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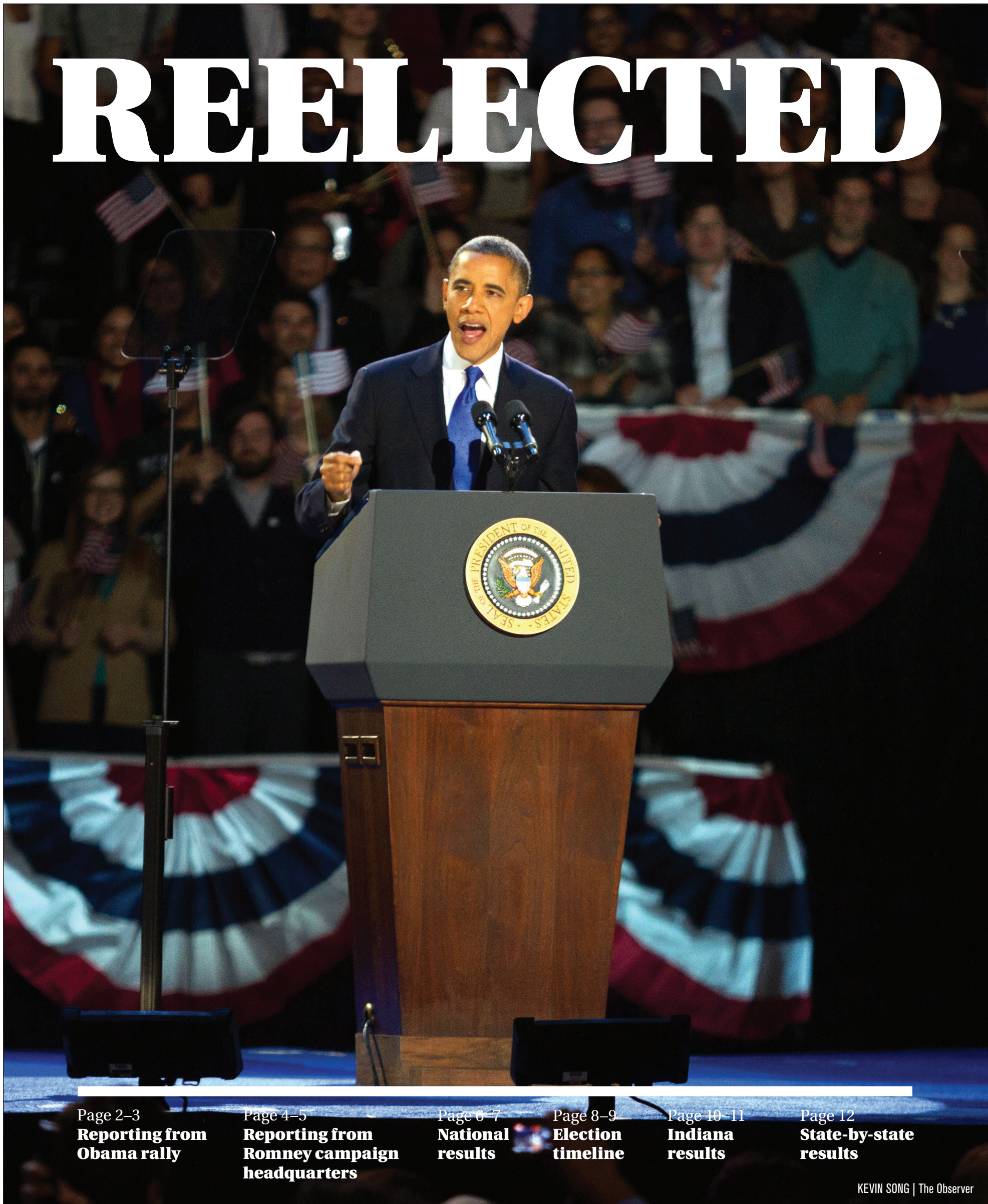
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Counting down to victory

A minute-by-minute replay of the Obama rally at McCormick Place in Chicago

By JOHN CAMERON

News Editor

CHICAGO — More than 10,000 people filled a massive hall at Chicago's McCormick Place to see if their Commander-in-Chief could back up his famed rallying cry: "Yes We Can." After spending a long evening with eyes trained on massive projection screens airing media commentary, the crowd breathed a sigh of relief around 10:15 p.m. when it was clear: Yes, he did.

Three members of The Observer's staff were among the many gathered in the press area throughout the day. Here's our experience, minute by minute:

2:37 p.m.: We check in with Obama for America's media coordinators at the McCormick Place Hyatt and receive press passes.

2:53 p.m.: Upon arriving at the entrance to the south lot of Soldier Field, we are ushered through the first security checkpoint. Our car is searched by two Secret Service agents and a bomb-sniffing dog.

3:03 p.m.: We reach the second security checkpoint where we are again searched by agents and a detection dog, this time focusing on our equipment. After being ushered through metal detectors, we are directed to the press work stations.

3:38 p.m.: After shopping around for an ideal spot, we settle onto the main floor press area near reporters from Polish and Dutch outlets. A Polish reporter laments the waiting game he's been trudging through since his early arrival on the grounds.

4:40 p.m.: The first sound check begins: a reading of Dr. Seuss's "Green Eggs and Ham."

6:17 p.m.: The media floor



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President Barack Obama delivers his acceptance speech after winning a second term in office Tuesday night.

awakens from an extended lull as Ill. Sen. Dick Durbin passes through press area.

7:16 p.m.: Music starts up on the main stage. Playlist: Bruce Springsteen, Florence + the Machine, Zac Brown Band, Al Green, Arcade Fire.

7:20 p.m.: Ticket-bearing members of the public begin filing into the hall, visibly excited.

7:30 p.m.: Actresses Angela Bassett and Alfre Woodard enter through "special guests" gate, surrounded by enthused Obama supporters.

8:04 p.m.: Video montage begins, highlighting Obama's previous campaign and first term. The video is YouTube themed, showing clips of major speeches, rallies and media appearances. Scenes range from light-hearted, family moments to the coverage of bin Laden's death and the conclusion of the Iraq War.

8:31 p.m.: A second video featuring Vice President Joe Biden and First Lady Michelle Obama begins. This short focuses on social issues, referencing unions, immigrants and the LGBT community,

before concluding on the economy. One clip includes a quote from Biden, "If the 47 percent doesn't make it, the country doesn't make it."

9:00 p.m.: Third video montage begins with footage of the First Lady in which she discusses the need to stay with the administration's forward momentum. "Are we going to turn around and enact the same policies that got us into this mess in the first place?" "I'm going to need your help finishing what we started," her husband said in another clip. "I believe in you, and I need you to keep believing in me."

9:14 p.m.: Video beings with Biden referencing Romney's touted flub about "binders full of women," before segueing into dialogue about women's issues. Footage presents Obama joking about Romney's alleged flip-flopping on issues, popularly dubbed "Romnesia." "Here's the good news—Obamacare covers pre-existing conditions."

9:35 p.m.: Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie of the African Methodist Episcopal Church offers an invocation.

"We praise you that you have uplifted a leader of character and confidence," she said.

9:40 p.m.: Singer Ledisi provides a rendition of the National Anthem.

10:15 p.m.: MSNBC projects Obama to win reelection. The crowd erupts.

10:20 p.m.: CNN issues concurring projection as celebrations continue. Spectators break into dance as "Twist and Shout" booms through the hall.

11:55 p.m.: The crowd cheers and jeers as Obama's opposition, Gov. Mitt Romney, comes onto the projection screens to give his concession speech. "I have just called President Obama to congratulate him on his victory," he said, before thanking his running mate Paul Ryan, wife Ann, sons, campaign team and donors. "I don't believe there's ever been an effort in our party that can compare with what you've done ... This election is over, but our principles endure."

12:09 a.m.: The crowd cheers in unison with footage of 2008 rally, "Fired up, ready to go," as the newly-re-elected President prepares to take the stage.

12:38 a.m.: The First Family arrives on stage to the loudest cheering of the night thus far.

12:40 a.m.: The President, smiling widely, offers an address focused on bipartisan progress. "I believe we can seize this future together, because we are not as divided as our politics suggest," he said. "We're not as cynical as the pundits believe. We are greater than the sum of our individual ambitions and we remain more than a collection of red states and blue states. We are, and forever will be, the United States of America."

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A hand raised among the crowd at McCormick Place in Chicago on Tuesday night signals for four more years for Obama. The incumbent president celebrated his win in the early morning hours among thousands of supporters.

Four more years

Obama accepts victory in 2012 presidential election amidst cheers and calls for more change



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Confetti shoots into the air at McCormick Place in Chicago in celebration of Democratic incumbent President Barack Obama's victory in Tuesday's election. Media organizations began to declare Obama the election winner late Tuesday evening, and he took the stage in front of supporters at 12:38 a.m. today.

By **KRISTEN DURBIN**
News Editor

CHICAGO — Forward.

For months, President Barack Obama has been asking voters to help him move forward to four more years in office.

On Tuesday, the voters did just that.

In what remained a tight race until well after the polls closed Tuesday, Obama defeated Republican opponent former Mass. Gov. Mitt Romney in an Electoral College battle to win a second term in office. Obama nearly swept the hotly contested battleground states to solidify his victory, carrying Colorado, Iowa, Ohio, New Hampshire, Virginia and Wisconsin.

At Obama's election night rally at McCormick Place in Chicago on Tuesday night, crowds cheered periodically throughout the night as major television news outlets predicted electoral victories in those swing states, culminating with rousing applause and joyful cheers from supporters when the first reports began projecting an overall victory for the incumbent president at 10:20 p.m.

Because votes in many states had yet to be counted at the time

of those projections and races in Ohio and Florida were too close to call, Romney delayed formally conceding the election at his Boston headquarters 11:55 p.m., when he delivered a formal address to supporters.

When Romney began his concession speech with congratulations for Obama, the Chicago crowd erupted into cheers and began chanting, "Four more years!" almost immediately after Romney concluded his five-minute address.

But the energized crowd had to wait until 12:38 p.m. for Obama, First Lady Michelle and their daughters Malia and Sasha to take the McCormick Place stage prior to the President's address.

With his signature rhetorical flair, Obama began his speech by thanking his fellow Americans for their perseverance in the face of significant challenges and expressed hope for the future of the country.

"Tonight ... you, the American people, reminded us that while our road has been hard, while our journey has been long, we have picked ourselves up, we have fought our way back, and we know in our hearts that for the United States of America, the best is yet to

come," he said.

Throughout the 20-minute speech, Obama relied on anecdotes of ordinary Americans' experiences to highlight his vision for a "generous America, a compassionate America, a tolerant America" and emphasize their unique roles in shaping American democracy as a whole.

"Democracy in a nation of 300 million can be noisy and messy and complicated," he said. "We have our own opinions. Each of us has deeply held beliefs. And ... when we make big decisions as a country, it necessarily stirs passions, stirs up controversy. That won't change after tonight."

"These arguments we have are a mark of our liberty, and we can never forget that as we speak, people in distant nations are risking their lives right now just for a chance to argue about the issues that matter."

Invoking his campaign slogan — "Forward" — Obama addressed the audience, the country and the world about the reality of progress in America and the need to "move forward" as a united nation.

"We will disagree, sometimes fiercely, about how to get there. ... Progress will come in fits and starts," he said.

The president made an appeal directly to those who voted for his opponent, calling the election a new beginning for increased communication and collaboration.

"A long campaign is over," he said. "Whether I earned your vote or not, I have listened to you. I have learned from you. And you've made me a better president."

Freedom and responsibility extend to all Americans, regardless of individual background, to make a place for themselves in our diverse nation, Obama said.

"I believe we can keep the promise of our founding, the idea that if you're willing to work hard, it doesn't matter who you are or where you come from or what you look like," he said. "It doesn't matter whether you're black or white or Hispanic or Asian or Native American or young or old or rich or poor, abled, disabled, gay or straight. You can make it here in America if you're willing to try."

As he closed his address, Obama asked the country to "sustain that hope" he campaigned on in 2008 and use it to change America's future.

"I believe we can seize this future together because we are not as divided as our politics suggests. ... We are greater than the sum of

our individual ambitions and we remain more than a collection of red states and blue states. We are, and forever will be, the United States of America."

After the President's rousing conclusion and a shower of confetti on the audience, Ziwe Fumudoh, a 20-year-old junior at Northwestern, said the Election Night experience was "life-changing."

"The atmosphere tonight was absolutely electrifying," she said. "This was my first time voting ever, so it was nice to be around people who have the same ideas about where this country should go."

Monica Yi, also a Northwestern junior and first-time voter, said the rally amplified her feelings about the President going into his second term.

"I'm a huge Obama supporter, so this was amazing and one of the coolest things I've ever experienced," she said. "I thought his speech hit all the good points I wanted to hear, so I'm really psyched for the next four years, and I think we have a lot to look forward to."

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Obama waves to the crowd in Chicago alongside his wife, Michelle, and their daughters, Sasha and Malia.



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Supporters raise American flags and snap photographs of the victorious president early this morning.



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Obama grasps hands with incumbent vice president Joe Biden before the cheering crowd at McCormick Place.

Minute by minute, fighting until the end



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The Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC) lit up election night as Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney awaited news of his eventual defeat.



