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Thieves burglarize student residences

More than 20 off-campus break-ins reported during winter break; complexes step up security

By JOSEPH MCMAHON
News Writer

For Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students in 10 residences at Clover Ridge Apartments and 11 at Stadium Club Condos, the fear of burglary became reality when thieves broke into their residences during winter break and stole several items, ranging from television sets to jars of change to pots and pans, managers at the housing complexes said.

Police investigated the rash of break-ins on Dec. 27. Kristie Nozykowski, the property manager for Clover Ridge Apartments, said "there was no rhyme or reason" to what

thieves stole.

"They didn't take a lot of stuff. In some of the apartments it looked like [the burglars] weren't even there. They actually spent more time breaking in than they did stealing stuff," Nozykowski said.

But she was still shocked by the break-ins, prompting Clover Ridge to hire additional security.

"We've never had any break-ins, but we have always had a police officer that lived on site," Nozykowski said. "This is our first incident where we've had break-ins at Clover Ridge Apartments. Because our main goal is that they are happy and safe where they live, when the

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Observer file photo

Stadium Club Condominiums was the site of 11 break-ins during winter break.

STUDENT SENATE

Senators discuss partnership with Apple

Montes, Finnigan plan to present idea to University academic technology committee



LINDSAY POULIN/The Observer

The Student Senate discussed a technology proposal and off-campus burglaries at Monday's meeting.

By CLAIRE REISING
News Writer

Senators discussed recent off-campus break-ins and a possible partnership between the University and iTunes at their meeting Wednesday.

Residential Life Committee chair Mariana Montes said Notre Dame might be considering a partnership with Apple's iTunes U, which would allow audio and visual material for classes to be distributed through iTunes. She said prospective stu-

dents could also view public University information on iTunes U and that other universities, such as Duke and Stanford, have used this technology to attract outstanding high school applicants. Duke launched the program in 2004, giving incoming freshmen iPods to download professors' lectures, she said.

Although the University has known about iTunes U for some time, it has not yet been able to implement the program due to

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University VP plans to step down

Crnkovich will return to Ill. to be with family

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Editor

Hilary Crnkovich will leave her job as vice president for public affairs and communication at the University on Aug. 1, she announced Wednesday.

Crnkovich said she is going to return to Chicago to be closer to her family. She has occupied her current position since March 2005.

As vice president for public affairs and communication, Crnkovich has presided over events and initiatives including the inauguration of University President Father John Jenkins, the production of three Notre Dame forums, the redesign of the University Web site, the production of the University institutional spots during football game broadcasts and last October's tribute to University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh in Washington, D.C.

Crnkovich cited as one of her most meaningful undertakings at Notre Dame the Washington tribute, which honored both Hesburgh's 90th birthday and the acceptance of a photograph of him with Martin Luther King, Jr. into the National Portrait Gallery of the Smithsonian Institute.

"That was one of my proud-

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ACE Consulting moves forward

Under new director, program offers under-resourced schools free services

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

The Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) Consulting Initiative — a program that aims to provide under-resourced elementary and secondary Catholic schools with free consulting services — is underway with recent hires and plans.

ACE Consulting appointed Stephen Perla, superintendent of schools for the Catholic Diocese of Worcester, Mass., as director, according to John Staud, ACE director.

ACE Consulting is a response to the 2006 final report of the Notre Dame Task Force on Catholic Education, which was com-

missioned by University President Father John Jenkins and chaired by Father Timothy Scully, director of the Institute for Educational Initiatives at Notre Dame and ACE founder.

The report, entitled "Making God Known, Loved, and Served," proposed the development of the ACE Consulting Initiative, "which will work to provide expertise to elementary and secondary Catholic schools in a variety of areas, including marketing, governance, board training, management, strategic planning, and investing."

Under-resourced or struggling schools are often unable to afford key consult-

ing services of this nature, Staud said.

"A lot of Catholic schools do not have the resources to pay for consulting," he said. "We would hope that if a diocese is contemplating closing a school or parish, they would contact us first."

Assistant Director of ACE Consulting Chuck Lamphier said there were about 60 applicants for the position of director.

"We knew the decision would be an important decision in the life of this program and we were very pleased with who we could hire," he said.

Lamphier, a Master of Nonprofit Administration stu-

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Professor reflects on student voters

By DAVIS RHORER JR.
News Writer

Sean Savage, a political science professor at Saint Mary's, commented Wednesday on the role of college-aged voters in the recent Iowa, New Hampshire and Michigan presidential caucuses.

A highly-regarded authority on the American political system, Savage has given his insights on the recent primaries to a number of media outlets.

"The youngest voters are more likely to believe voting is not the only way to be a

good citizen," Savage said, contrasting the current generation of college students to older Americans.

Older voters, he said, are more likely to look at voting as an obligation similar to that of paying taxes or the military draft. Savage cited young Americans' frequent service in their local communities and the Peace Corps as two examples of how they are diversifying the idea of responsible citizenship.

Savage identified a process he called "socialization," or the steps taken by

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INSIDE COLUMN

New Year's resolutions

It is the time of year where inevitably the gyms seem to be more crowded.

People are reenergized after a holiday break and, of course, it is the month of New Year's resolutions.

Madeline Buckley

People talk about getting more exercise, eating more vegetables and less carbs and finally attaining that perfect 4.0 GPA for the spring semester.

News Wire Editor

Every year, it always seems like the resolution fever lasts a few weeks at most and then dies down.

Well, let me tell you, I hate New Year's resolutions.

I hate them mostly because I have never once kept a New Year's resolution and I believe that this is the sad fate of resolutions for most people.

Honestly, what is the point of waiting until January to make an improvement?

I recently read an article listing the top 10 New Year's resolutions of the average American compiled from surveys.

Here is the list of lofty aspirations:

- 1) Spend more time with family and friends
- 2) Get more exercise
- 3) Lose weight
- 4) Quit Smoking
- 5) Quit Drinking
- 6) Reduce stress
- 7) Manage money better
- 8) Learn something new
- 9) Get a better job/promotion
- 10) Become more organized.

I wonder if there is a study on the success rate of these resolutions.

I'm sure I could pick up the January edition of various magazines and they would tell me 10 easy tips for keeping my resolution.

I'm guessing, however, that most people will find it difficult to keep their resolution or they will simply forget about it in a few weeks.

If I want to improve something about myself, why wait until Jan. 1? The mere fact that it is the new year is not enough motivation because it is not much more than a change in the calendar.

Aside from new classes, my life is more or less the same.

Changes should be made when a person feels the need. Why should people make changes just because it is now January once again?

I think this is why most of my resolutions are always doomed and once I slowly but surely give up a resolution what remains is a tiny bit of guilt.

This year, I am firm in my decision to eliminate the guilt and not make a New Year's resolution.

Why waste a perfectly good goal on New Year's when I know I won't keep it? Perhaps I will make a spring resolution, an end-of-the-year resolution or simply a resolution when I want to.

Then, at least, the motivation will be there.

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

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST THIS SEMESTER?



Andrea Kochert
sophomore
Pasquerilla West

"The horse show for the equestrian team."



Michael Albrecht
senior
Alumni

"Graduating."



Jessica Sheehan
junior
LeMans

"Visiting with my friends that were abroad last semester."



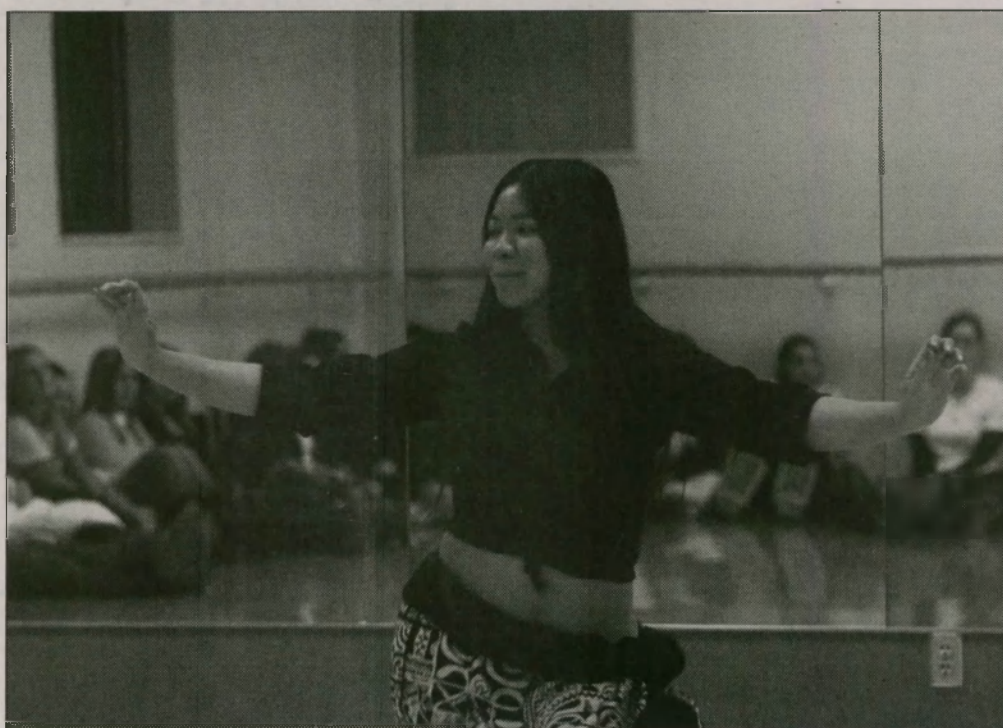
Eileen Wilkie
senior
off campus

"Earth Week."



Tom Furlong
junior
Alumni

"Eileen dressing up as Captain Planet on Earth Day."



CHRISTIAN SAGARDIA/The Observer

Senior Sheremy Cabrera performs a Tahitian dance at the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center as part of a demonstration for the RecSports dance classes offered this semester.

IN BRIEF

Registration will begin today for instructional classes from 8 a.m. to midnight at Rolfs SportsRec Center at the RSRC registration desk.

Jeffrey Herbst, Provost and Executive Vice-President for Academic Affairs at Miami University (Ohio) will deliver the lecture "Why We Were Wrong About Zimbabwe" in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center today at 4:15 p.m.

The film "Golden Door" will be shown tonight at 7 in Browning Cinema, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center as part of "Immigration: A Notre Dame Perspective" two-part film series. Tickets are \$3 for students.

There will be a "Family Guy" Trivia Contest tonight from 7 to 10 in the LaFortune Ballroom. Sign-ups will begin at the door at 6:30 p.m. Test out your "Family Guy" knowledge for a chance to win a life-sized Stewie and a Family Guy DVD set.

Men's and women's indoor track will host the ND Indoor Opener Friday at 5 p.m. at the Loftus Sports Center. Admission is free.

Men's swimming will host Louisville Friday at 5 p.m. in Rolfs Aquatic Center. Admission is free.

The film "Miss Navajo" will be shown Friday at 10 p.m. in Browning Cinema, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Director Billy Luther is scheduled to be present.

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

OFFBEAT

Yep, 76 tickets will land you in jail

HARLINGEN, Texas — Tickets for expired car registration usually don't result in jail time. Unless, of course, that ticket is a driver's 76th. Valerie Ortiz Sanchez, 31, was arrested Monday during a routine traffic stop when officers discovered she had 76 outstanding traffic warrants and nearly \$19,000 in unpaid fines and court fees dating back nine years.

Sanchez was arrested on charges of having an expired car registration, no insurance and driving with an expired license, accord-

ing to an arrest report. She remained in the Harlingen jail Wednesday, and it was unclear whether she had a lawyer.

Sex toy triggers bomb scare in Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — A Swedish bomb squad called out to disarm a suspicious package on Wednesday did not find a ticking bomb. But they did find a vibrating sex toy.

A janitor alerted police after he found the package in a garage of an apartment building in Goteborg, the country's second-largest city, police spokesman Jan

Strannegard said.

The package was humming and vibrating suspiciously, so police took no chances and sent out a team of explosives experts. After having cordoned off the area, they opened the package with bomb disposal equipment, only to find the battery-operated device inside.

"The package was vibrating when the janitor found it, but I think it had sort of died out by the time it was disarmed," Strannegard said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 33 LOW 18	HIGH 28 LOW 13	HIGH 25 LOW 3	HIGH 14 LOW -3	HIGH 12 LOW 17	HIGH 20 LOW 10

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Kroc Institute offers new Ph.D.

New doctorate in peace studies among few offered in nation

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

The Kroc Institute is now accepting applications for its new doctoral program in peace studies, making Notre Dame one of the few major universities in the country to offer a Ph.D. in the field.

The recent addition to the University's doctoral program will make Notre Dame a worldwide leader in peace studies research, said professor Robert Johansen, director of doctoral studies at the Kroc Institute.

The program will welcome its first class of doctoral students this fall.

"Peace studies is a growing field because of a recognition that violence is not going away, and secondly, that we are not very well-equipped for knowing how to deal with it," Johansen said.

The new Ph.D. program is designed "to turn out some of the leading peace research doctoral people in the world who will do research that gives us a much better understanding on how to prevent armed conflict from spiraling out of control," Johansen said.

The program's inception came after the Kroc Institute received a generous donation from 1953 alum John Mullen, chair of the Kroc Institute Advisory Council, and his

family, a news release said.

But before it became a reality, the program needed support from the University administration and academic departments such as political science, history and psychology.

The proposal also had to be approved by the Arts and Letters Council, the Graduate Council and the Academic Council.

"In each case we got unanimous approval," Johansen said. "This was a very warm and reassuring vote of confidence for this program from the highest levels in the University."

And that may be because the program fits well with the University's mission, he said.

"Notre Dame is a natural for this in my view," Johansen said. "Our program looks a lot at ethical questions that bear on major war and peace issues. This is something that Notre Dame is especially good at because of its Catholic heritage, which gives Notre Dame a special advantage with this program."

Applicants interested in the peace studies Ph.D. will have to pass through two separate admissions committees and have excellent academic and service credentials, Johansen said. But academic ability is only a portion of the admissions decision.

"We are looking for clear evidence from the applicants of a long-term commitment to peace building," Johansen said.

Most doctoral graduates will likely teach peace studies and do research, Johansen said.

"The program prepares people to become scholars," he said. "But some will go into work with intergovernmental organizations like the United Nations. Others may work within the diplomatic community."

A third group, he said, might work with non-governmental organizations such as Amnesty International or Human Rights Watch.

"We really think this is part of the Catholic mission," Johansen said. "Concern for all human beings in the world is uppermost. We need to look at the threat of violence like doctors look at disease. We need to find antidotes and ways to prevent them."

The anticipated size of the doctoral program is of about 20 to 25 students, according to the Kroc Institute Web site. Approximately four students will be accepted in each incoming class.

The deadline to apply for the 2008-09 year is Feb. 1.

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RecSports touts new group-training

By LINDSAY SENA
News Writer

Keeping that New Year's going-to-the-gym-more-often resolution may be easier this year with the help and supervision of professional trainers for small groups of friends, a new workout option available to students through RecSports.

In addition to the personal trainer program, RecSports created the small group-training program for students who like to work out with their friends, said RecSports fitness coordinator Shellie Dodd-Bell.

"This gives them the opportunity to learn some instruction and come play with their friends," Dodd-Bell said.

While she said personal trainers can be an easy way to "spice up" a dull exercise routine and "keep you from getting bored," Dodd-Bell believes having friends to exercise with will provide that "little extra motivation" that many students need to make the trip to the gym.

Similar to individual personal training sessions, which first became available last February, small group personal training is sold in packages ranging from "Domer" (which includes three sessions) to "Fighting Irish" (which consists of 10 sessions). Before beginning the actual training, students must take a fit-

ness assessment, in which their body composition, muscle strength and cardiovascular endurance are evaluated.

In addition to contributing to the students' motivation for exercising, group personal training is less of a financial strain than individual personal training, Dodd-Bell said. For groups of two students, the "Domer" package costs \$57 per person. For groups of four, each student has to pay only \$48. Individual personal training costs a student \$69 for three sessions.

Junior Patrick Kennedy said training in a group could create another incentive to fit a quick workout into his weekly routine.

"I think it's a great idea. Unless I have something scheduled, it's hard for me to find the time to work out but if I had someone else with me, it would be much more fun," Kennedy said.

But other students, like sophomore Raymond Clark, may prefer to keep exercising on their own.

"Working out is more personal for me. I'm individually motivated, so I'd rather work out by myself," Clark said.

The small group personal training program has ongoing registration and allows students to customize their fitness goals and request a male or female trainer.

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The Observer is now accepting applications for its 2008-09 Editor-in-Chief.

Applicants should submit a resume and 12-15 page application to The Observer's South Dining Hall office by Tuesday, January 22 at 5 p.m.

Please contact Maddie Hanna at 631-4542 or mhanna1@nd.edu with questions.

Burglaries

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students are gone, we have added additional security."

In addition, she said, the St. Joseph's County Police Department has been conducting a full investigation.

