compared to $70 million for Whitewater/Monicagate). The White House refused to provide the commission with requested documents even under threat of subpoena and testified reluctantly only after vast public pressure, and then it censored parts of the commission's report once it was completed.

Important data related to the hijackings have never been released to the public, such as the airport security camera footage of hijackers getting on the planes or videotapes from the Pentagon crash. The results of investigations into who short-sold American Airlines and United Airlines stock in the days preceding the attacks also have not been released.

Little information about the Sept. 11 attacks — or what the government did to investigate the tragedies or combat future terrorism — has come to light.



Essentially, we know nothing.

The ignorant are powerless, the powerless are afraid, the afraid are compliant and the compliant vote Republican.

Ignorance is not the only way this administration has sought to keep us cowering. The White House has made it a habit to periodically frighten us with indefinite and dubious peril.

Periodic "terror alerts," which have usually turned out to be nothing, have rekindled our fear. These terror alerts often occur after good news for the Kerry campaign or bad news for the Bush campaign. Knocking those stories off the news cycle tend to give Bush an approval ratings boost.

No politician has ever lost an election by overestimating the paranoia of the American people. This spells disaster for the Kerry campaign in November.

The Democrats have no hope of victory if they continue to appeal to higher reasoning functions. In a fair fight, where both the Republicans and Democrats argued policy and ideology, allowing for the person with the best ideas to lead the country, Kerry would squarely beat Bush. But sadly, that's not the character of American elections; no matter how much we wish it were true. Bush has sunk low, Kerry must therefore sink lower.

If Kerry wants to win, he needs to, as Bush has done, appeal to the lower instinct of fear. There is so much to truly fear about the Bush administration — the loss of civil liberties, proposed "Big Brother" programs such as the massive database Total Information Awareness, designed to survey personal credit card transactions and travel records indiscriminately, or the TIPS program to recruit mail carriers, cable installers and other persons routinely given access to private homes to act as spies for the government. Add disastrous fiscal policies, the willingness to use the military in wars of aggression and the unwillingness to enforce antitrust law, and the Kerry campaign need not fabricate a thing.

We cannot hope to be free from fear if Bush wins the 2004 election. We cannot hope to be free from fear if Kerry seeks, as he must, to win the election at any cost. It seems that people aren't willing or able to do the right thing and reject the fear, to look at the issues and think rationally.

Practicality demands that to remove fear in the long-term, we must embrace the horror in the short-term.

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SCENE

Blessid Union of Souls rocks old favorites

Band sneaks back onto music scene with new twists on old standbys

By LAUREN WENDEL
Scene Writer

Despite a five-year absence from Top 40 radio, Blessid Union of Souls' career may not be finished just yet. If Thursday night's set at St. Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium is any indication, there will be plenty of fans welcoming them back into the limelight.

Widely known for its emotional and accessible tunes that speak directly to the audience, the band has been touring the nation recently playing small-scale venues and recording new material for an upcoming album. Despite this fresh material, the band is mostly remembered for several 90's love songs that take one back to those awkward junior high dances. Thursday's set consisted mostly of these old standbys, some with new twists that kept the audience pleasantly surprised and energized throughout the two hours.

2 Skinny Dorks, an unsigned act from Cleveland, helped jump start the crowd with its energy filled, Dave Matthews Band-inspired opening set. Contrary to the name, the band actually consists of three full-time members and three other non-touring members. The group has been playing together for six years and was recently named the best unsigned act by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Despite these accolades, the band played generic three-chord acoustic rock thrown together with some excellent saxophone playing by Matt Corey and high-tech voice box accompaniment. The set consisted of four original songs as well as a cover of Michael Jackson's "Man in the Mirror." Lead singer Jake Blazer's voice provided strong support and stage presence to songs that were lyrically weak and sloppily arranged.

The challenge of getting a positive crowd response is much easier at an all-girls school, according to guitarist Eric Penrod.

"[It's] easier, because girls are generally more accepting," he said. "You just have to get on stage for girls, with guys it's like you have to prove yourself. But at the same time we want it to be about the music."

Photo courtesy of blessidunion.net

Even though Blessid Union of Souls has not released new material since 1999, the band has been touring small venues with some new songs as well as their older hits.

Blessid Union of Souls seemed to feed off the laid-back energy supplied by 2 Skinny Dorks and brought the 600-person crowd to its feet in quiet anticipation. Kicking off the set with the fast-paced "She's the One" and the hit "I Wanna Be There" off its second self-titled album (EMI, 1997), Blessid Union of Souls showed it still knows how to rock out with its old standby hits. The set slowed down with an appropriately named new song, "How Does it Feel Coming Down," but then quickly picked up again with the single "That's the Girl I've Been Telling You About" (Walking off the Buzz, 1999).

Lead singer Eliot Sloan, dressed in a cape-like orange silk shirt and sewn-in tight pinstripe pants, twirled around onstage when not crooning into the microphone. He continued the set's laid-back vibe with the forgettable "Oh Virginia" and the radio-friendly singles "Light in Your Eyes" and "Let Me Be the One," which prompted many audience members to sway in unison while displaying their cell phone lights.

A well-played piano cover of Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody" surprised many in the audience and added some energizing group sing-a-long to the set. Later in the set, the rest of the band had the opportunity to show off its musical skills via a five-minute jam session filled with funk drumbeats by Shaun Shaefer and Led Zeppelin-inspired guitar riffs by Bryan Billhimer and Pence. This long performance prompted many audience members to leave early. If they had stayed, the crowd would have witnessed some awe-inspiring guitar playing that would lead anyone to pick up a guitar and try it out.

The highlight of the night was the solo performance by Sloan of its first smash single, 1995's "I Believe" (Home, EMI). This haunting and well-written love ballad brought some in the audience to tears while hugging their loved ones. At the end of the set, Blessid Union of Souls returned to a crowd favorite by playing "I Believe" punk, reggae and hard rock style in an extended version. This new twist revitalized the crowd's energy just in time for the band's 1999 smash hit "Hey Leonardo (She Likes Me for Me)."

Despite not releasing any new material since this 1999 album, the band is not too concerned with losing a fan base.

"You got to do what you got to do," Sloan said. "If the songs are good they'll hold up on their own, you can't really depend upon what critics say about you."

As Blessid Union of Souls displayed Thursday, its songs are capable of holding up, even if it is past their prime.

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The band's performance of its first hit single, 1995's "I Believe," moved many audience members to tears.

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Walker, Irish Savior

Freshman tailback revives running game as defense stifles Wolverines

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At the start of the season, most of the Notre Dame faithful figured the Irish would be 1-1 after the Michigan game.

And they are, it just happened differently than many thought.

In front of a raucous sellout home crowd, the Irish put on a display of balanced offense and stellar defense — while taking advantage of their opponent's mistakes — as they bounced back from a disappointing opener against Brigham Young to shock No. 8 Michigan 28-20.

"We just believed we could get it done," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said when asked what changed between the BYU loss and the victory over the Wolverines. "Our guys really stayed the course, and I think our coaches did a wonderful job of directing them."

Certainly another difference between the two games would have to be the play of true freshman running back Darius Walker.

Walker, who did not see action against BYU, came into the game near the end of the first quarter and never looked back — eventually scoring two touchdowns and collecting 115 yards on 31 carries.

"Basically, I was just worried about doing my job to the best of my ability and the best that I could," he said. "I just tried to block everything else out. It was quite an experience out there."

Notre Dame scored its other two touchdowns through the air on passes to wide receiver Matt Shelton and fullback Rashon Powers-Neal.

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn finished the game 10-of-20 for 178 yards with two touchdowns and three interceptions — although two of the interceptions deflected off Notre Dame receivers.

Quinn was proud the team was able to win even without its quarterback playing his best game.

"That's just a big part of this team," he said. "It's nice to know that it's not on any one person's shoulders [to win the game for the team]."

For a long time, Notre Dame looked as if it would have trouble putting any consistent offensive effort on the field. The Irish did not convert on third down until the second quarter, and twice in the second half Notre Dame turned the ball over inside the Michigan 20-yard line.

Michigan kicker Garrett Rivas kicked three field goals in the first half to give the Wolverines a 9-0 lead at halftime, after a first half in which Notre Dame advanced the ball to the Michigan 1-yard line but could not convert on fourth-and-one. The Irish defense made several key plays in the half to force the Wolverines to settle for field goals, rather than touchdowns.

"I thought the Notre Dame defense was outstanding," Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said. "They played really, really, really good football today."

Early in the third quarter, Shelton got a step on the Michigan defensive back, and Quinn found his receiver open in the end zone.

Rivas kicked another field goal to increase Michigan's lead to 12-7, and the Wolverines threatened again before quarterback Chad Henne's pass intended for Braylon Edwards deflected off the receiver's hands and into Dwight Ellick's hands for an interception on the Michigan 30-yard line.

Six plays later, Walker ran six yards for a touchdown to give the Irish its first lead of the game. Notre Dame continued with its momentum, as Jerome Collins and Chase Anastasio blocked a Michigan punt and Corey Mays recovered the ball at the Michigan 4-yard line.

Walker took it in for the score on the next play.

Notre Dame added one more touchdown in the fourth quarter, with Powers-Neal scoring on a 9-yard reception. Michigan added a touchdown late as Henne connected with Steve Breaston for a 25-yard pass with 1:13 left.

The Wolverines were successful on the two-point conversion and tried an onside kick, but Notre Dame's Maurice Stovall recovered.

The Irish were able to run out the rest of the clock and set off a rowdy celebration that included the Notre Dame student section storming the field.

While he acknowledged it was nice to get a win, Willingham cautioned he would not allow his team to get overly confident heading into a road game next weekend against his alma mater, Michigan State.

"There is still a lot of improvement that we have to have if we're going to be the best football team that we can be," he said.

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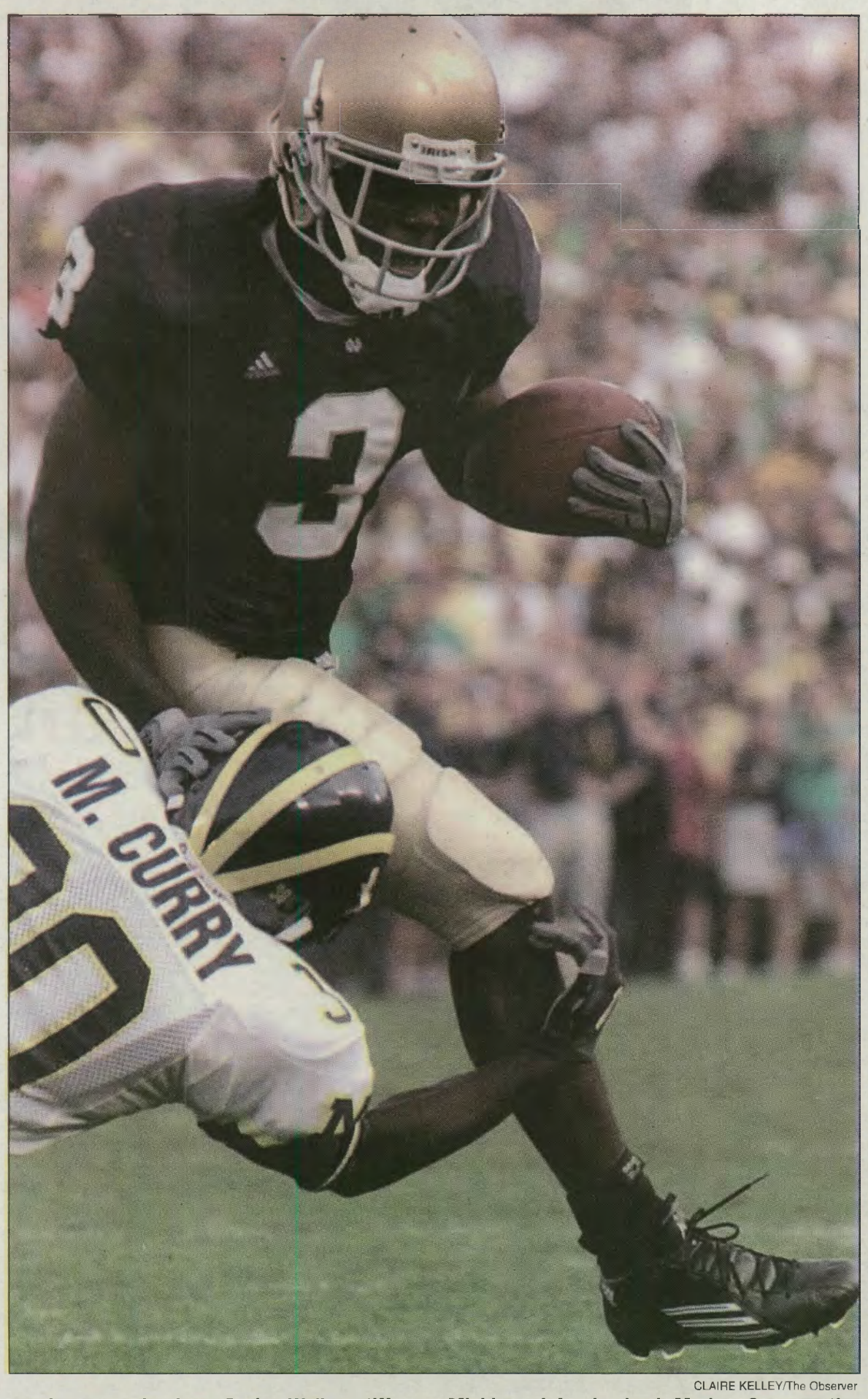

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Freshman running back Darius Walker stiff arms Michigan defensive back Markus Curry on the way to his second touchdown of the day in a 28-20 Irish upset victory over the Wolverines.

player of the game

Darius Walker

The freshman running back revived the running game, opened up the passing game and gave the defense some unfamiliar rest.

stat of the game

135 to 56

Notre Dame's rushing total compared to Michigan's rushing total

play of the game

The punt block

Jerome Collins and Chase Anastasio blocked Adam Finley's fourth quarter punt to set up Darius Walker's second touchdown and a nine-point Irish lead.

quote of the game

"The thing I look at is that score."

Kent Baer
Irish defensive coordinator

report card

B- **quarterbacks:** Quinn threw two touchdowns passes and made plays when his offense needed them. He did not have a good game, with three interceptions, but two of the picks were not his fault.

A **running backs:** Going from 11 yards to 135 yards is an improvement. Walker proved this offense can look respectable with a solid running game. Powers-Neal caught a touchdown pass.

B+ **receivers:** Stovall had eight catches and got open for Quinn when no one else could. Shelton made a great catch on the touchdown pass. In short, the receivers made big plays.

B **offensive line:** The team ran the ball well, and all of the credit cannot go to just the running back. The line opened holes, though it still struggled at times in pass protection.

A **defensive line:** Tuck and Abiamiri were fantastic off the ends. Landri, Pauly, Laws and the other interior linemen made great pushes and forced the Michigan backs outside, where they found even less to work with.

A **linebackers:** These guys fired up the whole team, and none of them got burned when lined up against a Michigan wide receiver in a mismatch.

B+ **defensive backs:** Jackson, Ellick, Zbikowski and Burrell were not tested deep too often, but the defensive backfield held Michigan and a top receiving corps to only one passing touchdown on the day.

A **special teams:** Holiday and Anastasio are the right players to return punts and kickoffs. The punt block was a major turning point in the game.

A- **coaching:** Offensive play-calling was questionable until the running game began to dominate, but this team was ready to play. Whatever Willingham told his team in the locker room, it worked.