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Romney supporters stand inside the concourse of the BCEC as the Republican nominee delivers his speech to concede the race to challenger President Barack Obama.

By SAM STRYKER
Assistant Managing Editor

BOSTON — After a long day of travel, including more than four hours of flight delays, we finally checked into the Revere Hotel just before 7 p.m. We quickly changed and headed off to the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC), the central hub of Election Night 2012 for the Romney/Ryan campaign. We are based in the Press Filing Center, which is playing host to hundreds of reporters from around the world as they cover the GOP side of the presidential race. Here is a minute-by-minute account of the night's events.

7:08 p.m.: We are dropped off by our cab at the BCEC and make our way to the security check-in. The building is lit up with red, white and blue, and loads of Republicans, young and old alike, are being bused to the center.

7:36 p.m.: After some major help from our media contact, we head through security and make it into the Press Filing Center, which is only about half full. Fox News and CNN are playing on two large screens in the front of the room, flanking a stage. The first few rows are for the traveling press — The New York Times, Newsweek and The Los Angeles Times, to name a few. There is even a spot for Canal+, a French network. The major broadcast and cable networks — Fox News, ABC News, NBC News and so forth all have their own rooms.

7:44 p.m.: We receive word in the Press Filing Center that Romney's plane has landed in Boston, and hopefully is on his way to the BCEC.

7:48 p.m.: In news back home, Notre Dame alumnus Joe Donnelly is deadlocked at 47 percent with Republican competitor Richard Mourdock in the race for Indiana Senator. Donnelly, who also graduated from the Notre Dame Law School, leads Mourdock by just over a thousand votes.

7:51 p.m.: 41,557 tweets per minute are sent with the hashtag "#election2012," according to Fox News. That is some serious thumb exercising out there.

8:05 p.m.: We eat some food. Polenta, pork, garlic chicken and artichoke — It's pretty good, except they ran out of dessert.

8:09 p.m.: We are reminded that while it is America who is choosing its president tonight, the entire world is watching the election. We have run across members of the press with accents that run the gamut from French to German, British to Indian.

8:15 p.m.: It is interesting to see the rate the different networks are reporting the results of states' electoral votes. Fox News is way ahead, counting 78 for Obama and 82 for Romney while CNN is at a more conservative 64 for the President and 56 for the former Massachusetts governor.

8:20 p.m.: And Doherty Joe Donnelly is ahead by almost 40,000 votes according to CNN. If elected, he would be the first Irish alum in the Senate in modern history.

8:27 p.m.: CNN just showed a shot of huge crowds outside in Chicago supporting Obama. We saw no such thing on our way into the BCEC — Boston may be Romney headquarters, but Massachusetts is a solidly "blue" state.

8:51 p.m.: CNN was just cut out for a moment for Fox News. We almost lost Anderson Cooper for a moment, but thankfully he is back on the big screen.

9:00 p.m.: 14 states with 156 electoral votes just closed their polls. Also just in — Michigan, Romney's home state where his father was once governor, will send its 16 electoral votes to Obama.

9:05 p.m.: Gov. Bob McDonnell of Virginia, a Notre Dame alumnus, phones in to the BCEC on a video screen and offers thanks to the Republican volunteers who have gathered in Boston. He said he looks forward to calling the

Republican candidate "President Romney" come tomorrow morning.

9:07 p.m.: CNN declares GOP will maintain lead in the House of Representatives and the foyer at the BCEC erupts with applause.

9:31 p.m.: Are we headed for Armageddon? Fox News has the two candidates in a tie; Romney and Obama are locked at 153 electoral votes.

9:39 p.m.: Romney senior strategist Ed Gillespie takes the stage at BCEC and said he is "optimistic and confident" about the ballots rolling in around the country.

9:40 p.m.: Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio comes in via videoconference, saying this is the campaign he has most enjoyed being a part of. He said the Republican campaign "channeled energy and enthusiasm of Mitt and Paul" in his home state.

10:03 p.m.: More states polls just closed, including several swing states. All of a sudden, the Fox News anchors are going crazy with the video screen and potential outcomes of states swinging either "red" or "blue." Technology at its finest.

10:15 p.m.: A Spanish-language network just was reporting next to our desk in the Press Filing Center. The back half of the room is pretty full, but as you get to the front of the room with larger media outlets, it is largely empty. Only a few members of the Romney traveling press are here.

10:30 p.m.: According to Twitter, the 2012 election has already become the most tweeted-about U.S. political event in history. No surprises there. In other news, Romney is ahead of Obama by nearly 1.5 million votes in the popular votes — but is in the fight of his life for electoral votes.

10:40 p.m.: And we have switched to local news at the Press Filing Center, as incumbent Republican Sen. Scott Brown of Massachusetts has lost to Democratic challenger Elizabeth

Warren. Brown is giving a concession speech, and is gracious in defeat.

11:01 p.m.: With many West Coast states' polls closing, Fox News has Obama leading Romney in Electoral College votes, 244 to 193. He needs just 26 more to clinch the presidency. Several swing states' ballots — including Ohio, Florida and Nevada — are still being counted.

11:10 p.m.: CNN projects Obama will win Iowa. From the shots of Chicago, it looks like the crowd is going wild.

11:12 p.m.: Fox News has Obama within eight electoral votes of the presidency. The network projects him winning the crucial battleground state of Ohio.

11:14 p.m.: NBC has declared Obama the winner of the 2012 presidential election. Phones are starting to ring at the BCEC Press Filing Center, and for the first time of the night, there is a palpable buzz in the room.

11:18 p.m.: Fox News and CNN have called it too. Time to get to work in the Press Filing Center — keys are being pattered at, all sorts of foreign language chattering is flying back and forth and phones are ringing off the hook.

11:25 p.m.: Now Fox News is claiming they may have projected an Obama win in Ohio win too early, as the candidates are neck-and-neck with 72 percent of ballots reported. According to one Fox News correspondent, Romney's staff in Boston is "frantically crunching numbers" and is not prepared to make a concession speech.

11:44 p.m.: According to an aide, Romney is not ready to concede. Supporters are sticking around the BCEC ballroom. It looks like we may be in for a long night. Of note is that Romney still has a comfortable lead in the popular vote.

11:59 p.m.: Candy Crowley of CNN says the BCEC contingent is a "quiet crowd" and says Romney is still not ready to concede.

12:07 a.m.: Although the network says there is no word on a concession call from Romney to Obama Fox News is talking about the Republican candidate's post-campaign life. Crowd shots of BCEC ballroom are somber. It looks like the beginning of the end.

12:28 a.m.: "What's [Romney] doing really, sobbing uncontrollably?" says the Canadian reporter behind me. The press is antsy for some sort of indication as to when Romney plans to come out concede the race.

12:32 a.m.: Still waiting on any word as to when Romney plans on addressing the crowds here at the BCEC.

12:35 a.m.: Obama is finally ahead in the popular vote, according to CNN.

12:50 a.m.: We hear Mitt Romney is to speak at 12:55 a.m. EST.

12:55 p.m.: Romney takes the stage at the BCEC ballroom to raucous applause, announces he has called President Obama and conceded the race. "I pray that our president will be successful in guiding our nation," he said to the audience.

1 a.m.: Romney wraps up his concession speech. "We have given our all to this campaign. I so wish, I so wish, that I had been able to fulfill your votes to lead the country in a different direction," he said. "But the nation chose another leader, and so Ann and I join with you to urgently pray for him and for this great nation."

1:37 a.m.: Obama takes the stage in Chicago with Michelle, Malia and Sasha in tow to deliver his victory speech.

1:59 a.m.: Obama has wrapped up his victory speech. After nearly seven hours at the BCEC, we're ready to wrap this puppy up. Romney lost and Obama won, but it was an incredible experience to be in Boston covering the event.

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Decision made

Tight race comes to close as Romney officially recognizes Obama's victory early Wednesday morning



Republican presidential candidate and former Mass. Gov. Mitt Romney crosses the stage at 12:55 a.m. today in the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, just a few minutes before he officially conceded in the race against Democratic incumbent Barack Obama.

BySAM STRYKER
Assistant Managing Editor

BOSTON — It's all over.

At 12:55 a.m. today, Mitt Romney walked out on to a stage at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC) to raucous applause from Republican supporters. Upon reaching the podium, he told the audience he had just called President Barack Obama to congratulate him on his victory and second presidential term.

"This is a time of great challenges for America, I pray that our president will be successful in guiding our nation," he said.

Looking forward to Obama's second term, Romney urged politicians and citizens alike to work together for the benefit of the United States.

"The nation, as you know, is at a critical point. At a time like this, we can't risk partisanship," he said. "Our leaders have to reach across the aisle to do the people's work. And we citizens have to rise to the occasion."

The former Massachusetts governor advocated for all elected leaders to work together and push past partisanship.

"We look to Democrats and Republicans and government at all levels to put the people before the politics," he said. "I believe in America. I believe in the people of America."

Romney said he ran for office because he was "concerned" about America, but because of solid political foundations, has great hope for the future of the country.

"This election is over, but our principles endure," he said. "I believe the principles upon which this nation was founded are the only sure guide to a resurgent economy and to a new greatness."

In his address, Romney thanked his running mate, Wisc. Rep. Paul Ryan, and urged him to continue

to contribute his political efforts to the American nation.

"Besides my wife Ann, Paul is the best choice I have ever made," he said. "And I trust that his intellect and his hard work and his commitment to principle will continue to contribute to the good of our nation."

Romney then thanked his wife Ann and his family for their support and efforts in his run for president. Last, he acknowledged the huge team of supporters who made his campaign possible.

"I don't believe there has ever been an effort in our party that can compare with what you have done over these past years," he said.

In the closing remarks of his speech, Romney said he and Ryan "put everything on the field" in the hopes of guiding America in their vision.

"We have given our all to this campaign. I so wish, I so wish, that I had been able to fulfill your votes to lead the country in a different direction," he said. "But the nation chose another leader, and so Ann and I join with you to earnestly pray for him and for this great nation."

Earlier in the evening, just after 9 p.m., Gov. Bob McDonnell of Virginia, a Notre Dame alumnus, phoned in to the BCEC from Virginia on video screens with personal words of encouragement for the Romney campaign. He said he was excited with voter turnout in his state, saying four to five districts were staying open late for voting.

"We're excited about the momentum we had going into the campaign."

McDonnell said he was enthused with the work of Republican volunteers in the state and thought the state might swing to Romney, though its 13 Electoral College votes eventually went to Obama.

"We remain very optimistic about our chances to win here in Virginia," he said. "But because of

the exceptional work of volunteers here and tremendous 'get out the vote' effort, and Gov. Romney's personal conviction and positive message ... we think we're going to carry the day."

As hundreds looked on at the BCEC, McDonnell thanked Republican volunteers for their "incredible sacrificial support" in propelling Romney's presidential campaign around the country.

"Your leadership, your being good ambassadors for the governor all over this great country, we know we need a change in leadership, and Gov. Romney and Paul Ryan are the ones who will do it," he said.

At the time, McDonnell said he anticipated tomorrow morning, when he could address the former Massachusetts governor by a new title.

"I'm looking forward to calling President Romney in the morning," he said.

Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio, who stood in for Obama in practice debates with Romney, phoned in to the BCEC via videoconference around 9:40 p.m. with a message of support.

"Everybody tonight better be extremely proud of the work they have done," he said.

Portman, a veteran of nine presidential campaigns said he has never been "prouder" than his participation with the Romney/Ryan ticket. He noted the campaign's motto from the popular television show "Friday Night Lights" — "Clear eyes, full hearts, can't lose" — and said this was evidenced in efforts in his home state.

"We have clear eyes. ... We certainly have full hearts," he said. "And finally, we can't lose. We're doing the right thing for our state and our country. We feel really good about it."

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Romney, left, embraces Republican vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan in Boston during his election night rally.



Romney supporter Tammy Plaster watches media coverage of the presidential election with her son in Las Vegas on Tuesday night.