"We did have detectives out and they got fingerprints on anything they could," Nozykowski said.

South Bend police spokespeople did not return multiple Observer phone calls throughout the week.

Like Clover Ridge, Stadium Club — which had also never experienced any break-ins before this winter, according to property manager Susan Miller — has also taken additional steps to ensure the safety of its tenants.

Miller said the complex had a private security detail circulating its property during the break — but the thieves were able to elude it.

"We care about the security of the students at Stadium Club. And we've had around-the-clock security, but still the thieves were able to elude us. It's just really frustrating," Miller said.

In response to the burglaries, the complex has hired a new 24-hour security service, she said.

"After the break-ins we now have a new 24-hour security service that we will continue from now on. We're also going to have a police officer living on the property," she said.

Nevertheless, many students were upset with the way the situation was handled, and several Clover Ridge residents said their landlords should have done more to notify them of the burglaries.

"I had a missed call from Clover Ridge and I tried to contact the office but I wasn't able to get through and they never called me back. It was only when I called my roommate that I found out when happened," said senior Jordan Beltz, a Clover Ridge resident.

Beltz said he lost nearly \$600 in stolen DVDs as well as \$60 from his change jar. And while he was upset about the break-in and the material losses, he said he didn't think there was much the complex could have done to prevent the burglary itself.

"On the security front, I really don't think [the complexes] can do anything. It's just bound to happen on winter break here," he said. "But I think they could definitely improve how they notify people."

Improving the students' safety will continue to be a top priority, Miller said.

"We're exploring every possible solution to make Stadium Club even more secure so that our students are protected. That's our number one goal," she said.

Nozykowski suggested students purchase renter's insurance, "because you never know what's going to happen."

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Susan Miller
Stadium Club
property manager

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dent hired last June, has had "three major responsibilities" in the early stages of ACE Consulting, including staffing the search for the director, he said. He also began drafting the business plan and assisted Scully in forming the advisory committee.

Many Catholic schools struggle today because of changes in the last decades.

"In the last 40 or 50 years, Catholic schools have gone through a tremendous transformation," Lamphier said.

He explained that the transition from nuns to lay people at the helm of Catholic schools had a financial impact. Unlike lay people, nuns did not require a lot of pay, retirement funds or other benefits — and the costs to attend Catholic schools were not as high, he said.

Moreover, inner city Catholic schools face declining enrollments because many Catholic families move from inner cities to suburbs and attend Catholic schools there, Lamphier said.

To help Catholic schools overcome these challenges, ACE Consulting's first step will be to listen to the needs of the schools, he said.

"When we first get to a school, we're going to want to talk to a lot of people," Lamphier said.

This will help the program's staff determine what families, faculty and staff members want for the school.

"Listening is first," he said. "Then [we] identify not only where [the schools] need help, but also see what we can do."

But instead of simply telling schools what changes they need to make, ACE Consulting plans to work with them to make improvements, Lamphier said.

"We will never come in and dictate how they ought to be. But we hope to enter into a relationship," he said.

Staud also emphasized the importance of building relationships

with schools.

"We may not just say 'You need to do an annual report,'

but we will help them figure out how to do it and work with them," he said.

Staud added that it is not only a lack of financial resources that poses a problem to Catholic schools, but also that many Catholic schools are "stretched." Oftentimes one person must do several jobs to keep the school running, not leaving enough time to deal with business matters.

Eventually, Lamphier hopes that ACE Consulting will have five to nine full-time staff

members, as well as the support of other members of the Notre Dame community.

"We hope also to engage other friends of Notre Dame — graduates, members of the business community — to help pro bono," he said.

Staud cited the keynote speech delivered by Margaret Spellings, U.S. Secretary of Education, at the ACE graduation in 2006. Spellings referred to Catholic schools as "national treasures," Staud said.

"[There are] many people in the country who recognize the amount of work [Catholic schools] do and continue to do," he said.

Education for children in under-resourced areas — whether or not they are Catholic — is "one of the most vital resources for the Church, and even for our country," Staud said.

Catholic schools as an institution have the potential to impact the nation, he said.

"After the second Vatican council, we emphasize justice. Catholic schools became a powerful influence for that," he said. "Whether or not the kids were Catholic was not important."

But despite their contributions, American Catholic schools still face difficult times. Financial pressures, Staud said, are a critical reason why many inner city Catholic schools have closed their doors, especially in the Northeast and Midwest regions.

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John Staud
ACE director

"In the last 40 or 50 years, Catholic schools have gone through a tremendous transformation."

Chuck Lamphier
ACE Consulting
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Egypt endorses Bush's peace plan

SHARM EL-SHEIK, Egypt — President Bush's fast-track plan for a Mideast peace agreement got a welcome endorsement Wednesday from a nation long seen as a key Arab mediator. Bush responded by pulling his punches on the human rights backpedaling in Egypt that has cooled relations with this longtime ally.

The president closed an eight-day Mideast trip well-fed from several lingering meals with his Arab hosts and upbeat about what even some of America's closest allies say is an unexpected and ambitious drive. An Israeli-Palestinian agreement has eluded U.S. presidents for decades, and Bush didn't put much effort into trying for the first seven years of his presidency.

Bush had a message for skeptical Arab states whose help he needs to make any accord stick and who doubt the president's intention to personally shepherd a deal. "I mean what I'm saying," Bush said.

Bomber kills 9 holy-day worshippers

BAGHDAD — A female suicide bomber struck black-clad worshippers preparing for Shiite Islam's holiest day, killing at least nine Wednesday in an attack that highlighted insurgents' widening array of tactics against a U.S.-led offensive in key areas on Baghdad's doorstep.

A witness said people shouted slogans against al-Qaida in Iraq as they carried the dead and wounded from the blast scene near a marketplace in Diyala province — a region of farmland and palm groves northeast of Baghdad that holds strategic havens for extremists.

NATIONAL NEWS

Navy exempted from environment law

LOS ANGELES — Conservationists on Wednesday blasted President Bush's decision to exempt the Navy from an environmental law so it can continue using high-power sonar in its training off Southern California — a practice they say harms whales and other marine mammals.

The president's action by itself won't allow the anti-submarine warfare training to go forward because an injunction is in place, but the Navy believes it will significantly strengthen its argument in court. A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco is expected to make a determination on the future of the Navy exercises on Friday.

The White House announced Bush signed the exemption Tuesday while traveling in the Middle East. In his memorandum, Bush said the Navy training exercises "are in the paramount interest of the United States" and its national security.

Dam removal to restore salmon runs

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — More than 300 miles of struggling salmon runs would be restored along the Klamath River as part of a landmark \$1 billion proposal that represents the largest dam removal project in the nation's history.

The plan, announced Tuesday, followed two years of closed-door negotiations between farmers, Indian tribes, fishermen, conservation groups and government agencies battling over the fate of scarce water and fish protected by the Endangered Species Act.

LOCAL NEWS

Attempting robber shot self in groin

KOKOMO, Ind. — A man accidentally shot himself in the groin as he was robbing a convenience store Tuesday, police said.

A clerk told police a man carrying a semiautomatic handgun entered the Village Pantry demanding cash and a pack of cigarettes. The clerk put the cash in a bag and as she turned to get the cigarettes, she heard the gun discharge.

Police say surveillance video shows the man shooting himself as he placed the gun in the waistband of his pants. The clerk wasn't injured.

A short time later, police found 25-year-old Derrick Kosch at a home with a gunshot wound to his right testicle and lower left leg.

KENYA

Police halt protests over election fraud

Opposition leader Raila Odinga had called for protests after violence didn't reverse corrupt results

Associated Press

NAIROBI — Police firing tear gas and bullets halted protests Wednesday, blocking mass rallies the opposition hoped would show the power behind their demands for the president to step down. At least two people were fatally shot by police.

Opposition leader Raila Odinga called for three days of protests after violence that killed more than 600 people and international mediation failed to move President Mwai Kibaki. Observers say the vote tally from the Dec. 27 election was rigged.

"We will go the extra mile for democracy. We are ready for bloodshed," said Philomen Bett, a teacher in the western city of Eldoret.

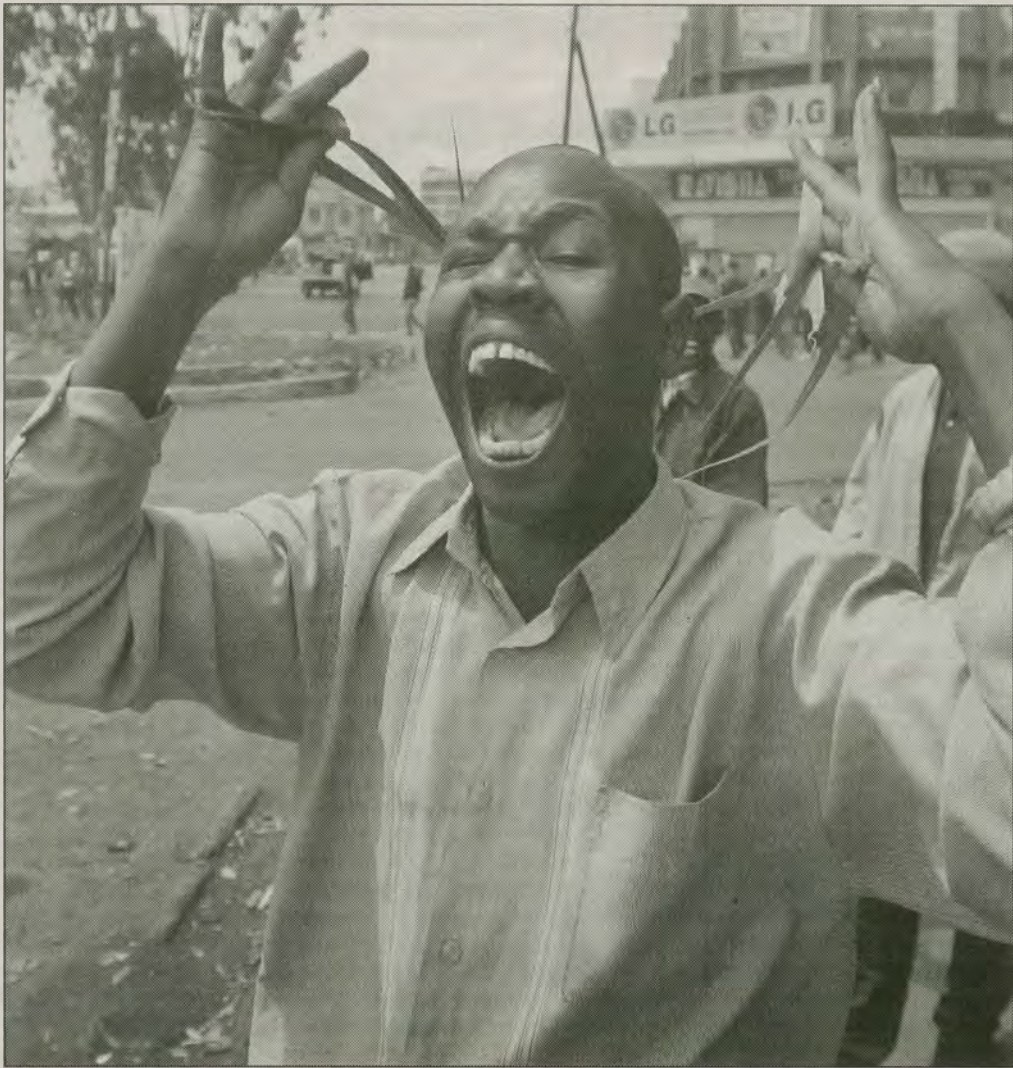
National police spokesman Eric Kiraithe had no word on casualties Wednesday, but a mortuary attendant in Kisumu, Kenya's third-largest city, said there were two bodies with bullet wounds. Nurses in the city said they were treating three wounded people.

In Nairobi, at least three men were taken to a hospital after they were shot and wounded in Kibera slum, where police fired tear gas and bullets to disperse protesters.

Odinga told The Associated Press that two people were killed in Kisumu and one in another western town, Migori.

Riots and ethnic killings after the disputed vote have marred Kenya's image as a stable democratic oasis in a war-ravaged region and damaged its tourist-dependent economy. The violence has also aggravated ethnic tensions and conflicts over land.

Police had declared Wednesday's protests illegal. In Nairobi, helmeted riot police on horseback chased small clusters of protesters from skyscraper-lined streets downtown. Businesses shut as tear gas was fired, and



AP

An opposition demonstrator reacts after police fired tear gas and live rounds into the air to break up a large opposition demonstration, in Eldoret, Kenya, Wednesday.

thousands of panicked office workers in suits and high heels streamed away on foot.

Some people, annoyed at the disturbance, shouted "Raila go home!"

His supporters chanted "No Raila. No peace."

Odinga vowed he would lead the march on Nairobi's downtown Uhuru Park, which was ringed by police. Though Odinga drove through town, neither he nor any other opposition member made it to the park.

Protesters' fervor was dampened by rain across much of the country, and by the response of police.

In Kisumu and Eldoret, thousands of rowdy young men massed, first marching peacefully. As the crowds

grew, police lobbed tear gas canisters, forcing them disperse. They regrouped, and police then fired live rounds, clearing the streets.

"The police are overreacting. People are just demanding their rights," said one of the wounded, 26-year-old Dominic Okoth, in Kisumu, where burning tires blocked roads and sent columns of acrid smoke into the air.

When police opened fire in Eldoret, a crowd of about 4,000 fled. Workers at a gas station crouched under cars, their heads in their hands. Women fled with one shoe on.

In Kisumu, protesters carried a coffin with Kibaki's name on it.

On one makeshift road-

block on the outskirts of Eldoret, a dead dog was draped over a pile of rocks with a sign saying "Kibaki Death."

Thirteen nations, including the United States and Britain, increased pressure on politicians to find a solution, threatening Wednesday to cut aid to the government "if the commitment of the government of Kenya to good governance, democracy, the rule of law and human rights weakens."

Foreign and local election observers have said the vote count in the election was deeply flawed. Although the electoral chief pronounced Kibaki the victor, he later said he had been pressured to do so and did not know who won.

Admiral: Pakistan now more open to U.S. aid

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Pakistan is taking a more welcoming view of U.S. suggestions for using American troops to train and advise its own forces in the fight against anti-government extremists, the commander of U.S. forces in that region said Wednesday.

Navy Adm. William J. Fallon, commander of U.S. Central Command, said he believes increased violence inside Pakistan in recent months has led Pakistani leaders to conclude that they must focus more intensively on extremist al-Qaida hideouts near the border with Afghanistan.

He called this an important change from Pakistan's traditional focus on India as the main threat to its security, and it meshes with Defense Secretary Robert Gates' recent comment that al-Qaida terrorists hiding in the border area are increasingly aiming their campaign of violence at targets inside Pakistan.

"They see they've got real problems internally," Fallon said in a 20-minute interview with three reporters accompanying Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at a private conference here of military chiefs from Middle Eastern countries, hosted by Fallon. Pakistan was not attending.

In the latest sign of trouble, the

Pakistani military said Wednesday that Islamic militants overran a military outpost close to the Afghan border in a battle that killed seven Pakistani soldiers and left 20 missing.

Although Pakistan has been a close U.S. ally in the war against terrorism since Sept. 11, 2001, the extent of U.S. military involvement inside Pakistan is a highly sensitive subject among Pakistanis.

"My sense is there is an increased willingness to address these problems, and we're going to try to help them," Fallon said. He said U.S. assistance would be "more robust," but he offered few details. "There is more willingness to do that now" on Pakistan's part, he said.

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each citizen to form his or her own political views and opinions.

"The period of socialization for the youngest voters has become more complicated and takes longer," Savage said. "The youngest people [today] are much more likely to go away to college. Compared to 10 years ago, students are more likely to study abroad."

Savage spoke about the

independence that many young people experience today. This contrasts with the more sedentary lifestyles of older voters, who often lived in the same regions where they grew up, adopting their parents' political beliefs.

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Saint Mary's
political science professor

Savage said individual issues, rather than party affiliations, are important for college students today.

"There are so many young voters, even in their 20s, who vote candidate by candidate and issue by issue rather than by some party affiliation or set ideology," he said.

Savage said many young voters will shift their polit-

ical values in favor of individual concerns such as global warming.

Young people, according to Savage, are much less concerned with issues like race or gender and more concerned with innovative ideas and speeches. Whereas young people might downplay any controversies behind candidates Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, older voters may be more inclined to recognize them as key aspects in their voting decisions.

"The youngest voters seek changes the sooner the better," Savage said.

Savage is also a pre-law advisor at Saint Mary's. He will be appearing on future media outlets pending invitations and future caucus results, he said.

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"legal issues," Montes said.

Montes and senior Patrick Finnigan, the undergraduate representative to the University committee on academic technology, will propose the iTunes U option to the committee Jan. 25. Montes expects the committee to be receptive to the proposal because the legal implications have now been thoroughly explored with Apple, she said.

Student support for iTunes U is essential to bringing the technology to Notre Dame, Montes said.