3.56 **overall:** Notre Dame beat a top 10 team and made the recovery it needed after the BYU loss. This win is huge for Willingham.

adding up the numbers

135 net yards rushing in the game for Notre Dame

56 net yards rushing in the game for Michigan

31 number of carries Darius Walker received in his Notre Dame debut at running back

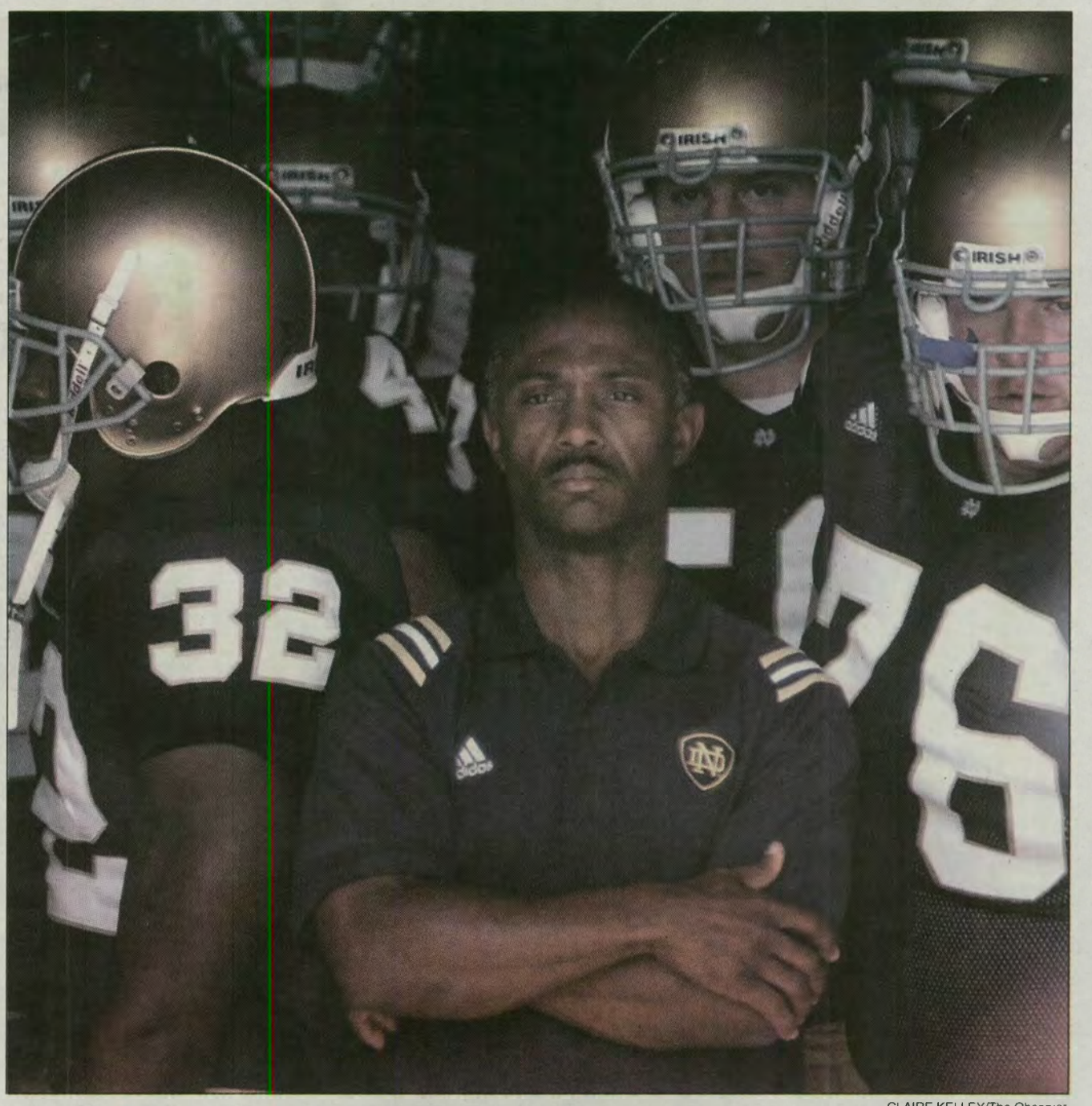
2 number of times Tyrone Willingham has beaten rival Michigan in three tries

0 number of times Lloyd Carr has won at Notre Dame Stadium

12 number of catches Braylon Edwards had Saturday

0 number of times Edwards saw the endzone against an improved secondary

1 Notre Dame's rank in all-time winning percentage



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Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham and offensive lineman Bob Morton glare from the shade of the tunnel before Notre Dame charges onto the field to take on rival Michigan. The Irish defense played with motivation and inspiration throughout the game Saturday, and Darius Walker's rushing efforts lit a fire under the offense.

Rushing to form an identity

Pat Leonard

Associate Sports Editor

In the 32nd meeting of these two rivals, Notre Dame and Michigan played a game of decisions.

Brady Quinn's second decision was intercepted and led to three Wolverine points.

Michigan freshman Chad Henne decided to throw passes short of the first down marker that ended otherwise strong drives.

Notre Dame decided to go for fourth-and-goal and didn't score.

Michigan decided to run the ball on third-and-goal and settled for a field goal.

And then Notre Dame — anchored by an inspired defense — decided how they would win. They would run the football, and Darius Walker would be their workhorse.

"He has that ability to make a guy miss in the open field," offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said. Walker made the Michigan defense miss often on his 31 carries, and the axiom preached throughout this program's history returned.

Notre Dame football wins when Notre Dame football runs.

Julius Jones put the Irish on his back last season, but a freshman quarterback and a team struggling for identity often could not capitalize. But somewhere late Saturday afternoon, Jerome Bettis, Reggie Brooks, Autry Denson and Jones were all smiling.

Walker gained 115 yards of Notre Dame's 135 rushing yards. Michigan had only 56 yards on the ground.

In the three meetings between Michigan and Tyrone Willingham's Irish, the team that has run the ball better has won the game. Willingham is 2-1.

Walker's 31 carries should remind every player, coach and fan of what happened last season. Cincinnati Bengals first-round pick Chris Perry carried 31 times for 133 yards and four touchdowns. Michigan finished with 188 total yards on 54 carries. Notre Dame ran the ball 25 times for 49 yards. The Michigan starting offensive line jogged off the field to a standing ovation towards the end of the third quarter. The game ended an embarrassing 38-0.

But the season before, in perhaps the most important victory for Willingham at Notre Dame until the upset of No. 8 Michigan Saturday, the Irish beat a ranked 2002 Michigan team 25-23. Notre Dame ran for 157 yards, Michigan, 91 yards.

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The Irish achieved the same victory this Saturday.

And it all came after a season-opening game in which neither the offensive line nor the running backs seemed to make forward progress. Coaches played tailbacks Travis Thomas, Marcus Wilson and Jeff Jenkins in Provo, Utah, only two of whom saw the field against Michigan. Walker traveled to BYU, but he did not play.

Then the Michigan game began and the initial game plan did not seem to call for 40 carries. Coaches took Walker out of the game for the denied fourth-and-goal attempt, though he scored a Georgia record 46 touchdowns as a high school senior.

But then the carries began to increase. The defense held Michigan to field goals, and a solid defensive effort combined with a dominant running game to instill the key ingredients of Notre Dame football.

The much-scrutinized offensive line decided it was time. Darius Walker decided being a freshman meant nothing. And Notre Dame won the rushing battle, with Walker acting as Willingham's "spark".

Michigan coach Lloyd Carr fixed his comments on the most important reason for his team's struggles.

"We didn't run the ball well last week, we certainly did not run it very well today, and until you can run the football, you're going to have a hard time," Carr said.

Twenty-two carries for 11 yards against BYU in their first game? The Irish would call that a hard time.

Forty carries for 135 yards? Notre Dame may call that the beginning of a new identity.

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Walker debuts as promising back

By MATT PUGLISI
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Freshman running back Darius Walker saw no action against Brigham Young in Notre Dame's first game. The next week, against one of Notre Dame's biggest rivals, Walker grinded out 115 yards and scored a pair of crucial fourth quarter touchdowns, including the eventual game-winner.

So how did he feel?

"Oh, I was beat," Walker said.

Carrying the ball a total of 31 times, the Walker put the offense on his back in the deciding final period, picking up 61 yards and chewing up clock to lead the Irish to a rousing 28-20 upset victory over rival No. 8 Michigan (1-1).

"I really can't put it into words," Walker said. "The exciting part is that we won. We've been hearing a lot of stuff of about this big Michigan team, and for us to beat them like we did, it's kind of exciting."

One week after the Irish (1-1) running game almost failed to record double digits in rushing yards — a meager 11 yards against BYU — the rejuvenated ground game racked up 135 yards en route to victory.

Walker pointed to the offensive line as the true key to his success.

"The offensive line — I've got to give all the credit to, it really wasn't me that was doing the work," Walker said. "They opened up the holes, and I just ran through them."

The line, however, wasn't about to take all the credit for the freshman's big first day.

"You've got to have a guy back there that knows he has that touchdown and that it's not going to be taken from him," left tackle Ryan Harris said. "I love that attitude, and it's infectious to a lot of guys."

Walker got his first taste of the end zone with 13 minutes, 48 seconds left in the fourth quarter, sweeping to his right and into the end zone untouched.

"First time in the end zone, wow," Walker said. "I don't really know what I was thinking about, I just heard everybody screaming, and then the guys came jumping up on me so it was an exciting feeling. Scoring a touchdown, and for it to be my first game, and then for us to win too, I just can't put it into words."

The touchdown was the first by an Irish freshman since receiver Maurice Stovall hauled in a pass from Carlyle Holiday against Rutgers in November of 2002.

The go-ahead score staked Notre Dame to a 14-12 lead — its first of the contest — and Walker and Irish wasted little time extending the advantage.

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Darius Walker bounces a run outside on one of his 31 carries against Michigan.

After tight end Jerome Collins blocked a Wolverine punt and linebacker Derek Curry pounced on the loose ball, Walker was in position for his second trip to pay-dirt.

Shedding a pair of would-be Michigan tacklers in cornerback Markus Curry and linebacker Lawrence Reid, Walker galloped into the left corner of the end zone from five yards out to put Notre Dame on top for good and help secure the third straight Irish win over the Wolverines at Notre Dame Stadium.

Walker holds the record for touchdowns in a Georgia high school season with 46 his senior year, but the two on Saturday were totally different.

The score marked the first time since November 2000 that a Notre Dame freshman has run for a pair of touchdowns, when Matt LoVecchio accomplished the same feat in a win over USC.

Walker's running impressed the Irish and Wolverines, alike.

"[Walker] did a heck of job in there for a freshman," Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said. "He's a slippery guy. I think he's a good football player."

While Walker's first game left many fans scrambling to discover where this freshman phenom came from, coach Tyrone Willingham knew what he would be getting when he recruited Walker from Buford, Ga. last winter and mixed him into the offensive equation Saturday.

"A spark has a tendency to make everyone else do their job a little better," Willingham said. "I had no lack of confidence of Darius, being a true freshman, stepping in and having that running game."

After not receiving the opportunity to play in Notre Dame's disappointing 20-17 season-opening loss to BYU and missing most of the first quarter Saturday, Walker got an opportunity to help his team establish a consistent offense.

"I'm just going to work hard and keep doing what I'm doing, Walker said. "Our offensive line was opening holes up today, so if we keep working hard, we can still do what we did ... hopefully we can go give it to Michigan State."

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Irish regain top winning percentage

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
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Notre Dame's 28-20 win over Michigan Saturday was more than just another win for the Irish in a historic rivalry, it was also a win that helped Notre Dame regain its lead on the Wolverines as the top team on the all-time Division I winning-percentage list.

The Irish now lead Michigan by a slim margin, with Notre Dame owning a .74567 winning percentage (797-258-42) and the Wolverines having a .74541 winning percentage (834-273-36).

Inching closer to the record

With his sack of freshman Michigan quarterback Chad Henne Saturday, Irish defensive end Justin Tuck moved one step closer toward cementing his place in Notre Dame history.

Tuck's 22 career sacks now leave him just half a sack behind current record holder Kory Minor, who played at Notre Dame from 1995-98. Tuck also collected two sacks during Notre Dame's opener against Brigham Young.

"Anytime you've got a young quarterback coming into this Stadium with as much as rides on this rivalry, you definitely want to get on him a little bit," Tuck said. "You can make him get rid of the ball a little faster than he wants to, maybe make his throws a little more off-line than they'd otherwise be — that's a big key in a game like this."

An unexpected hero

Irish snapper Casey Dunn did what he normally does on fourth down, get the ball to D.J. Fitzpatrick and then run down the field to try to cover his lane on defense. He was a bit surprised then, when Michigan's Steve Breaston was tripped by his own teammate and ended up muffing the kick.

Dunn leapt onto the ball and recovered it for Notre Dame. While the Irish would not score on the ensuing drive, it was still a rare moment in the sun for one of the more unheralded players on the team.

"When I saw the opportunity there I was just trying to get there as fast as I could and jump on [the ball]," Dunn said. "Obviously it's something that was exciting for me and I was just glad to help the team out.

"We joke around how usually when the snapper gets interviewed it's because he messed up, so it was nice to do something positive and be at the right place at the right time."

Walking the talk

Earlier this week, Irish cornerback Dwight Ellick caused a mini-controversy after making comments calling out the Michigan receivers to "prove" they were one of the best in the nation.

Although the Notre Dame defense did a good job of stopping the Michigan pass-catchers, Ellick wasn't in any mood to badmouth his opponent after Saturday's win.

"I feel we showed them something and at the same time I think they showed us something," Ellick said. "They've definitely got some good athletes over there [at Michigan].

"I haven't gone up against other receiving corps in the nation, so I can't say they're the best, but I also can't say they're not the best. I will say that they're very, very good, and certainly very talented."

Game captains

Captains for the game Saturday were defensive end Justin Tuck, linebacker Mike Goolsby, offensive guard Dan Stevenson and wide receiver Carlyle Holiday.

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Michigan	6	3	3	8	20
Notre Dame	0	0	7	21	28

First quarter

Notre Dame 0, Michigan 3
- Garrett Rivers 38-yard FG with 8:29 remaining
- Drive: 7 plays, 17 yards, 2:37 elapsed

Notre Dame 0, Michigan 6
- Rivas 33-yard FG with :11 remaining
- Drive: 13 plays, 41 yards, 5:58 elapsed

Second quarter

Notre Dame 0, Michigan 9
- Rivas 22-yard FG with :00 remaining
- Drive: 9 plays, 75 yards, 3:52 elapsed

Third quarter

Notre Dame 7, Michigan 9
- Matt Shelton 46-yard reception from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick) with 11:02 remaining
- Drive: 3 plays, 61 yards, 1:14 elapsed

Notre Dame 7, Michigan 12
- Rivas 47-yard FG with 5:57 remaining
- Drive: 7 plays, 14 yards, 2:38 elapsed

Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 14, Michigan 12
- Darius Walker 6-yard touchdown run (Fitzpatrick kick) with 13:48 remaining
- Drive: 6 plays, 29 yards, 1:42 elapsed

Notre Dame 21, Michigan 12
- Walker 5-yard touchdown run (Fitzpatrick kick) with 11:23 remaining
- Drive: 1 play, 5 yards, :06 elapsed

Notre Dame 28, Michigan 12
- Rashon Powers-Neal 8-yard reception from Quinn with 5:49 remaining
- Drive: 5 plays, 40 yards, 2:13 elapsed

Notre Dame 28, Michigan 20
- Steve Breaston 25-yard reception from Henne with 2:27 remaining
- Drive: 7 plays, 80 yards, 1:13 elapsed

statistics

total yards
ND 313
MICHIGAN 296

rushing yards
ND 135
MICHIGAN 56

passing yards
ND 178
MICHIGAN 240

return yards
ND 164
MICHIGAN 103

time of possession
ND 27:22
MICHIGAN 32:38

ND		Michigan
40-135	rushes-yards	30-56
10-21-3	comp-att-int	25-40-1
7-37.6	punts-yards	8-38.4
2-1	fumbles-lost	2-2
5-49	penalties-yards	6-50
13	first downs	15

passing

Quinn	10-20-3	Henne	25-40-1

rushing

Walker	31-115	Jackson	15-32
Grant	4-9	Rembert	4-23

receiving

Stovall	5-82	Edwards	12-129
McKnight	3-42	Breaston	5-42
Shelton	1-46	Avant	3-30

tackling

Goolsby	14	Shazor	8
Hoyte	9	Watson	8
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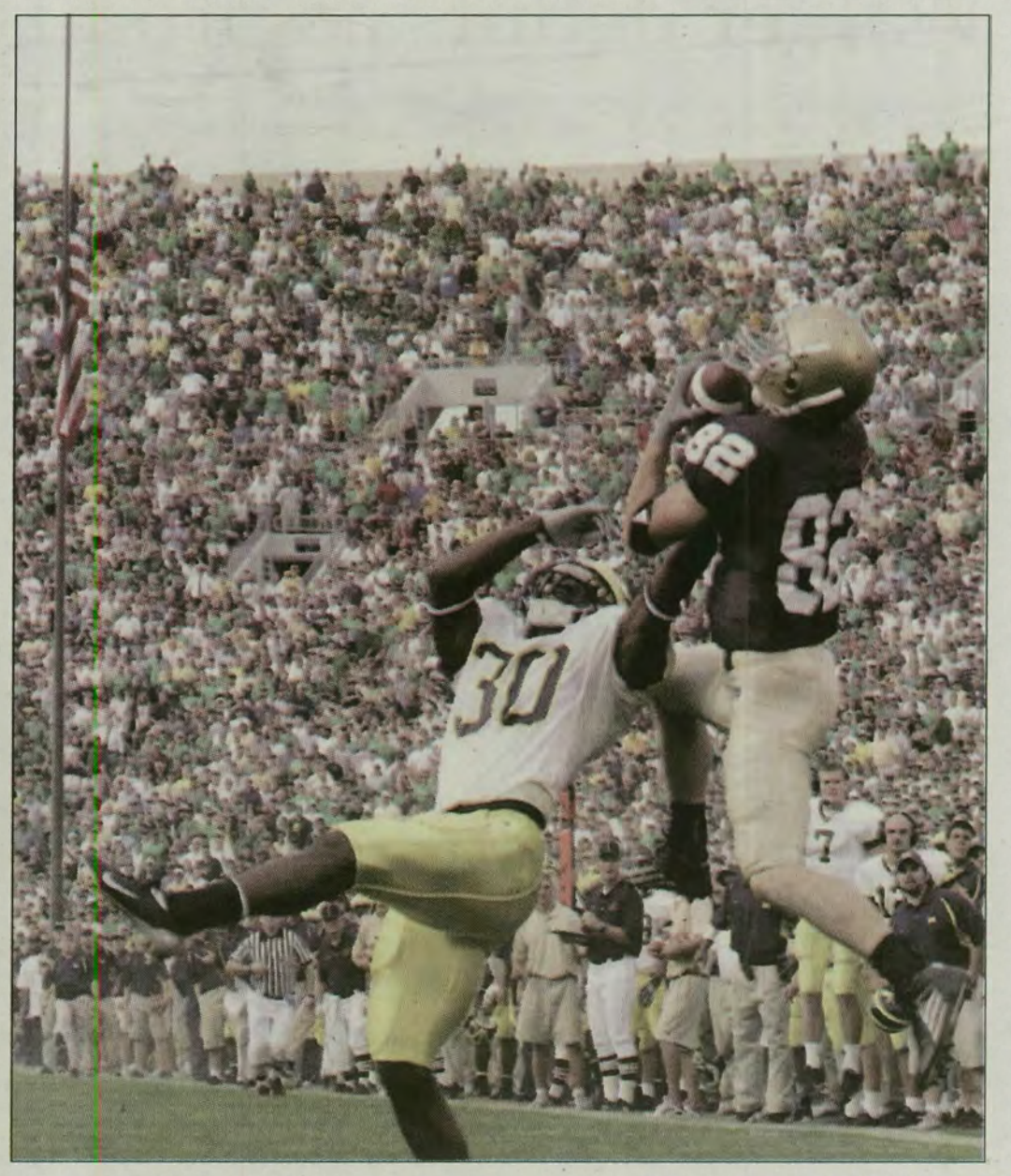
Burrell	6	Massey	5



WILLING THEIR WAY

On the third anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, the Irish and Wolverines played to a virtual standstill in the first half. Notre Dame, however, was prepared to play and beat Michigan, contrary to its performance at BYU the previous weekend. Solid defense kept the Irish in the ball game until coaches inserted true freshman running back Darius Walker to jump start the offense and secure one of the bigger wins of Tyrone Willingham's career at Notre Dame.