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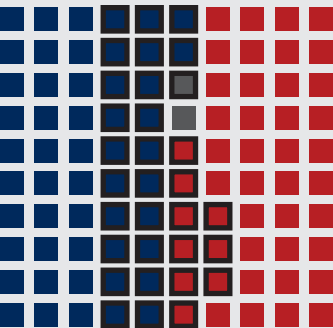
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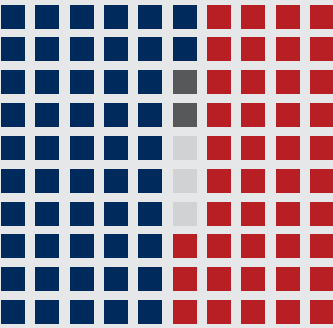
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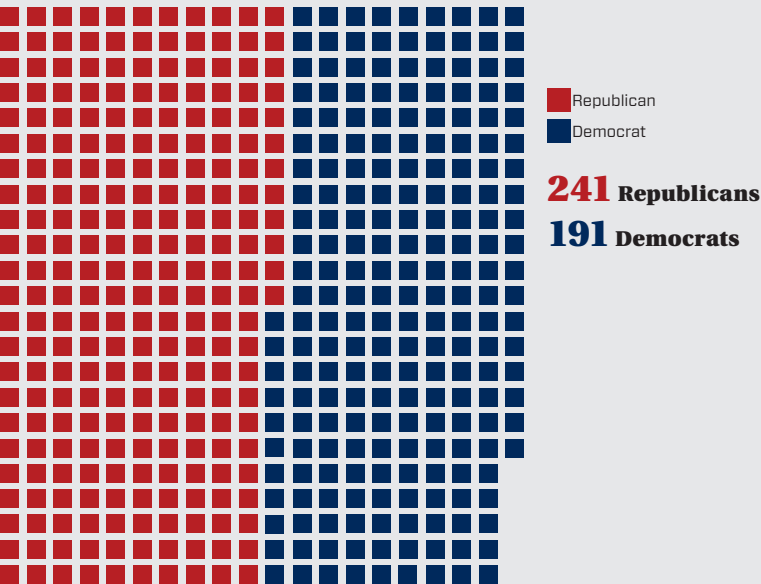
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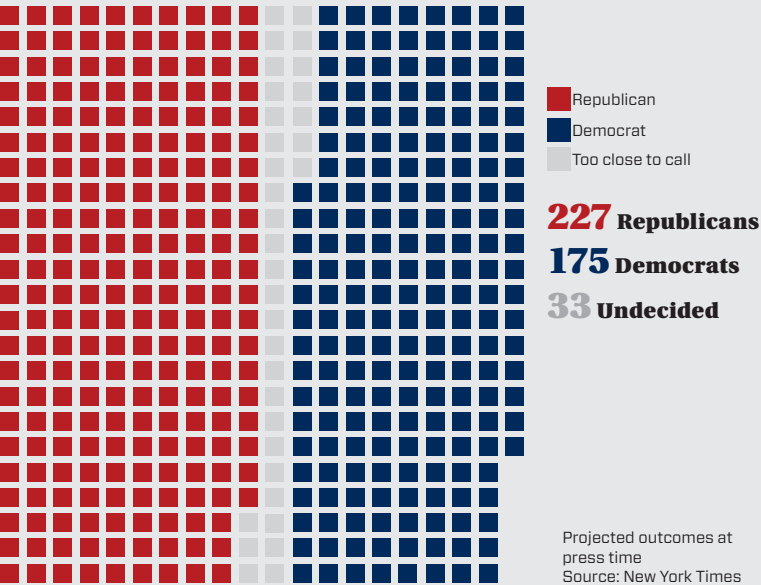
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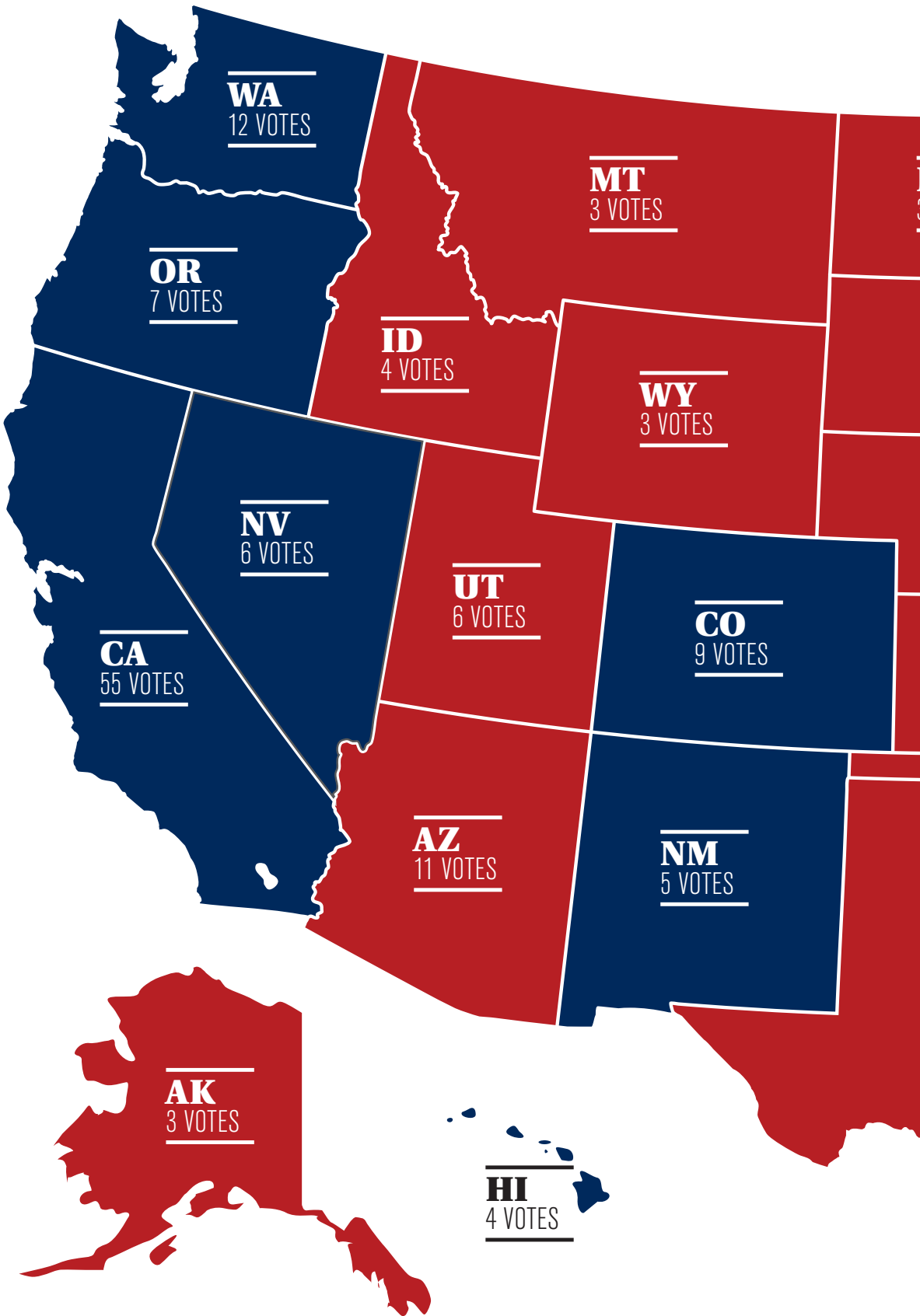
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ELECTION 2012

President Obama to serve second term

Democrats celebrate reelection of Barack Obama

By MADDIE DALY
News Writer



Members of Notre Dame College Democrats took over the first floor of LaFortune Student Center Tuesday night to watch state-by-state election results come in. Students arrived as early as 7 p.m. and stayed throughout the evening, which culminated in President Obama winning a second term as President.

Juniors Vanessa Silva and Zach Agudelo came clad in their College Democrats shirts and eagerly watched the night's coverage.

"I'm a political science major, so this stuff fascinates me," Silva said. "I feel very passionate about Romney not winning so I'm here watching sadly [referring to the close results]. But hopefully that will change."

Agudelo is also a political science major who interned with Brendan Mullen, the Indiana 2nd District candidate for the House of

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Top: Participants at the Democratic watch listen to the news reports of Tuesday's election on the first floor of the LaFortune Student Center.



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Bottom: Students study and work on homework while following the results of Tuesday's election at the Republican watch in the LaFortune Ballroom.

Republican election watch ends in disappointment

By MEGHAN THOMASSEN
News Writer



The Notre Dame College Republican election watch only met disappointment when incumbent President Barack Obama beat former Gov. Mitt Romney with enough electoral votes to claim another four years in office Friday night.

The crowd spent the night eating pizza and refreshing their newsfeeds as they followed Fox News election alerts in LaFortune Ballroom, but the room emptied when media sources began to call the race as Obama's.

Deirdre O'Leary, a Saint Mary's freshman from Philadelphia, Penn., watched with the club as her home state went blue.

"I'm actually pretty shocked," O'Leary said. "A couple of hours ago, it looked completely turned around. It didn't seem it would be predicted as early as it was. I thought Mitt Romney was going to pull it out. I honestly

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Phishing scam targets Notre Dame students, staff

By CHRISTIAN MYERS
News Writer

Members of the millennial generation current Notre Dame students are fairly tech-savvy, but the Office of Information Technology (OIT) has seen a significant increase in the number of students falling for phishing scams this year.

According to the OIT website, phishing is the use of email or fraudulent web sites to trick people into disclosing their personal financial or identity information, including user names and passwords.

David Seidl, director of information security for OIT, said instances of such scams that have succeeded in tricking students have increased during this academic year.

"Historically it was mostly faculty and staff that fell for these scams, and the number of students scammed was next to nothing," Seidl said. "This year there were 25 students scammed in one month."

Seidl said an increase at the very beginning of the year or when students and faculty are returning from vacation is expected, but this year the increase

has been greater and more sustained than in the past.

A new, targeted phishing technique is a big part of the reason for the increase, Seidl said. The new phish, which convinced at least 76 people to visit the web site to which it is linked, features an image of the Notre Dame seal and purports to be a security alert.

Notre Dame is not the only university to be targeted by phishers using this new technique, Seidl said.

"Other universities are also

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25 Students scammed in **1** month

76 Students visited the phish site
web site features an image of the ND seal

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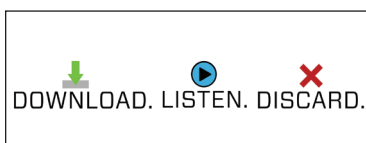
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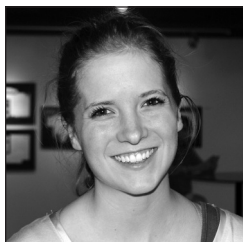
sophomore
Badin Hall

“Mozzarella sticks. Enough said.”



Blanca Foncillas

junior
McGlinn Hall
“A blue pretzel M&M because it’s crunchy and sweet.”



Holly O'Hara

sophomore
Pasquerilla West Hall

“An omelet. Om-a-let you know why later.”



Sunoh Choe

senior
off campus

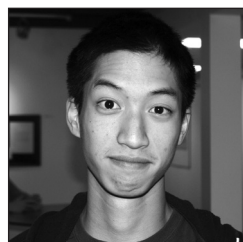
“Airhead — mystery flavor.”



Annaleigh McDonald

sophomore
Cavanaugh Hall

“A s'more, because I like being outside.”



Quan Tran

junior
off campus

“A bagel, because everyone loves bagels.”



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Members of NDTV broadcast live from LaFortune Main Lounge on Tuesday evening as part of the NDTV Live Election Night Special. The program featured interviews throughout the evening with passers-by to discuss their opinions about the election.

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Thursday

Summer Service Learning Program Information Session

Geddes Hall
5 p.m.-6 p.m.
Speak with volunteers.

Friday

“We are Made of Star Stuff”

Jordan Hall
7 p.m.-8 p.m.
Digital Visualization Theater show.

Saturday

Men's Basketball vs. Evansville

Purcell Pavilion
2 p.m.-4 p.m.
First regular season game.

Sunday

Theatre: “The Servant of Two Masters” by Carlo Goldoni

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
2:30 p.m.-5 p.m.
\$7 for students.

“The Servant of Two Masters”

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7:30 p.m.-10 p.m.
Goldoni's 1743 work

Northern Lights 5K Run/Walk

Fieldhouse Mall/Clarke Memorial Fountain
9 p.m.-10 p.m.
\$15 registration..

Sean Curran and The King's Singers

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7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Singing and dance..

Film: “Chicken with Plums”

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.
\$4 for students.

Film: “The Legacy of Prophet Muhammad”

Hesburgh Center Auditorium
4 p.m.-6 p.m.

Lecture explores Chile's policies

By **DAN BROMBACH**
News Writer

Following the retrenchment of social policy under a period of turbulent military rule, Chile has endeavored to drastically reform its healthcare and pension systems, aiming to reduce poverty, inequality and provide a model for other nations seeking change.

Rossana Castiglioni, head of the political science department at Chile's Universidad Diego Portales, outlined this social policy journey during her Tuesday lecture, titled "Against All Odds: Social Policy Rollbacks in Democratic Chile."

Castiglioni said the democratically elected presidents of Chile in the 1990s, Patricio Aylwin and Eduardo Frei, inherited a system that split healthcare between public provision under Fonasa, a fund into which workers paid seven percent of their monthly income, and Isapre, a system of private healthcare providers. For an additional premium, workers could buy into the private Isapre system in order to receive greater benefits and overall superior care.

Castiglioni said this system generated enormous amounts of inequality, with private providers charging certain demographic groups discriminatory prices in the hope of driving high-risk individuals

to seek Fonasa government insurance.

"If you were a woman and you were at an age to have kids, they will charge you a lot," Castiglioni said. "And if you are old, either pray or pay, because they will charge you a lot of money."

Castiglioni said Aylwin and Frei were content to preside over further expansion of the private sphere of the healthcare system disproportionately favoring the wealthy. She said it was not until President Ricardo Lagos took office from 2000 to 2006 that efforts were made to address growing inequalities and bolster support for the nation's vulnerable citizens.

By introducing his AUGE plan, granting access to medical attention within a clear timetable to all patients who reach the inclusion criteria for one of 69 pathologies or medical conditions, Lagos implemented the greatest change to Chilean healthcare in 20 years, Castiglioni said.

She said despite Lagos' concerted effort to eliminate discrimination in the private health system, and despite a recent ruling of the Chilean Constitutional Tribunal declaring such discrimination "inadmissible," the issue has not yet been resolved.