"From my understanding, the legal issues are almost resolved. ... They want student support to make sure this is something that students are definitely going to utilize within the classroom," she said.

While Montes' committee is anticipating success in its endeavors, Community Relations chair Colin Feehan said his committee has experienced setbacks due to break-ins at off-campus student apartments during winter break.

According to Feehan, there were approximately six to 12 break-ins on Vaness Street, 11 at Stadium Club and 10 at Clover Ridge. In most cases, students reported stolen appliances and other items.

"Our committee will be looking into the different security measures that different complexes and landlords took to see how they did and didn't do so well," Feehan said.

Academic Affairs Committee chair Carol Hendrickson, who examined the increased price of course packets last semester, said some Arts and Letters course packets are not being sold in the bookstore. In some cases, she said, they are being sold in Decio. The Office of Information Technologies is

forming a team that will work to give students the option of increasing their print quotas online.

"That is on its way to getting accomplished," Hendrickson said.

In other Senate news:

♦ The Senate briefly discussed the number of Catholic faculty members. History professor Tom Noble said the December Faculty Senate meeting focused on the hiring and retention of Catholic faculty. Hendrickson said the Academic Committee may discuss the Catholic character of the faculty this semester.

♦ Social Concerns chair Karen Koski said the Michiana Social Forum, a localized version of the World Social Forum, will be held at the St. Joseph County Public Library Jan. 26 from noon to 4:30 p.m. Discussion topics will include labor and human rights, peace and justice and sustainability, Koski said.

♦ Gender Issues chair Brenna Doyle said the speakers for the Health and Body Image Conference, which will be held from March 11-13, have been selected. Speakers include graduate students, doctors and physicians, and two keynote speakers. One of these will be Anne Simonton, who lectures about sexist and racist propaganda in the media, according to her Web site.

♦ Multicultural Affairs Committee chair Ninny Wan said the committee has planned community service events for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which is on Monday. Most events will take place between noon and 4 p.m. University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh will commemorate the national holiday by speaking at the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

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est moments," she said Wednesday. "To do something meaningful for Father Ted and to leave a permanent mark in the Smithsonian for the institution."

Crnkovich said University communications efforts during her tenure have featured improved portrayal of Notre Dame's mission and richness within its advertising and recently revamped Web site.

"We have advanced the efforts to paint and present a more robust experience of the institution for all audiences," Crnkovich said.

Jenkins said in a statement Wednesday he will initiate a national search for her successor soon.

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Hillary Crnkovich
Vice President for
Public Affairs and
Communication

In the search process, Jenkins will seek someone who will build on Crnkovich's work rather than seeking to "revolutionize" the departments, University spokesman Don Wycliff said Wednesday.

Crnkovich has been responsible for overseeing the Office of News and Information, the Office of Community Relations, the Robinson Community Learning Center, Notre Dame

Magazine and the marketing communications units of Notre Dame Web Group, Notre Dame Media Group and ND Works.

Crnkovich has not decided upon her next professional engagement.

"I am going to take some time and think about where and in what type of organization I can add meaningful value," she said.

Though Crnkovich will leave her office at Notre Dame before the start of the fall semester, she said the relationship she's formed with the University will not be over.

"I plan to not leave for good," she said. "My husband is an alum, and I hope we are and plan to be part of the Notre Dame family forever."

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Colbert photo hung at D.C. museum

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Stephen Colbert was denied when he tried to run for president this year in South Carolina. Now the fake TV pundit is getting some love from the city of his birth.

His portrait was hung Wednesday at the Smithsonian Institution's National Portrait Gallery in Washington for a six-week showing in what the museum considers an "appropriate place" — right between the bathrooms near the "America's Presidents" exhibit. Museum officials stress it's only temporary.

"We agreed to go along with the joke and hang it for a short time in between the bathrooms," said museum spokeswoman Bethany Bentley. "Let me tell you two key things here: His portrait is not coming into the collection, and it's not hanging permanently."

That may come as a surprise to Colbert, who has campaigned for the honor and boasted on his Comedy Central show Tuesday night that his portrait was "hanging in the hall of presi-

dents, just a few yards from the father of our country — exactly where I believe it belongs."

Colbert, who plays a pompous conservative talk-show host on "The Colbert Report" and recently tried to run for president as a Democrat, went to great lengths to persuade Smithsonian Institution officials he was worthy.

The portrait — actually three portraits in one — depicts a debonair Colbert standing at a fireplace in front of a similar portrait of himself posing in front of the same mantel with a third picture of himself.

After the work was rejected by the National Museum of American History, Colbert eventually made his way to the portrait gallery. Bentley said Colbert wasn't begging so much as "making his case." She said they welcome the conversation about whose portraits are included in the gallery's collection. It was just not Colbert's time, she said.

"Who's the competition? Who do I need to knock out of here to get me up?" Colbert asked gallery director Marc Pachter.

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Stocks			
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AMEX	2,289.28	-24.22	
NASDAQ	2,394.59	-23.00	
NYSE	9,073.43	-98.43	
S&P 500	1,373.20	-7.75	
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	13,655.53	+151.02	
FTSE 100 (London)	5,942.90	-82.70	

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
S&P DEP RECIEPTS (SPY)	-0.86	-1.19	136.98
INTEL CP (INTC)	-12.38	-2.81	19.88
POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	-1.07	-0.50	46.05
CITIGROUP INC (C)	-2.60	-0.70	26.24

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	+0.30	+0.011	3.712
13-WEEK BILL	-1.46	-0.045	3.040
30-YEAR BOND	+0.65	+0.028	4.320
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.57	-0.017	2.979

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-1.00	90.84	
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-19.40	882.00	
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-1.15	84.48	

Exchange Rates			
YEN		106.9900	
EURO		0.6813	
CANADIAN DOLLAR		1.0230	
BRITISH POUND		0.5094	

IN BRIEF

Wall Street down on day of fluctuations

NEW YORK — Wall Street staggered through another volatile session Wednesday, closing mostly lower after a Federal Reserve report showed some economic growth at the end of 2007 and after Intel Corp.'s disappointing profit report.

Stocks gave up a modest rally in the final 20 minutes of trading, continuing the fluctuations seen throughout the session as investors pored over corporate profit reports and economic news that supported varying views about the soundness of the economy.

Stocks initially gained after the Fed report — its Beige Book survey of regional economies — suggested economic activity increased modestly from mid-November through December, though at a slower pace than in a previous survey.

The report seemed to quell some concerns about prospects for the economy that took on fresh urgency after Intel issued disappointing earnings after the closing bell Tuesday.

The Fed's report bolstered enthusiasm among bullish investors who pointed to better-than-expected results from JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Wells Fargo & Co. The banks' reports appeared to remind Wall Street that while the fallout of souring loans was widespread, it wasn't necessarily evenly felt. Buyout news in the tech sector also gave a boost to sentiment.

Congress nears economic stimulus bill

WASHINGTON — Under pressure to act quickly on the sagging election-year economy, Democratic and GOP leaders held talks Wednesday amid increasing optimism that the warring factions might actually agree soon on an economic stimulus bill.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio emerged from a rare meeting promising to develop legislation that would both provide a boost to the economy and pass with little controversy.

"There is an agreement that we will work together to try to put together a package that truly is stimulative, that will happen quickly, and those conversations are going to continue in coming days," Boehner said.

Fed: Economy losing momentum

Retailers, builders, manufacturers to face more hard times as economic picture uncertain

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Retailers, home builders and many manufacturers should brace for even more rough times ahead, a somber Federal Reserve suggested Wednesday amid growing fears that the U.S. might be sliding into recession.

The Fed's snapshot of business conditions showed a national economy losing momentum heading into the new year and a future riddled with uncertainty. The persistent housing slump and harder-to-get credit are making people and businesses ever more cautious, it said.

Separately on Wednesday, more big banks reported losses and said people were having trouble making payments for everything from credit cards to cars. Stocks were mostly down for the day, the Dow Jones industrial average declining 34.95 points, or 0.28 percent.

The Fed report was the unwelcome icing on a recent batch of economic indicators — ranging from a plunge in retail sales to a big jump in unemployment — raising concern that the country is heading for its first recession since 2001.

At the beginning of last year, many economists put the chance of a recession at less than 1-in-3; now an increasing number say 50-50 or even worse. Goldman Sachs, the biggest investment bank on Wall Street, thinks a recession is inevitable this year.

The Fed report said the economy did grow during the survey period — from the middle of November through December — but more slowly than during the late fall. Credit problems intensified in December as did troubles in the housing



Fred Landis speaks with a customer Tuesday at Claudio Specialty Food in Philadelphia. Frugal shoppers cut back on their spending at the nation's retailers by 0.4 percent in December.

market. That threw Wall Street into new turbulence.

The economy probably grew at a feeble pace of about 1.5 percent or less in the final three months of last year and will stay weak in the first quarter of this year as consumers — major shapers of the nation's economic health — tighten their belts.

After retailers suffered their worst sales season in five years in 2007, "the outlook for 2008 among retail merchants was cautious," the Fed said in its report. And the outlook for housing remains gloomy: "weak

during the first part of 2008."

Fallout from a meltdown in risky "subprime" mortgages continued to sock financial institutions. JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Wells Fargo Inc. both reported Wednesday that their earnings fell — raising fresh fears of a widespread lending crisis.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, in a speech last week, pledged to aggressively cut a key interest rate as needed to try to prevent all these problems from plunging the economy into a major

recession. That may well mean a bold half-point cut at the end of a two-day meeting on Jan. 30. The Fed started cutting rates in September, but some critics on Wall Street and elsewhere say Bernanke should have acted sooner and more forcefully.

"Clearly there is a high level of caution," said Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics. "Everyone's guard is up to protect and insulate one's businesses from the high degree of sluggishness that is expected to prevail in the months ahead."

House Democrats pass mine safety bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defying White House veto threats, the Democratic-controlled House on Wednesday passed sweeping mine safety legislation aimed at preventing future underground disasters like the one that took nine lives last year at Crandall Canyon mine in Utah.

Republican and mining industry officials complained that Congress and President Bush already had passed mine safety legislation in 2006 after 12 West Virginia miners were killed in the Sago mine disaster. New legislation, they say, would imperil the safety changes already under way.

"We're stepping on something we haven't even implemented yet," said Rep. Howard "Buck" McKeon, R-Calif.

Democrats accused the Bush administration of being lax on getting the required changes in the 2006 law in place.

"Congress has been forced to act to

improve mine safety because of the Bush administration's total failure to work aggressively to keep miners safe on the job," said Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee.

Representatives voted 214-199 to pass the Supplementary Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act, also called S-MINER.

The legislation would add safeguards to "retreat" mining, the type of mining that was being done at central Utah's Crandall Canyon, where nine people died in August 2007. The bill would improve emergency response to mine sites and require coal mines to install advance tracking technology, Democrats said.

Mine operators would be required to use new coal-dust monitors to reduce miners' exposure to coal dust, which causes black-lung disease.

The bill also would give the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration subpoena authority; increase penalties

for safety violations; place it completely in control of a rescue site, including communication with mining families; and create an ombudsman's office to handle miners' safety complaints. The bill also would allow for independent investigations when more than one miner is killed in an accident.

U.S. coal mines saw 33 deaths in 2007, according to the Mine Safety and Health Administration. That compares to 47 miners who were killed in 2006, 23 killed in 2005 and 28 killed in 2004.

But mine safety was brought back into the national spotlight last year because of the deaths at the Crandall Canyon mine in Utah, where six miners died in a roof collapse in August. Three rescuers died in a failed attempt to retrieve their bodies from the mine.

The cause of the disaster is still under investigation.

"It would be premature to legislate on many of these issues until the Crandall Canyon investigation is complete," said Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C.

Marine suspected of fleeing country

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. — A Marine suspected of killing a pregnant comrade told friends he would flee to Mexico to avoid being convicted of raping her, and investigators said Wednesday they are working with Mexican authorities to track him down.

A wide-ranging manhunt for Cpl. Cesar Armando Laurean began last week, after authorities said he fled North Carolina and left a note in which he admitted burying the body of Lance Cpl. Maria Lauterbach, but said she committed suicide. The 20-year-old had accused him of rape.

Investigators found Lauterbach's burned remains, and those of her child, in a fire pit in Laurean's backyard and concluded she did not kill herself.

Court documents filed this week by the FBI state that Laurean, 21, told members of his Marine Corps unit he would flee to Mexico if it appeared he would be found guilty of rape. Laurean's wife also told authorities she believed he would head to Mexico if he was in trouble.

"We strongly suspect, but have not confirmed, that Laurean may be in Mexico," FBI spokesman Richard Kolko said in Washington. "We have a strong working relationship with law enforcement partners in Mexico and we're working with them to locate and apprehend him."

Laurean, 21, of Las Vegas, is a naturalized U.S. citizen who was born in Mexico and still has some family there, authorities said.

The court documents are included with an FBI criminal complaint charging Laurean with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution. He is also wanted in North Carolina on a state arrest warrant for murder.

Laurean appears to have mailed letters back to his wife in North Carolina, according to two law enforcement officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing investigation.

It was not immediately clear what the letters said, how many of them were sent or where they were sent from, but one of the officials said at least one of the letters was postmarked from Houston.

Authorities have said Laurean's wife, Christina Laurean, is cooperating with authorities and provided them with the note her husband left before skipping town. Lauterbach died of "traumatic head injury due to blunt force trauma," according to autopsy results released Tuesday. But authorities said the exam failed to answer all the questions detectives have about Lauterbach's death, including whether she gave birth before her death and of the identity of the father.

Authorities believe Lauterbach was killed around Dec. 15. Marine officials have they attempted to find her after she failed to report to work on Dec. 17, but had evidence — including a note left for her roommate in which she wrote she was tired of the Marine Corps lifestyle — that led them to believe she left on her own.

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Siljander charged in conspiracy

Ex-congressman indicted for raising money for terrorist group

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A former congressman and delegate to the United Nations was indicted Wednesday on charges of working for an alleged terrorist fundraising ring that sent more than \$130,000 to an al-Qaida supporter who has threatened U.S. and international troops in Afghanistan.

Mark Deli Siljander, a Michigan Republican when he was in the House, was charged with money laundering, conspiracy and obstructing justice for allegedly lying about being hired to lobby senators on behalf of an Islamic charity that authorities said was secretly sending funds to terrorists.

The 42-count indictment, unsealed in U.S. District Court in Kansas City, Mo., accuses the Islamic American Relief Agency of paying Siljander \$50,000 for the lobbying — money that turned out to be stolen from the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The charges paint "a troubling picture of an American charity organization that engaged in transactions for the benefit of terrorists and conspired with a former United States congressman to convert stolen federal funds into payments for his advocacy," Assistant Attorney General Kenneth Wainstein said.

Siljander, who served in the House from 1981-1987, was appointed by President Reagan to serve as a U.S. delegate to the United Nations for one year in 1987.

Calls to Silander's business in a Washington suburb went

unanswered Wednesday. His attorney in Kansas City, James R. Hobbs, said Siljander would plead not guilty to the charges against him.

"Mark Siljander vehemently denies the allegations in the indictment," Hobbs said in a statement. He described Siljander as "internationally recognized for his good faith attempts to bridge the gap between Christian and Muslim communities worldwide" and plugged the ex-congressman's upcoming book on that topic.

The charges are part of a long-running case against the charity, which had been based in Columbia, Mo., before it was designated in 2004 by the Treasury Department as a suspected fundraiser for terrorists. The indictment alleges that IARA also employed a fundraising aide to Osama bin Laden, the al-Qaida leader blamed for the Sept. 11 attacks.

IARA has long denied allegations that it has financed terrorists. The group's attorney, Shereef Akeel of Troy, Mich., rejected the charges outlined in Wednesday's indictment.

"For four years I have not seen a single piece of a document that shows anyone did anything wrong," Akeel said.

The government accuses IARA of sending approximately \$130,000 to help Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, whom the United States has designated a global terrorist. The money, sent to bank accounts in Peshawar, Pakistan, in 2003 and 2004, was masked as donations to an orphanage located in buildings that Hekmatyar owned.

Authorities described Hekmatyar as an Afghan muja-

hedeen leader who participated in and supported terrorist acts by al-Qaida and the Taliban. The Justice Department said Hekmatyar "has vowed to engage in a holy war against the United States and international troops in Afghanistan."

Siljander was elected to Congress initially with the support of fundamentalist Christian groups, and said at the time he won because "God wanted me in." In 1983, he claimed that "Arab terrorists" planned to kill him during a pro-Jewish rally; the FBI and Secret Service said they knew of no such plot. Siljander attended the rally wearing a bulletproof vest.

After leaving the government, he founded the Washington-area consulting group Global Strategies Inc. and, according to the indictment, was hired by IARA in March 2004 to lobby the Senate Finance Committee to remove the charity from the panel's list of suspected terror fundraisers.