Willingham is now 2-1 against Michigan as a Notre Dame head coach.

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Clockwise from top right, Matt Shelton snags a touchdown pass as the American flag flies halfmast. Derek Curry and Maurice Stovall pump up the crowd. Tyrone Willingham shows approval. Justin Tuck and Derek Landri celebrate a stop. Jerome Collins, Corey Mays and Chase Anastasio fall on a fourth quarter blocked punt.

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characters are generally flat, and while endearing, are not especially riveting. Even the villain of the novel is predictable in his double personality.

Overall, what stands out most in "Lucia, Lucia" is the incredibly strong family of Sartori's. While the four brothers leave much to be desired, the mother and father are tremendous characters on which the entire story is built. One begins to get a real sense of what it means to be an Italian family as the drama of the

"Lucia, Lucia"

Author: Adriana Trigliani
Publisher: Random House
2003

Sartori's unwinds throughout Trigiani's novel. The most moving parts of the novel, both toward happiness and angst, were not ones involving the life choices of Lucia, but those of the hardships and joy of the Sartori family. Individually, the family members are not entirely fascinating and come off as archetypical. As a whole, each member of the Sartori family contributes to a much larger and memorable character that is the Sartori family.

The actual writing of the novel is well done, but not necessarily engrossing. Trigiani creates beautiful and impressive scenes, but the actions and dialogue of the characters within those scenes are lackluster and often cliché. Lines like, "When people are filled to the brim with love, they are their most beautiful" prove the clichéd nature of "Lucia, Lucia." With this line, Trigiani hits a truth, but one that is widely known and not cleverly stated.

Adriana Trigiani is best known for her bestselling novels "Big Stone Gap, Big Cherry Holler and Milk Glass Moon." She is also an award-winning playwright, television writer and documentary filmmaker. There is no question she is a talented writer and spins a terrific story, but "Lucia, Lucia" misses the mark of a great novel. Wholly entertaining and beautiful to read, it is the kind of book that can easily be set down and forgotten about. The tale of Lucia Sartori is clever and cute, to say the least, but not compelling.

Overall "Lucia, Lucia" is a well-written cute story with some strong points. Recommended for love-sick women who need a dose of "I'm every woman" girl power, but otherwise, it may be more fruitful to look for something a bit more substantial. It is a good novel with a few beautifully moving sections, but that is about all there is to it. Entertainment Weekly calls it "a breezy read" and there really is not a better way to describe "Lucia, Lucia." It is sweet and prettily written, but beyond one or two powerful moments provided by the strength of the family, there is simply not much to it.

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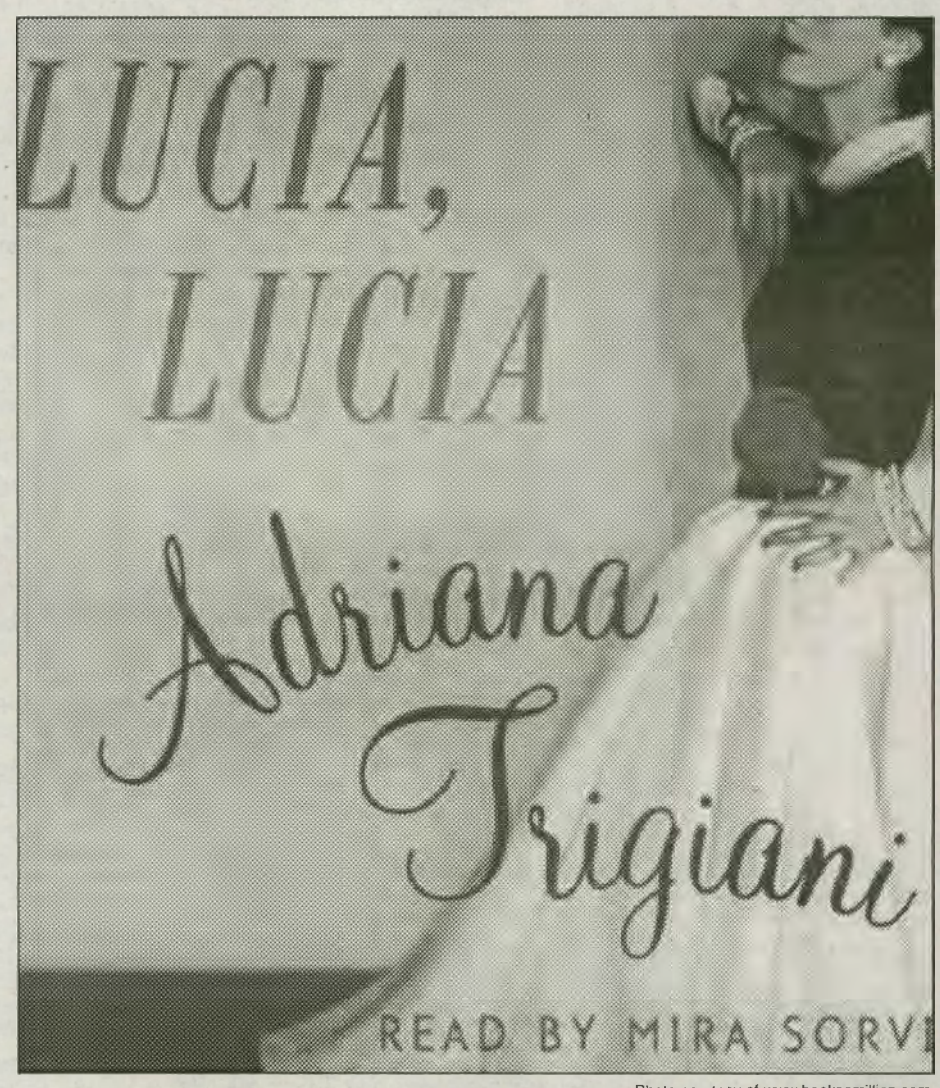

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Adriana Trigiani's "Lucia, Lucia" leads a reader through the title character's adventures in love and family.

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own life and the lives of his family for material.

Though his personal material combined with his unique satirical voice has been a successful formula for Sedaris in the past, it never feels quite right here. This time, Sedaris seems so preoccupied with giving his essays a tangible moral that they lose much of his trademark humor.

However, there are times when Sedaris writes naturally in the funny and entertaining voice his readers have come to know. One of these moments is Sedaris's account of his brother's wedding in the essay "Rooster at the Hitchin'Post." Here his writing is carefree and hilarious, and though the story clearly has a moral, its presence appears organic instead of self-consciously injected.

Through the course of the book, we see Sedaris's unique wit in glimpses, but it never feels as comfortable as in this look at his younger brother's wedding. He describes a wedding featuring a service performed by a phone book psychic, a DJ named J.D and a dog as the flower girl in a way that only Sedaris could.

"Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim"

Author: David Sedaris
Publisher: Little, Brown, and Company
2004

Sedaris's originality in telling the often absurd events of his life is what makes his essay interesting to read, and his uncompromising humor that keeps his readers laughing out loud. However, it seems that for the most part, this is lost in "Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim." Although there are flashes of the David Sedaris readers have become familiar with, it seems his concern with inserting morals into his essays causes him to neglect the satirical style for which he has gained his fame. As a result, this makes his writing seem self-conscious and, at times, a bit cheesy.

Clearly, this is not his best work, but there are moments when Sedaris gets it right. It is these moments that the reader holds out for, and at these moments when he or she is reminded why it is impossible not to love Sedaris and his entire family.

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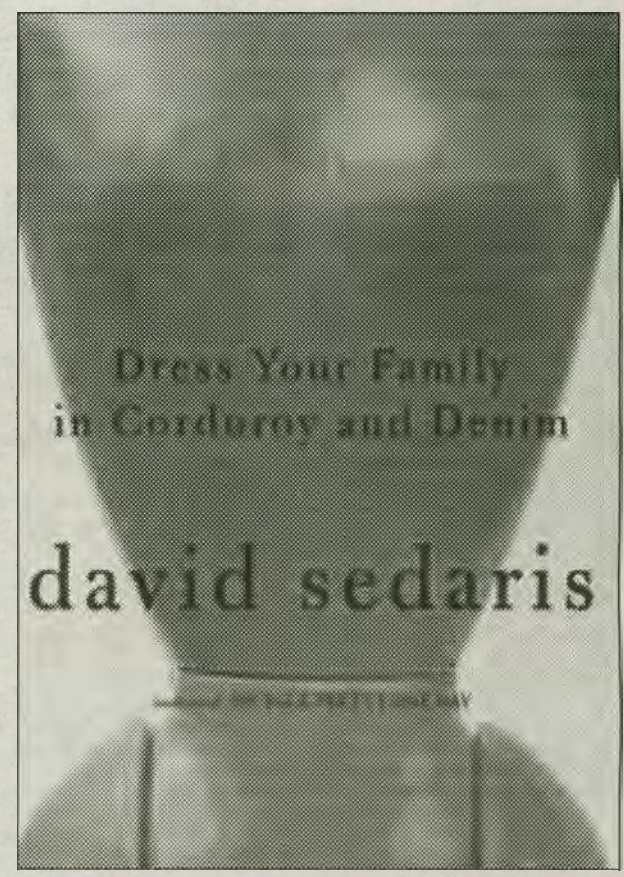

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David Sedaris uses his trademark humor in his essays about his family.

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Steelers use familiar formula to beat Raiders

Palmer has successful debut but Bengals lose

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Fittingly on a day Oakland and Pittsburgh brought back memories of the 1970s by playing an unpredictable game featuring a comeback and a last-minute winner, the Steelers won by going retro.

The Steelers returned to their roots a strong running game and creative pressure defense to open an early two-touchdown lead, then held off the rebuilding Raiders to win 24-21 Sunday on Jeff Reed's 42-yard field goal with seven seconds remaining.

"We were good at times, shaky at times, but we still did what we had to and won," quarterback Tommy Maddox said. "It was disappointing we let them back in the game, but everyone's excited we won."

The Raiders (0-1) showed off plenty of new, including coach Norv Turner, big defensive linemen Warren Sapp and Ted Washington and an offensive scheme redesigned to cover up their lack of playmakers.

Still, there was a lot of old left over from last year's 4-12 season, including four turnovers.

"The ball was on the ground way too much today and that hurt us," said quarterback Rich Gannon, who passed for 305 yards, but had a fumble and threw two interceptions. "I think we knew coming in everything wasn't going to go perfect, but we made it difficult on ourselves."

The Steelers led 14-0 and 21-10 before the Raiders tied it on Alvis Whitted's fingertip catch of Gannon's 38-yard touchdown pass on fourth-and-12 and Gannon's 2-point conversion pass to an uncovered Whitted with 4:51 remaining.

Maddox then led the decisive drive, hitting Hines Ward for 15 and 11 yards and Jay Riemersma for 12 ahead of Reed's game-winner, which left no time for Oakland to respond.

Denver 34, Kansas City 24

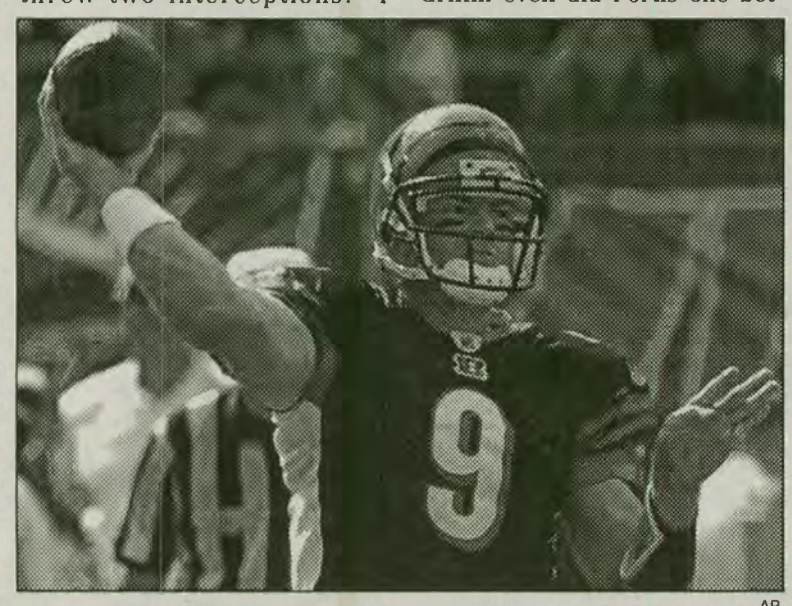
Quentin Griffin might make the Denver Broncos forget Clinton Portis after all.

Griffin ran for 156 yards and scored three touchdowns in his first game as Portis' replacement, lifting the Broncos to a victory over the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday night.

Denver traded Portis to Washington to get cornerback Champ Bailey, a potentially risky move because Portis rushed for over 1,500 yards in each of his first two seasons.

Portis was superb in his debut with the Redskins, rushing for 148 yards and touchdown in a 16-10 victory over Tampa Bay. Griffin was just as good.

He dashed and dived his way to touchdown runs of 25 and 47 yards and caught a 1-yard touchdown pass from Jake Plummer in the first quarter. Griffin even did Portis one better, breaking his team record for most yards on opening day. Portis had 120 last year.



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Carson Palmer throws a pass during his regular season NFL debut. Palmer threw for 248 yards but the Bengals lost 31-24.

Cleveland 20, Baltimore 3

As they left the tunnel, the Cleveland Browns paused to touch the 1964 championship trophy. They then played as if they want one for themselves.

Inspired by a weekend long celebration for the '64 Browns, the 2004 version pushed Baltimore around for three hours in a victory over the Ravens on Sunday.

"They played like a team," said Hall of Fame running back Jim Brown. "They won, but it was more the way they won. They all contributed, every one of them."

Just as they did 40 years ago when the Browns won the last world title for any major Cleveland sports team. These Browns swarmed on defense, made big plays on offense, had no turnovers and won field position with special teams.

And for the first time since their NFL rebirth in 1999, the Browns are 1-0.

"We didn't think about it all week," Lang said. "We thought about it all year. We couldn't wait to get back on the field against Jamal. We wanted a chance to redeem."

Jacksonville 13, Buffalo 10

Jack Del Rio's pep talk was short and to the point.

After watching his offense sputter, the Jacksonville coach maintained his faith in quarterback Byron Leftwich while sending him out for one last drive.

"I didn't stop and have a long conversation with him," Del Rio said. "It was pretty obvious. You get the ball, you have an opportunity, it's do-or-die time."

Leftwich delivered, capping an 80-yard drive with a 7-yard touchdown pass to rookie Ernest Wilford as time ran out, giving the Jaguars to a victory over the Buffalo Bills on Sunday.

It was a poised performance coming from a second-year quarterback who looked unshaken by the growing number of critics who doubted his ability after he failed to generate a touchdown in four preseason games.

"I officially didn't struggle," Leftwich said, proudly. "You can't listen to everything you read."

AP

Jerome Bettis bulls his way through Oakland Raider cornerback Charles Woodson for his third touchdown of the day.

It was a stunning transformation.

Before the winning drive, Leftwich had gone 11-of-23 for 75 yards, converted just two of 10 third-down attempts and threw two interceptions. On that one drive that really mattered, he was 7-of-13 for 72 yards and converted three fourth-down plays.

New York 31, Cincinnati 24

When Curtis Martin ran up the 200 steps from the Santa Monica beach during the spring, he had this in mind.

When he asked for more work during training camp, he had this in mind. When he asked for more carries in the preseason, he had this in mind: a brilliant start to the season and a victory for the New York Jets.

Martin had 29 carries for 196 yards and scored on a 24-yard run and 3-yard catch, helping the Jets ruin the debut of 2003 No. 1 draft pick Carson Palmer with a victory over the Cincinnati Bengals on Sunday.

"I knew I was prepared," Martin said. "I knew that I was ready. When you know you're ready, your confidence is higher."

It soared during the game, taking away the hype from Palmer, who made his regular-season NFL debut. The Heisman Trophy winner commanded the offense well and made few mistakes, going 18-of-27 for 248 yards with two touchdowns and an interception.

San Diego 27, Houston 20

LaDainian Tomlinson got a little help for a change and the San Diego Chargers won for a change.