"Lagos tried to tackle inequalities and discrimination, particularly in terms of age and sex, but the truth is that even though

other parts of his reforms were approved discrimination still exists," Castiglioni said.

Following Lagos' term, President Michelle Bachelet took up the banner of social policy after Lagos' departure from office, putting together an advisory council to elaborate a pension reform proposal, Castiglioni said. The March 2008 law drawn up by this team of economists and sociologists stood as a capstone of Chilean social reform, introducing a "basic solidarity pillar" through which 40 percent of the poorest of the population, many of who had never contributed to the system, would be entitled to receive an old age pension or a disability pension of around 100 dollars.

Although the recent changes in Chilean social policy have had a significant impact, Castiglioni said she ultimately does not feel they should be classified as structural reform. She blamed the lack of true structural reform on the dispersion of power, weakness of non-state actors and ideological distribution of the political system.

These three factors are holding Chile back from taking more aggressive steps in reforming its system of social protection, Castiglioni said.

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Alumna discusses HIV, AIDS research

By **SARAH SWIDERSKI**
News Writer

Saint Mary's alumna Mary Anne Luzar will share new developments in her research in AIDS and HIV treatments Nov. 14, bringing her extensive work in the global fight against these diseases to the College.

Luzar, a 1972 graduate, is the chief of the Regulatory Affairs Branch of the Division of AIDS at the National Institute of Health. The lecture, titled "The Door Finally Opens for

a way to fight AIDS.

"Dr. Luzar's lecture [will] highlight the impact of two clinical trials on HIV vaccine development and prevention," Gray said. "Dr. Luzar will share the results of the trials and how the global community worked together to perform research that gives hope for prevention of this devastating disease."

According to a Saint Mary's College press release, Luzar graduated from Saint Mary's with a degree in French Literature and Humanistic Studies.

"Dr. Luzar's career provides an example of how a liberal arts degree can lead to many different career paths," Gray said.

The press release also noted the seminar will provide an overview of the results of two clinical trials that made headlines around the world in July during the 19th International AIDS Conference in Washington, D.C.

"The impact of these trials

"As a Saint Mary's alumna and accomplished scientist, Dr. Luzar brings expertise that will benefit Saint Mary's students as well as local members of the medical community."

Libby Gray
director of development
Saint Mary's

HIV Prevention: A Review of the Exciting Results of Two International HIV Prevention Clinical Trials and Their Impact on HIV Prevention Research in the 21st Century" will discuss her work in this field.

The lecture will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Room 105 of the Science Hall. The Division of College Relations and the Career Crossings Office are sponsoring the event.

Libby Gray, director of development for the College, said the college is excited to welcome Luzar back to campus.

"As a Saint Mary's alumna and accomplished scientist, Dr. Luzar brings expertise that will benefit Saint Mary's students as well as local members of the medical community," Gray said. "We are delighted to have her present the latest findings on two studies that offer hope in the global fight against HIV and AIDS."

Despite the event being science based, Gray encouraged students to attend and believes the event will benefit the local community. Gray said she thinks students will be interested in what Luzar has to say.

"Students will be impressed by the details of the research that is being performed across the globe to provide hope for those suffering from HIV/AIDS," she said.

Gray said Luzar has worked on two clinical trials that seek

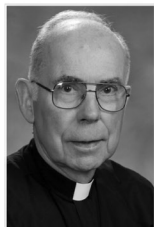
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Dan Reagan '76, former associate vice president for University Relations at Notre Dame (2003-'12); he is a member of Notre Dame's first coed freshman class.



Jeanine Sterling '76 serves on the Alumni Association's ND Women Connect steering committee; she is a member of Notre Dame's first coed freshman class.

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Scam

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seeing an increase in these kinds of attacks, it's called 'spear phishing,'" he said.

Seidl said students, and anyone else with a Notre Dame account, should ignore any email request for their netID or password.

"We [at OIT] will never ask for your password," he said.

Lenette Votava, director of internal marketing and communications for OIT, said protecting an individual netID is important for more than just the individual's identity security.

"It only takes one person to fall for a phishing scam, because once a phisher starts sending from a legitimate Notre Dame account we get blacklisted by third parties," Votava said.

Because of these problems with third parties, Seidl said it is important that students are vigilant in protecting their Notre Dame netIDs and passwords against targeted phishing scams.

"Students need to know they are the target and their netIDs effect more than just themselves," he said.

Seidl said it can take anywhere from two to four days to clear a blacklisting from a third party and in the meantime students, faculty and staff are seriously inconvenienced. In that situation, Notre Dame accounts commonly become unable to communicate with people who use a certain email provider that has issued a blacklisting.

This problem is compounded by the fact that phishers often sustain their attacks on third parties by using more than one corrupted account, Seidl said, and a longer attack means the subsequent blacklisting lasts longer.

"They will collect compromised netIDs and then use them all at once to sustain their phishing assault. These corrupted accounts may send as much as 70,000 emails per hour," Seidl said.

Seidl said the first resource for anyone who may have exposed his or her account or other important information is the OIT help desk in Room 128 of DeBartolo Hall.

"The OIT help desk should be your first point of contact if you think you may have fallen for a phishing scam," he said.

Seidl said other steps an individual can take if he or she has exposed their Notre Dame account are to immediately change the account's password and to visit the phishing help page on the OIT website. An individual who has exposed additional sensitive personal information should consult the identity theft help page on the Federal Trade Commission's website.

OIT is taking several steps to address the increase in the number of phishing victims this year, Seidl said. The first step is raising awareness, which

involves letting students, faculty and staff know about the importance of netID security and the dangers of targeted phishing.

Other preventative measures include reducing the number of messages an account can send in a given time period and limiting the number of simultaneous connections, Seidl said. The reason for limiting the number of messages is that the typical user sends no more than 100 emails per day, while phishers will send as many as 70,000 in an hour. Similarly, the average user never needs more than three simultaneous connections, but phishers link to computers around the world to create anywhere from five to 20 simultaneous connections, he said.

Seidl said OIT will also continue their practice of using the Notre Dame network's Domain Name System (DNS), which translates Internet Protocol (IP) addresses to the Uniform

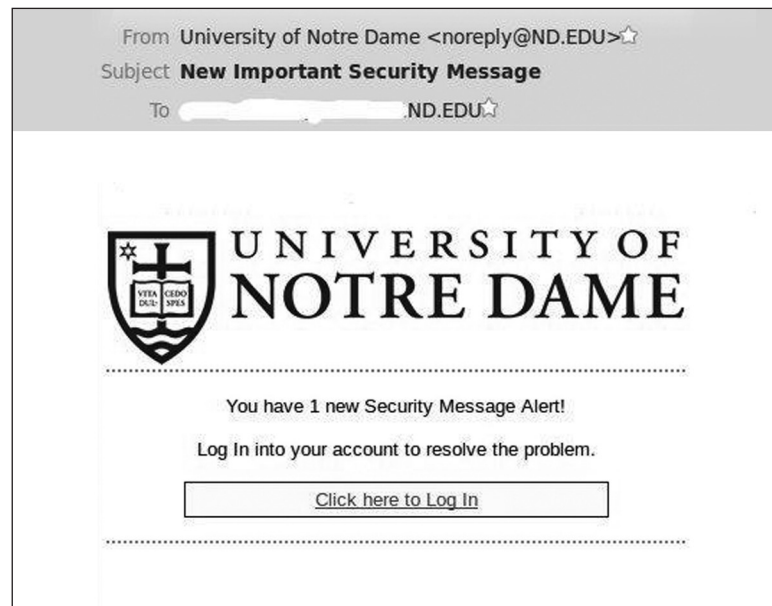
Resource Locators (URLs) users see, to divert users from known phishing scams that have been identified by OIT.

Users who click on the links of these known scams will be diverted to a warning page of the OIT website, Seidl said. This OIT page receives an average of 1,500 to 3,000 visits each day.

OIT became aware of the increase in phishing victims through a combination of complaints from third parties, spam to OIT email accounts, abusive behavior patterns in outbound mail from the Notre Dame network and self-reporting by victims, Seidl said.

Seidl said the OIT Help Desk keeps statistics on compromised Notre Dame accounts, which allowed OIT to discern the recent phishing trend.

Phishing may be a recent development in Internet security, but it will likely remain a concern because it is more profitable than types of spamming



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The image above depicts the message associated with a phishing scam targeting Notre Dame students, faculty and staff.

that are designed around selling products, Seidl said.

"It used to be spam was used to sell things like Viagra," he said. "Now spam is being used to get you to give up your credentials,

which is much more valuable to the spammer than selling you anything."

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Republicans

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thought he was going to win.”

The atmosphere at the College Republicans watch was one of solidarity for O’Leary.

“I wanted to watch the presidential results tonight with people with similar views to mine,” she said. “I was considering staying in my dorm with my little interactive map, but I just really wanted to be here in this atmosphere.”

For the majority of issues, O’Leary said she allied with the Republican Party.

“I think the Republican government will teach people how to be productive and create jobs that will help them get on their feet and really

give people the motivation to succeed,” she said. “That’s what America is all about. I think we all need to get America back to work.”

O’Leary, who voted via absentee ballot last month, said she thought students in general were afraid to state their views publicly.

“You see it on Facebook,” she said. “If someone posts one thing about voting for Obama or Mitt Romney, 50 people comment and attack them.”

As the night progressed, the crowd cheered for each state win for the Republican ticket, such as North Carolina and Missouri.

Saint Mary’s freshman Gloria Zeiger shared the Republican victories with

fellow party members, but she said she expected the

“I’m looking forward to midterm elections in two years, and I hope the president’s four years are positive years for our country.”

Mark Gianfalla
sophomore

Democratic win throughout the night.

“I thought Barack Obama was going to win the whole time because incumbent presidents almost always

win,” Zeiger said.

As a South Bend resident, Zeiger went to the Marshall County polling booth Tuesday morning to cast her ballot. She said she voted mostly Republican.

“I came because I liked knowing I’m not the only Republican around, because sometimes it does feel like that,” she said. “I think it’s important for us to stand up and show that young people have opinions.”

Sophomore Mark Gianfalla, the social affairs director for College Republicans, said he saw good debates coming from each candidate, and each big ticket issue affected the swing states differently.

“The American people elected the president they

wanted, obviously not the person that I wanted, but that’s the beauty of the Electoral College,” he said.

Gianfalla, who is from Riverhead, N.Y., called himself “a little voice in a democratic state.”

“I think it’s sad that a lot of people on both sides don’t do as much research as they could and vote blindly,” Gianfalla said. “I think there’s room for improvement for people educating themselves on the issues. I’m looking forward to midterm elections in two years, and I hope the president’s four years are positive years for our country.”

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Democrats

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Representatives, during this campaign season.

“I’m pretty nervous about it,” Agudelo said. “I interned with Mullen so I’m looking forward to seeing how that turns out. I’m also from Maryland and sent in my absentee ballot for the first time. Obama will win

Maryland, so that’s good.”

Freshmen Kevin King and Matt Munhall said they have been closely following the election and were excited to vote for the first time.

“I’ve been paying attention to the news this whole campaign cycle and following it pretty closely,” Munhall said. “I’m from Arizona and voted with an absentee ballot. I love that in America we can

have free, fair and peaceful elections every four years and that no matter the outcome we’ll move forward as a nation to stop our problems.”

They also agreed the atmosphere of the College Democrats’ election watch was electric.

“Active democratic participation is what moves America forward,” Munhall said. “I think it’s interesting how in this room everyone is on their laptop checking their Twitter feeds every five seconds, checking the polls.”

King has been working on and off for the Donnelly and Mullen campaigns, he said.

“I guess the only thing that

could make [the election watch] better is if Obama was here himself,” King said. “I’m definitely excited to see how [the election] turns out.”

Sophomore and political science major Kevin Fernandez said he was pleased with the welcoming, friendly atmosphere of the election watch.

“I thought everyone was going to be kind of in cliques watching on their own; I didn’t think it would be as friendly as it is,” Fernandez said. “Everybody is talking and cheering as everything comes in. I’ve been anxious and worried all day, waiting for 7 p.m., for when it starts to matter. Nothing can pry my eyes off election coverage. I’m going to stay here a long time.”

Freshman Zoe Rote, who has lived in two key states for the election, said she was specifically watching their numbers come in across the news reports.

“I’m from North Carolina, but I grew up in Colorado,” Rote said. “So it’s been very exciting having allegiance to two swing states and closely following their progress.”

Rote and freshman May Stewart said they planned to stay at the club watch until the final results across the country came in.

“Nobody needs sleep, this is important,” Stewart said.

Freshman Connor Hayes didn’t hold back his celebration when Democratic candidate Elizabeth Warren was predicted to win in her race for the Massachusetts Senate seat.

“I’m incredibly hopeful about Elizabeth Warren’s tenure in the Senate because she’s very unabashed in her views, and I think she’ll add a refreshing liberal presence,”

Hayes said.

Hayes also said he enjoyed being surrounded by other Democrats during the election watch.

“I came because I really enjoy watching this with other people and seeing how energized my peers are about the

“It’s heartening that we don’t have an issue like we did in 2000, when the election was so close and so drawn out.”