It's not clear whether Siljander ever engaged in the lobbying push, said John Wood, U.S. attorney in Kansas City. Nevertheless, IARA paid Siljander with money that was part of U.S. government funding awarded to the charity years earlier for relief work it promised to perform in Africa, the indictment says.

In interviews with the FBI in December 2005 and April 2007, Siljander denied doing any lobbying for IARA. The money, he told investigators, was merely a donation from IARA to help him write a book about Islam and Christianity, the indictment says.

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JAPAN

Protesters force suspension of Antarctic whale hunt

Japanese government says it will temporarily shut down operations after activists gained access to harpoon vessel

Associated Press

TOKYO — Protesters scored a victory in a high-seas campaign to disrupt Japan's whale hunt in the Antarctic, forcing the fleet to a standstill Wednesday while officials scrambled to unload two activists who used a rubber boat to get on board a harpoon vessel.

The faceoff was a rapid escalation of the annual contest between the fleet that carries out Japan's controversial whale hunt in southern waters and the environmentalist groups that try to stop it.

The founder of the Sea Shepherd anti-whaling group, Paul Watson, told The Associated Press by satellite phone that the Japanese are targeting vulnerable whale stocks and said his organization will keep harassing the fleet.

"We will chase them until they stop their hunt," Watson said from the bridge of the Steve Irwin, a Sea Shepherd vessel. "As long as we are chasing them, they aren't killing whales."

Japanese officials said a Greenpeace boat also was shadowing the whaling fleet.

Watson claimed the two activists were being held as "hostages" on the Japanese harpoon ship Yushin Maru 2, but no Sea Shepherd boat had been sent to retrieve them.

Japan condemned the incident, calling the boarding of harpoon boat an act of "piracy" and accusing Sea Shepherd of stalling a handover of the

activists to get publicity.

Authorities repeatedly tried to contact Sea Shepherd to arrange a return of the activists, but the group didn't responding and its boat appeared to be speeding from the area, Foreign Ministry spokesman Tomohiko Taniguchi said.

Taniguchi said the Japanese whaling boat was chasing the Steve Irwin in an attempt to return the protesters, but he declined to disclose the vessels' locations, citing security concerns.

"These people aren't hostages, they're unwanted guests," he said. "We want them off our ship immediately, but they're not giving us the chance."

Japanese officials said Sea Shepherd must agree not to attack the whaling vessel during any rendezvous to turn over the two protesters. Watson refused to comply, demanding an "unconditional" release.

"When people hold hostages and make demands, that's the behavior of a terrorist organization," he said. "I'm not going to acquiesce to their demands."

Japan was considering transferring the two activists to a third party, such as the Australian government, fisheries officials said. An Australian government ship, the Ocean Viking, was in southern waters although neither side announced a handover deal.

Australian Foreign Minister Stephen Smith called for caution on both sides.

"We're dealing with the great

distance of the southern ocean. The capacity for adverse incidents is high, and the capacity for rescue or assistance is low," he said.

An official at the Japanese Fisheries Agency, Takahide Naruko, said the fleet would not resume its planned hunt of about 1,000 whales until the activists were handed over. He said there was "no telling what Sea Shepherd would do" if the fleet hunted with the activists on board.

The two protesters — Benjamin Potts, 28, of Australia and Giles Lane, 35, of Britain — jumped from a rubber boat onto the deck of the Yushin Maru 2 in the icy waters off Antarctica on Tuesday after a high-speed chase.

Sea Shepherd protesters earlier attacked the harpoon ship with bottles of acid and tried to entangle its propellers, both Japanese officials and Watson said.

Watson claimed the two activists were not involved in throwing the acid and said they intended only to board the ship to deliver a protest letter.

The men were detained and briefly tied up. Watson alleged the Japanese crew assaulted the activists, which Japanese officials denied.

"It is completely illegal to board anyone's vessel ... on the high seas," said Glenn Inwood, a spokesman for Japan's Institute for Cetacean Research, which organizes the hunt. "So this can be seen as nothing more than an



A Japanese whaling vessel patrols the Antarctic waters before being chased away by Greenpeace protesters last Sunday.

act of piracy by the Sea Shepherd group."

Japan sent ships to Antarctica in November to kill minke and fin whales under a program that skirts an international moratorium on commercial whaling.

The ban allows limited hunts for scientific research, a loophole Japan has used to kill nearly 10,000 whales over the past two decades, according to the International Fund for Animal Welfare.

Opponents say Japan's program is commercial whaling in disguise because the meat is later sold on the market. Environmentalists say Japan's

hunts are detrimental to vulnerable whale populations in the area.

Japan's top government spokesman defended the catch.

"The activists are obstructing what are legal activities in international waters, and in an extremely dangerous way," Nobutaka Machimura said. "Japan strongly condemns these actions."

The whaling fleet's mother ship, the Nisshin Maru, has been chased 435 miles from the standoff scene by a boat belonging to the environmental group Greenpeace, Japanese officials said.

RUSSIA

British group accuses police of harassment

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — A British cultural organization accused Russian authorities on Wednesday of harassing its staff and said it had temporarily closed its offices in St. Petersburg.

The British Council, which acts as the cultural arm of the British Embassy, said the director of its St. Petersburg office was followed and stopped by Russian law enforcement authorities and that intelligence agency officials had interviewed its Russian employees.

British Foreign Secretary David Miliband described the Russian actions as an attack on the council. Britain's Foreign Office said Russia's ambassador to London was summoned for talks with British officials.

"We've also heard very serious reports of intimidation and harassment of British Council officials," Miliband told reporters outside Prime Minister Gordon Brown's Downing Street office. "Obviously we take that very seriously indeed. ... Any intimidation or harassment of officials is obviously completely unacceptable."

The new troubles came amid persistent tension between the two countries over the fatal 2006 poisoning in London of former Russian security agent Alexander

Litvinenko.

The long-simmering dispute over the British Council flared this week after the organization defied Russian orders to shut its offices from Monday in St. Petersburg and the Ural Mountains city of Yekaterinburg, which Russia says operate illegally.

After an angry exchange Tuesday in which Britain's ambassador warned that action against the British Council would violate international law and Russia's foreign minister accused Britain of colonial-era arrogance, Russia's Federal Security Service said it was interviewing the council's Russian employees.

The Federal Security Service, or FSB, said it was conducting "explanatory work" with the employees with the aim of "protecting Russian citizens from possibly being drawn into the Britons' provocative games as tools."

FSB officials refused to comment further Wednesday.

The British Council said its Russian staff in St. Petersburg and Yekaterinburg were "summoned for interview by the FSB at their headquarters and subsequently visited in their homes late last night by officials of the Russian Ministry of the Interior and have been called for further interviews today."

PAKISTAN

Opposition urged not to hold rallies

Musharraf cites terror threat in recommendation to other candidates

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan's government urged opposition leaders Tuesday to refrain from holding rallies ahead of next month's elections, citing an escalating terrorist threat.

The party of opposition leader Nawaz Sharif quickly rejected the recommendation, accusing officials of trying to block its campaign against President Pervez Musharraf.

The political squabble comes in the aftermath of the Dec. 27 assassination of Benazir Bhutto, whose Pakistan Peoples Party is expected by many to emerge as the largest in parliament after the Feb. 18 elections.

Musharraf came under heavy criticism for alleged security lapses that allowed suspected Islamic militants to launch a gun and suicide bomb attack on former prime minister Bhutto as she left a campaign rally. It was one in a wave of more than 20 suicide bombings to hit Pakistan in the past three months.

In apparent response to the accusations, the Interior Ministry on Tuesday issued guidelines to political leaders "for their safety and security." These included recommendations to heed the advice of local police commanders on security matters and to keep authorities informed of their movements.

"It is of paramount importance that the political leadership is sensitized about the looming threat and asked to adopt a security conscious approach," Interior Ministry spokesman Javed Iqbal Cheema said. "Big rallies should be avoided as much as possible."

Large political rallies have traditionally been the main method to drum up support during election campaigns. Opposition groups say Musharraf's own party is unable to exploit this because of its declining popularity after it supported his purging of the judiciary and failed to contain skyrocketing food prices.

Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League party denounced the government's guidelines. Party spokesman Ahsan Iqbal accused authorities of "playing with terrorist threat to stop opposition parties from reaching out to the people."

"This is a failure of Pervez Musharraf. If he resigns, the law and order situation will become normal," Iqbal said. "This is intended only to stop the opposition from campaigning."

The United States hopes the elections will stabilize Pakistan, a key ally in the war against the Taliban and al-Qaida in neighboring Afghanistan. But militant violence in Pakistan's border regions — where support for the Taliban remains strong — has

spread to the entire nation, seriously undermining public support for the president.

Al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden and his top deputy are believed to be hiding out somewhere in the lawless tribal region straddling the Pakistan-Afghan border.

Also Tuesday, a suicide bomber blew himself up when troops opened fire as he drove a car toward a checkpoint in Mohmand, a tribal region close to the Afghan border where a clash the previous day left 30 dead, an army statement said. A second militant in the car was killed by gunfire.

On Monday night, a bomb explosion near a textile factory in the country's largest city, Karachi, killed 10 people and wounded 52.

In a related development, three militants were found guilty Tuesday of plotting to kill Musharraf by setting off a car bomb near his convoy in Karachi in 2002. Judges said the car did not explode because the remote control device used to detonate it malfunctioned, according to state prosecutor Naimat Randhawa.

The three were from the outlawed Harkatul Mujahideen Al-Almi militant group, which police have blamed for a 2002 bombing at the U.S. consulate in Karachi that killed 14 people.

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Where have you gone, Walter Cronkite?

Last week Stephen Colbert, in his typical offhand manner, made one of the most trenchant observations on the manner in which this year's presidential campaign is being conducted. Discussing the off-putting "wait for Florida" strategy of former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, Colbert speculated that Giuliani would govern in a similar fashion, letting the terrorists win a few rounds to build up their confidence before sweeping in to take the day.

John Everett

Kids These Days

What Colbert's witticism points to is the growing trend, especially in the realm of the three giant 24-hour cable news networks, of viewing the electoral process in this country as a game. Giuliani's large-state strategy is merely one permutation of ways in which candidates for the president of all 50 United States, with the media giddily tagging along for the ride, have thwarted and neglected the mission of campaigning to all the people of those 50 states in favor of gaming the system, showcasing and being hugely rewarded for skills which have little — if anything — to do with the awesome responsibilities of governing this nation.

The greatest problem resulting from a campaign structure which so easily invites dodges and misdirection is that the media become more interested in the gamesmanship than the game. Aside from the possible exceptions of Senator John McCain's well-publicized collaboration with Ted Kennedy on illegal immigration and Mike Huckabee's oddly-intriguing support of the Fair Tax, no issues have really garnered traction in the primary election coverage.

MSNBC might be the worst offender of the three major networks. After Iowa, I suggested that they change the station's acronym to represent "Must Say Nothing

Besides Change." The network's talking heads spent hour after hour reiterating how each campaign had made use of the desire for change, how Hillary Clinton had perhaps erred in Iowa by trying to make herself out as a "change agent," when most voters really saw Barack Obama as the apparent true candidate of change. What was lost in the discussion was any sense of what was going to be changed, why change was necessary, and how one candidate's version of change would be different from any other candidate's.

The core of the problem is lazy journalism. Chris Matthews is not really interested in the economy, or healthcare, or anything really, because he doesn't find those things fun. Elections are fun for him for the same reasons they are alienating to an increasing portion of Americans. Matthews laughs at negative attack ads that torture logic to the breaking point. He smiles at the underhanded tactics employed with virtuoso precision by Hillary Clinton, wherein campaign staff members make the less dignified attacks on the opposition, such as bringing up Barack Obama's drug use or the idea that Obama's support is a symptom of white guilt, giving the candidate herself distance from these unsavory remarks. Meanwhile, I doubt Matthews, or Brit Hume, or Anderson Cooper with his "Best Political Team on Television" even knows what Mitt Romney thinks about anything. I mean, of course, what Mitt Romney thinks now, not what he may have thought yesterday, which could be wildly different.

The sad thing is that the proliferation of news on television has somehow, almost inexplicably, led to the public being less well-informed about the world around it. There is so much time to fill on these networks, and yet we get the same people talking about the same few things over and over again, with the election and its intrigues taking over this year from missing white teenagers and murdered wives.

In all this coverage, there is so little that could pass muster as true journalism or reporting as to be funny if the stakes weren't the identity of the leader of the free world. Arbitrarily assigning blame for the discrepancy between the exit polls and the actual results in New Hampshire is not reporting, it is guessing. Crediting Hillary Clinton's rise to her tearing up mildly at a rally is baseless and uninformative, the definition of the antithesis of news.

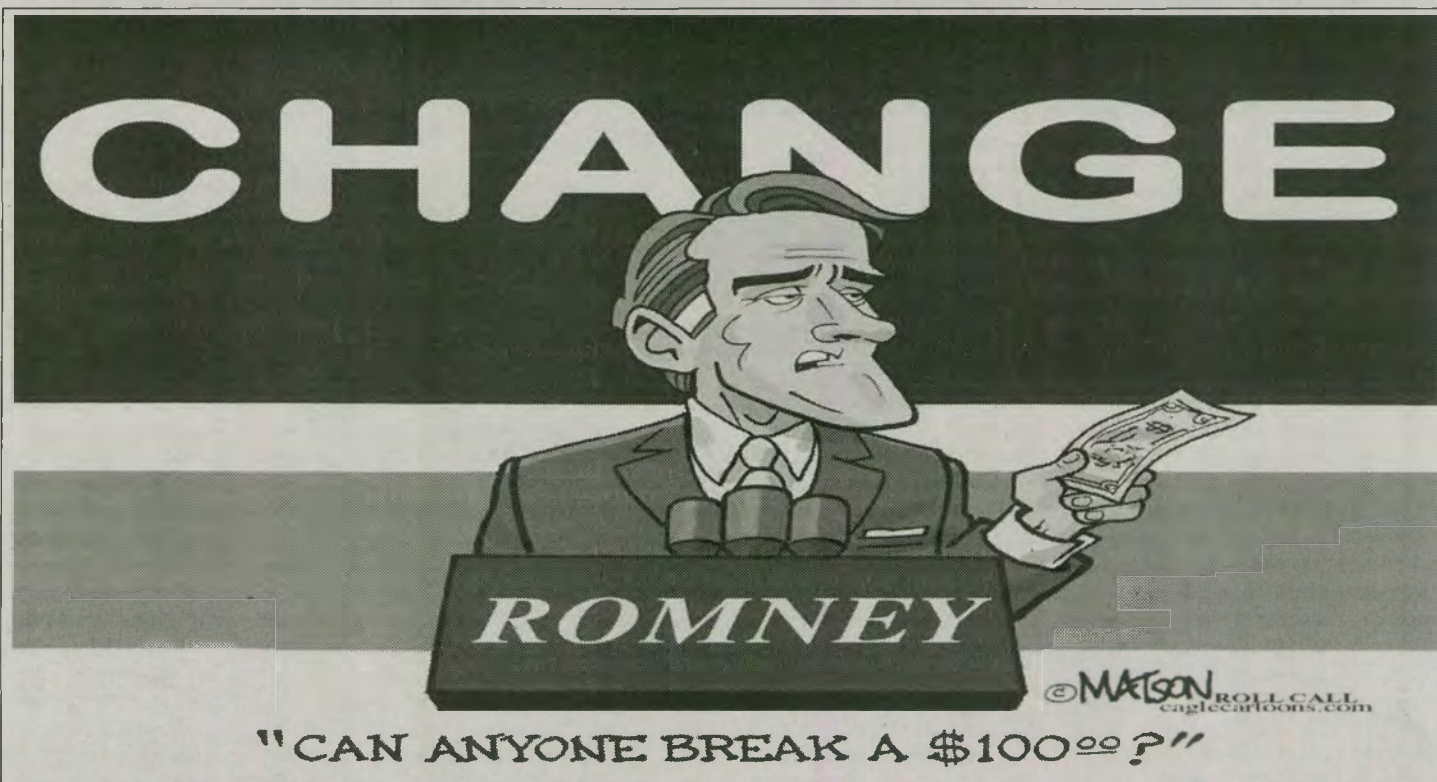
Instead of having campaign staff members on to disingenuously "analyze" the election process or defend their candidate's decision on which states and voters to ignore, the news networks could have people on to discuss the actual positions the candidates have. I would like to see leading economists on the air discussing the advantages and disadvantages of the Fair Tax. I want national security experts talking about Iraq, and whether we can end the war, as many Democratic candidates want to, or whether we may be there for 100 years or more.

I understand that there are avenues for me to discern this information on my own, through the Internet or elsewhere. I humbly submit that I am ashamed of my own lack of knowledge on certain topics, and while I am the most responsible for this, I do believe that there is a tacit social contract being largely ignored by the news media to actually report facts, not speculation. We in America need our news media to rise to the level of seriousness we would like to see in the campaign itself.

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"The road to hell
is paved with adverbs."