Coincidence? Probably not.

Tomlinson, largely a one-man show for San Diego during his first three seasons, ran for 121 yards and a touchdown and the Chargers revved up a mistake-free passing game and an opportunistic defense to beat the Houston Texans on Sunday.

It marked the first time the third-year Texans lost a season opener.

With the score tied 20-20 midway into the fourth quarter, Tomlinson was practically a bystander as Drew Brees drove the Chargers downfield using his new favorite target, tight end Antonio Gates.

Gates got the ball down to the Houston 15 with a 29-yard catch, then San Diego overcame a holding penalty when Brees hit Eric Parker in the back of the end zone on a 19-yard pass. Houston protested the call, although poor replays failed to show whether Parker's toes landed inbounds.

Brees, who might not have started if prized rookie Philip Rivers hadn't held out for most of training camp, was 17-of-24 for 209 yards and two touchdowns. Gates caught eight passes for 123 yards.

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NFC

Lions notch first road win since 2000 season

Owens has three TDs in Philadelphia debut

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Bracy Walker got one of the game balls and rightfully so.

Needing intravenous fluids to fight off dehydration, Walker rescued the Detroit Lions from the NFL's longest road losing streak Sunday.

He rambled 92 yards for a TD after teammate Shaun Rogers blocked a third-quarter field goal attempt. And later he preserved Detroit's 20-16 victory over the Chicago Bears, intercepting Rex Grossman's pass in the end zone pass with 18 second left.

"It's important to end the streak for all the obvious reasons," Lions coach Steve Mariucci said after his team's 24-game stretch of road losses was wiped away. "We are glad it's over, believe me."

Detroit's victory spoiled the coaching debut of the Bears' Lovie Smith, whose team was bogged down by penalties and mistakes.

The victory was a costly one for the Lions. They lost WR Charles Rogers to a broken collarbone for the second straight year and he could miss most of the season. He got hurt going for a first-quarter pass. Rogers, the second overall pick in the 2003 draft, played only five games last season.

Pro Bowl cornerback Dre' Bly will have an MRI on Monday after spraining a knee ligament in the first quarter.

Joey Harrington tossed a 4-yard go-ahead TD pass to Az-Zahir Hakim in the fourth quarter and Detroit held on for its first road victory since beating the Jets on Dec. 17, 2000.

With 1:54 left, facing a difficult punt out of their own end zone, the Lions chose to have punter Nick Harris run out of the end zone for safety. It cut the lead to 20-16, but gave the Lions a free kick a strategy that nearly backfired.

R.W. McQuarters returned the free kick 37 yards to the Detroit's 47 and Grossman's 19-yard pass to David Terrell and a 15-yard run by Thomas Jones got the Bears to the Lions 9.

With no timeouts, Grossman was sacked and then had to spike the ball on second down. Scrambling on third down, he threw the ball to the corner for Terrell, but Walker made the pick.

"Grossman started to scramble and I thought he was going to try and run it into the end zone," Walker said. "He just so happened to throw the ball, and I looked and it fell into my hands."

Philadelphia 31, New York 17

Terrell Owens needed a police escort to get to the stadium. He didn't need help finding the end zone.

Owens had three touchdown catches, Donovan McNabb threw for 330 yards and tied a career high with four TD passes and Brian Westbrook ran for 119 yards, leading the Philadelphia Eagles over the New York Giants on Sunday.

Owens got stuck in traffic on his way to Lincoln Financial Field for his first game with the Eagles, and was told by a police officer he wouldn't make it in time without an escort.

"I didn't expect the traffic to be so hectic," Owens said. "I was on time for the game. That's all that matters."

An Eagles spokesman said Owens wasn't fined for being late.

The Eagles, runners-up in the NFC championship the last three years, won their opener for just the second time in coach Andy Reid's six seasons.

"It was a good start," said McNabb, who completed 26 of 36 passes and had no interceptions. "We made some big plays. We made some mistakes. Overall, it was a great performance."

Two-time NFL MVP Kurt Warner had a lackluster debut for the Giants, who lost their ninth straight game and first under new coach Tom Coughlin. Heralded rookie Eli Manning made his NFL debut in the final minutes, handing off to Tiki Barber for a 72-yard TD run on his first play.

"We obviously had a lot of trouble stopping them on defense," Coughlin said. "We have our work cut out for us, but I'm not discouraged."

Owens, who came to the Eagles after eight sometimes-controversial seasons in San Francisco, made an immediate impact, scoring on his first two receptions.

Minnesota 35, Dallas 17

Daunte Culpepper played like a quarterback entering his prime, changing plays at the line, making all the right throws and protecting the ball like a wise old pro.

Culpepper threw a career-high five touchdown passes, two to Randy Moss, and led the Vikings to a victory over the Cowboys on Sunday.

"He's just got to drive the car," coach Mike Tice said, "and it's a pretty nice car he's driving."

The Vikings are hoping the 27-year-old Culpepper's inconsistent days of interceptions and fumbles are behind him. Against a depleted Dallas defense, he was both sensational and efficient going 17-for-23 for 242 yards with no turnovers and completing passes to nine different receivers.

"I don't feel I have to make a play all the time with all these guys around me," Culpepper said.

Meanwhile, 40-year-old Vinny Testaverde did his best to match Minnesota's rising star. Testaverde was 29-for-50 for 355 yards, one touchdown and no interceptions. His favorite target, Keyshawn Johnson, caught nine balls for 111 yards in his first game with the Cowboys.

It was Johnson's first regular season appearance since last Nov. 16, before he was permanently benched in a conflict with Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden.

"We play 15 more games," Johnson said. "That's as positive as I can be. I'm not into losing."

Darren Woodson's back injury left Dallas with one proven player in the secondary, Terence Newman, to defend Culpepper, Moss and the rest of Minnesota's offense that led the league in total yards last year.

"It's very good to see the whole offense come around," Moss said. "Not just Daunte."

Culpepper rushed six times for 25 yards and three first downs, throwing TDs to Onterrio Smith, Marcus Robinson and Kelly Campbell.

"He's playing at a level that no one can match right now," said Smith, who rushed for 76 yards while starter Michael Bennett rested his sprained knee.

Atlanta 21, San Francisco 19

Revenge was far from Jim Mora's mind after he led his Atlanta Falcons past his former employers.

Instead, the coach felt only pride both in his new defense and in the players he left behind in San Francisco.

Aaron Beasley returned a goal-line interception 85 yards in the fourth quarter, and Rod Coleman batted down Tim Rattay's pass on a 2-point conversion attempt with 40 seconds left in the Falcons' victory over the 49ers on Sunday.

Warrick Dunn rushed for two touchdowns and Michael Vick was 13-of-22 for 163 yards in an uninspiring debut under Mora, the longtime San Francisco defensive coordinator who took over the Falcons last January.

But most of Vick's struggles were caused by San Francisco's defense, which matched nearly every big play made by Atlanta's revitalized D.

The defensive duel left Mora happy, but conflicted.

"It may sound crazy, but I was extremely proud of our defense, and I was also proud of their defense," Mora said. "Those are some guys that I coached for a long time."

St. Louis 17, Arizona 10

Marshall Faulk and Emmitt Smith, members of what Faulk jokingly referred to as the "Over 30 club," quieted any talk about last hurrahs.

Faulk, 31, shared time with St. Louis Rams first-round pick Steven Jackson in Sunday's victory over the Arizona Cardinals. But Faulk, who has missed 11 games due to injuries the last two seasons and is coming off two knee operations in the last year, carried the load with 128 yards on 22 carries. His steady play helped the Rams overcome three costly turnovers that kept the margin from being very comfortable.

"He had an outstanding coming-out party," Jackson said. "And I think he answered a lot of questions about his knee."

Smith, the NFL's career leading rusher, had a resurgent game with 87 yards on 16 carries, including an 11-yard touchdown run that put the Cardinals ahead 10-9 in the final minute of the third quarter. Smith, 35, was limited to only 256 yards last year due to injuries.

"Emmitt is a great back, a guy that I idolize, a guy that gets it done," Faulk said. "If you look at him out there you wonder, 'What's he doing playing?' He makes things happen."

Smith took no solace in his effectiveness because the Cardinals lost.

"The way I see it, it wasn't that good of a game," Smith said. "When you turn the ball over three times, there's no way that team that turned the ball over should be winning the game."

Jackson also played well in his debut, shaking off a lost fumble on his first career carry after a 14-yard gain. Jackson, the first running back taken in the draft, finished with 50 yards on seven carries.

"I don't have to play the whole game now and all the pressure of the running game isn't on me," Faulk said. "It's kind of a nice change-up when I come out to have him go in there."

The Rams beat the Cardinals for the fifth straight time and sent Arizona to its 14th straight road loss, but did it the hard way. Each of the turnovers came deep in Arizona territory, and they also ran out of gas at the Arizona 10 and 4, settling for field goals by Jeff Wilkins.

Seattle 21, New Orleans 7

The Seattle Seahawks need not fear the road.

With Shaun Alexander leading the way, the Seahawks were sure-footed on their first trip of the 2004 season.

Alexander scored three touchdowns Sunday to get the Seahawks off to a good start with a victory over the New Orleans Saints. Seattle was 2-6 on the road last season, but used its first journey to start working on expectations the Seahawks will be strong contenders for the NFC title.

"Winning on the road, you must do that to win the championship," Seattle coach Mike Holmgren said. "We understand that. But the curse and all the ghosts, I don't believe in any of that stuff. Usually if your team is a little bit better, you win on the road."

Playing behind one of the best offensive lines in the NFL, Alexander rushed for 135 yards on 28 carries. He ran for two touchdowns and caught another.

Alexander had his knee wrapped after the game, said it was sore, but doctors told him it was all right.

"Nothing hurt worse than when the doctors were tugging at it and all," Alexander said. "But I'm assuming I'm going to be all right."

Holmgren also thought the injury was minor.

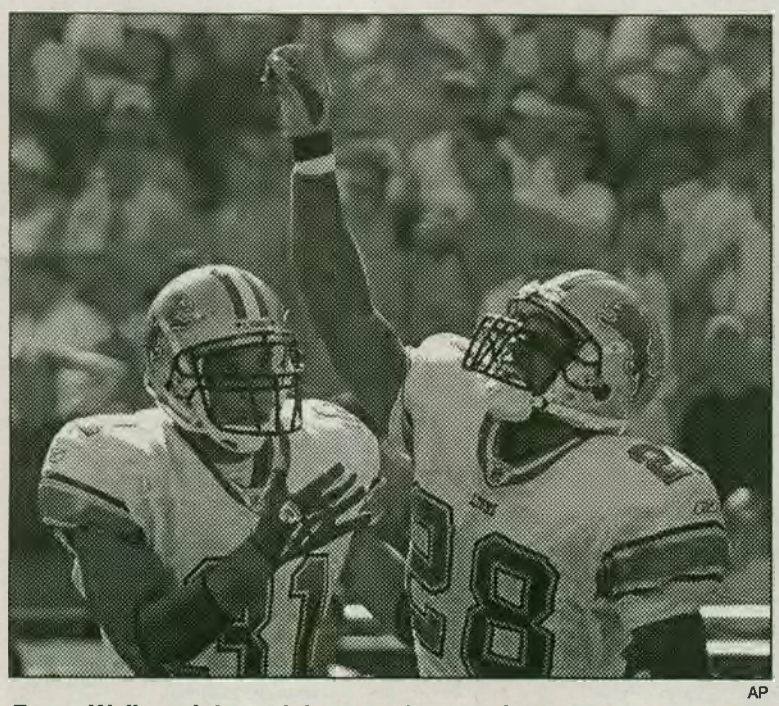
Matt Hasselbeck completed 19 of 29 passes for 246 yards and a touchdown. Darrell Jackson had seven receptions for 98 yards.

Seattle outgained New Orleans 415 yards to 281 and outrushed the Saints 194-74. The Saints converted only three of 14 third-downs.

It was the second straight year the Seahawks defeated the Saints to open the season.

AP

Philadelphia end Jerome McDougle hits New York rookie quarterback Eli Manning, forcing a fumble.



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Bracy Walker, right, celebrates after scoring a touchdown off of a blocked punt during the Lions 20-16 victory over the Bears.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Bonds homers, climbs within one of 700 mark

San Francisco stays ahead of Cubs, Astros

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Barry Bonds had a feeling Mike Koplove would pitch to him.

"I could see it in his face," Bonds said. "Like, 'I'm tired of this too. You might miss it.'"

Bonds certainly didn't, hitting a 460-foot shot off the bottom of the center-field scoreboard for his 699th home run. The ninth-inning drive Sunday helped the San Francisco Giants regain the NL wild-card lead with a 5-2 win over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Bonds walked his first two times up, increasing his record total to 203, then took a called third strike and grounded out to overshifted second baseman Scott Hairston in short right field.

With the count 3-1, Bonds finally got a pitch he liked and connected for his 41st homer of the season, the 100th September homer of his career.

"If you don't start your car eventually, the battery goes dead," Bonds said. "I'm sitting over there just rooting for everybody and, hopefully, we're staying in this thing, but my car's got to start, too, once in a while."

Bonds motioned to the sky in his usual salute to his late father as he crossed home plate but did not acknowledge the crowd. Fans booed loudly Saturday night, when Bonds was walked three times.

Bonds is third on the career list behind Hank Aaron (755) and Babe Ruth (714). After an off-day Monday, the Giants play at Milwaukee on Tuesday.

Koplove, the 414th pitcher to allow a home run to Bonds, didn't want to work around him.

San Francisco (79-65) won for the sixth time in eight games and are one game ahead of the Chicago Cubs (76-64), who lost to Florida 11-1, and Houston (78-66), which rallied to beat Pittsburgh 5-4 in 10 innings.

Jason Schmidt (16-6) pitched a four-hitter, struck out nine and walked two in his fourth complete game of the season, retiring 21 consecutive batters in one stretch. Schmidt, who had been 0-2 in four starts since beating Pittsburgh on Aug. 12, has won six straight decisions against the Diamondbacks.

Florida 11, Chicago 1

The Florida Marlins think they can emerge from the wild-card pack and pull out a playoff berth.

Juan Pierre had three of Florida's 15 hits, A.J. Burnett pitched eight strong innings and the Marlins beat the Chicago Cubs Sunday to split their crucial four-game series.

Alex Gonzalez hit a two-run double and Paul Lo Duca added a two-run single for the Marlins, who are 2 1/2 games behind San Francisco in a six-team race for the NL wild card. The Cubs fell a game behind the Giants for the top spot.

Florida, which has won 11 of 14 overall, is staying in Chicago to play at least two games against Montreal at U.S. Cellular Field, home of the White Sox, beginning Monday. The games were moved from Miami because of the threat of Hurricane Ivan. The defending World Series champions will still be the home team.

The Cubs and Marlins meet again in a makeup doubleheader Sept. 20 in Florida.

After entering 0-6 away from home, Burnett (7-6) took a shutout into the seventh and helped himself with two hits. He has won a career-best four straight starts and five of his last six.

Houston 5, Pittsburgh 4

Jason Lane's pinch-hit double drove in the go-ahead run in the 10th inning and the Houston Astros, held hitless by Dave Williams for six innings, rallied to beat the Pittsburgh Pirates Sunday night.

Eric Bruntlett doubled to start the 10th against Pirates closer Jose Mesa (5-2) and scored on Lane's one-out double, his ninth pinch-hit of the season.

Winning what manager Phil Garner called a must-have game following three losses in four games in Pittsburgh, the Astros stayed a game behind San Francisco in the NL wild-card race. The Giants beat the Diamondbacks 5-2.

Chad Qualls came in with two on in the 10th and got Abraham Nunez to ground into a game-ending double play for his first career save.

Houston's Roy Oswalt left with a 4-2 lead after seven innings and was in position to become the NL's first 18-game winner, but the Pirates rallied for two runs against closer Brad Lidge (5-5), who had converted 21 of 24 save opportunities.

Philadelphia 4, New York 2

With Philadelphia strapped for pitching, Vicente Padilla approached bullpen coach Ramon Henderson to volunteer for Sunday's start against the New York Mets.

It was a tricky proposition because Padilla had worked on Wednesday and three days' rest is not the recommended therapy for a pitcher who spent 2 1/2 months this summer on the disabled list with tendinitis in his right elbow.

"He told Ramon, 'If he wants to pitch me, I'm OK,'" manager Larry Bowa said.

The manager shrugged, handed the ball to Padilla and got 6 2-3 shutout innings in a victory that completed a three-game sweep.

"That was unbelievable," Bowa said. "Padilla pitched great. We expected five or six innings. He was mad when I took him out. He was in a pretty good zone."

St. Louis 7, Los Angeles 6

Larry Walker went 4-for-5 with two homers and three RBIs, powering the St. Louis Cardinals to a 7-6 victory over Los Angeles on Sunday and ending the Dodgers' five-game winning streak.

Despite the victory, the Cardinals ended their first losing road trip of the season with a 2-4 record. But they increased their NL Central lead over Chicago to 17 games and reduced their magic number to five for clinching the division.

Chris Carpenter (15-5) allowed six runs five earned and eight hits in five innings in his first career appearance against the Dodgers. The right-hander, who entered with the lowest run support on the Cardinals' staff (3.9 per game), struck out six and walked one.

Jason Isringhausen got four outs for his 41st save in 47 attempts, tying Florida's Armando Benitez for the NL lead.