Connor Hayes
freshman

election,” Hayes said. “When you’re watching it alone with just a few friends you tend to lose hope.”

Graduate Will McBurney predicted the early announcement as he waited for what he considered to be a shoe-in victory for Obama. “Obama is definitely going to be president,” McBurney said. “The only two states left are really Virginia and Florida. To be honest, I am probably more excited about Romney not being president.”

Just before midnight, Obama’s re-election brought deafening cheers and endless excitement among the Democrats in LaFortune.

“It’s heartening that we don’t have an issue like we did in 2000, when the election was so close and so drawn out,” Hayes said. “I’m just so thrilled to know that when I graduate it will be the result of four more years of Obama’s policies, so incredibly excited for this whole new administration to take on Washington.”

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MOSCOW — Vladimir Putin fired his powerful defense chief over a corruption scandal Tuesday, but a heady mix of sex, power struggles and military vendettas dominated talk in Russia about what was really behind the downfall of the man who has overseen the nation's most radical defense reform in decades.

The dismissal of Anatoly Serdyukov was a surprise because the burly politician was widely regarded as having the president's blessing for a military modernization that has won the enmity of generals and arms makers with connections to members of Putin's inner circle.

Adding intrigue was the fact that Serdyukov is married to the daughter one of Putin's close allies, a former prime minister who wields enormous influence as chairman of state-run natural gas giant Gazprom. Media reports suggest that Serdyukov's alleged philandering angered Viktor Zubkov and may have been a factor in the sacking.

But most experts see a behind-the-scenes power struggle at the root of Putin's decision.

Serdyukov has masterminded a campaign to drastically cut the ranks of officers and overhaul an antiquated military structure to create a leaner, meaner force that might restore Russia's faded military glory.

In particular, he has aggressively demanded higher quality and cheaper prices from the military industry — ruffling powerful business interests. That is seen as having set off an internal struggle in which Kremlin allies of leading arms makers have conspired to bring Serdyukov down.

"He angered the leaders of defense industries, refusing to sign new contracts until they make their prices fully transparent," said Alexander Golts, an independent Moscow-based military expert. "And he told them that the military will buy the weapons it needs, not the weapons they want to sell."

Dmitri Trenin, director of the Carnegie Moscow Center, told The Associated Press that Serdyukov's moves to "replace the very foundation of the Russian military system" won him powerful enemies.

"A lot of entrenched interests benefited from that system," Trenin said.

Putin made the

announcement in a meeting with Moscow regional governor Sergei Shoigu, whom he appointed as the new minister. Some observers predict that Shoigu may take a less radical approach to military reform.

While giving few details, the president linked the move to a probe announced by the country's top investigative agency last month into the sale of military assets, including real estate. The Investigative Committee says the state suffered damages of 3 billion rubles (\$95 million) in just a few cases reviewed.

The corruption case first surfaced last month and involves Oboronservice, a state-controlled company whose activities include servicing military aircraft and arms and building military facilities.

In the course of the probe, investigators carried out an early morning search of the apartment of Yevgeniya Vasilyeva, a senior Oboronservice official who was once a close aide of Serdyukov in the Defense Ministry. Serdyukov reportedly was alone at the apartment with Vasilyeva when police turned up — fueling rumors of an affair.

"The scandal behind the



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Russia's Defense Minister Anatoly Serdyukov, left, and Russian President Vladimir Putin watch the Victory Day Parade in Moscow on May 9.

scandal is a personal scandal that has been rumored in Mr. Serdyukov's family," Trenin said.

Serdyukov, a former furniture salesman, entered public service as a tax official and quickly rose through the ranks to become head of the Russian tax service before being appointed defense minister in 2007. Russian media have speculated that he owed his meteoric rise to marrying Zubkov's daughter.

Whatever the origins of

Serdyukov's success, it's clear that he made a profound impact on Russia as its military chief.

Serdyukov's reform led to the dismissal of 200,000 officers, disbanded nine out of 10 military units and turned over once untouchable military assets to civilian hands.

"Serdyukov's reform marked a break with the Russian military culture," said Golts. "Russian military officers simply can't imagine a different military model."

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Soldier faces 16 counts of premeditated murder

Associated Press

JOINT BASE LEWIS-McCHORD, Wash. — The medic saw Staff Sgt. Robert Bales covered in blood and knew from the pattern of the staining it wasn't his own. He asked where it came from and where he'd been.

Bales shrugged, the medic, Sgt. 1st Class James Stillwell, testified Tuesday.

"If I tell you, you guys will have to testify against me," Stillwell quoted him as saying.

The statement was one of many attributed to Bales that suggest he knew what he was doing the night he surrendered after a two-village killing spree in southern Afghanistan, prosecutors say.

The remarks, offered by fellow soldiers testifying for the government Monday and Tuesday, could pose a high hurdle for defense lawyers who have indicated that Bales' mental health will be a big part of their case. The testimony is part of a preliminary hearing being held to help determine whether the case goes to a court martial.

Defense lawyers have noted that Bales was serving his fourth deployment, and had suffered from post-traumatic

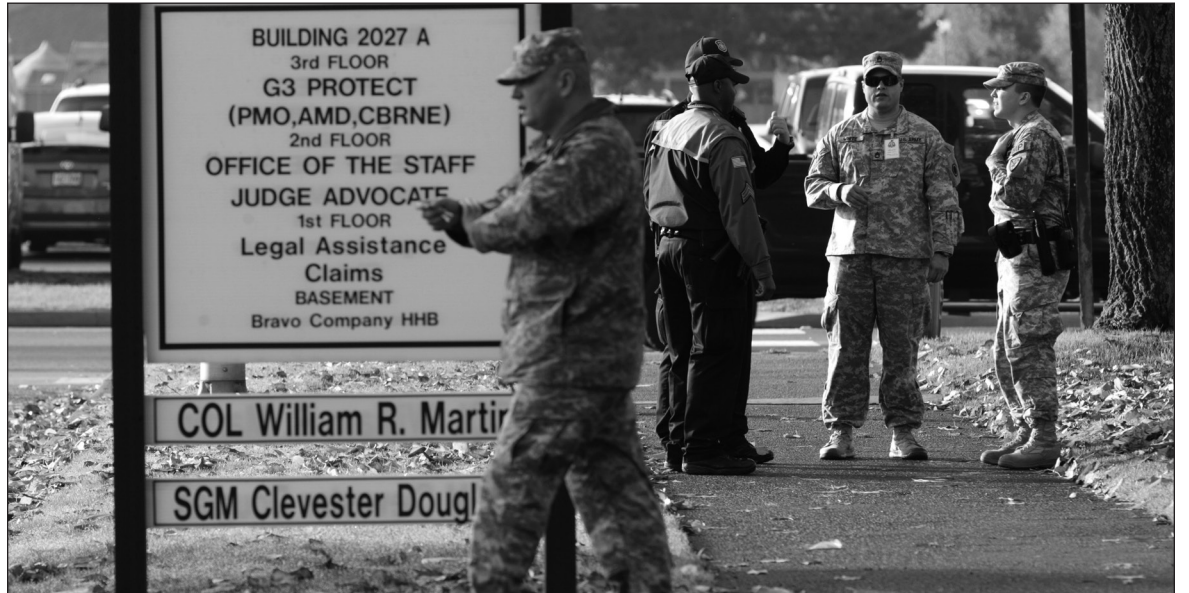
stress disorder as well as a concussive head injury in Iraq. One witness testified Tuesday that he was quick to anger.

The 39-year-old father of two from Lake Tapps, Wash., faces 16 counts of premeditated murder and six counts of attempted murder in the March 11 attack on the villages of Balandi and Alkozai, which counted nine children among its victims.

One of the worst atrocities of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, the attack prompted the U.S. to halt combat operations for days in the face of protests, and military investigators couldn't reach the crime scenes for a month.

A prosecutor's opening statement and witness testimony Monday suggested Bales spent the evening before the massacre at his remote outpost of Camp Belambay with two other soldiers, watching a movie about revenge killings, sharing contraband whiskey from a plastic bottle and discussing an attack that cost one of their comrades his leg.

Within hours, a cape-wearing Bales slipped away from the post and embarked on a killing spree of his own, said the prosecutor, Lt. Col. Jay Morse. He attacked one village then returned



Soldiers and security officers stand Monday outside a military courtroom on Joint Base Lewis McChord in Washington state, where a preliminary hearing began Monday for U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales.

to Belambay, where he woke up a colleague and reported what he'd done, Morse said. The colleague testified that he didn't believe Bales and went back to sleep.

Bales headed out again, Morse said, and attacked the second village, bringing his death toll to 16 before returning once again in the predawn darkness, bloody and incredulous that his comrades ordered him to surrender his weapons.

His return to the base was

captured on surveillance video, Morse said.

Soldiers testified that after being taken into custody, Bales told them, "I thought I was doing the right thing."

"It's bad, it's really bad," he reportedly added.

And Stillwell, the medic, said Bales told him that the soldiers at Camp Belambay would appreciate his actions once the fighting season ramped up: "You guys are going to thank me come June."

At another point, Bales remarked, "I guess four was too many" — an apparent reference to the number of family compounds in the attacked villages, Morse said Monday.

Bales was largely calm and compliant when he turned himself in following the massacre, several soldiers testified Tuesday. He followed orders and sometimes sat with his head in his hands, as though the magnitude of what he had done was sinking in, one said.

Two dead, two wounded in California shooting

Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — A parolee who killed two people and wounded two others on Tuesday at a California chicken processing plant where he worked moved methodically between his first three victims, putting a handgun against their head or neck before pulling the trigger, police said.

Lawrence Jones shot 32-year-old Fatima Lopez in the back as she tried to flee then put the gun to the head of Estevan Catano and pulled the trigger but was out of bullets, Fresno Police Chief Jerry Dyer said.

Jones, 42, then went outside the Valley Protein plant, where he reloaded his gun, shot himself and died later at a hospital, the chief said.

The victims inside the plant did not hear the shooter because it was loud and at least some of them wore noise protectors, Dyer said.

"He had opportunity to shoot other co-workers that were in the business at this time, but he chose not to," Dyer said. "He walked around them in order to get very close to the intended targets, place the gun very close and

fire a round."

Salvador Diaz, 32, was pronounced dead at the scene, and Manuel Verdin, 34, died later at a hospital. Arnulfo Conrriguez, 28, was in critical condition, and Lopez was expected to be released later from a hospital, Dyer said.

Police said they didn't know what prompted the attack by Jones midway through his shift

at the plant, although other workers told police he did not appear to be himself when he arrived at the plant for work.

"There was something that must have provoked this incident, perhaps that occurred today, or maybe was building up to today," Dyer said soon after the attack.

Police said they found 24 rounds of .357 caliber ammunition — the type used in the shooting — and 21 rounds of .38 caliber ammunition at Jones' apartment.

Jones arrived at work on a bike just before 5 a.m. About three-and-a-half hours into his shift, he pulled out the handgun and began firing, Dyer said.

About 30 employees witnessed the shooting, and there were a total of about 65 people at work when the gunfire started, police said.

The company was established in 2005, according to online business records. A call to the company went to a voicemail recording that said "due to an emergency we are closed for the day."

A woman who answered the phone at a listing for CEO Durbin Breckenridge and identified herself as his wife said she would pass a phone message to him.

News media and onlookers were kept several blocks from the plant in the morning, as police used yellow tape to block access. Dozens of officers swarmed the area.

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INSIDE COLUMN

A race to remember

Courtney Cox

Scene Writer

As I write this, the excitement of the 2012 election is reaching its peak. Within the last week I have heard plenty of disgruntled citizens saying they “cannot wait for the election to be over” and they’re “sick of all the advertisements on TV.”

You, as you glimpse these words today, have achieved that goal.

But be warned.

Your favorite sitcoms and football games will no longer be interrupted by hilariously frightening political ads. Instead you can get excited to see yet another Martin’s advertisement. Because who doesn’t love that jingle?

The voice-over of doom will no longer haunt your dreams, telling you whom not to vote for and why. That poor man with a terrifying baritone won’t hit airwaves for at least another two years.

Clint Eastwood will go back to making movies and hopefully leave his chair at home. Eva Longoria will finally move out of Nevada where she’s been slumming it stumping for Obama for about a month.

SNL will go back to its usual hit-or-miss sketches about “Real Housewives” and the Tanning Mom. You can altogether forget about the undecided voter and their questions like: Who is the president right now? How long is a president’s term of office? And can women vote?

Ryan’s widow’s peak and Biden’s grin won’t be featured in the same SNL cold open, with all the smiling and water drinking and creepy laughter, ever again.

Big Bird will go back to Sesame Street. Binders will no longer be filled with women. Debates will be relegated to the realm of high school and college students. The number 47 can fall back into anonymity with the rest of the numbers 1 to 100.

I guess you don’t know what you’ve got ‘til it’s gone.

This election, though devoid of Sarah Palin, has been as entertaining as any presidential election. It’s the humor and entertainment contained in this nationwide event that brings the country together regardless of party. Without these staged political events, what could we possibly have to unite us?

Regardless of whom you voted for, I hope as the excitement dies down you begin to miss this presidential election.

So as I sit here writing this, completely unknowing of the results of this marathon of a campaign, I can’t help but look forward with a little twinge of sadness.