Stephen King
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QUOTES OF THE DAY

"Laugh and the world laughs with
you, snore and you sleep alone."

Anthony Burgess
British novelist

Find inspiration for New Year's resolutions

Welcome back! Welcome to your new classes, new books, clean notebooks, your new professors and to the fresh start that a new year always brings. As a student, I used to feel as if I had three "New Year's"

Kate Barrett

— one on the first of January, and one at the beginning of each new semester.

Faithpoint

With all the resolutions, plans and sacrifices we embark upon for New Year's we should all find ourselves daily-exercising, healthy-eating, moderate-drinking, non-smoking, regular-praying, teeth-flossing, non-procrastinating, homework-completing persons of virtuous habits. Perhaps this year, this will be true. I won't hold my breath. Why? Because along with making all these earnest plans we make one common mistake: We believe it's all about us, that somehow we can become the people we want to be if we just try hard enough. Well, maybe that's true for flossing and exercising, and sometimes for dieting, but instead this could be the year we hear the call to a true conversion of heart, to new depths in our love for God. And maybe then a lot of other things will fall into place. This year, Lent begins awfully early — Feb. 6, to be exact. So early

that by then, you certainly won't have given up on your New Year's resolutions yet!

Since we're about halfway in between New Year's resolutions and Lenten sacrifices, here's an idea you could use for either. It has two parts. First, read the gospels, the story of Jesus' life, public ministry, death and resurrection. You can move around between all four of them, or just pick one. The Church is reading Matthew this year; you could start there. As you read, notice — really notice — what Jesus is like. Second, ask — really ask — God to help you try to be like Jesus.

I suppose it would be easy to think, "Jesus' life was so different than mine. It would really be a stretch to think entering into his life will help me live mine." Though he may have lived under different circumstances and in a different culture, Jesus became human precisely to show us how to be human. And that's all God wants from us as well: that we live our human-ness to the fullest. To the extent that we can, we will start looking a little more like ... Jesus.

It wouldn't be boring, being like Jesus. First of all, he enjoyed life. He made sure a big party had plenty of wine; he loved to eat with friends; he

told stories that the disciples had to puzzle out to understand. He could be demanding; he got angry at injustice; he hung out with unexpected people and confused and irritated the religious and political leaders of the time. He didn't stand idle when he knew another was in need. He had the charisma to convince mere acquaintances to drop every bit of their livelihood and follow him on an unknown and improbable journey.

All of this does come back to those pesky New Year's resolutions, by the way, as well as to the Lenten sacrifices you may already be considering. Jesus certainly got plenty of exercise; he had no other way but walking to get anywhere. He probably ate right, simply because he didn't have as many unhealthy choices as Martin's, McDonald's and Starbucks offer us. Even when it meant leaving everyone else, from his dear friends to great crowds of people, so that he could be alone with God, Jesus made regular prayer a priority. He didn't appear to be a procrastinator; he started warning the disciples quite early on that things would seem to end badly for him. More importantly, however — much more importantly — Jesus lived, prayed, made choices, acted upon those choic-

es, and loved, all with his relationship to God as the foundation and center of his life. If we could do the same, maybe we would take better care of ourselves out of gratitude because God created us. Maybe we'd pray more regularly just because we wish to spend more time with the Lord. Maybe we would treat others with the utmost respect and honor because we can see our common bond in our creation and our baptism.

Jesus tells us in John's gospel, "I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done ..." (Jn. 13:15). Though this passage comes from a specific moment in the story, when Jesus has just washed the disciples' feet, we can remember that everything about Jesus' life sets us an example. In the still-fresh newness of 2008, perhaps our most significant resolution ought to be to ask God to help us follow that example as closely as we can.

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U-WIRE

Cold-hearted tech firms block progress, charity

Optimism abounded when Nicholas Negroponte announced his goal to design the \$100 laptop, an item that could improve learning for millions of poor children in developing countries. Finally, it seemed advanced technology would help the disadvantaged among us and do more than just increase the stock values of Silicon Valley companies.

Brian Solomon

The Dartmouth

Unfortunately, some of those cold-hearted, profit-mongering corporations such as Intel and Microsoft lack the morals to assist this noble effort, and instead choose to stand in the way of progress and charity.

Negroponte — co-founder of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Media Laboratory and the non-profit organization, One Laptop Per Child — built the innovative "XO" laptop to account for many of the problems that underprivileged students encounter.

For example, the computer has a built-in hand crank to charge the battery in places where electricity is sporadic. The computer also comes with long-range wireless, a version of the open-source operating system Linux, and an interactive interface that

allows users to communicate and work with others nearby.

While the price still hovers above \$150, many students around the globe, in places like Peru where 270,000 XOs have already been distributed, will soon be reaping the benefits of such cheap technology.

But the executives at entrenched software and hardware companies are more interested in padding their bottom lines than helping kids.

Intel Chairman Craig Barrett mocked the XO laptop as a "\$100 gadget," saying, "What people are looking for is something that has the full functionality of a PC... that can run all the applications of a grown-up PC... not dependant on hand cranks for power."

His remarks miss the point of OLPC completely. The XO laptop is not intended for use by corporate offices, or even college students; the project is geared toward putting computers in the hands of people who are so impoverished that they have most likely never touched a full-featured PC before.

Even within the United States, the city of Birmingham, Alabama has agreed to purchase 15,000 laptops for its students.

The truth is that companies like Intel do

not care about the hundreds of millions of people who have entered the 21st century unable to read a book or even sign their names.

Although in the last year Intel spoke about contributing millions of dollars to the cause and constructing a microprocessor to use in future generations' affordable laptops, it pulled out of its deal last week amidst claims that it had stabbed its non-profit partner in the back.

Turns out, Intel has its own ambitions about supplying cheap computers to the developing world — for profit. According to Negroponte, for months Intel has been urging countries that may be potential XO-customers not to buy the device because the company is releasing its own low-cost laptop, the "Classmate PC."

Just as Intel has been sabotaging its fledgling teammate, the software behemoth Microsoft has also been antagonistic toward OLPC and its mission. While the company views emerging markets as an important next frontier for its Windows operating system — and founder Bill Gates said that they have "always believed in cheap PCs" — Microsoft has refused to collaborate on giving the XO dual-boot Windows XP support.

The company's shortsighted goals prevent it from embarking on a mission that could both help millions of children and expand its market share into the developing world of computing.

We should not strive for communism, but perhaps capitalism has gone too far when companies seek to crush a well-meaning nonprofit with a great chance of making a difference in thousands, or even millions of lives. Is a little respect, or even — dare I say it — help, too much to ask for?

The OLPC goal is not dead yet, but given the resistance to its philosophy from the corporate world, it will not be long before its efforts to bring education to far-flung reaches of the globe are cut short. In addition to more basic supplies, laptops for poor students around the world could help bridge the so-called "Digital Divide" and encourage growth, learning and hope in small communities everywhere.

When will Intel and Microsoft see that?

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Feel the longneck's pain as he sinks his way to an untimely demise.

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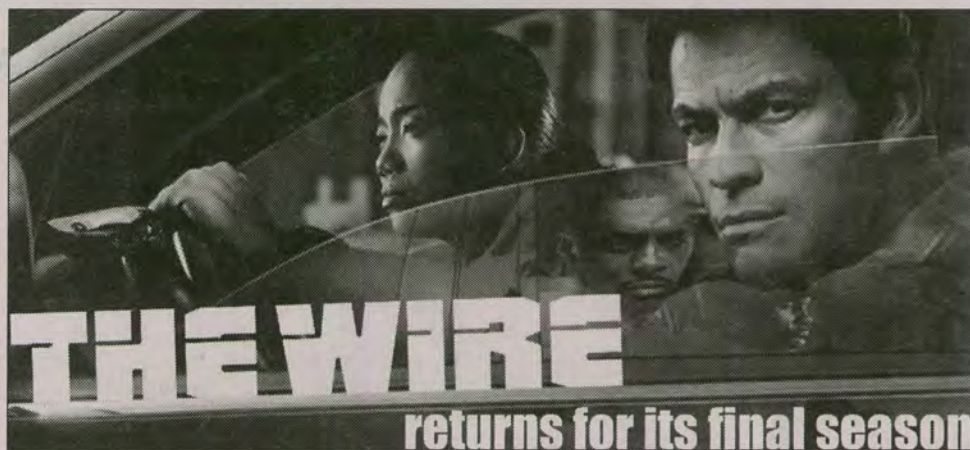


Check out Notre Dame's latest commitment on the recruiting front.

Charlie Bit Me



British babies biting each other. What more needs to be said?



By T. EDWARD ANDREWS
Scene Editor

Time Magazine, Entertainment Weekly and the Chicago Tribune have all called it "the best show on television" and yet as HBO's "The Wire" enters its fifth and final season, the show still lacks a large mainstream following. Despite its criminal under-appreciation by the masses, "The Wire" promises to return to its roots as one of the hardest hitting, most innovative and best dramas in the history of television.

Set on the mean streets of Baltimore, Md., "The Wire" depicts a grim picture of urban life in inner city America, following the ravaging effects of the drug trade and the accompanying violence and crime it stains the streets with.

In its first season, "The Wire" concerned itself primarily with the criminal empire of Avon Barksdale (Wood Harries) and Stringer Bell (Idris Elba) and detective work done by Detective Jimmy McNulty (Dominic West), Lieutenant Cedric Daniels (Lance Reddick), Detective Lester Freamon (Clarke Peters) and others to bring down that empire. The show derives its name from a wiretap the police set up in order to build a case against Barksdale's crew. However, in subsequent seasons the show expanded from its original status as a cops-and-robbers drama to an inner city magnum opus sprawling across all facets of urban life in Baltimore, including the politics of police work, the politics of education and the politics of politics.

The best part of "The Wire" is that the show doesn't try to push a message about morality — it just portrays real life through fiction and shows things the way they are on the drug- and crime-ravaged streets of urban America. The show portrays the horrors and hardships of drug abuse, wanton violence and killings related to the drug trade in colors as bleak and unrelenting as the cement jungle landscape the show sets itself on.

"The Wire" wouldn't be the show it is without its stable of characters, which span from cops to criminals and from high-class politicians to homeless people. A talented and versatile cast of no-name character actors have assumed their roles with poise and a gritty sense of reality. Like the best forms of fiction, "The Wire" doesn't have any cut-and-dried cookie cutter character molds. Instead, the people populating the world of "The Wire" sound and act like real human beings, with all their flaws, imperfections and seemingly contradictory natures. "The Wire's" key theme is that nothing is set in black and white — the show creates several penumbral areas of gray.

For example, one of the main characters, Detective Jimmy McNulty (Dominic West) is a stubborn, persistent hound of a cop and is very good at what he does, but he's also an inveterate drunk and his home life is consumed by failed marriage and his love of liquor and lascivious conduct.

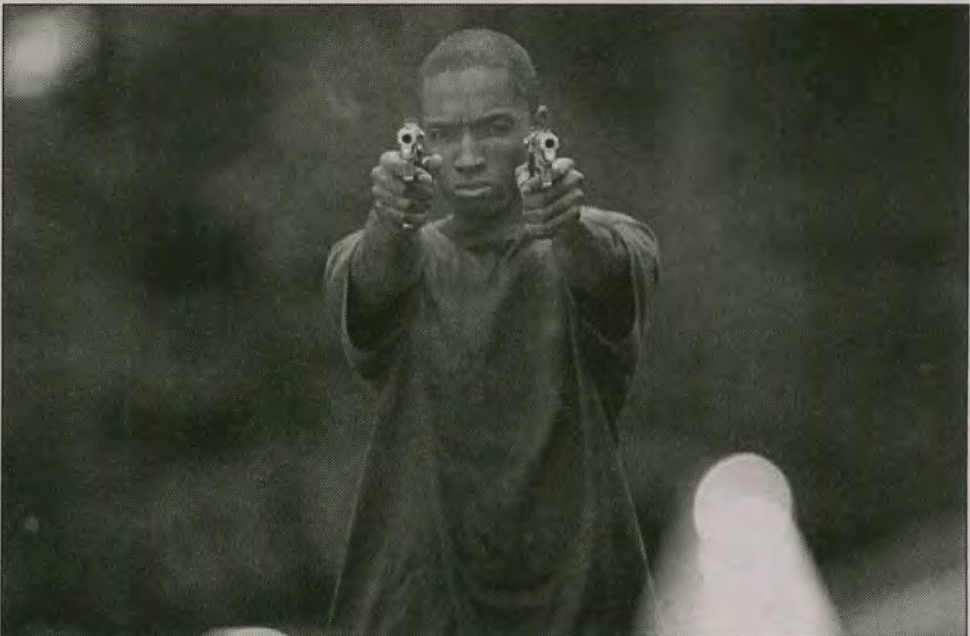
Nefarious stick-up artist Omar Little (Michael K. Williams) has become a fan favorite as the roughest, toughest gunslinger on the streets. He also happens to be gay, and by doing so, "The Wire" challenges conventional norms of

masculinity and homosexuality.

Politician and Mayor Tommy Carcetti (Aidan Gillen) made a lot of campaign promises to cleanse the streets of crime and work to protect the children, but as he takes the job the exigencies of the office and his own political goals cause him to alter his original aims.

Series creator David Simon's commitment to continued excellence has paid off through "The Wire's" first four seasons. Now as he draws several of his ongoing storylines to their final close and adds a few new wrinkles to the mix, it's a good bet he'll close out the series with the same level of excellence with which he started it.

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Drug kingpin Marlo Stanfield (Jamle Hector) has left a trail of bodies in his bloody rise to the top, but the police have started uncovering his handiwork.

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Since winning election, Baltimore mayor Tommy Carcetti (Aidan Gillen) has had his hands full.

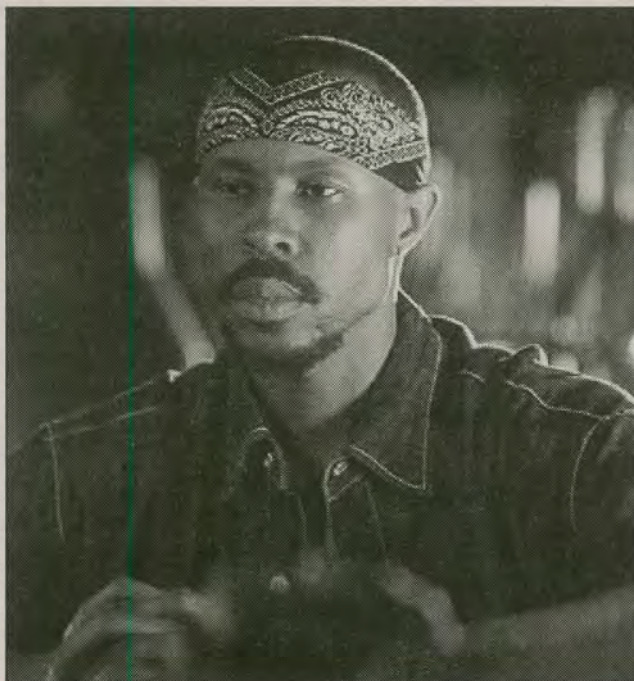


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Even behind bars, Avon Barksdale (Wood Harris) continues to play a role on Baltimore's crime scene.



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Colonel Cedric Daniels (Lance Reddick) encounters the politics of police work as he climbs the ladder.



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Detective Lester Freamon (Clarke Peters) begins to exhume a slew of murders by Marlo Stanfield.

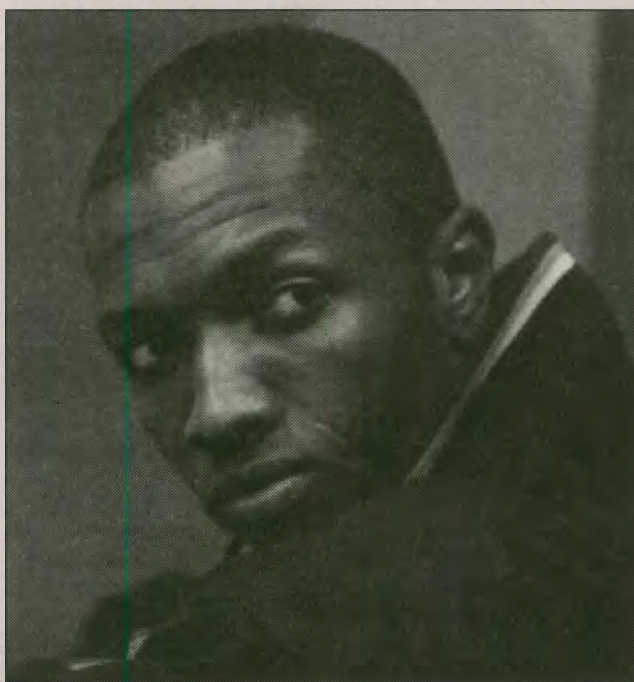


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Marlo Stanfield (Jamie Hector) has assumed the throne of druglord of Baltimore, but will he last?



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Hard drinking detective Jimmy McNulty (Dominic West) has begun sliding back into his wild ways.