San Diego 15, Colorado 2

With the San Diego Padres desperate for a win, Brian Giles provided the spark.

Giles hit a tiebreaking solo homer in the eighth inning, then capped a 12-run ninth with a three-run homer Sunday in a victory over the Colorado Rockies.

"We are getting to the point of the season where we pretty much have to win every game from here on out to give us an opportunity," Giles said. "In the wild card we are close, but there are still a few teams ahead of us that we really can't control, so this one was big."

San Diego, 2 1/2 games behind San Francisco in the NL wild-card race and trailing three other teams, had 18 hits and won for just the fourth time in 12 games.

With the score 2-all in the eighth, Giles connected off Steve Reed (3-6) to reach 20 homers for the sixth straight season.

"I think Reed threw me a changeup, and he made a pretty good pitch down," Giles said. "I was just able to get to it and get the good part of the bat on it, and it got in the air, and the ball was gone."

San Diego tied a team record with 10 hits in the ninth and finished one run shy of the team record for an inning. Ramon Hernandez singled and doubled in the inning, and Sean Burroughs tripled and singled.

Burroughs started the ninth-inning scoring with a two-run triple off Brian Fuentes. Phil Nevin hit an RBI single off Tim Harikkala that made it 6-2, and Jay Payton had a two-run double. Kerry Robinson and Ramon Hernandez hit run-scoring singles for a 10-2 lead.

Jake Peavy (12-5), coming off losses in consecutive starts, allowed two runs and seven hits in eight innings and struck out eight.

Atlanta 9, Montreal 8

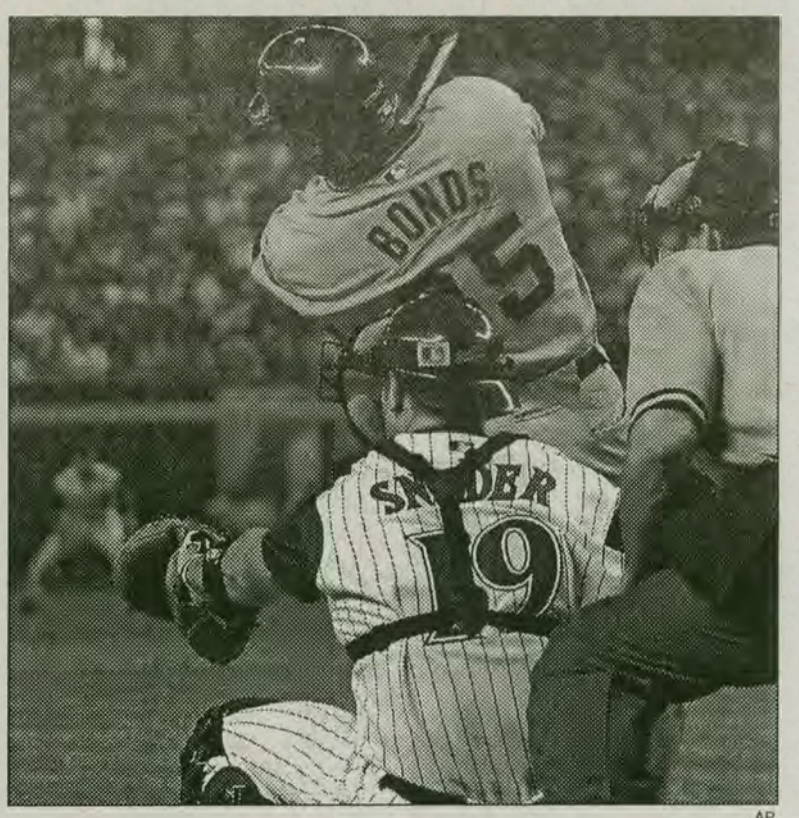
John Smoltz was sorry he didn't save a win for Jose Capellan in the rookie's major league debut.

Long after Capellan's exit, Andruw Jones hit a winning double in the 12th inning Sunday to lead the Atlanta Braves over the Montreal Expos.

"He threw great," said Smoltz, who blew a three-run lead in the ninth. "He held his composure. He has a bright future. I'm very disappointed that I couldn't get him his first win."

Smoltz, who failed to convert a save for the fourth time in 41 chances, had an 8-5 lead but gave up run-scoring singles to Endy Chavez, Terrmel Sledge and Juan Rivera.

"That's just the worst showing," Smoltz said. "I never would have dreamed it possible. And now that I've got that over with and out of the way, I'm not going to talk about it any more."



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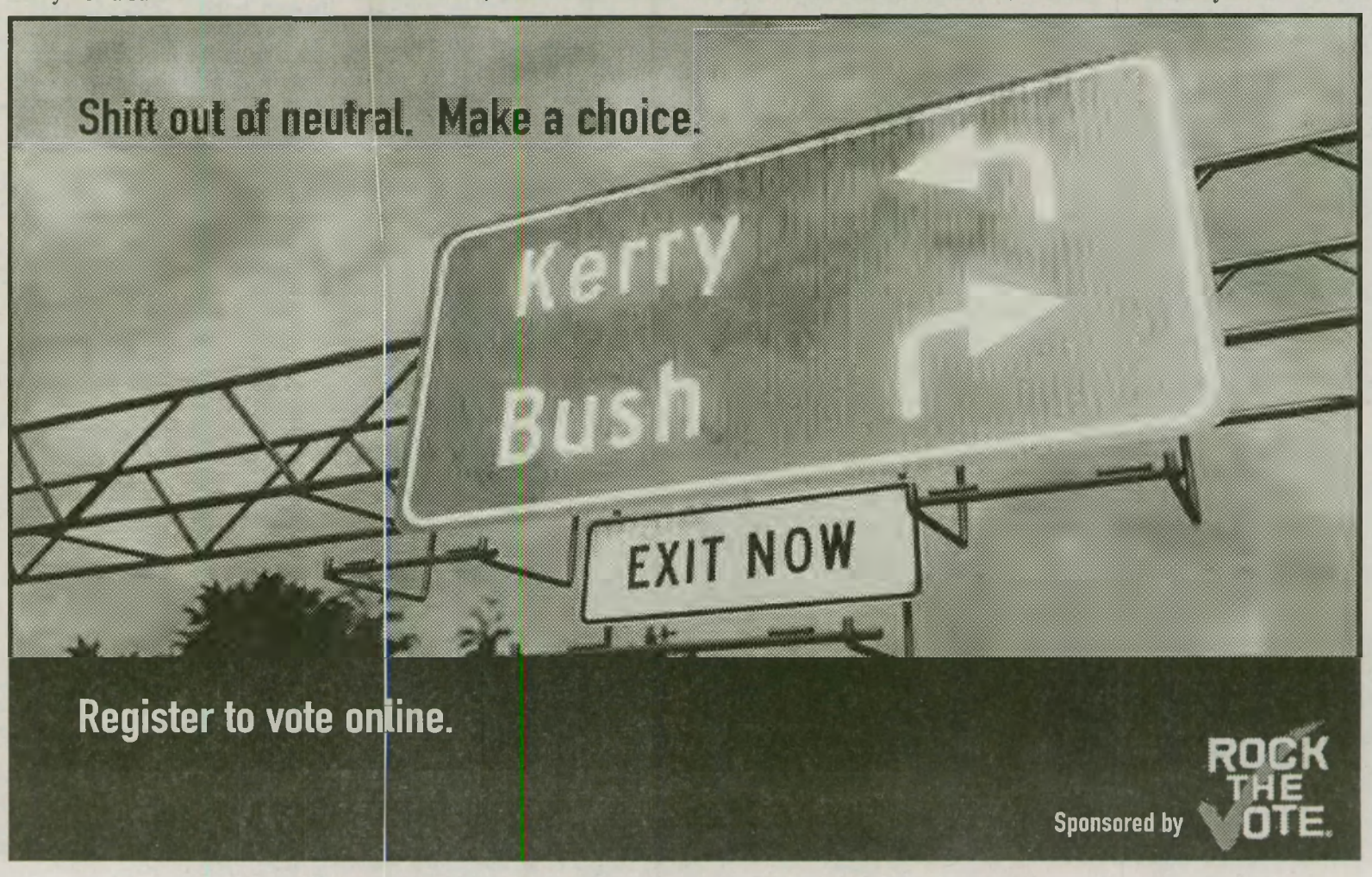
Barry Bonds follow through on the 699th home run of his career during the San Francisco's 5-2 win over Arizona.



Associated Press Top 25

	team	record	points
1	USC (52)	2-0	1,611
2	Oklahoma (10)	2-0	1,552
3	Georgia (3)	2-0	1,478
4	Miami	1-0	1,398
5	LSU	2-0	1,344
6	Texas	2-0	1,311
7	West Virginia	2-0	1,087
8	Florida State	0-1	1,058
9	Ohio State	2-0	1,030
10	California	2-0	969
11	Florida	1-0	955
12	Virginia	2-0	812
13	Tennessee	1-0	798
14	Auburn	2-0	739
15	Utah	2-0	699
16	Iowa	2-0	665
17	Michigan	1-1	577
18	Purdue	2-0	557
19	Fresno State	2-0	454
20	Wisconsin	2-0	404
21	Maryland	2-0	393
22	Minnesota	2-0	340
23	Boise State	2-0	201
24	Louisville	2-0	153
25	Memphis	2-0	86

ESPN/USA Today poll

	team	record	points
1	USC (47)	2-0	1,505
2	Oklahoma (11)	2-0	1,453
3	Georgia (2)	2-0	1,371
4	LSU (1)	2-0	1,315
5	Miami	1-0	1,312
6	Texas	2-0	1,209
7	Ohio State	2-0	1,058
8	West Virginia	2-0	975
9	Florida	1-0	887
10	California	2-0	852
11	Florida State	0-1	802
12	Iowa	2-0	782
13	Tennessee	1-0	717
14	Utah	2-0	651
15	Auburn	2-0	643
16	Virginia	2-0	634
17	Michigan	1-1	574
18	Purdue	2-0	525
19	Maryland	2-0	437
20	Fresno State	2-0	408
21	Wisconsin	2-0	372
22	Minnesota	2-0	298
23	Boise State	2-0	272
24	Louisville	2-0	128
25	Clemson	1-1	111

Men's Soccer
Big East Conference

team	Big East	Overall
St. John's	1-0-0	2-1-0
Boston College	1-0-0	3-0-0
Villanova	1-0-0	3-0-1
Pittsburgh	0-0-1	1-0-1
Rutgers	0-0-1	1-0-2
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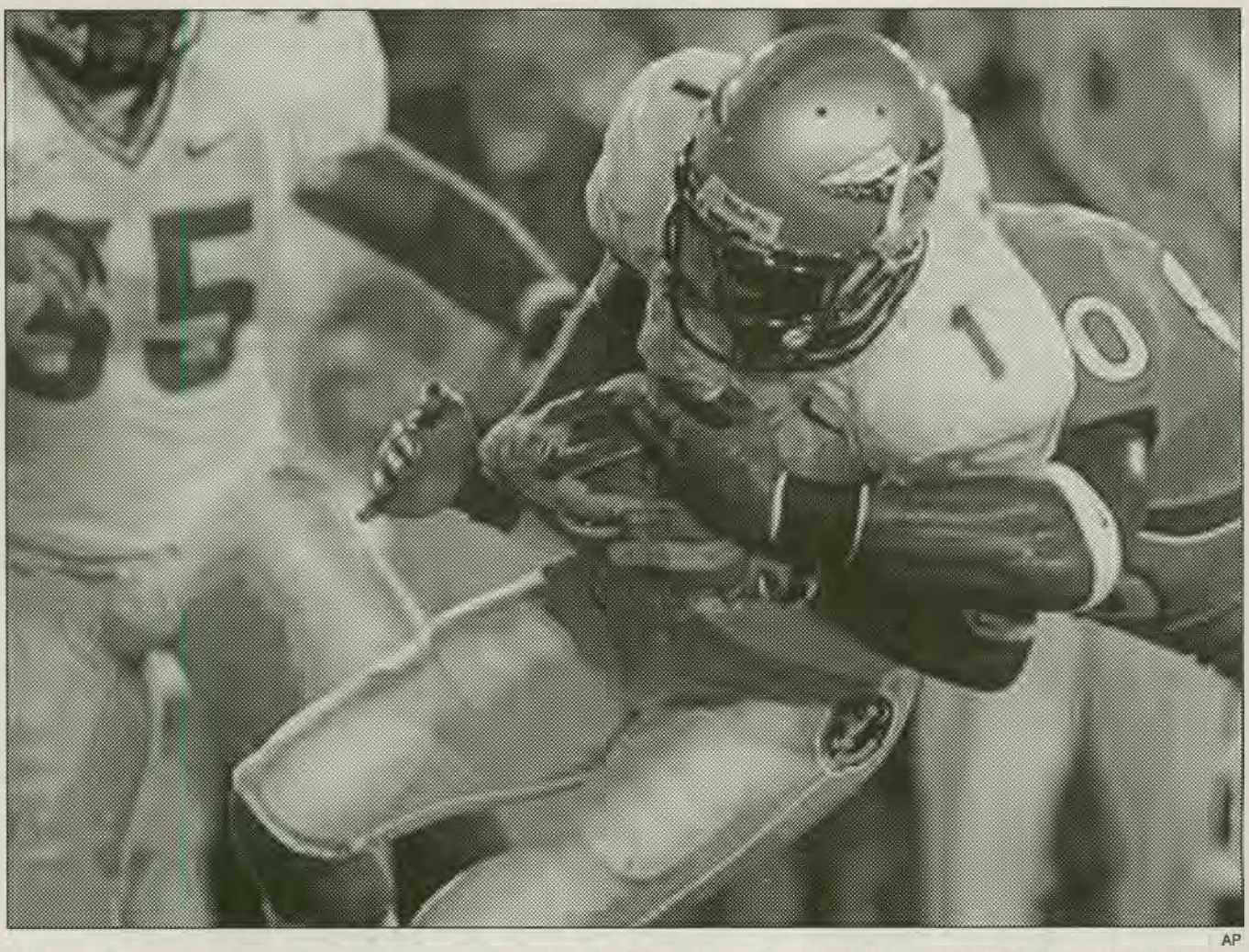

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Florida State's Craphonso Thorpe is tackled by Miami's Roger Mcintosh during the first half of their matchup on Friday where Miami beat Florida State 16-10 in overtime.

Gore finishes Seminoles in overtime

Associated Press

MIAMI — New season, new conference, same result.

Frank Gore's 18-yard touchdown run in overtime gave No. 5 Miami a 16-10 victory over No. 4 Florida State on Friday night.

The Hurricanes, playing their first game as a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference, extended their winning streak over the Seminoles to six games.

"Are all the games like this in the ACC?" Miami coach Larry Coker said. "I may not like this league."

The Hurricanes, who used to be in the Big East, won this one with defense.

The Seminoles' offense did little during regulation and even less in overtime. After a holding call put Florida State in a first-and-20, Antrel Rolle sniffed out a screen pass for an 8-yard loss. Chris Rix connected with Craphonso Thorpe for a 15-yard gain on second down, but Rix fumbled on third down and Miami's Thomas Carroll recovered.

Gore scored on Miami's second play.

"We never got tired; we were hungry all the way to the end," Coker said. "It's a monumental experience, a game you'll remember for the rest of your life. It was just a great finish, a great finish."

The game was originally scheduled to be played last Monday but was postponed four days because of Hurricane Frances. A grandson and a former son-in-law of Florida State coach Bobby Bowden were killed last Sunday when their car was hit a by a utility truck that was helping to restore power outages caused by the hurricane.

Miami (1-0) scored 16 straight points in the fourth quarter after Florida State (0-1) took a 10-0 lead by capitalizing on two turnovers.

The Hurricanes also got some help from a missed field goal — something that has defined this rivalry.

Florida State's Xavier Beitia had a 34-yarder blocked with 3:58 to play. The kick would have sealed a victory for the Seminoles. Instead, it gave Miami the ball back with a chance to tie the game.

"We had our chance to put them away and we didn't," Bowden said. "They had a chance to put us away and they did."

IN BRIEF

Feeley shakily holds No.1 in Dolphin quarterback shuffle

DAVIE, Fla. — Quarterback A.J. Feeley will remain in the Miami Dolphins' lineup — at least for now.

Feeley played well enough coming off the bench in the Dolphins' season-opening loss to earn a start this week at Cincinnati, coach Dave Wannstedt said Sunday.

That means a demotion for Jay Fiedler after four seasons as the starter.

Feeley threw for a touchdown, but had an interception returned for a score in the Dolphins' 17-7 loss Saturday to Tennessee.

"To give us the best chance to beat the Bengals and do what we need to do offensively, he'll be ready to do that," Wannstedt said.

But Feeley's hold on No. 1 is tenuous. Wannstedt said he may continue to shuffle quarterbacks.

"Whatever we've got to do to win at any position, we're going to do it," he said.

Singh wins Canadian Open over sentimental favorite

OAKVILLE, Ontario — Already No. 1 in the world, Vijay Singh felt like Public Enemy No. 1 in Canada.

Any other time, some 40,000 fans at the Canadian Open would have been thrilled to see the world's best player overcome a sore left knee and a three-shot deficit to make birdie on the final hole and win in a playoff.

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Not with Mike Weir on the cusp of becoming the first Canadian in 50 years to win his national title — on the 100th anniversary of the Canadian Open, no less.

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"I feel for Mike," Singh said after a thrilling duel that Canadians will appreciate once the shock wears off. "That was the one person I didn't want to beat."