Or, as I am writing 12 or so hours before you’re reading, perhaps the excitement is not yet over. Perhaps the results of the election still hang in the balance like a lonely chad. Perhaps we will have still another month of infighting like in that glorious debacle that was the 2000 election.

Perhaps. A poli-sci nerd can dream.

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Carolyn Green

Holy Half Marathon

Since 1970, the New York Marathon has been one of the Big Apple’s most hallowed traditions. An estimated 47,000 runners, 12,000 volunteers and 2.5 million spectators take part in the annual 26.2-mile race through all five city boroughs. Not this year. After the devastation of Hurricane Sandy, New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg made the final call to cancel the race in a decision that was undoubtedly the right one.

Originally, Bloomberg said the race would go on as planned. He insisted the marathon would not interfere with the city’s relief efforts and would, in fact, benefit small businesses. In a statement, Bloomberg explained, “You have to keep going and doing things, and you can grieve, you can cry and you can laugh all at the same time. That’s what human beings are good at.” City and race officials explored other options for this year’s event, including postponing the race or shortening the course.

However, citywide protests expanded nationwide, over Facebook and Twitter, and the debate eventually grew so heated that officials announced they would cancel the race for the first time in its 42-year history. As Bloomberg said, “We cannot allow a controversy over an athletic event — even one as meaningful as this — to distract attention away from all the critically important work that is being done to recover from the storm and get our city back on track.”

To hold the race so soon after Hurricane Sandy would simply not have felt right.

Runner Lauren Mandel told CNN

of her second thoughts on her way to pick up her racing bib, “Walking past ... generators heating up tents for people to eat pasta tomorrow night when there are people who haven’t eaten a hot meal in five days.” At the time of its cancellation, the death toll stood at 41, and thousands were still stranded without electricity.

At least 20 of the 41 killed came from Staten Island, the location of the marathon’s starting line. Residents pleaded for food and supplies, and one woman told the Associated Press she had eaten one slice of pizza in the past two days. Before the race’s cancellation, U.S. Rep. Michael Grimm spoke on behalf of Staten Island and Brooklyn.

“We’re still pulling bodies out of the water, and the mayor is worried about marathon runners and returning to life as normal,” Grimm said. “The Verrazano Bridge should be used for getting fuel and food in to Staten Island, not getting runners out.”

The marathon would likely have diverted important resources from the city, including personnel, food and electricity. Police officers and sanitation workers who had volunteered to help hurricane victims had been assigned to the race instead, and hotels would have needed to evict storm victims from rooms to accommodate runners.

Furthermore, a 2012 NYC Marathon would have created an atmosphere of controversy and animosity instead of its intended celebration of the city.

Understandably, many runners were disappointed by the marathon’s cancellation.

To participate, runners must pledge for a certain charity or qualify with a specific half marathon or marathon

time. The majority of participants gain entry into the race through a random lottery, and thousands travel to New York from across the globe. They spend months or even years training, eager to bring home a medal as a symbol of their accomplishment.

Nonetheless, and in an astounding display of the good that results from disaster, thousands of people ran the race anyways, bringing help and optimism to storm victims.

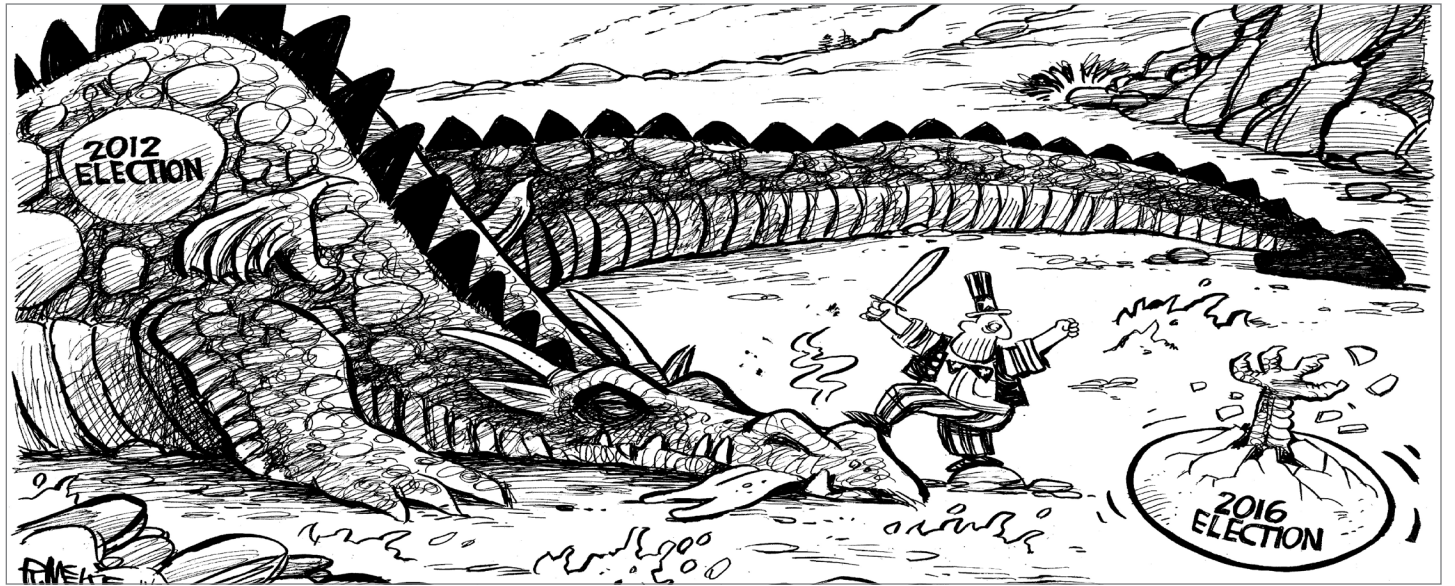
Approximately 1,300 runners boarded the Staten Island Ferry from Manhattan, carrying garbage bags and backpacks filled with food and supplies. New York runner Jon Bennion told CNN, “I’ve run the marathon three times, and there was an odd familiarity getting on the Staten Island Ferry this morning with a group of runners for a completely different reason. It was fascinating, the anxiety and jitters were replaced by an overwhelming sense of community.” Runners donated the extra clothes they had brought with them, following the original course route and refueling at hot dog stations.

Though the 2012 New York Marathon did not take place as planned, it still fostered all the sense of community and solidarity as the normal marathon. When runner Hana Abdo first found out the race was cancelled, she began to cry. “I’ve been training for two years,” she said. “But what is two years of my life to somebody’s whole life?”

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“I see America, not in the setting sun of a black night of despair ahead of us, I see America in the crimson light of a rising sun fresh from the burning, creative hand of God. I see great days ahead, great days possible to men and women of will and vision.”

Carl Sandburg
U.S. biographer

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reconsidering contraception

Miss Krakenmaster (“Considering contraception,” Nov. 6),

I am sorry you get judged. No one deserves to be judged for a medical condition, and it saddens me that people can be that way. I understand your need for birth control pills — a close friend of mine took them for a period of time to treat a medical condition. I myself may need them to help treat recurrent, cyclical depression symptoms. But using the pill as a medical treatment is very different from using the pill as contraception.

In a society where very few are in the situation similar to those in “countries deeply affected by AIDS and other STIs,” and few women are prescribed birth control pills exclusively to treat medical conditions, most of the time condoms and birth control are contraception. And the teaching of the Catholic Church is clear that contraception is wrong and “is not okay.” Using the pill or condoms to treat and prevent disease is one thing, the prevention of conception is a side effect; to use them to prevent life is quite another. It is when people use the pill and condoms as contraception that some start using it as “a license to do things in a sexual realm that is counter to how things are supposed to be.”

Further, most insurance providers already cover the use of birth control for medical treatment. Even the current insurance at Notre Dame covers it. The issue with HHS mandate is that it forces Catholic institutions to provide contraception, not medical treatment, which goes against Catholic teaching and our consciences. It is not the medicine that is the problem, but its use.

Respectfully,

Marie Moya
senior
Cavanaugh Hall
Nov. 6

It’s (not) a trap

Dear Mr. Noonan,

I find your lack of faith disturbing.

In your editorial on Disney’s acquisition of Lucasfilm (“‘Star Wars’ moves to the dark side,” Nov. 4,) you take a decidedly woe-is-me attitude about the move. Three years ago, Disney similarly bought out action hero industry giant, Marvel Entertainment. The result? This summer’s blockbuster film, “The Avengers,” which, in addition to grossing \$1.5B (that’s “B” as in “billion”) also received top critical acclaim (a 92 percent positive rating on RottenTomatoes.)

Your argument is that Disney has a certain way of riding franchises into the ground. Well, Mr. Noonan, I have disconcerting news for you. This is hardly a Disney-specific symptom. This past summer, we saw Universal Studios release “The Bourne Legacy,” a fourth installment in a series that no longer features its titular character. Two short months ago, Sony Pictures released “Resident Evil: Retribution,” the fifth in that particular series. Production has already begun on the second “Wolverine” movie and the “X-Men: First Class” sequel over at 20th Century Fox, constituting the sixth and seventh X-Men movies in the past twelve years. Paramount Pictures? They’re going to release a fourth “Transformers” film.

This is the world we live in. We can choose to espouse your pessimistic attitude. We can choose to believe that these movie studios are “ruining” our childhoods.

Or, we can look at the flipside.

Think about Disney’s budget. Think about how many creative talents — writers, actors, directors, etc. — will flock to the chance to be a part of a Disney-helmed “Star Wars” film.

And here’s the final — and most important — point: This isn’t about you or me or anyone who grew up watching the original “Star Wars” trilogy. This is about the next generation. This is about all the kids growing up today. This is our chance to give them their own “Star Wars” trilogy full of characters and stories that they’ll one day hold close to their hearts. But that doesn’t mean we can’t enjoy it, too. I, for one, welcome our new mouse-eared overlords.

May the Force be with you.

Michael Palena
senior
Morrissey Manor
Nov. 6

Thank you, Maem!

In St. Ed’s, we live a little messily. Sometimes our trash overflows, every once in a while we leave food in the lounge and at the year’s beginning we flood the halls with sawdust. God knows we’re a nightmare to clean up after. Even though we don’t deserve her, we’re lucky enough to have Maem Detaksone.

Maem works tirelessly as the St. Ed’s cleaning woman. She cleans four floors worth of hallways, bathrooms and lounges, almost always without help. Day in and day out, she never complains, even though it used to take two people to do her job. Thanks to Maem, all 170 of us can enjoy a tidier dorm than any college-age guy has any right to expect.

But Maem is more than just a worker; she’s a part of our family. Every morning as we leave for classes, she greets us with a smile and wishes us good luck. If she saw you studying for a test, she’ll ask you how it went later in the week. If she notices you were sick, she’ll see if you’re feeling better. Even if she’s busy doing half a dozen things at once, Maem will gladly take a minute to chat. Every day, Maem goes above and beyond her duties and helps makes us all feel at home.

We Stedsmen are blessed with the best housekeeper on campus. Maem is sweet, hard-working and incredibly dedicated.

Maem, you make every day better, and we wouldn’t trade you for the world.

Happy Maem Appreciation Day!

The Men of St. Ed’s
St. Edward’s Hall
Nov. 6

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Nike cuts ties to Armstrong

The Daily Free Press Editorial Board
The Daily Free Press

Nike decided to terminate its contract with Lance Armstrong Wednesday because of “insurmountable evidence that he participated in doping,” according to Time Magazine.

Nike said in a statement that it “does not condone the use of illegal performance-enhancing drugs in any manner.”

It is understandable that the company would feel inclined to cut its ties from Armstrong. Nike athletes are typically held up as role models. An athlete who uses performance-enhancing drugs should not hold a position of influence in that field.

However, it is interesting that Nike continues to sponsor Tiger Woods, another controversial athlete. Woods was involved in several extramarital affairs, but that behavior was unrelated to his sport. Even still, is it appropriate for Nike to endorse an athlete whose private life is so controversial? Probably not. Like Hollywood stars, athletes’ private lives are not all that private. The decisions they make outside of their sport can influence their fans. It is probably inappropriate for Nike to endorse an athlete who was involved in extramarital affairs.

Returning to Armstrong, just before Nike’s announcement, the cyclist made an announcement of his own. Armstrong revealed that he was “stepping down as chairman of the Livestrong cancer fighting charity so that the organization can steer clear of the whirlwind surrounding its founder,” according to the Time article.

It will be interesting to see how Armstrong’s absence affects the charity going forward, if at all.

Armstrong’s concern is understandable. It would be unfortunate if his poor choices tainted an organization that could do some pretty life-changing work.


It’s a sad state of affairs. Hopefully people focus on the charity’s work and not the mistakes of its founder. But really, only time will tell.

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By KEVIN NOONAN
Scene Editor

There's violent, there's gory, there's weird and then there's "The Man with the Iron Fists."

The martial-arts action extravaganza, directed and co-written by RZA of the Wu Tang Clan, tells the story of a convoluted mess of death and destruction in a small Chinese village.

A mysterious character that works as the village's blacksmith (RZA) narrates the story. A shipment of gold is to be shipped through the blacksmith's small village, and the different tribes gear up for war as each plans to intercept the payment and take control of the village for themselves.