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Roland Pryzbylewski (Jim True-Frost) tries to make a difference as a schoolteacher.

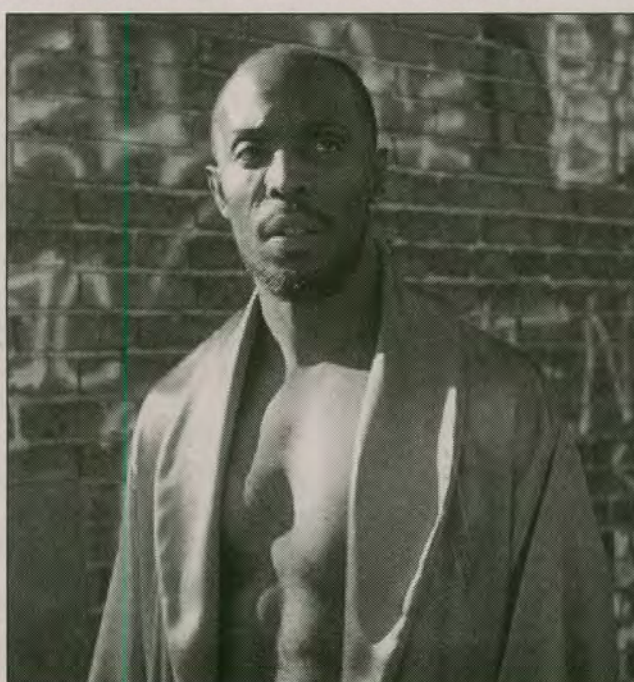


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Infamous gay stick-up artist Omar Little (Michael K. Williams) has a bulls-eye on his back.



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Big brother Michael Lee (Tristan Wilds) cares for his little brother while rising in the drug ranks.

NBA

Celtics end two-game skid with win over Blazers

Wallace scores 36 points in Bobcats' upset win over Magic; Knicks record third-straight victory over rival Nets

Associated Press

BOSTON — Ray Allen impressed teammate Paul Pierce with his shooting. For Allen, satisfying himself proved to be a tougher task.

Allen scored a season-high 35 points, Kevin Garnett had 26 and the Boston Celtics rebounded from their first consecutive losses of the season with a 100-90 win over Portland on Wednesday night.

Allen, who scored 26 points in the second half on 9-of-13 shooting, wasn't about to get caught up in the excitement of his scoring.

"Every time I leave here I feel like I've left something out there on the table," he said. "I feel that way right now. There were some shots I should have knocked down."

The 12-year veteran had Pierce enjoying his work, though.

"It was great to watch. When you've got a hot player like that who's done it so many times throughout his NBA career, you just try to ride the hot hand," Pierce said. "We just tried to get him the ball as much as we could. He made plays off the ball, on the ball and finished it with the shot."

The Atlantic Division-leading Celtics, who had lost three of their last four games and two straight at home, also got 12 points from Pierce and 10 from Eddie House. Boston had lost its last two games, both to

Washington.

Brandon Roy led the Northwest division-leading Trail Blazers with 22 points. Travis Outlaw and Jarrett Jack each had 17.

Portland, which lost for just the third time in 21 games overall, fell to just 6-12 on the road.

The surprising Trail Blazers may have come into the game hoping to compete with Boston instead of working like they have so far this season.

"I don't think we believed we could beat them," Roy said. "We've been playing to win lately, but tonight I think we just came in to give them a good game. The next time we play them we have to believe that we can actually beat them."

Allen scored 12 points, including eight straight in the third quarter, helping the Celtics take a 74-69 lead after three.

Portland tied it at 56 before Kendrick Perkins' free throw moved the Celtics ahead for good. House followed with a 3 from the right corner before Allen took over, scoring off drives to the basket three times and hitting a pair of free throws to give Boston 68-63 lead.

After the Trail Blazers cut it to 71-69, Allen completed his quarter with a reverse layup. He then opened the fourth with a jumper from the right baseline on Boston's first possession and Tony Allen had a break-away dunk, giving the Celtics a

78-69 advantage.

Portland cut it to 80-75 on Outlaw's 3 with 7:55 to go, but Ray Allen hit a key 3, followed that with a turnaround jumper and added a 3 with 50 seconds left to help Boston seal the win.

Ray Allen capped his second half with four free throws in the final 31 seconds.

"They showed why they're the best team record-wise in the league right now," Portland coach Nate McMillan said.

Portland led 45-43 at half-time.

Bobcats 99, Magic 93

The Charlotte Bobcats' awful start this season might be too much to overcome, but the fourth-year team is finally starting to look like a playoff outfit.

Behind 36 points and 14 rebounds from Gerald Wallace and late-game heroics from Jason Richardson, the Bobcats rallied from a 19-point third-quarter deficit Wednesday night to stun the Orlando Magic 99-93.

The Bobcats fourth win in six games — all against teams above them in the standings — still left them eight games below .500. But suddenly Charlotte is full of confidence and perhaps close to reaching its potential.

"It's very satisfying but we still have a long way to go," first-year coach Sam Vincent said. "We're 15-23. If we were .500 then we'd be getting close to being happy."

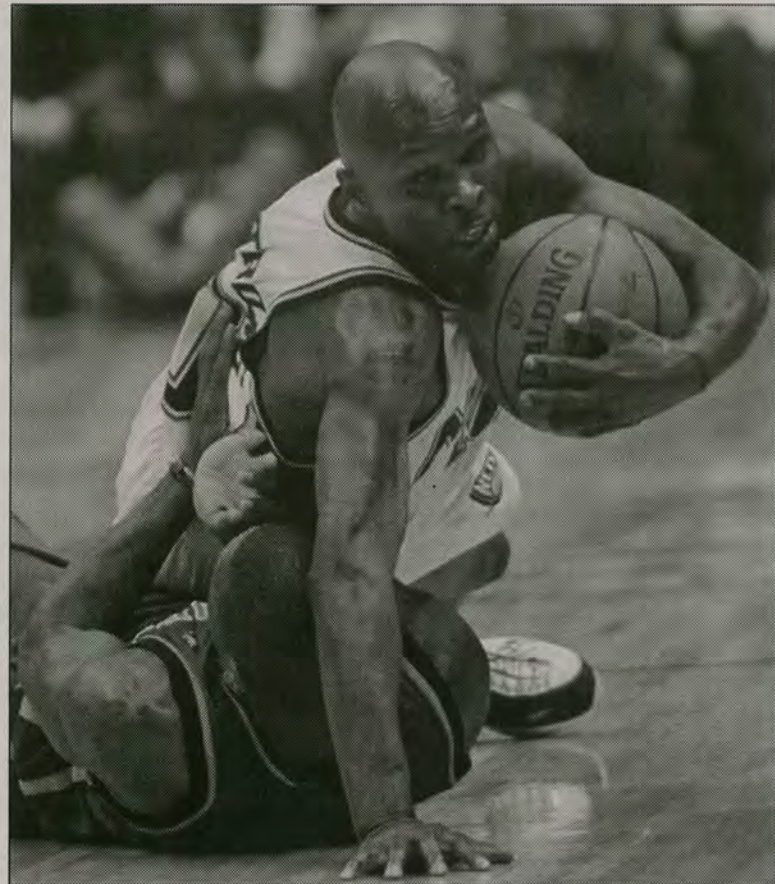
The latest in a stretch of wild finishes and big wins left plenty of smiles in the Bobcats' locker room.

Richardson, who scored 26 points, hit a 3 with the shot clock running down with 31.2 seconds left to put Charlotte ahead 93-88. Raymond Felton and Richardson then combined to hit six straight at the foul line as the Bobcats avoided a season sweep to the Southeast Division leaders.

"That's big for us. It shows a lot of growth," Richardson said. "This team is growing every game."

Dwight Howard had 24 points and 21 rebounds and Carlos Arroyo came off the bench to score 17 points for the Magic, who went on a turnover spree after point guard Jameer Nelson left in the third quarter with a strained tendon in his right foot.

"Our turnovers were mindless and mindboggling," coach Stan Van Gundy said of the 19 times the Magic threw it away. "You've got to be able to handle the ball. When you have a 19-



New Jersey's Darrell Armstrong collides with Knicks guard Nate Robinson in the second quarter of New York's 111-105 win Wednesday.

point lead and a good veteran team that handles the ball solidly and makes solid plays and doesn't break down defensively, then you're probably going to win that game. But we didn't do any of those things. It's frustrating."

Charlotte, which had been 0-3 against Orlando this season by an average margin of 13 points, took its first lead since 9-8 on Richardson's 3-pointer with 8:20 left. Matt Carroll's 3 with 5:50 left made it 88-82.

Orlando, struggling to run its offense with Arroyo and Keith Bogans, went nearly four minutes without a point until Hedo Turkoglu's driving layup made it 90-87.

Richardson then hit his 3 and the Magic fell to 16-9 on the r

Knicks 111, Nets 105

For the first time since Jason Kidd showed up in New Jersey, the guys on the New York side are having more fun in the Hudson River rivalry.

Jamal Crawford scored a season-high 35 points and hit a tiebreaking 3-pointer, leading the Knicks to a 111-105 victory Wednesday night over the New Jersey Nets that gave them the season series for the first time in eight years.

Zach Randolph added 24 points and 11 rebounds for the Knicks, who are 3-0 against

their cross-river rivals after the Nets had owned them for years. New York hadn't won the series since going 3-1 in the 1999-00 season, with New Jersey bringing a 24-4 mark, counting the playoffs, into this season since Kidd's arrival in 2001.

"Those guys really put it to us for a long time. As long as I've been here, every time we played them it seemed like we lost," Knicks center Eddy Curry said. "But as of late, last time we played them very well and tonight we played them very well. I think if nothing else we showed them that they're not going to be able to beat up on us every time they play us."

New York has won three in a row for the first time in a year, all without starting point guard Stephon Marbury, who is sidelined by a sore left ankle that he believes will require surgery. Curry finished with 17 points and Nate Robinson had 13.

"Our resiliency, just persevering, we're starting to play with the type of grit that we were playing with last year," Knicks coach Isiah Thomas said. "I thought New Jersey, they were tough tonight, and we got off to a pretty rocky start but our team battled back."

Two of the Knicks' three road wins have come in New Jersey, where they hadn't won twice in the same season since 1994-95.



Boston forward Kevin Garnett grabs one of his seven rebounds during the Celtics 100-90 win over the Trail Blazers Wednesday.

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NCAA CSTV Men's Hockey Poll

	team	record	previous
1	Michigan	20-2	1
2	Miami	21-3	2
3	Colorado College	16-6	4
4	Denver	17-5	3
5	New Hampshire	13-6-1	8
6	North Dakota	12-8-1	8
7	Michigan State	14-5-4	10
8	NOTRE DAME	18-7-1	6
9	Northeastern	11-5-2	7
10	Massachusetts	9-5-5	5
11	Boston College	10-5-5	12
12	Clarkson	12-7-1	11
13	St. Cloud State	11-10-3	14
14	Quinnipiac	13-5-3	16
15	UMass-Lowell	10-5-4	13
16	Minnesota-Duluth	8-7-5	19
17	Wisconsin	9-10-3	17
18	Minnesota	11-10-3	15
19	Princeton	10-8	NR
20	Minnesota State	9-8-4	20

Big East Men's Basketball Standings

team	league	overall
Pittsburgh	3-1	15-2
Georgetown	3-1	13-2
Marquette	3-1	13-2
Notre Dame	3-1	13-3
DePaul	3-1	7-8
Louisville	2-1	12-4
Cincinnati	3-2	8-9
Syracuse	3-2	13-5
Connecticut	2-2	11-4
West Virginia	2-2	12-4
Providence	2-2	11-5
Villanova	1-2	11-3
South Florida	1-2	10-7
St. John's	1-2	7-8
Seton Hall	1-3	10-6
Rutgers	0-5	8-10

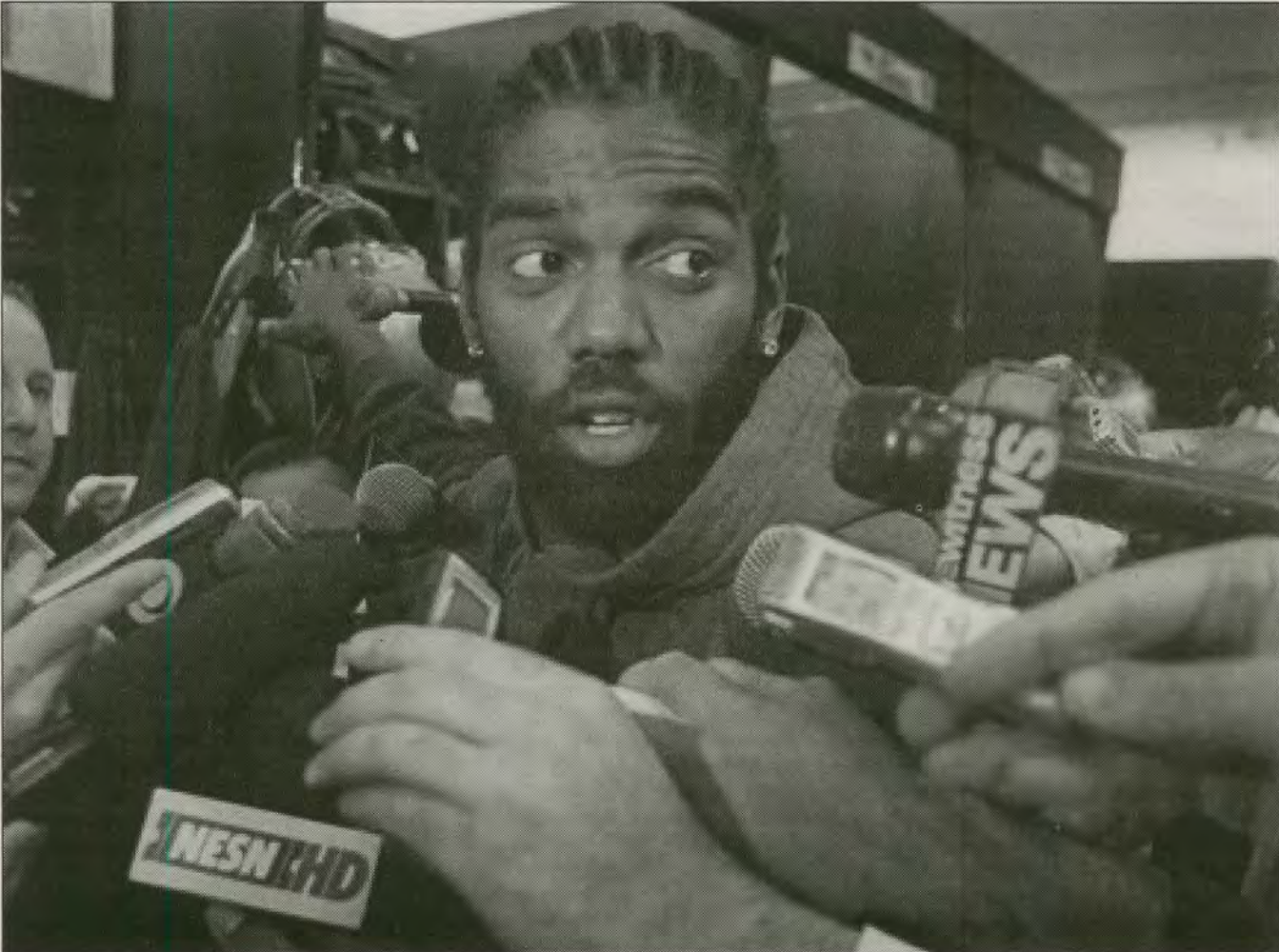
Big East Women's Basketball Standings

team	league	overall
Connecticut	4-0	16-0
Rutgers	4-0	14-2
Pittsburgh	3-1	13-3
NOTRE DAME	2-1	14-3
DePaul	2-1	13-3
Seton Hall	2-1	12-3
West Virginia	2-1	12-3
Syracuse	2-2	14-3
Marquette	1-1	9-6
Providence	1-2	11-5
St. John's	1-2	10-6
Louisville	1-3	12-5
Villanova	1-3	11-6
Cincinnati	1-3	10-6
Georgetown	0-3	10-6
South Florida	0-4	10-7

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NCAA BASKETBALL
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NFL



New England wide receiver Randy Moss answers questions Wednesday regarding his alleged assault of Rachelle Washington. A hearing is scheduled for Jan. 28.

Patriots receiver Moss accused of assault

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Randy Moss joined the Patriots this season determined to avoid off-field problems. Now he's in the middle of one, just days before Sunday's AFC championship game.

A temporary restraining order was issued Monday requiring the star wide receiver to stay at least 500 feet from a woman who alleged he committed "battery causing serious injury" to her at her Florida home on Jan. 6.

Moss denied the allegation by Rachelle Washington, which he called "this situation of extortion," and said he

was "furious" about it. The restraining order was issued in the Broward County 17th Judicial Circuit of Florida.