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Three times he stood over a putt to win the Bell Canadian Open — a 10-foot birdie on the 72nd hole, a 25-foot eagle on the 18th hole in the playoff, a 5-footer for par at No. 17 on the second extra hole. He missed them all.

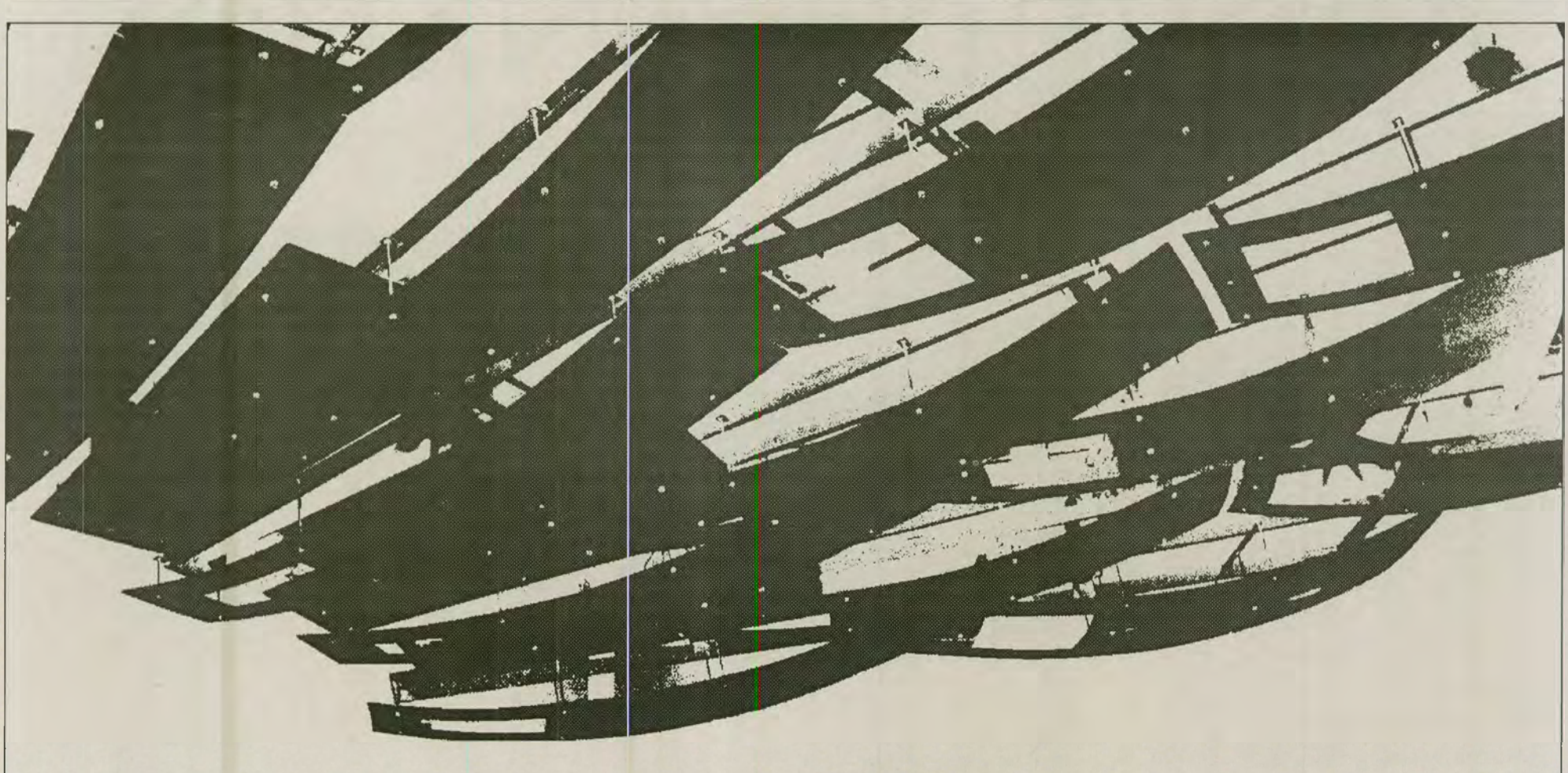
Weir ran out of chances, driving into the rough on the par-5 18th, laying up and then putting his approach into the water on the third playoff hole.

Lions' Rogers breaks his collarbone for second year

CHICAGO — Detroit Lions wide receiver Charles Rogers broke his collarbone for a second straight year Sunday and might miss most of the season.

Rogers, the No. 2 overall pick in the 2003 draft, played only the first five games a year ago because of a broken collarbone, catching 22 passes with three touchdowns.

He was injured going for a pass in the first quarter of Detroit's 20-16 win over the Chicago Bears on Sunday. X-rays revealed a fracture near the one he got last year during a bye week practice.



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The Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts officially swings into action when the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis takes the stage of the Leighton Concert Hall, ripping through familiar jazz charts with their head-bopping, foot-tapping, serious fun. Critics have run out of ways to say "technically brilliant" when trying to describe the ensemble's audacious rhythms and ingenious arrangements. Marsalis will turn the Leighton into the coolest place on the planet as pure joy erupts from the stage.

Marcus Roberts Trio

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Eileen Ivers and Immigrant Soul

Friday, October 8, 9 p.m.
$43.75, $35 ND/SMC/HC, $15 Students

Eileen Ivers rose to prominence as a nine time all-Irish fiddle champion and as the fiery fiddler of "Riverdance," but her passion for exploration has catapulted her to rarified air where only virtuosos play. Her boldly imaginative style earned her the title "Jimi Hendrix of the violin" from a New York Times reviewer. Eileen Ivers and Immigrant Soul storm the stage with matchless energy and an eclectic spirit. Respectful of their Irish roots, they infuse their concert with fresh vitality drawing from the rhythms of Latin and African music. Eileen Ivers will change the way you think about the violin.

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TENNIS

Federer wins his third Slam

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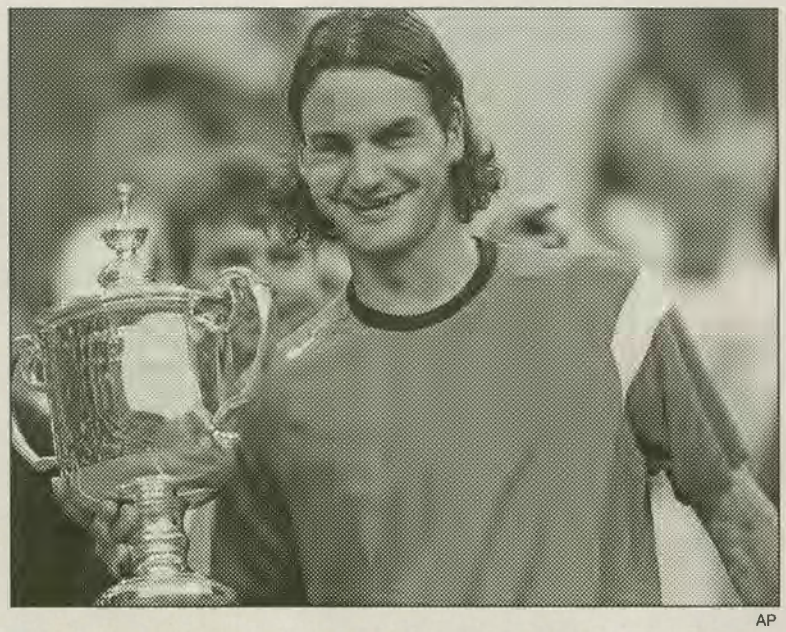

AP

Roger Federer holds the U.S. Open championship trophy following his victory in straight sets over Lleyton Hewitt.

NEW YORK — Well, there's at least one person who isn't trying to figure out whether Roger Federer could one day complete a Grand Slam or match Pete Sampras' career record of 14 major titles: Federer himself.

The Swiss star has established himself as by far the best in the game right now, and that's good enough for him.

Federer became the first man since 1988 to win three majors in a year, thoroughly outclassing Lleyton Hewitt 6-0, 7-6 (3), 6-0 Sunday to add the U.S. Open title to those he took at the Australian Open and Wimbledon.

"I got the start I wanted, I was dreaming of," Federer said. "It's a very demanding sport. The season's long. There's not much time off. This is why I'm grateful every tournament, every Grand Slam I win. You never know which is your last."

There hadn't been two shutout sets in the event's championship match since 1884, and Federer had an answer for everything thrown at him by the fourth-seeded Hewitt.

The only time Federer was stumped? When asked whether going 4-for-4 in the Slams is possible. He paused, brushed a strand of hair off his forehead, sighed, paused again, then came up with this: "I don't know what to say."

Then, asked about the Sampras' major total, Federer said: "It's not a goal for me to beat his record. For me, this is not motivation. This would just kill me."

Mats Wilander won three Slams in a season 16 years ago, and Jimmy Connors did it in 1974. The last man to complete the Grand Slam was Rod Laver in 1969.

"He's a little better than everyone else at everything right now," Wilander said after watching the match on TV at home in Idaho. "Physically and mentally he has the advantage over the other players. At the moment, I don't see anyone who can beat him."

Federer, 23, is at his best against the best, when it counts the most. He's the only man in the Open era to win his first four major finals, he's won his last 11 tournament finals, and he's won 17 straight matches against top 10 players. Federer beat past No. 1s and Grand Slam champions in each major final this year: Marat Safin at the Australian Open, Andy Roddick at Wimbledon, then Hewitt.

Federer led the 2001 Open champ in winners (40-12), aces (11-1), and service breaks (7-1), and won the point on 31 of 35 trips to the net.

Is there a player who could have defeated Federer on Sunday?

"I don't think anyone in the actual tournament," Hewitt said. "Maybe Pete Sampras."

Especially in the 18-minute opening set, it was truly remarkable to see Federer dominate every facet against the pugnacious, backward-cap-wearing, "Come on!"-yelling, fist-pumping Hewitt. The Australian hurt himself by double-faulting to lose each of his first two service games but that might have been a function of facing Federer.

"He's so good on the defense and so good at the return of serve that he's forcing the other player mentally to get a little bit of scaredeness: 'I've got to serve a little better or Roger's going to knock it by me.' 'I've got to make a better approach shot or he's going to pass me,'" said 1946-47 U.S. Open winner Jack Kramer, inducted Sunday into the tournament's Court of Champions.

"He's getting errors because of the threat of his skills."

With his fluid, all-court game and cool demeanor, Federer is 64-6 with nine titles on three surfaces this season. And he did it all without a coach: Federer fired Peter Lundgren in December and never replaced him. The one Grand Slam blemish on Federer's resume this year is the French Open, where he lost in the third round to three-time champion Gustavo Kuerten.

"I don't want to put pressure on myself by saying, 'You know, next year, your only focus is the French Open,'" Federer said. "I have enough years left for to maybe accomplish that as well. But that's not my priority right now."

He never before made it beyond the fourth round at Flushing Meadows, leading some to wonder whether the wind, wild fans and roaring airplanes might provide too many distractions for the fastidious Federer.

But he dealt with 40 mph gusts and partisan rooting while beating Andre Agassi in a two-day quarterfinal, dismantled Tim Henman's serve-and-volley style in the semifinals, then stopped Hewitt, who hadn't lost a set all tournament.

Paraphrasing Frank Sinatra, Federer said: "To me, it seems like if you can handle New York, you can handle anything."

"To me, not even in my wildest dreams I would have thought, 'I'm going to win the U.S. Open.' Now that I did it, it's still tough for me to believe," Federer said. "At the end of the year, I'll be looking back and thinking, 'How did I do this?'"

His run of four of the past six Slam titles is the best since Sampras won four of five in 1993-94.

"It's an incredible effort, what he's done," Hewitt said. "I don't think people probably realize how hard it is."

All of the impressive numbers might fill a list that other athletes would tack to a wall as a reminder of goals. But unlike Tiger Woods' pursuit of Jack Nicklaus' accomplishments, Federer doesn't look too far forward.

"The road is long, you know. Don't forget, there's a lot of hard work you have to put into it, a lot of sacrifice," he said. "I'm still all the way at the beginning."

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Zito returns to form, scalps Tribe in shutout

White Sox, Red Sox blanked, Yankees win

Associated Press

OAKLAND — Barry Zito struck out 10 for the first time in more than a year and Erubiel Durazo hit his career-high 22nd home run, leading the Oakland Athletics over the Cleveland Indians 1-0 Sunday night.

Zito (11-10) had not reached double digits in strikeouts since fanning 10 at Minnesota on May 27, 2003. He had struck out nine twice this season.

"I think I just found I relaxed a little more," Zito said. "I think I put too much pressure on myself early in the year to be dominant."

After the A's rallied to win 5-4 Saturday on consecutive eighth-inning home runs by rookies Bobby Crosby and Nick Swisher, Zito gave Oakland one of his best performances this year, allowing four hits in seven scoreless innings. His 125 pitches were his second most ever he threw 128 at Cleveland on Aug. 21, 2000.

The A's maintained their two-game AL West lead over Anaheim, which beat the Chicago White Sox 11-0. Oakland plays its final 20 games against the division, starting Monday night with the opener of a four-game series against Texas.

Anaheim 11, Chicago 0

After a slow start this year, Bartolo Colon is beginning to earn every penny of his $51 million contract.

Colon (15-11) pitched seven sharp innings to lead Anaheim over the Chicago White Sox Sunday. It was his 10th win in 13 decisions after a 5-8 start in his first season with the Angels.

The stocky right-hander, who signed a four-year deal with Anaheim as a free agent last winter after spending 2003 with the White Sox, said his turnaround this season has been mainly a matter of mechanics.

"I made a change to pitch from the first-base side of the mound rather than the middle," Colon said through a translator after holding his former teammates to six hits. "It's much better for running my fastball in and out."

Seattle 2, Boston 0

This one meant more to Gil Meche than his previous complete games.

The right-hander pitched a five-hitter for his second career shutout and Raul Ibanez hit a two-run homer to lead the Seattle Mariners over the Boston Red Sox 2-0 Sunday.

Shut out for the third time this season, Boston fell 3 1/2 games behind the first-place New York Yankees in the AL East. The Red Sox have a five-game lead over Anaheim in the wild-card race.

Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki went 2-for-4 with singles in the first and eighth, boosting his total to 231 hits this season. With 20 games remaining, Suzuki is batting .374 and needs 27 hits to break the 84-year-old major league record of 257 by George Sisler of the St. Louis Browns.

Meche (5-6) walked one, struck out four and retired 12 of his final 13 batters in his third career complete game.

New York 9, Baltimore 7

Gary Sheffield and Hideki Matsui hit consecutive homers in the ninth inning, and the New York Yankees took advantage of 14 walks in a 9-7 comeback victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Sunday.

New York trailed 6-2 in the fifth inning before rallying for its seventh win in eight games. The Yankees took two of three from the Orioles to capture the season series 14-5 and move a season-high 37 games over .500 (90-53).

It was the club-record ninth time this season that New York rallied from a deficit of four runs or more. The Yankees, who did not have a comeback of that nature all last year, won despite stranding 17 runners and going 0-for-5 with the bases loaded. New York had not received as many as 14 walks in a game since 1980.

Tom Gordon (7-4) got four outs and Mariano Rivera worked the ninth for his major-league leading 48th save in 51 chances.

Texas 7, Toronto 6

Mark Teixeira homered twice, including a two-run shot in the eighth inning that sent the Texas Rangers past the Toronto Blue Jays 7-6 Sunday for a three-game sweep.

Chan Ho Park and the Rangers couldn't hold the lead after Teixeira's three-run homer in the first. But Francisco Cordero made Teixeira's second shot stand up, striking out three batters in the ninth for his team-record 44th save.

With Texas trailing 6-5, Michael Young led off the eighth with a double against Justin Speier (3-7). Teixeira followed with his 34th homer, his fourth of the series.

Doug Brocail (3-1), the fifth Texas pitcher, faced only one hitter, but he got the win with a strikeout-caught stealing double play to end the eighth.

Minnesota 8, Detroit 5

The Minnesota Twins are playing with confidence.

"We're playing pretty good baseball right now. I don't care if we are playing Detroit or who we are playing, it's tough to beat us," Matthew LeCroy said after Sunday's 8-5 win over the Tigers.

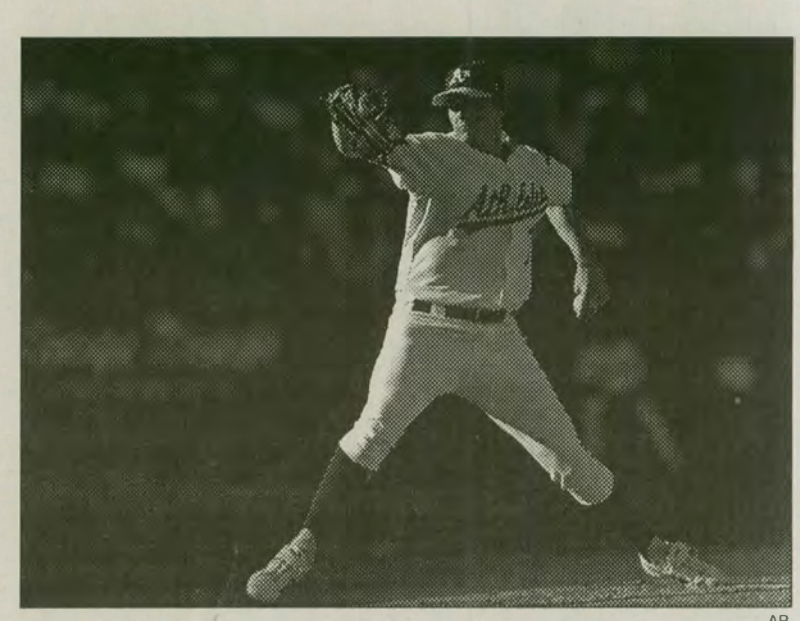
Terry Tiffee, Torii Hunter and Cristian Guzman homered for the Twins, who are 11-7 against Detroit this year and 55-19 since 2001. The Twins have won five straight over the Tigers going into Monday's series finale.