A British soldier (Russell Crowe) who wields a spinning knife contraption capable of performing an instant autopsy on a man and a guy literally made of brass (David Bautista) turn up in town with uncertain motives and dangerous tendencies.

And on top of it all, the owner of the local brothel (Lucy Liu) starts hinting that she may be looking to stake her claim on some of the power up for grabs. Oh, and by the way, the blacksmith's girlfriend works at the brothel, and they're planning on running away from it all soon.

The plot isn't that important, though. The movie pretty much moves from one fight scene and set of weapons

to another, with little importance placed on the in-between storyline.

And oh dear, are they some fight scenes guts ripping, heads being punched straight off, heads exploding, warriors flying through the air in true martial-arts film style.

The inventiveness of the characters in this film comes entirely from their weapons and abilities, sparing not a single ounce on any actual "character."

The "Brass Body" appears to be a normal man, albeit shredded to steroid-body-builder level. However, when he gets hit with anything, his body transforms into brass and the blow is deflected. He can also rip people's throats out, MacGruber style. How does he gain all these mystical abilities? Don't worry about it.

The blacksmith has his hands chopped off and, to deal with this new disability, builds himself a pair of new, magical, iron fists, capable of amazing feats (knocking dude's head off).

Crowe's character, Jack Knife, rips a guy's guts out in his first scene in the film. Be warned, anyone with tender sensibilities or who've eaten at the Oriental or Mediterranean lines in the dining hall recently, this movie is not for you.

RZA is a capable director when it comes to meshing American-Western themes with a martial-arts core and transforming it into a wildly violent and highly entertaining affair. He is especially obsessed with blood,

placing heavy emphasis on it and even artistically maneuvering it at times. Again, this is not a movie for the meek.

The movie suffers ultimately from being mostly uninteresting beyond the violence. Quentin Tarantino (who's listed as a producer) makes films that specialize in gore but excel in character-driven stories. RZA doesn't have the same eye for story as Tarantino just yet.

And, perhaps more debilitating, the action sequences, while well choreographed, are often edited to the point of being frantic and confusing.

While not unentertaining and a promising effort for first-time director RZA, the film falls short of Tarantino-esque greatness.

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"The Man with the Iron Fists"

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By DAN BROMBACH
Scene Writer

It may be nothing revolutionary, but Calvin Harris' newest release "18 Months" is definitely in contention for the catchiest album of the year. Between the driving beats, smooth synths and background noises seemingly pulled from a late-90s video game, "18 Months" is like a cheesy rollercoaster at the state fair: It takes you for a loop and leaves you slightly ashamed at how much you enjoyed the ride.

With the already popular tracks "Feel So Close" and "We Found Love," as well as the equally ear-friendly "Bounce" and "I Need Your Love," "18 Months" will undoubtedly be the soundtrack for awkward freshmen making questionable decisions at dorm parties for years to come.

Harris assembles a range of featured singers, from Ellie Goulding to Florence Welch, who provides the vocals for my favorite song from the album, "Sweet Nothing." This talented cast saves the album from monotony at times, especially towards the tail end when Harris' beats begin to blend together.

Calvin Harris may be one of the most consistent producers I've encountered thus far. Angry techno hipsters wearing Skull Candy headphones may call him commercial, but the fact remains seemingly every track he touches puts the radio in a stranglehold. "18 Months" is the musical equivalent of eating candy for dinner, but hey, I'm a grown man and I'll get diabetes if I want.



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Ever since Kendrick Lamar's new album "good kid m.A.A.d city" came out two weeks ago, I've been hearing praise fly left and right. I've heard it called everything from a work of art to a milestone in West Coast hip-hop. In fact, when I told someone a few days back I had yet to listen to the album, he looked at me as if I had just confessed my undying love for Nickleback.

Let me start by congratulating Kendrick Lamar for a solid album offering a fresh take on the problems of inner city life. His songs speak candidly about substance abuse, crime and gang culture without the crudity displayed by other rappers, who seem to view these problems with pride rather than melancholy.

The album also showcases Lamar's versatility, with many songs fluctuating in their mood, speed and style. However, this versatility brings me to one of my primary concerns: "good kid m.A.A.d city" can at times be downright schizophrenic. Lamar careens from the laidback vibe of the love song "Poetic Justice" to the gritty, frantic style of "m.A.A.d city" to the surrealism of "Swimming Pools," in which his mind/sober consciousness has its own verse. I've grown to increasingly appreciate this unique variety of offerings as I listen to the album more, but it can still be slightly off-putting.

If you're looking for an out-of-the-box music experience, I would definitely recommend giving "good kid m.A.A.d city" a listen. Just strap in and don't blame me if the album gives you stylistic motion sickness.

Meek Mill's new album "Dreams and Nightmares" is bad. We're talking fried-clam-strips-at-the-dining-hall bad. WNBA-preseason bad. Nicholas-Cage-in-"Season of the Witch" bad.

A frank review of everything wrong with this stale, repetitive excuse for an album is actually more appropriate having just discussed Kendrick Lamar and his display of lyrical depth.

Perhaps Mr. Mill's complete lack of creativity and talent is some sort of divine punishment for the track "Amen," in which he prays to God thanking Him for clubbing, women of reprehensible moral repute and other things I doubt God would condone. In terms of musical blasphemy, this track ranks up there with Madonna wearing a crown of thorns and reenacting the crucifixion of Christ during an onstage performance in Rome.

Most of the songs from the album are shallow, bass-heavy garbage rap ("Young and Gettin' It"), and even when Meek Mill tries to slow things down, as he does in "Traumatized" and "Maybach Curtains," he is simply incapable of flowing well over the beat.

As if I needed something else to complain about, Meek Mill also recruits the help of Maybach Music Group "kingpin" Rick Ross on a number of songs, thus joining forces with one of a handful of rappers who could reasonably contest his claim to the title of worst rapper alive.

Overall, Meek Mill's "Dreams and Nightmares" gets a clear-cut discard rating. If you happen to come into contact with the album, I would advise you to wash your hands with soap and cold water.

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KEEP CALM AND STYLE ON

Healthy Skin Tips

By JES CHRISTIAN
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There are very few people in the world who have flawless skin. For those individuals that do, I congratulate you and envy your fabulous gene pools. For the rest of you, who find yourselves dealing with the occasional breakout or worse, follow the steps below and you'll be amazed by the difference in your skin.

Be aware and keep your surfaces clean.

Most people don't realize how many unclean surfaces their faces are exposed to on any given day. Some of the most common things we handle daily are pillowcases, cell phones, hands, hair, hats and towels, and rarely are these items cleaned as frequently as they should be. In fact, most of the time none of them are clean enough to prevent germs from reaching the face. The key is to stay aware and make an effort to keep everything that your face touches as clean as possible. If you can, try wiping your cell phone off with a damp disinfectant wipe as often as once a day. Additionally, it's a good idea to wipe your phone with a tissue or paper towel after each call you make. Pillowcases should be washed about once a week, and flipped over half way through the week. All other items should go no more than a week without



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being washed. Most importantly, don't forget to wash your face. Two to three times a day is ideal. Any more washing, and you run the risk of drying your face out and eliminating oils that protect your face from the elements.

Avoid sleeping on your face.

Don't do it. Whether your pillow is clean or not — the best way to guarantee a germ-free face is to sleep on your back with your face fully exposed. It's also one of the best ways to sleep in terms of your general health — so that's a plus!

Take showers after you exercise.

This may seem like an obvious thing to do, but chances are that if you're someone who exercises regularly then you've failed to do this effectively a few times. On occasion, you've probably finished a workout and found other activities to distract you for a few hours before showering. We're all human beings and everyone has their slip-ups, but try to minimize them by taking showers as soon as you finish your workout, or as soon as possible afterwards. When we exercise, we sweat, which advantageously gets rid of various toxins that

have gathered in your skin. However, if we don't shower soon after exercising, those same toxins have time to increase and settle back into your skin. Help your skin out, and wash all those germs away. Your complexion will thank you.

Avoid overexposure to different acne products.

It's easy to get too experimental when it comes to the overwhelming number of acne treatment products out there. My advice would be to stop and take a look at your own skin. If you're like most college students and just have minor breakouts, then you probably don't need a hardcore or even a mild acne treatment product like Proactive or Differin. Many products have side effects, such as extreme drying of the skin, peeling and skin sensitivity. Furthermore, trying a string of different products can really do a number on healthy skin. Put down the creams and medicated scrubs, and try a simple non-prescription face wash or some plain old soap and water along with these other quick-fix tips. If you still don't see an improvement in your skin, then contact your local dermatologist for a detailed consultation.

In the world of fashion, the body is considered the blank canvas. When blemishes and other impurities cause unwanted problems, one could say that the canvas is been torn or damaged in some way. In layman's terms, an individual's confidence and style can be significantly restricted by how good he or she feels about his or her appearance. Clothes are beautiful and style is a great way to stand out, but to lack confidence in the way you look is the quickest way to lose that standout flare. Don't let breakouts and blemishes bring your style down. Take these tips into account and be fashionably happy — and healthier too.

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NFC East fails to live up to potential



Joseph Monardo
Sports Writer

The NFC East has been praised as one of football's best divisions in recent history. This year, however, the division has been defined by two significant failures: The Dallas Cowboys and the Philadelphia Eagles are both 3-5.

They say everything is bigger in Texas. Maybe that's why the Cowboys are a colossal failure. Perennially one of the NFL's most talented teams, the Dallas Cowboys are consistent only in their shortcomings. After dropping Sunday night's contest to the undefeated Falcons more predictably than Romo botching a hold against the Seahawks, Big D's playoff hopes are barely breathing.

Jerry Jones' fantasy team has

do not have the major institutional problems found in Dallas. Well, maybe they do, but just not to the extent of the Cowboys. Philadelphia has plenty of problems, most notably on the offensive line.

Few would have thought Michael Vick could ever arouse sympathy from the public, but after watching him occupy a pocket that shrinks faster than the polar ice caps, how could a witness feel anything but? In fact, witness is the right word because what Vick's offensive line has done to one of the league's most dynamic players is almost criminal. They have robbed him of his ability. He doesn't have time to throw. He doesn't even have time to escape the pocket.

Injuries have decimated the Eagles' big uglies, but there has to be something

Perennially one of the NFL's most talented teams, the Dallas Cowboys are consistent only in their shortcomings.

a top quarterback, dangerous receivers and running backs, one of the league's best defensive players in DeMarcus Ware and several big-money cornerbacks. An injury to DeMarco Murray offers some small excuse, but it has become clear that the whole represents less than the sum of its parts. Much less, in fact. At this point, the public should cease to be confused as to how the Cowboys fail to get it done with such talented players. Spectators should instead wonder why anyone should think Dallas will ever get it done.

There are some teams fans expect to win, even in close games or when trailing (e.g. this year's Falcons squad, or the New York Giants come January). Dallas is basically the opposite of that. Led by Tony Romo, who no matter his success will never escape his reputation as a bungler of the big moment, America's Team is always a safe bet to blow the game.

The solution: Blow it up. This team will never be a winner. Jerry Jones should trade Romo and Dez Bryant and rebuild his franchise. It doesn't matter who he gets to replace his quarterback under center, Jones just needs to change the energy of the organization. As for Dez Bryant, the Pro-Bowl talent is more trouble than he's worth. And, barring a miracle playoff run, Jason Garrett is already as good as gone as head coach.

No less successful in the win column this year, the Eagles

Philadelphia could do to give the Michael Vick Experience a fighter's chance. Vick has made his share of mistakes this year, but when looking at his face during Monday night's loss to the woeful Saints, the national audience saw a man bewildered. He is beaten down, and the team that features LeSean McCoy, DeSean Jackson, Jeremy Maclin and Nnamdi Asomugha is nearly beaten out of the playoff hunt as well.

For Andy Reid, this year's failure almost certainly spells the end of his time in Philly. However, unlike in Dallas, the quarterback should stay. If the Eagles can fix their offensive line Vick has a chance to return to all-world form. If they cannot, then who else in the world is better suited to run away from pressure? For anyone who promotes the benching of No. 7, imagine Eagles rookie quarterback Nick Foles crumbling to the ground as the front line swallows him up play after play.

Both the Eagles and the Cowboys have set the bar high in recent years. This season, they just aren't living up to it. For Dallas, this year confirms what has become an undeniable systemic failure. For Philadelphia, the problem isn't quite as obvious. But it may be a whole lot easier to fix.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Holden returns from injury

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

Things should have been looking up for senior Kim Holden during the spring of 2011. Her sophomore season had ended with a trip to the NCAA Championship meet, she had claimed three more Big East titles to go with the four she won in her freshman campaign and the excitement of the U.S. Olympic Trials was just over a year away.

But then she began to notice one of her shoulders wasn't feeling quite right.

"After NCAAAs my sophomore year I went in to spring training and started noticing

"We scheduled surgery right away because I knew I wanted to start the recovery process as soon as possible, so I did my left shoulder in mid-July and then my right shoulder mid-August. It's not a major procedure, but for swimming the recovery process is pretty long, because it's such an overhead sport."

Holden had never had to deal with a major injury before, and the limitations of her healing shoulders were a constant source of frustration.