A hearing on whether to issue a permanent restraining order is scheduled for 3 p.m. Jan. 28, six days before the Super Bowl.

Moss broke his usual midweek silence as he was surrounded by two dozen reporters and 10 video cameras at his locker on Wednesday. He didn't identify the woman but said she has been a friend for 11 years and that she asked for "six figures" for what he said was an accident in which she was

hurt.

"I want to make something clear," Moss said. "In my whole entire life of living 30 years, I've never put my hand on one woman, physically or in an angry manner."

David McGill, the attorney for Washington, had no comment, according to his legal assistant, Melissa Miller. A telephone message left by The Associated Press with Moss' attorney, Jim DiPiero, was not immediately returned.

In his previous nine seasons — seven with Minnesota and two with Oakland — Moss was involved in several off-

field incidents.

"This is a negative," he said of the latest allegation, "a black cloud hanging over my head, and that's something that I did not want coming into the season. ... Everything I tried to do from getting here early, to make sure I eat the right food, all the way to practicing and playing, I wanted all of that to be A-plus."

"Everything's been positive, so why would I bring something negative on. As much as I care and love the game of football and love my teammates, I would never put myself or them in a situation of something like this."

McMackin hired as Hawaii head coach

HONOLULU — Greg McMackin's first head coaching job was with the Warriors of Aloha High School in Oregon. Now, 40 years later in the land of aloha, he has come full circle.

McMackin was hired as Hawaii's football coach Wednesday after serving as its defensive coordinator last season on a team that went undefeated until losing the Sugar Bowl.

He replaces June Jones, who left the Warriors to coach SMU less than a week after they were routed by Georgia. McMackin agreed to a five-year deal that will pay him \$1.1 million a season, making him the highest paid coach in school history. He will earn 10 times his 2007 salary.

The 58-year-old former assistant with the San Francisco 49ers and Seattle Seahawks said the Warriors will not change their wide-open offense that flourished last season behind NFL-bound quarterback Colt Brennan.

O.J. Simpson violates bail terms

LAS VEGAS — An angry judge doubled O.J. Simpson's bail to \$250,000 on Wednesday for violating terms of his original bail by attempting to contact a co-defendant in his armed robbery case.

Simpson, clad in jail attire, grimaced as the amount was announced and meekly acknowledged that he understood.

"I don't know Mr. Simpson what the heck you were thinking — or maybe that's the problem — you weren't," Clark County District Court Judge Jackie Glass told Simpson.

"I don't know if it's just arrogance. I don't know if it's ignorance. But you've been locked up at the Clark County Detention Center since Friday because of arrogance or ignorance — or both."

Glass said that the initial court order to not contact other defendants was clear and she warned that if anything else happened Simpson would be locked up.

Sparano hopes to fix Dolphins' problems

DAVIE, Fla. — Discussing his new job as Miami Dolphins coach, Tony Sparano sounded like Tony Soprano.

"I'm just happy to be part of the family," Sparano said.

The family includes his mentor, Bill Parcells, and general manager Jeff Ireland, who are transforming their new team into the Miami Cowboys.

Sparano is the latest transplant from Dallas. He was the Cowboys' assistant head coach before accepting an offer Wednesday to rejoin Parcells and Ireland.

The trio worked together in Dallas when Parcells was head coach in 2003-06.

"I know what the people here are capable of, and I'm excited about that," Sparano said at a news conference.

Parcells sat in a corner of the room, smiling occasionally like a proud papa. He declined to meet with reporters, leaving the talk to his proteges.

NHL

Islanders beat Devils for fifth-straight time

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — The New York Islanders have the New Jersey Devils' number, and it's starting to bug the perennial Atlantic Division champions.

Rick DiPietro had 37 saves and Bill Guerin scored two goals in a 3-1 victory Wednesday night that gave the Islanders their fifth win in as many games against New Jersey this season.

"We just seem to play well against them," said DiPietro, who has given up five goals in four games against New Jersey this season. "You find if you play long enough, there are certain teams you play well against. The last couple of years, it has been the Devils."

Mike Sillinger also scored for New York, which has won four of the five meetings in regulation. The Islanders have won six straight overall against the Devils.

Travis Zajac scored for New Jersey, which had a three-game winning streak snapped in losing for only the seventh time in 26 games (19-5-1).

"It doesn't take a rocket scientist, does it?" Devils forward Patrik Elias said of the Islanders' streak. "They are playing well against us. They are playing well against Philly and us. Those are big points to lose. We had our opportunities to get back in the game, but it's still disappointing to lose. Their goaltender played awesome tonight."

DiPietro was spectacular in the third period, stopping 15 of 16 shots, including one in close by Dainius Zubrus in the final 90 seconds that had the Devils center looking up at the rafters in the Prudential Center.

"There were a couple of pucks whacked away and I was able to get my glove up on it," DiPietro said of Zubrus' shot from less than 10 feet away.

Guerin downplayed the Islanders' dominance.

"Have we come out on top every game? Yes!" Guerin said. "It's not like it's been a dominating effort by us each and every single time. They have

been good hockey games."

DiPietro, who shut out the Devils in his only other game at the Prudential Center, had to work hard in the final six minutes to preserve the win.

Brian Gionta, whose shot was deflected by Zajac on the Devils' goal, had a good chance from the right circle with six minutes to play. Jamie Langenbrunner, who was stoned in close early in the game, was stopped in close again seconds later.

Zajac and Zubrus were also stopped in close in the final minutes.

"Tonight, Ricky saved us a couple of points," Guerin said. "I thought we played a solid game, but when they turned it up and got good scoring opportunities, Ricky was there. He saved at least four goals I can think over. He kept us in it. He's been doing it all year for us."

The Devils are now winless in nine games against their New York-area rivals, including an 0-2-2 record with the Rangers.

"Nine straight is something we have to take notice of obviously," Langenbrunner said.

"It's nine straight against the New York teams," Gionta added. "We have to find a way to win."

The Islanders had a two-man advantage when Guerin gave them the lead with less than five minutes to go in the first period. Colin White and Mike Mottau were both given two-minute penalties at the same time.

Rangers 2, Sabres 1

The setting was the regular season instead of the postseason, but the stakes seemed nearly as high for the New York Rangers and Buffalo Sabres.

Not since the second round of last year's playoffs had the Rangers faced their Eastern Conference foes. Buffalo moved on to the conference finals then, and now both clubs face a second-half struggle just to get back into the tournament.

Petr Prucha and Brandon Dubinsky each had a goal and an assist to lift the Rangers to a victory Wednesday night that stretched the Sabres' losing



Islanders right wing Blake Comeau knocks the puck away from Devils right wing David Clarkson in front of goalie Rick DiPietro in New York's 3-1 win Wednesday.

streak to 10 games.

Buffalo snapped its run of three straight shootout losses, but couldn't find a way to win. The Sabres haven't come out on top since a 6-5 shootout victory at Philadelphia on Dec. 22 (0-5-5).

New York jumped from 10th place to eighth in the East with the win, five points in front of No. 11 Buffalo — the team with the NHL's best record last season.

The Rangers shook off

Monday's poor 4-1 loss at Pittsburgh and earned their second consecutive win at home. Still, New York has won only twice in eight games (2-5-1).

"Obviously, we've had a bad string, but for our team and our season's sake, we've got to turn the corner and make sure we're bringing that effort and intensity every night," Dubinsky said.

The Sabres are trying to get out of their doldrums. They picked up some points recently

by losing in overtime, but that's not enough. They are two losses from matching the worst winless skid in franchise history.

"It's better than getting blown out," goalie Ryan Miller said of the Sabres, who have lost by more than two goals once during the skid. "We're right there and it's something to build off of."

"It's frustrating any time you lose and when you put yourself in this kind of position in this league."

A Great Cloud of Witnesses: Saints in the Catholic Tradition January 18-19, McKenna Hall

On the occasion of the first feast day celebration of Blessed Basil Moreau, founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, this conference will explore the development of the canonization process and the significance of the saints in Catholic life and devotion.

Friday, January 18

4:00 p.m. *Thinking Seriously about the Saints*
Lawrence Cunningham, University of Notre Dame

7:30 p.m. *Making Saints*
Kenneth Woodward, Former Religion Editor, *Newsweek*

Saturday, January 19

9:00 a.m. *All Saints: The Universal Call to Holiness*
Ann Astell, University of Notre Dame

10:30 a.m. *A Great Cloud of Witnesses*
Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik, Rector, Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, Los Angeles

2:00 p.m. *Blessed Basil Moreau*
Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, Archbishop Emeritus of Washington, D.C.

3:30 p.m. *Saints in Everyday Life*
Robert Ellsberg, Editor, Orbis Books

On Sunday, January 20, Cardinal McCarrick will preside at the Eucharistic liturgy at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 10:00 a.m.

"By canonizing some of the faithful, i.e., by solemnly proclaiming that they practiced heroic virtue and lived in fidelity to God's grace, the Church recognizes the power of the Spirit of holiness within her and sustains the hope of believers by proposing the saints to them as models and intercessors." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #828)

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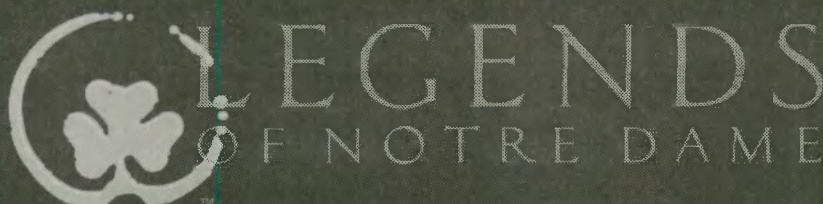


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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Scheyer's free throws key to Duke's 70-57 win

Temple tops ranked Xavier for first time in two years; Harris nets 22 points to carry Massachusetts over Dayton

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — For awhile it looked like No. 7 Duke might just lose a third straight time to Florida State, a team trying to get back to NCAA tournament for the first time in 10 years.

But coach Mike Krzyzewski's youthful Blue Devils rallied from a second-half swoon just in time Wednesday night.

Jon Scheyer scored 21 points and four teammates combined to make eight straight free throws in the final 1:34 to beat Florida State 70-57 and snap the unlikely two-game losing streak to the Seminoles.

"For awhile there it looked like there's no way we're going to win it and (then) our kids got tough," Krzyzewski said. "After they had been the weakest they got to be the toughest. I don't know how that works, but it worked tonight."

Florida State took its only lead of the second half at 55-54 on Jason Rich's layup with 3:45 left before Duke put the game away with a closing 16-2 run. Kyle Singler's 3-pointer put the Blue Devils ahead for good with 3:30 to play.

"There are shots and then there are huge shots, and that was a huge shot," Krzyzewski said.

"That slowed our momentum," Rich said. "Actually stopped the momentum."

Duke (14-1, 2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) nearly blew a 17-point lead it built in the first half on a 16-0 run led by Scheyer, who had 10 points on a variety of shots in a span of

just 1:35.

"We've struggled here in the past, but this is a new team," Scheyer said. "Last year they beat us at home so we had something to prove."

The Blue Devils led 34-22 at halftime before Rich, who had all 18 of his points in the second half, keyed the comeback by Florida State (12-6, 1-2).

"He imposed his will on us, which he can do," Krzyzewski said. "We just played harder."

Toney Douglas added 13 points for Florida State while Uche Echefu, who had 24 points and 12 rebounds in a double-overtime loss at Clemson on Saturday, was held to six points and seven rebounds.

"We got beat by a team that executed and maintained their poise for longer periods than we did," Florida State coach Leonard Hamilton said. "They have so many weapons."

Gerald Henderson added 11 points and Singler had 10 for Duke. Henderson's eight rebounds helped the Blue Devils to a 44-32 advantage on the boards.

Temple 78, Xavier 59

Not since John Chaney patrolled the sideline has Temple played so well against a better team. Dionte Christmas scored 19 of his 23 points in the second half and Mark Tyndale added 22 to lead Temple to a victory over No. 20 Xavier on Wednesday night.

The Owls (7-8, 1-1 Atlantic 10) beat a ranked opponent for the first time in two years to earn their biggest win since

Fran Dunphy replaced the Hall of Fame coach last season.

"This win means a lot for us going into the next game," Christmas said. "We have a lot of confidence. We know what we're capable of."

This was the type of dominating effort that became typical on North Broad Street when Chaney guided Temple to 17 NCAA tournament appearances, including five NCAA regional finals.

But the program had fallen on hard times in recent years. Dunphy is doing his best to turn things around. This could be the start.

"I think it's just a matter of time before they regain their national prominence," Xavier coach Sean Miller said. "They have a great coach. We respect them a great deal."

Derrick Brown had 14 points for the Musketeers (14-4, 2-1), who had won six in a row by an average margin of 25.3 points since losing to then-No. 12 Tennessee on Dec. 22.

But Temple came ready to play from the start.

Luis Guzman scored all 13 of his points in the first half to tie his career-best. Sparked by Guzman's performance, Temple played one of its best halves using a 12-2 run to take a 27-21 lead.

Xavier answered with six straight points, including a thunderous dunk by Brown off an alley-oop pass from Stanley Burrell. Brown followed with two free throws to tie it, but Temple took a 30-27 halftime lead.

Christmas, Temple's leading scorer with a 20.5 average



Blue Devils forward Kyle Singler shoots over Florida State's defense during Duke's 70-57 win Wednesday.

coming in, had just two field goals in the first half. He found his scoring touch after the break, getting 15 of the team's next 20 points.

Christmas hit two difficult 3-pointers a minute apart to give Temple a 47-43 lead. After a three-point play by Jason Love, Christmas nailed his fourth 3 and the Owls broke it open.

Ryan Brooks and Chris Clark finished off a 10-0 run with consecutive 3-pointers, extending the lead to 60-47 with 9:02 left. Seven-footer Sergio Olmos excited the crowd on the opposite end, blocking shots on consecutive possessions.

Christmas then showed off his inside game, spinning and driving to the basket for a tough layup to make it 65-50.

Xavier made only one shot over a 6-minute span before Drew Lavender scored to end the slump.

"We played as good a game as we can play on both ends of the court," Dunphy said. "We're improving as a team."

Temple's last win over a Top 25 team came against No. 6 George Washington in the quarterfinals of the A-10 tournament in 2006. A small-but-enthusiastic crowd ran onto the court to celebrate this victory — one of the few times they've had reason to cheer lately.

"It's a great builder going into the A-10 games," Tyndale said. "It's a big win for us."

UMass 82, Dayton 71

Massachusetts hasn't heard about Dayton being so tough to beat at home.

Ricky Harris scored 22 points and Chris Lowe added 19 to lead the Minutemen to an victory Wednesday night, their second in as many years in Dayton and one that snapped the Flyers' 13-game winning streak.

Dayton (14-2, 2-1 Atlantic 10) won its first 14 home games last season before that

streak ended with a 77-69 loss to Massachusetts (12-4, 1-1). This was the first home loss of the season for the Flyers, who beat then-No. 6 Pittsburgh here.

"In our offense, anyone can have a breakout day. Today was my day," Harris said. "I came out early and made shots, and that helped me stay confident."

Dayton's Brian Roberts finished with 21, but Massachusetts put the clamps on the Flyers' leading scorer in the first half, holding him to two points and forcing Dayton to look for other scorers.

"We focused on Roberts as much as we could to shut him down. We executed almost to perfection," Massachusetts coach Travis Ford said. The Minuteman finished with 13 3-pointers and used their speed in the open court to beat Dayton's defense, scoring 14 points off fast breaks.

"We gave up way too much dribble penetration, which led to open 3s," Dayton coach Brian Gregory said. "If they're going to double Brian Roberts, other guys need to step up and make plays. We didn't do enough of that tonight consistently."

Dayton finished 4-of-25 from 3-point range. When Dayton tried to take the ball inside, the Minutemen would collapse, blocking shots — six in all — or forcing the Flyers to kick the ball back out.

Dayton took a 57-56 lead with 10:10 remaining on a layup by Roberts. With the Flyers leading 59-58 after the teams exchanged baskets, Lowe hit two free throws to put Massachusetts ahead for good. A minute later he made a layup off a missed 3-point attempt by the Flyers, and the Minutemen never trailed again.

"I told our team to expect them to come back," Ford said. "They came back and even took the lead, but we responded well."

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Sharapova defeats new mother in second-round match

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Maria Sharapova looked up and spotted a 7-month-old kid staring her down.

"I thought I saw her little kid giving me dirty looks," Sharapova said.

The boy, Jagger, was court-side. His mom, Lindsay Davenport, winner of three Grand Slam titles and with a 19-1 record since returning to the tour, was across the net.

Sharapova beat Davenport 6-1, 6-3 Wednesday night to move into the third round of the Australian Open against a fellow Russian, Elena Vesnina.

"Tell you the truth, I approached it like it's a final," said Sharapova, straying from her "one-match-at-a-time" mantra. "Ever since I took a peek at the draw and saw that Lindsay was second round."