Terry Mulholland (5-8) allowed four runs and nine hits in 6 2-3 innings, then turned it over to his bullpen.

Tampa Bay 7, Kansas City 2

Jorge Sosa allowed five hits in seven shutout innings to win for the first time since July 31, leading the Tampa Bay Devil Rays over the Kansas City Royals 7-2 Sunday.

Rocco Baldelli hit a two-run homer, and Julio Lugo, Tino Martinez and Jose Cruz Jr. each had three hits for the Devil Rays, who had 15 hits and won their second straight following a 12-game losing streak.



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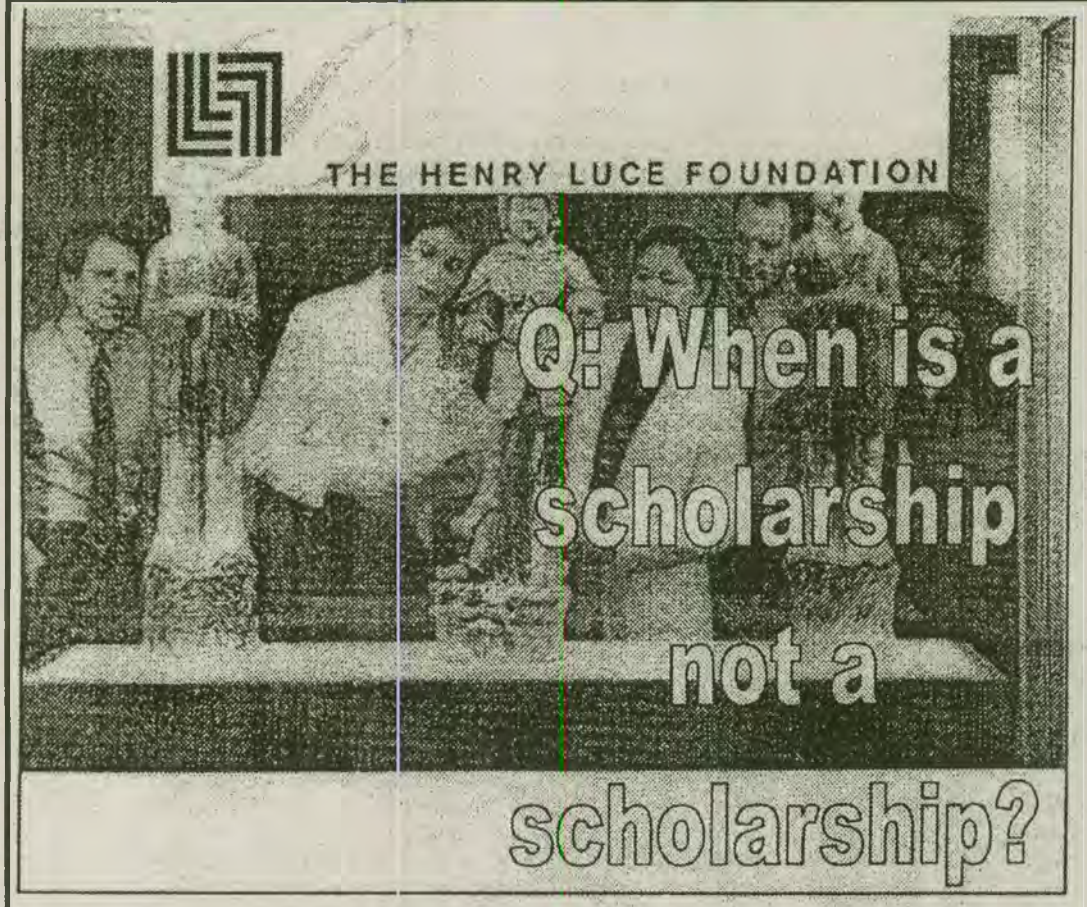

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PGA Tour

Weir falls to Singh at Canadian Open

Associated Press

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"The level of pressure was right there with Augusta," said Weir, who became Canada's first major champion last year at the Masters. "It was me who didn't get it done. I just didn't have anything falling my way the last few days."

Singh, who blistered tee shots on the 18th all three times, only had to three-putt from the fringe to win for the seventh time this season and put a stamp on a No. 1 ranking he has held only a week.

"It's only been a week," Singh said. "It's pumped me up a little bit more. You don't want to let that position go. The only way you can hang onto it is by playing better than the rest of the guys."

Golf has never had a home game like this a major championship-caliber gallery, 99 percent of them in euphoria as soon as the ball left Weir's club.

Asked if he felt the weight of a nation on his shoulders, Weir replied, "Every shot."

"I was literally deaf just being screamed at," he said. "I had to open my mouth and give a yawn to pop my ears as I got to the tee. It was pretty cool."

Singh noticed it, too, especially late in the round.

"They were cheering in a good way," he said. "They were not cheering against me, they were cheering for Mike. Although on 15 when I missed the putt, they got excited. You understand that's part of it."

Singh closed with a 69 and joined an elite group Tiger

SMC Cross Country

Belles take fourth at invitational

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's continued its impressive season, finishing fourth in a field of nine teams at the Aquinas College Invitational last Friday.

The Belles registered a team score of 106 points, and managed to beat conference rivals Hope College and Olivet College, who finished fifth and eighth respectively. Sophomore Megan Murphy said this meet was a crucial one for the Belles.

"I think the team did great because we are getting closer to our goal of finishing within 1-minute of each other," Murphy said. "This goal is important because it makes our team stronger and closer."

Leading the Belles towards this goal is freshman Megan Gray, who continues to establish herself as one of the team's top runners. Gray placed 16th in a time of 19 minutes and 55 seconds. Murphy described Gray as an inspiration for the team.

"She sets the pace for us to push each other and is a leader for us," Murphy said. "It is her attitude that also makes her an asset and helps me to run faster."

Murphy finished close behind in 21st with a time of 20:09. Also posting impressive results for the Belles were Becky Feauto and Katie White. Feauto placed 31st with a time of 20:39 and White finished 33rd in 20:45.

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Megan Murphy
Belles runner

Sophomore Sara Otto was the seventh runner to finish for the Belles in 21:30, 1:35 behind Gray.

Although the team continues posting impressive results, the Belles are especially pleased with the growing sense of team unity.

"I didn't know what to expect at first," Murphy said. "But everyone was really welcoming and shares the same positive attitude when we go out and compete."

The Belles are using team bonding as a source of inspiration and motivation while competing. Knowing there is another runner working hard towards the team's cause makes the race less intimidating.

"We came away from the race with more than just getting closer to our goal," Murphy said. "We became closer as a team."

The Belles will face its next set of challengers Friday when the team competes in the National Catholic Invitational at Notre Dame.

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LPGA Tour

Sorenstam dominates LPGA event

Associated Press

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. — Even Annika Sorenstam was amazed by her dominating play after a long layoff.

Sorenstam won her fifth LPGA Tour event of the year Sunday, closing with a 1-under 70 for a four-shot victory at the John Q. Hammons Classic.

"I thought I played excellent for three days," Sorenstam said. "It's a tough course. I'm just really surprised how well I hit it and putt it."

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Annika Sorenstam
LPGA golfer

Sorenstam had three birdies and a bogey in the final round for a 9-under 204 total, winning the event for the second time. She had a three-stroke lead entering the round and played steadily on the narrow fairways and sloping greens of Cedar Ridge Country Club while her challengers struggled.

Shi Hyun Ahn closed with a 69 and was second at 5-under 208. Candie Kung also had a final-round 69 and was third at 3 under. Mi Hyun Kim (67) and Heather Bowie (69) tied for fourth at 2-under 211.

After rolling in a bogey putt at the 18th, Sorenstam smiled and threw the ball into the gallery.

"Luckily, my game got better and better everyday, and I really felt comfortable playing here," said the Swede, winner of seven worldwide titles this year who also had a four-stroke victory in the event in 2002.

Joanne Morley, in the final group with Sorenstam, closed within a stroke of the lead after opening with two birdies. But she bogeyed five of the next six holes, missing a 3-foot par putt at the third and a 6-footer at the fifth. She also missed the fairway at the par-4 7th and went on to finish with a 76, at even-par 213.

While Morley struggled, Sorenstam sank a 12-foot putt for birdie at the par-3 6th to increase her lead.

"It's one of those courses you have to think your way around," Sorenstam said. "I did not hit a driver on every hole. I tried to play smart and not overpower the course. I think that was the key for me."

Sorenstam earned $150,000 for her 53rd career LPGA title. She has started just 13 of 24 LPGA events this year and hadn't played since winning the HP Open on Aug. 8.

Sorenstam spent her time off either "chilling" in Lake Tahoe, Nev., or cleaning up her Orlando, Fla., home after Hurricane Charley. She did practice for a week before the tournament.

She admitted to feeling a bit rusty coming in, but her game didn't show it. She opened with a 66 on Friday and added a 69 on Saturday.

"I can't play every week because I get burned out and I don't play well," she said. "You have to listen to your body."

Ahn earned $91,110 as runner-up of the $1 million event that moved to Cedar Ridge after three years at Tulsa Country Club.

Ahn, a leading candidate for tour rookie of the year with six top-five finishes in 19 starts, birdied Nos. 2, 5, and 7 to move to 5 under, within four strokes of Sorenstam. But Ahn bogeyed No. 8 and fell off the pace.

"There are a lot of things I did good but there are more things that I made a mistake and could be improved," Ahn said. "If I tried a little bit harder and not went too aggressive, then I probably would have got a higher score."

Defending champion Karrie Webb closed with a 72 and finished tied for 17th place at 2-over 215.

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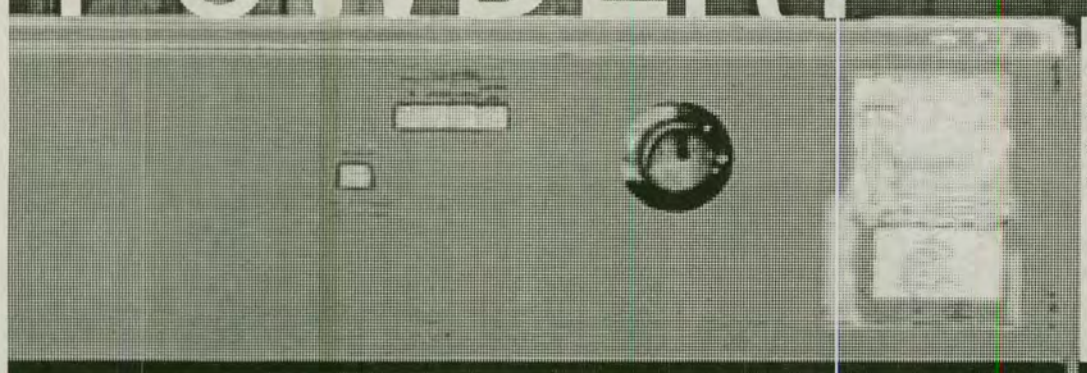

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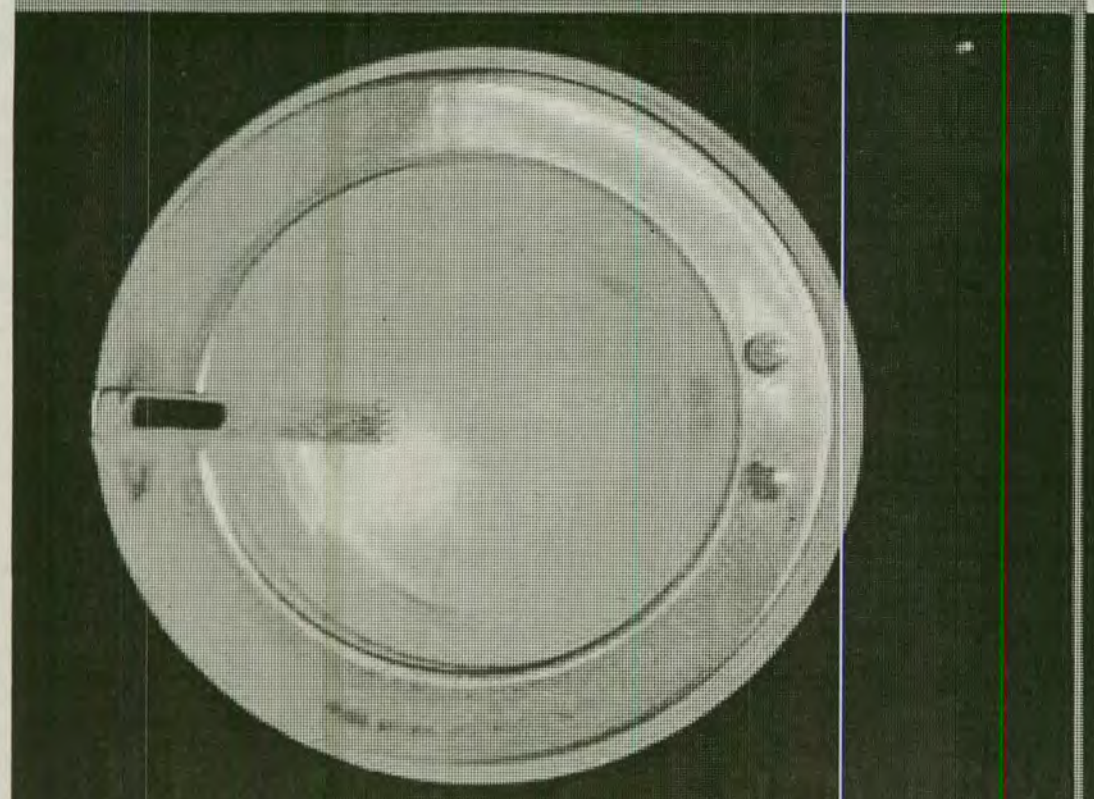

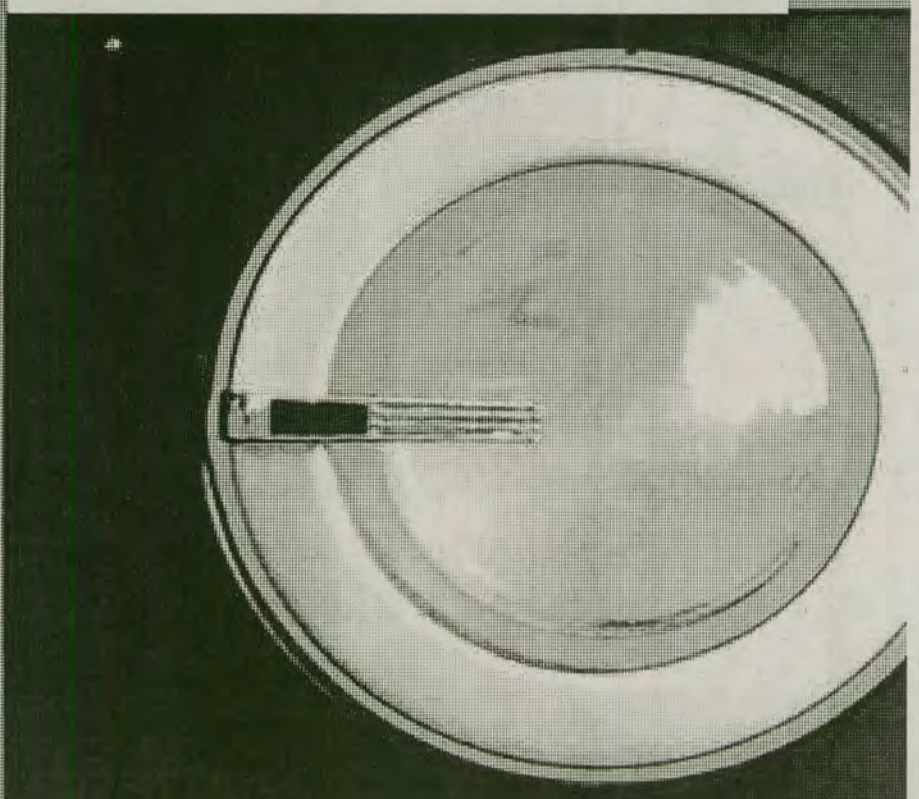

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defending national champion USC next weekend.

"[This tournament] was a great opportunity to work out some of the problems that we had been having," Henican said. "Obviously USC is a great team and we will need to play really well against them."

The team held the Hornets to a match hitting percentage of only .116 behind the work of Henican who had 26 digs, the second most in a three game match in Irish history.

The defense was dominant again against Cal-Poly in the weekend's final match. Notre Dame had 47 digs, 17 coming from Henican, to hold the Mustangs to a .044 hitting percentage. Cal-Poly had trouble getting the ball past Brewster as her six blocks paced the Irish.

While the Irish swept through both of Saturday's matches, Fresno State was not so easy to dispose of Friday night. The 30-21, 27-30, 30-20, 31-33, 15-12 battle was the third straight five game match for Notre Dame. Thankfully for the Irish, this time they earned a victory after being beaten by Valparaiso and Nebraska in their two previous matchups, and used that momentum on Saturday.