Davenport was only five tournaments into a comeback after giving birth to Jagger last June. Still, Sharapova was preparing for a matchup worthy of the second week of a major.

"You probably don't get to see too many second rounds where you see two Grand Slams champions, former No. 1s playing against each other," she said. "The buildup to the match, the excitement, the showtime — I love that. As an athlete, that's what you play for."

And that's probably what brought Davenport back.

"It was fun. The crowd was great. I wish I could've given them a little more to cheer for," the 31-year-old Californian said. "The key was starting off well, and I really didn't do that."

Sharapova never faced a break point. She broke for the fourth time when Davenport netted a forehand on second match point.

"I'm disappointed with the way this match went and this tournament went, but I have

to look big picture at this point in my career," Davenport said. "So far it's gone pretty well the last few months."

Justine Henin could say the same about her time back on the tour after a marriage breakup that kept her from Melbourne last year. She dominated the rest of the 2007 season with a 63-4 record, including wins at the French and U.S. Opens.

Her 6-1, 7-5 victory over Russia's Olga Poutchkova on Wednesday extended the Belgian's streak to 30 consecutive wins since an upset semi-final loss to Marion Bartoli at Wimbledon.

No. 3 Jelena Jankovic, who had to save three match points in a 22-game third set in the first round, had a routine 6-2, 7-5 win over Edina Gallovits in the second round.

Serena Williams made a comeback of her own last year, capturing an eighth Grand Slam title with an emphatic victory over Sharapova in the Australia Open final only three weeks after one of her worst career losses in a tournament at Hobart. She was ranked No. 81 and was only the second unseeded woman to win a Grand Slam title.

Now ranked No. 7, she's growing in confidence for an Australian title defense. She improved her record to 25-1 in her five most recent trips to Melbourne Park with a 6-3, 6-1 win over China's Yuan Meng.

Sister Venus, whose first-round win was her first at Melbourne Park since a fourth-round exit in 2005, is in the opposite half of the draw.

Venus, ranked No. 8, plays Camil Pin first up on Vodafone Arena on Thursday, with No. 2 Svetlana Kuznetsova beginning play on center court against Tsvetana Pironkova.

Roger Federer is next at Rod Laver Arena against French veteran Fabrice Santoro, playing in a record 62nd Grand Slam tournament. Federer has reached the finals of the last 10 majors, winning eight of those to move within two of Pete Sampras' record 14 Grand Slam titles. He's 27-1 at the season's opening major since the start of 2004.

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Luke Harangody has thrown his hat in the ring for Big East player of the year consideration. He's leading the league in scoring (19.3 points per game) and is fourth in rebounds (9.6). Harangody had some trouble contending with the double-team against Marquette Saturday, but fared much better against Cincinnati Tuesday, scoring 24 in the second half.

Guard Kyle McAlarney lit up Connecticut for a career-high 32 points and has developed a consistent touch from the outside after some early-season struggles. McAlarney is also well on his way to perfecting the floater in the lane, which has enabled him to score over guys seven or eight inches taller than he.

Meanwhile, Rob Kurz is as steady as always, averaging 13.8 points and 8.3 rebounds per game.

But for everything the Irish are doing well right now, the 92-66 blowout at Marquette showed what can go wrong.

If Harangody or McAlarney has an off-night shooting, others need to pick up the slack. It could be Tory Jackson finding his way inside, Luke Zeller or Ryan Ayers (whose defensive efforts are almost as unappreciated by the casual observer as Kurz's overall career at Notre Dame) nailing a few more three-pointers and fighting their way inside, or Zach Hillesland using his size and quickness to find his way to the basket.

All of that could happen — but it hasn't very often this season.

Against Marquette, Harangody had 29 points and Kurz added 11, but no one else scored in double figures.



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Irish forward Rob Kurz and Cincinnati guard Deonta Vaughn battle for a loose ball in Notre Dame's 91-74 win Tuesday.

If Notre Dame expects to compete with the upper echelon of the Big East, especially on the road, it needs a little more help from its role players on the nights when Harangody is held in check by someone a little taller than him — like 7-foot-3 Hasheem Thabeet of Connecticut — or when McAlarney faces tough one-on-one defenders, like he did against Marquette. Not every team in the Big East has a Thabeet, or guards as quick as Marquette, but the upper-level teams, like Georgetown and Pittsburgh, do.

Right now, Notre Dame could easily finish 12-6 in conference and make the NCAA Tournament, but with a little

extra boost from its supporting cast, the Irish can challenge for the league title.

Notre Dame faces its biggest test of the season Saturday when it goes on the road to face Georgetown. The Hoyas are on a bit of a downturn, struggling at home against Connecticut and falling at Pittsburgh, but then again, Marquette was in a similar situation Saturday.

And we all know how that turned out.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Tar Heels edge Georgia Tech

Hansbrough's block with seconds left keeps North Carolina perfect

Associated Press

ATLANTA — North Carolina usually does its best work at the offensive end.

This time, it was a defensive play that kept the top-ranked Tar Heels perfect.

With Georgia Tech poised to pull off a monumental upset, Tyler Hansbrough made a game-saving block in the closing seconds and the Tar Heels escaped with an 83-82 victory over the pesky Yellow Jackets on Wednesday night.

Hansbrough scored 27 points, bullying inside for shots and drawing one foul after another, but he saved his biggest play for the end — getting a hand on Zack Peacock's shot that could have won it for the Yellow Jackets.

"Tyler was really something else," Tar Heels coach Roy Williams said.

Danny Green put North Carolina (18-0, 3-0 Atlantic

Coast Conference) ahead by making one of two free throws with 22 seconds remaining.

Georgia Tech (7-9, 0-3) had a chance — a couple of them, in fact. Peacock retrieved the loose ball after Hansbrough's block and got off another shot with 3 seconds to go. It rimmed out, allowing North Carolina to escape.

Peacock insisted that someone hit his hand on the first shot, but he made no excuses

about the second attempt.

"It was the cleanest shot you'll ever get in a basketball game," he moaned. "Next time, it's going in."

Hansbrough finished 7-of-14 from the field and kept getting to the foul line, where he had more attempts (15) than Georgia Tech's entire team (10). The burly, 6-foot-9 junior made 13 free throws, and North Carolina needed every one of them.

"My face really got beat up," said Hansbrough, who also had 11 rebounds. "It was really, really rough."

North Carolina is off to its best start since the 1985-86 team began the season with 21

straight wins.

Another encouraging sign for the Tar Heels: This is their first 3-0 start in the conference since 2004-05, and that team went on to claim the NCAA championship.

This season, they have won all

but four of their games with double-digit blowouts. North Carolina came into Atlanta averaging 92.2 points and winning by an average margin of 22.1.

With snow covering the ground outside after a rare winter storm in Georgia, the Yellow Jackets almost pulled off an even bigger surprise. They put together an 11-2 run for their biggest lead of the game, 63-56.

Anthony Morrow hit a 3-pointer falling down and Peacock completed the spurt with a basket on the inside.

In the unaccustomed role of playing from behind, North Carolina responded. The Tar Heels worked hard for second chances and pulled even at 70 on Ty Lawson's three-point play with 8:52 remaining.

But the Yellow Jackets kept matching North Carolina shot for shot. D'Andre Bell hit a jumper to reclaim the lead for the home team. Lawson scored on a fast-break drive to make it 72-all. Georgia Tech took off the other way for Peacock's dunk.

It was close to the end. Jeremis Smith hit two free throws with 1:13 remaining to make it 82-82, and Georgia Tech squandered a chance to go ahead when Morrow missed a jumper from the corner with the shot clock running down.

Green was fouled by Peacock on the rebound, and walked to the other end of the court to shoot two. Only one went in, but that was enough to give the Tar Heels another victory.

"I'd rather have the winning points than the winning point," Green quipped.

Smith led the Yellow Jackets with 15 points, Peacock had 14 and Morrow added 13. Freshman Gani Lawal also had 13 but fouled out with more than 5 minutes remaining.

Georgia Tech scored three more baskets than the mighty Tar Heels, including eight 3-pointers, but couldn't overcome their 21-of-26 showing at the foul line.

"My face really got beat up. It was really, really rough."

Tyler Hansbrough
Tar Heels forward

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Irish forward Devereaux Peters shoots free throws in Notre Dame's 69-58 win over Villanova Wednesday.

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the 6-4 lead in the first five minutes of the game. With Peters on the court, though, Notre Dame took the game back in its own hands.

The strong Irish press continued to force turnovers as Notre Dame stretched its lead. Despite staying strong up top, Notre Dame struggled to defend the Wildcats' three-point game. Villanova went 9-for-16 from the three-point line, led by Junior Lisa Karcic, who made three for four.

McGraw knew the Irish had their work cut out for them.

"That was a great win for us," McGraw said. "[Villanova] is a really difficult team to guard, they obviously shoot the three very well."

The game also brought an excess of fouls from both sides. Villanova headed to the locker room after the first half with eight fouls, Notre Dame with six.

The Irish were able to control their fouls in the second half and finished the game with 12; Villanova had 18.

This made the difference for the Irish as they went 17-for-18 in free throws, just one shy of the team record. Villanova only went three for four from the line.

The match wasn't all ups for Notre Dame. With 4:55 left in the first half, Lindsay Schrader was down on the floor grabbing her left knee. McGraw said she was immediately concerned, since the guard had torn her right ACL last October.

"Bad memories went through my mind and I was worried," McGraw said. "She's been such a big key for us and she's having such a great year you hate to see that happen."

Schrader re-entered the game in the second half, after doctors said she had hyper-extended her knee, which was not enough to keep her on the bench.

Schrader came back for the Irish to finish the game with 12 points.

Laura Kurz, sister of Notre Dame men's basketball captain Rob Kurz, led Villanova with 20 points.

Notre Dame had some trouble with the ball as the

Villanova defense succeeded in forcing 19 turnovers from the Irish, but McGraw wasn't too worried.

"I don't think they're the type of turnovers you worry about because they weren't bad decisions," she said.

Notre Dame's athleticism helped slow Villanova's offense for the win, Villanova coach Harry Perretta said.

"When have you have athleticism that disrupts anybody's offense," Villanova coach Perretta said.

Peters' role in Notre Dame's press isn't always to get the ball herself.

"[My role is] really to get in their vision and really just force them to through it long so other people can get the steal," Peters said.

Note:

♦The game started with a moment of silent prayer for Notre Dame faculty member Patricia McAdams, a longtime Irish fan who was injured in an accident on her way home from the West Virginia game Sunday.

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beat Peters, she used the only outlet available to her to take out her frustration. As Peters backed into the lane, Karcic reached around and popped her in the jaw.

Unfazed, Peters found guard Lindsay Schrader for the layup, then proceeded to steal a pass, run the length of the court, and make both free throws after she was fouled attempting a layup.

By disrupting Villanova's offense, Peters put together one of her best games of the season.

"She's everywhere. She takes up a lot of ground," Villanova head coach Harry Perretta said. "She's guarding our guards. She's faster than our point guard."

Along with her 15 points, which came on 5-of-8 shooting, Peters had six

rebounds, three blocks and seven steals in the game. No player has had seven steals in a game since Megan Duffy did it on Jan. 30, 2005, when the Irish ended No. 9/10 Connecticut's 112-game winning streak at home against conference opponents. She was also perfect from the foul line, hitting all five free throws she took.

Peters made a living on the block underneath the basket and waited for a lob pass from her teammates. Once it came, her adeptness at turning for the lay-in made life difficult for defenders.

Her natural affinity for defense made itself apparent as soon as she entered the game. Seconds after entering the lineup, she tipped a cross-court pass that resulted in a turnover and scored on the ensuing Irish possession.

"Our game plan changes when she comes in the

game because she can do so many things, so many things well defensively," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We really want her on the floor as much as we can have her there."

Villanova's offense suffocated when Peters participated in the press. Her height and long arms got in Villanova's way, and her quick feet carried her back and forth as she blanketed the Wildcat guards.

Villanova guard Siobhan O'Conner's eyes grew wide with fright as Peters descended on her during the press. Indeed, the Wildcat offensive machine suffered technical difficulties and at times lost even the ability to dribble and pass when Peters applied pressure.

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Irish guard Charel Allen guards Villanova guard Maria Getty in Notre Dame's 69-58 win over the Wildcats Wednesday at the Joyce Center. Getty did not score in the game.

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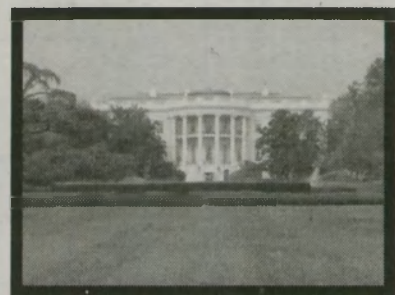
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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Grit and determination

Irish top Wildcats for second Big East win in three games

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
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Villanova leads the nation with the fewest turnovers per game, but that didn't stop Irish freshman Devereaux Peters from playing her role.

Peters forced seven of Villanova's 24 turnovers in Notre Dame's 69-58 win over Villanova Wednesday night at the Joyce Center.

The Irish felt Peters' impact as soon as she stepped on the court at 15:47 in the first half. She grabbed her first steal only 20 seconds into the game and put her first two points on the board just 29 seconds later.

"She's a really good defender in the front of the press and I think she makes a difference in our press, which is why we were able to force the turnovers tonight," Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said.

Villanova looked strong coming out of the gate and took

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Irish guard Ashley Barlow drives the lane in Notre Dame's 69-58 win over Villanova Wednesday at the Joyce Center. The Irish are 2-1 in the Big East so far this season.

IAN GAVLIK/The Observer

Peters' efforts on both ends of floor spur team to win

After 37 minutes of basketball, Villanova forward Lisa Karcic was frustrated. Her team was down by 10 points, and they couldn't mount a comeback despite shooting 56.3 percent from behind the arc.

But she had to be frustrated with Irish freshman forward Devereaux Peters. All night, Peters had disrupted the Wildcats offense, throwing her lanky limbs in front of shots and passes and destroying Villanova's momentum. She had also lived on the block all night and finished with a career-high 15 points.

So because Karcic couldn't



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MEN'S BASKETBALL COMMENTARY

ND needs balanced scoring

Team must have points from more players in upcoming contests

Do you remember the transitive property from your high school math classes? You know, if a is greater than b, and b is greater than c, then a is greater than c?

That may work fine in math, but it hardly applies to the wild and crazy Big East.

Pittsburgh suffers injuries to two key players, loses to Villanova, but somehow pulls it together to knock off league-favorite Georgetown. West Virginia handily beats Marquette, but Marquette turns around and crushes Notre Dame, who beat West Virginia nine days earlier. DePaul, who was 4-7 out of conference, started the Big East 3-1. Most teams have played four conference games, and nobody escaped without at least one loss.

So how can Notre Dame pull through the mayhem and finish near the top of the Big East



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Irish guard Jonathan Peoples goes for a layup in Notre Dame's 108-62 win over Northern Illinois Dec. 8.

standings?

A little balance.

Notre Dame (13-3, 3-1 Big East) is one of six teams with one loss atop the conference standings. Before the season began, the Big East coaches picked Notre Dame to finish ninth in their preseason poll.

Last year, the Irish were

picked 11th, and finished fourth.

Judging by the way they played their first four games, Notre Dame can finish that high again this year — maybe even a little higher.

Through four games, forward

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SMC BASKETBALL

Kessler's record night powers Belles to win

Senior guard scores 41 as Saint Mary's tops K-Zoo, 72-69

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI
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Alison Kessler rebounded from a slow start during Wednesday's game against Kalamazoo, scoring a school-record 41 points in the Belles' 72-69 win.

The Saint Mary's senior guard missed her first two shots and had a turnover early in the first half. She didn't get on the board until five and a half minutes had gone by.

Once she started, though, Kessler never stopped.

The Belles edged Kalamazoo for their third conference win of the season. Kessler, the only Belle to score in double figures, shot 14-27 from the field and pulled down nine rebounds in the win.

Despite Kessler's stellar per-

formance, the Hornets (4-10, 1-5 MIAA) went shot-for-shot with the Belles for the first half, always staying within at least six points.

After the break, Kalamazoo took a 42-41 lead at the 16:41 mark, and stretched that lead to 12 with 7:48 left in the game. But Saint Mary's took a 70-69 lead after a layup by Kessler with 34 seconds remaining.

Twenty seconds later, Kessler iced the game and scored her 40th and 41st points with two free-throws.

Sophomore Anna Kamrath was the Belles' second leading scorer with eight and junior forward Erin Newsom chipped in eleven rebounds.

Kalamazoo senior guards Kelsea Howell and Therese Demres led the Hornets, scoring 22 and 19 points, respectively.

With the win, the Belles reached .500 both in the MIAA (3-3) and overall (7-7).

The team hopes to continue its success Saturday at home against Tri-State. The contest with the Thunder will be the second home game for the Belles this season, and the first since Dec. 5 when the Belles lost to Calvin.

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Kessler