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CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer

Members of the women's volleyball team celebrate in the Joyce Center during their game against Nebraska on Sept. 3.

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"We underperformed from that point of view, but it's not easy," Clark said. "They're not a bad side, we got lulled a little bit, we had a very easy game on Friday — we just had problems finding the net."

The brick house that is the Notre Dame defense showed only harmless cracks this weekend, with one goal in Friday's game from Ian McAuley. Both Evansville and Fullerton were unable to build a lead, with Chris Sawyer notching five saves in the pair of games.

"One of the real positives [about the tie] is that it feels like a loss, and that's maybe a mark of where the program has come," Clark said. "We take a tie here, and we feel that it's a loss. They're going home very happy, they're feeling as if it's a victory, and they're feeling as if it's a loss."

Midfielders Nate Norman and Greg Dalby and defender Jack Stewart were named to the all-Tournament Team. This is Stewart's second all-Tournament team in as many weekends.

"I thought Nate Norman was terrific — very exciting," Clark said of the sophomore standout. "Every time he got the ball he was ready to make something happen. That was really nice to see, I was thrilled for him — he's going to be key for the season."

The season is starting off in the right direction, improving to 3-0-1 — Clark's best start in his tenure with the Irish. After the game, Clark focused on the positives that the team had achieved.

"I love the way our team was really pushing to win right up to the end of the game — we were the team who was trying to win the game, whereas I felt that they were very happy with taking half a loaf home," he said. "We wanted a full loaf and we chased and we chased — our fitness was good, and these are all positives."

The Irish will chase the full loaf on Wednesday in Bloomington against No. 1 Indiana University.

"We need to just relax in front of the goal — just relax and put some goals on the score sheet," said Clark.

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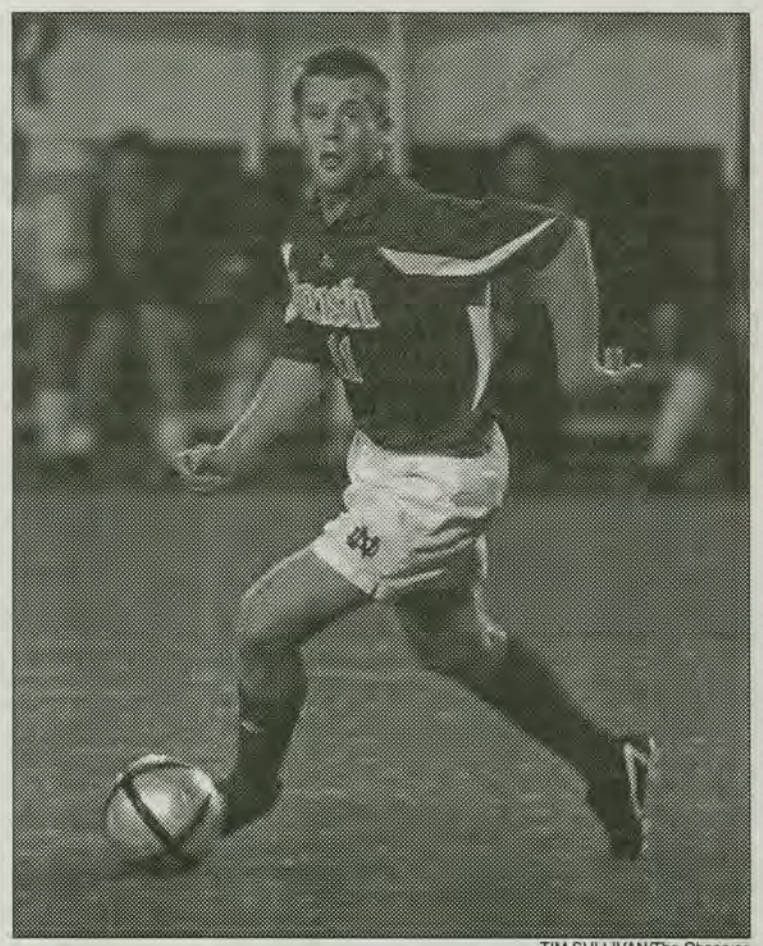

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Tony Megna, one of Notre Dame's leading attack players, dribbles the ball Friday night against Evansville.

DANTE & PETRARCH

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Kim Lorenzen battles for the ball in an August game against Eastern Illinois. The Irish are looking to move up to No. 1.

Winning

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held a 1-0 lead in the first half before the Irish won the contest 3-1.

"We made of a couple of mistakes in the beginning, but we responded well to the first big road trip and the test of the heat," Waldrum said. "We needed this to make us better."

Notre Dame 3, Texas Tech 0

Waldrum earned his 100th win as Irish head coach in Sunday afternoon's victory.

Despite playing on a field smaller than the regulation size, the Irish shut out Texas Tech with an impressive win.

"I didn't hear [the team] complaining that the field was hard to play on," Waldrum said. "But when teams aren't as good as you, it makes their defending much easier and plays into their favor."

Although Texas Tech had a defensive advantage in playing on its home field, the Irish still managed to take 21 shots. While this may sound like an impressive feat, Thorlakson expected the team to have created more opportunities for goals.

"The more [shots] we take, the more we will dominate teams," Thorlakson said. "We just need to get the ball to the net and things will happen."

Waldrum agreed.

"We played well together in every part except around the goal," Waldrum said. "We just weren't as sharp."

However, he focused more on the positive aspects of the game. The Irish defense remained dominant, as they only allowed Texas Tech four shots on goal.

"Their goals were not dangerous," Waldrum said. "So defensively we did not skip a beat."

Rhythm also remained a prime element in the victory, as the Irish changed their lineup several times during the match. Waldrum reasoned that mixing up the players on the field gave starters a rest and other team members more playing time.

Maggie Manning had two goals for the team during the 26th and 44th minutes of the game. The first came off an assist from Jill Krivacek and the second from Chapman.

"It was great that Maggie got two goals," Waldrum said. "We got great quality minutes."

Thorlakson was also impressed with the team's overall performance as the team came away with their second win of the weekend.

"We had to get the job done against Texas Tech," she said. "It was nice to get the results we did and get out ahead."

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Golf

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Juniors Scott Gustafson and Eric Deutsch led the Irish this weekend, tying for 17th with a 10-over par 223. Sophomore Cole Isban tied for 26th after finishing the weekend with a 226. Freshman Greg Rodgers and junior Mark Baldwin rounded out the Irish lineup, shooting 228 and 234, respectively.

Isban was one of the few Irish golfers who competed this summer on a national level, something Jasinksi wants his players to do more of in the future.

"Our long-term goal is to have us compete against the very best collegiate and amateurs during the summer," Jasinski said. "We are slightly less than halfway there right now. We need seven or eight players to try and play in the best amateur events to continue to grow competitive,"

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John Jasinski
Irish coach

Jasinski was especially pleased with the consistency his team displayed throughout the weekend. In Saturday's round, four of the team's five golfers all carded rounds of 4-over-par 75.

"That's been our biggest weakness in the past, not being able to establish a consistent pattern," Jasinski said. "We seem to be developing our ability to do that."

With the team's depth and the lack of a true No. 1 star on the team, consistency will be what will make or break the team's season this year.

"We seem to have a lot of guys who can be competitive at this level, but we don't have anyone who can really be force in the No. 1 spot," Jasinski said. "We do have seven or eight guys who can all contribute in a role."

Despite not having a definite on-field leader, Jasinski feels very confident in his team's chances this season.

"We don't have a star, but there's a lot of parity in this lineup — you can win either way," Jasinski said. "The way we performed this week is something we expect every week. Fifth place should be something we do regularly, and we should look to winning or getting top three."

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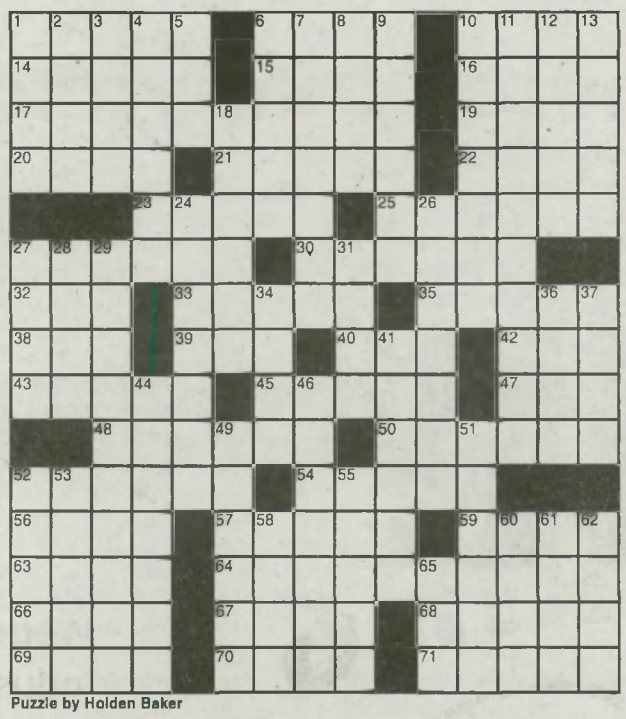

Puzzle by Holden Baker

ACROSS

1 Mall component
6 Genesis twin
10 Fly like an eagle
14 Hiker's path
15 Goatee's locale
16 Time for eggnog
17 Having no entryways?
19 A.A.A. recommendations: Abbr.
20 Left on a map
21 How some ham sandwiches are made
22 Letter after theta
23 Disney World attraction
25 Opposite of whole, milkwise
27 "French" dog
30 "I'm ready to leave"
32 Down Under bird
33 Britannica, for one: Abbr.
35 "Thanks, Pierre!"
38 Squeal (on)
39 ___ standstill (motionless)
40 City that Fred Astaire was "flying down to" in a 1934 hit
42 "Dear old" family member
43 Jogs
45 Looks sullen
47 Poetic palindrome
48 Tributary
50 Word before Nevada or Leone
52 Hold back
54 Give a benediction to
56 Ball field covering
57 Motionless
59 Campaign funders, for short
63 Buffalo's lake
64 Having no vision?
66 Submarine danger
67 Number between dos and cuatro
68 Weird
69 Habitual tipplers
70 Gumbo vegetable
71 Modify to particular conditions

DOWN

1 Put in the hold
2 "___ Grit" (John Wayne film)
3 Quaker ___
4 Ran amok
5 Santa's little helper
6 Commercial prefix with Lodge
7 In a moment
8 Bright and breezy
9 Still in the outbox, as mail
10 Injection selection
11 Having no commandment?
12 Prince Valiant's wife
13 Plopped down again
18 Museum guide
24 Delighted
26 Gradual absorption method
27 Saucy
28 Bradley or Sharif
29 Having no typeset letters?
31 Stocking shade
34 Where to watch whales in Massachusetts, with "the"
36 Writer John Dickson ___
37 Inkling
41 "The only thing we have to fear is fear ___": F.D.R.
44 Prairie homes
46 It goes around the world
49 Mississippi River explorer
51 Caught sight of
52 Agenda details
53 & 55 Peruvian novelist ___ Vargas ___
58 Istanbul resident
60 Taj Mahal locale
61 Intel product
62 Typesetting mark
65 Poseidon's domain

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Reaching for the top

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Santa Clara's defenders converge on Irish midfielder Kate Thorlakson in a Sept. 5 game.

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

The Irish proved why they are the envy of soccer programs around the nation after topping No. 11 Arizona State 2-1.

Notre Dame (5-0-0) battled blistering 100-degree heat to begin the match Friday evening in Tempe, Ariz. In addition to coping with the weather conditions, the team also needed to block out the opposing cheers of more than 1,500 people that poured into Sun Devils Stadium.

"It was so hot Friday night," coach Randy Waldrum said. "But I thought the kids played great and responded very well."

The Irish needed a late comeback in order to defeat the (1-2-0) Sun Devils after trailing early in the first half.

Junior Katie Leahy scored the first goal for Arizona State in the 23rd minute. The tying goal came in the 35th minute from senior Candace Chapman, her fifth of the season. Junior forward Katie Thorlakson also continued her offensive dominance this season, as her free kick helped set up defender Melissa Tancredi's game winning shot and fifth goal of the season.

Thorlakson has had a hand in 14 of the 18 goals scored this season, including two game-winning goals and a pair of game-winning assists.

The win gave freshman goalkeeper Lauren Karas the first win of her collegiate career.

Prior to the match, the Irish were deeply aware of the Sun Devils' offensive speed and endurance. Thorlakson said the team was aware of the challenges Arizona State's program would bring.

"ASU is ranked, and anybody in the top 25 is beating everybody this season," Thorlakson said. "This is why we are trying to take one game at a time."

The early game deficit was reminiscent of last year's match, when the Sun Devils

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VOLLEYBALL

Brewster, Irish notch two victories

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Meg Henican needed just a couple of words to describe the performance of her team.

"It's encouraging," the Irish captain said about a weekend that saw the Notre Dame volleyball team get back on the right track as it won three matches to capture the Cal-Poly Best Western Royal Oak Invitational and stop a three-match losing streak.

The Irish defeated Fresno State Friday night before downing Sacramento State and Cal-Poly Saturday to improve their season record to 4-3.

Lauren Brewster was named the tournament MVP as she averaged 3.82 kills per game while posting a .372 hitting percentage. The junior middle blocker also had 28 digs, 18 blocks and four aces during the two matches. The other all-tournament selection for the Irish was outside hitter Lauren Kelbley. She tallied 4.00 kills per game along with seven service aces to spark the Irish offense.

Henican

Brewster

After a five game win over Fresno State Friday in Cal-Poly's Mott Gymnasium, the Irish came out hot on Saturday. They didn't lose a game in defeating Sacramento State 30-16, 30-24, 30-28 in the first match before sealing the tournament title with a 30-23, 30-24, 30-14 sweep of Cal-Poly.

Henican was happy about the consistent, steady play that saw the Irish defeat three traditionally strong California teams, including the defending Big Sky conference tournament champions in Sacramento State.

"It was good. It was really good," Henican said. "We played three good teams and overall it was a great team effort to get the wins."

Saturday's match against Sacramento State saw Notre Dame turn in its top statistical performance of the young season. They recorded 59 kills, almost 20 per game, while posting a .311 hitting percentage. Freshman setter Ashley Tarutis led the Irish offense with 37 assists.

After struggling in its match last week against Valparaiso, Henican was glad the team was able to improve on some of its weak points before going into their match against

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MEN'S GOLF

Men's golf takes fifth in Iverness

Team shoots three rounds to end with a score of 894

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

The Irish opened up their 2004-05 campaign showing lots of promise of good things to come. The team placed fifth in the Inverness Intercollegiate in Toledo, Ohio with a 3-round score of 894. No. 14 Kentucky won the event, shooting an 877, eight strokes better than Michigan State, its closest competitor in the 13-team field.

This weekend, the Irish had both their best single round as well as their highest placement in the history of this event. Before this weekend, the Irish had never placed higher than 14th, and their lowest single-round score was 307, a mark they surpassed in every round.

"I'm very pleased, we haven't fared too well at these [events] in the past," Irish coach John Jasinski said. "We talked about breaking 900; the conditions were perfect, and we maxed out our expectations."

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish take win, tie in tournament

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

On a sun-baked field on the edge of campus, as students shook off the cobwebs from the inaugural football weekend, the Irish were locked in a fierce battle to find the back of a 23-foot net.

After scoring two goals in the final 2 minutes, 2 seconds of regulation Friday evening against Evansville, the Irish were unable to find the back of the net in 110 minutes of play against Cal State Fullerton on Sunday.

"At the end of the day, there were more positives than negatives," coach Bobby Clark said after Sunday's game. "We don't have a lot of time to think about it — we play Indiana on Wednesday, that's the focus."

The Irish dominated both games offensively, totaling 65 shots on goal in the two games. However, the Irish proved nervous in front of the net, sending shots high over the goal or wide past the post. In Friday's contest, the Irish did not mark up a goal until defender Christopher High with 2:02 remaining and Justin McGeeney followed it with the game-winner. On Sunday, Fullerton goalkeeper Sam Reynolds recorded only five saves on 27 shots by the Irish.

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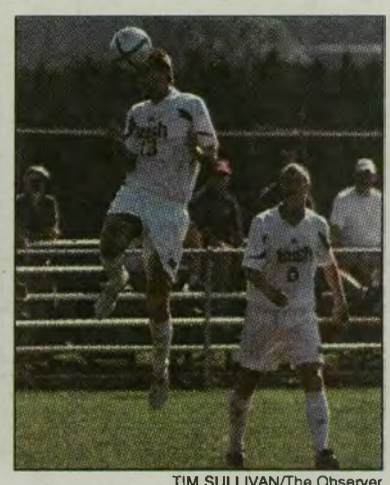

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Standout defender Jack Stewart leaps for a header.

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CROSS COUNTRY

The Belles take fouth over two MIAA rivals at the Aquinas College Invitational.

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LPGA TOUR

Annika Sorenstam won her fifth LPGA event in 2004 with a four-shot victory at the John Q. Hammons Classic.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Oakland 1
Cleveland 0

Zito struck out 10 to imrpove to 11-10.

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U.S. OPEN

Top-ranked Roger Federer took home the men's U.S. Open tennis title.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia 4
NY Mets 2

The Phillies pulled within five games of the NL wild card race.

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NFC

Detroit 20
Chicago 16

Detroit gets first road win since 2000 season.

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