"All of last year was tough," Holden said. "I was again kicking for most of the year with my hands by my side to protect them. I got physical therapy,

little bit because I had to be on my legs more than I wanted to be. But for the most part, I was wrapped up in the experience of trials, and luckily I haven't had any major pain during competition. I don't know if it's the adrenaline when it comes to racing, but it tends not to be the focus of my attention at meets, which is really nice."

After the U.S. Trials, Holden returned home for a month and dedicated her attention to physical therapy. At the end of the summer, she swam at the U.S. Open, setting several new personal bests and giving her a shot of confidence as she returned to Notre Dame for her senior season.

Since then, Holden has been lighting up the pool. She won five individual races in the first two meets of the season, and the Big East named her the women's swimming and diving Athlete of the Week on Tuesday.

Accolades aside, Holden said she's just happy to be back training and racing with her team.

"Having to sit back and watch last year was really tough for me because I'm a very competitive person," Holden said. "I loved seeing those girls have a successful season and I loved being able to watch that, but I'm definitely excited to be there with them this year. I've missed racing and I've missed doing the practices that the rest of the team is doing."

Finally, things are starting to look up for Kim Holden.

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Kim Holden
senior

that my one of my shoulders wasn't feeling so hot," Holden said. "So the coaches and I made the decision to shut my shoulders down a little bit. I was going no arms and kicking for a while, and working in the training room on physical therapy."

Instead of improving, though, Holden started feeling the same symptoms in her other shoulder.

"At that point the trainer and I decided to get MRIs, and what they found was that I had torn the labrum in both my shoulders," Holden said.

strength in my shoulders without wearing them down again, and I was able to start competing again in dual meets in January last year, and compete at Big East. I didn't have the meet that I wanted to but I tried to keep it in perspective."

Holden still wasn't fully recovered from double shoulder surgery, but she didn't let that stop her from competing at the U.S. Olympic Trials in Omaha, Neb., in late June.

"By trials I was I'd say about 80 percent," Holden said. "I was questioning the training I'd done going into trials just a

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split decision over the junior Taylor. Bugos height and athletic superiority aided her fighting, as she dodged Taylor's punches. Although Bugos began well, Taylor landed some double jabs late in the contest to complicate the judges' decisions. Taylor held her own against the freshman fighter, but was eventually unable to overcome Bugos.

Marissa "Mad Skills" Gaskill def. Emily

"Dangerous" Danaher

The senior Gaskill pulled off a late comeback to win by split decision in the semifinal match. The sophomore Danaher looked strong early in the first round, consistently landing left and right hooks. Gaskill rallied in the next two rounds as she fought with a ferociousness not seen in the first round. Both fighters battled until the final bell, but Gaskill's late push sealed her victory.

Elizabeth "Marvin Gardens" Garvin def. Alyssa "Rocky" Rhodes

In dominating fashion, the

junior Garvin defeated the senior Rhodes by unanimous decision. Garvin went on the attack after the first break. She switched off between body shots and headshots. Part way through the round, Garvin pinned Rhodes on the ropes and delivered a series of punches. In the third round, Garvin knocked Rhodes to the ground. Rhodes recovered and continued to clash with Garvin. However, Rhodes could not match Garvin's intensity and the junior earned the victory.

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Allare def. Allison “George Foreman” Murray

The sophomore Murray held the height advantage, but the sophomore Allare neutralized the threat and won unanimously. Murray began the fight with jabs, before Allare responded with a flurry of punches, which became stronger as the round progressed. Despite Murray’s defensive efforts, Allare continuously connected in the second and third rounds, landing strong hooks to Murray’s body and head. Allare’s strength and precision proved to be the deciding factor in her unanimous-decision victory.

Danielle “La Guerrera” Duarte def. Mara “The Howard Hammer” Walsh

The sophomore Duarte came out with full force and didn’t let up against the junior Walsh, earning the split-decision nod. Duarte opened with a torrent of blows to Walsh’s head, putting Walsh on the defensive. Walsh stumbled and the referee momentarily paused the fight, but Duarte’s pressure kept coming. Walsh mounted a comeback late in the second round and into the third, landing a strong combo to Duarte’s head partway through

the third round. Her final fire couldn’t earn Walsh enough points to win, however, and Duarte claimed the split decision victory.

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Jolynn “Baby J” Hoang def. Blair “Agent Orange” Warner

In the first fight of the night, the junior Hoang defeated the law student Warner by unanimous decision. Throughout the first round, Hoang relied on consistent right jabs. Hoang’s jabs effectively moved Warner around the ring, giving the junior an advantage. In the second round, Warner focused her energy on powerful body shots. She countered Hoang, but the junior began to control the pace of the fight. Hoang’s combination of left and right jabs suppressed her opponent’s momentum and earned her the victory.

Teresa “Pika” Choe def. Amanda Leung “Fu Panda”

The senior Choe gained control of the fight early in the first round and did not give it up, winning by unanimous decision over the sophomore Leung. Choe

dictated the course of the fight with a combination of quick right and left punches to the head. In the second round, Choe’s jabs knocked Leung to the ground. In the final round, Choe threw a series of short punches to the head, pressuring Leung into the corner and sealing the victory.

Christina “The Cannon” Buchanan def. Eliza “You Want Some” Moore

The senior Buchanan won by unanimous decision over the sophomore Moore. Buchanan opened the fight with a strong right jab, an asset that proved fundamental to her victory. In the first round, both opponents maintained movement around the ring. As the second round began, Buchanan delivered a series of body shots, putting Moore on the defensive. Moore fought back in the third round, landing a headshot. Buchanan maintained her composure, throwing a strong right hook connecting on several body shots to ensure victory.

Julia “Can’t be Controlled” Berchtold def. Kristen “Dirty Durb” Durbin

Seniors Berchtold and Durbin fought a close match, Berchtold pulled out a split-decision victory. Durbin took the first swing with a right jab, but Berchtold

battled back with a series of quick headshots. In the second round, Berchtold’s swift foot movement kept her away from Durbin’s punches. After taking a hit to the head in the second round, Berchtold found herself on the defensive but immediately bounced back. The third round proved to be an even fight. Durbin attacked with a series of punches, but Berchtold fought back with jabs to the head. Ultimately, Berchtold proved too much for her opponent.

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MJ “Thing 1” Durkin def. Kendall “No Soul” Johnson

In a unanimous decision, the senior Durkin earned a semifinal victory over the junior Johnson. Throughout the bout, Durkin landed numerous left and right blows to Johnson’s. Johnson mostly stayed on the defensive and was not able to consistently throw punches. The red-headed Durkin possessed the height advantage and landed strong punches on her shorter opponent. She dominated the fight and did not allow any room for a comeback from Johnson.

Julie “Thing 2” Saxer def. Elyse “Speedy” Stachler

In a split-decision fight, the senior Saxer staged a comeback win after falling behind early to the senior Stachler. The fight remained even after the first round as Saxer and Stachler traded punches. The fighters employed similar styles and possess similar in size. Both attempted quick jabs to the head. In the second round, the referee stopped the match to check Saxer’s ability to continue. Saxer recovered to win the bout.

Meghan “You’re Gonna Be Bawlin” Zwahlen def. Danielle Murphy

The sophomore Zwahlen won her first semifinal match in a unanimous decision thanks to her strong start to the fight. Zwahlen landed thunderous hooks from both the left and right sides on the fifth-year senior Murphy. Zwahlen’s dominant right arm landed many of her punches. She also followed up her right blows with a solid left. Murphy could not stop Zwahlen’s advances and eventually lost the bout to the sophomore.

Shannon “The Glommer” Bugos def. Ashley “Bringing the Thunder” Taylor

The freshman Bugos won by

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allow Kirk to recover, but after the pause, White continued her assault, hitting Kirk's face with a variety of punches. Before the end of the third round, the referee called the fight, awarding the victory to White.

Michelle "Action" Purvis def. Airi "Get Nothing" Kobayashi

The senior Kobayashi relentlessly attacked MBA student Purvis in the opening round. However, Purvis dodged many of Kobayashi's punches. The senior again initiated the action in the second round, landing several blows to Purvis' head. Yet Purvis controlled the round by jabbing with her longer reach. The final round started with both sides aggressively attacking each other. Purvis attacked much more than in the previous rounds and this newfound aggressiveness earned her the split-decision victory.

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Cristina "Triple X" Couri def. Caroline "Cous" Kuse

Despite a slow start, the senior Couri defeated the junior Kuse in a unanimous decision.

Couri landed several punches in the first round, slowing Kuse's attack, but Kuse continued a strong offense. Kuse often attacked first, putting Couri on the defensive. However, Couri overcame a noticeable height difference to turn the tables on Kuse. The pace of the fight never slowed as both boxers struggled to gain an advantage. In the third round, Couri landed a string of uppercut jabs that earned her the unanimous decision.

Kat "Outta Yo Reach" Leach def. Suzanne "The Girl on Fire" Fitzpatrick

In a fast-paced fight, the senior Leach claimed victory over the sophomore Fitzpatrick.

Leach led off the bout with an offensive jab, but Fitzpatrick responded with a counterattack. In the second round, Fitzpatrick started strong and nearly gained an edge on Leach. Both fighters constantly moved around the ring to avoid the other's attacks. Leach landed successive strong punches below Fitzpatrick's head, and sealed the unanimous victory.

Allison "Knockdown" McKown def. Rachel "The Lean Mean" Greenberg "Machine"

The sophomore McKown defeated the junior Greenberg by gaining an offensive advantage early in the bout. After a fast start from Greenberg, McKown stifled her opponent by landing a blow to the head. In the second round, Greenberg asked for time following McKown's advance. The round ended with McKown

landing a final quick punch. Greenberg fought back in the final round, but McKown landed a final blow and earned the unanimous victory.

Sarah "Metal" McCarthy def. Margot "Punches" Morris

In a one-round bout decided by the referee, the junior McCarthy defeated the senior Morris with a rapid succession of punches that left Morris too injured to continue.

The boxers began the fight with a rapid exchange of blows. Following the exchange, Morris advanced on McCarthy, forcing her to retreat in defense. McCarthy responded with a series of direct hits. The referee called time when Morris drew back with a bloody nose. Medical personnel arrived to offer treatment, but the referee ended the match in McCarthy's favor.

Anna "The Maine-iac" Carmack def. Colleen "Your Clock" Bailey

The senior Carmack defeated the senior Bailey in a battle frequently stopped by the referee. Carmack took control early, forcing Bailey to retreat around the ring. Bailey managed to work in a few punches, but Carmack remained in control of the fight.

The second round began with Carmack resuming her offensive advance, while Bailey attempted to defend herself. The referee called time twice in the first round before ending the fight in the second round and awarding victory to Carmack.

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Ragan Todd def. Jill Giunco

In a battle between two seniors, Todd defeated Giunco by unanimous decision. Both opened the first round by

connecting a flurry of combo shots. In the second round, Todd began to gain an edge, landing several unanswered hooks and blows to Giunco's head. Todd continued to attack in the third round. Giunco counterpunched and held her ground, but Todd continued to deliver blows to Giunco's head. Ultimately, Todd proved too much to handle and earned a victory.

Brianna "Sting Like a Bee" Kunycky def. Erin "The Exterminator" O'Brien

The senior Kunycky earned a unanimous decision victory over the sophomore O'Brien in an energetic match. Both moved around the ring and delivered punches, but Kunycky gained the advantage in the first round and never looked back. In the following rounds, O'Brien refused to let up, trading blows with Kunycky until the last bell. However, the experienced Kunycky's calculated and forceful jabs granted her the edge and the victory.

Tamara "TKO Win" Nguyen def. Katherine "Kat-Astrophic" Ruiz

The MBA student Nguyen earned a split-decision victory over the senior Ruiz. Nguyen held the height advantage and used it to her favor. She landed several blows in the first round, thanks to her reach. The second round began similarly to the first, but Ruiz responded, connecting on numerous punches to Nguyen's body. In the third round, Nguyen lost steam and went on the defensive. However, her performance in the opening rounds earned her the win.

Ann "No Need to Duck" Castner def. Rachel "The Filly from Philly" Nave

The senior Castner opened the fight with a strong start and never let up in her unanimous-decision victory over law student Nave. Both fighters connected on punches in the first round,

but Castner began to land more punches in the second round. The referee stopped the fight in the third round to allow Nave to fix her headgear, and Castner returned from the break continuing the offensive strike. Nave went on the defensive and grew fatigued. Castner's energy proved to be too much for Nave, leading to her definitive win.

Rose "The Riveter" Raderstorf def. Anna "Hugh" Heffron

The senior Raderstorf employed a balanced attack to earn a unanimous decision over the junior Heffron. Raderstorf used her strength and physicality to land hard blows to Heffron's head, forcing the junior to move across the ring. Heffron respond by pushing Raderstorf against the ropes, until a Raderstorf right hook forced the referee to pause the fighting. In the third

round, both fighters tired, slowing punches and movements. Raderstorf's strong start earned her the victory.

Stani "The Bulgarian Beast" Sevova def. Andrea "Mind Ya Bizness" Caldwell

In a battle of perseverance, the senior Sevova outlasted the MBA student Caldwell for the unanimous decision. There was no break in the action during the first round, as the fight started with substantial energy on both sides in a flurry of traded punches. In the second round, Caldwell began connecting more blows to Sevova's body, but Sevova responded with a string of hits to Caldwell's head. Sevova dominated the third round on her way to a convincing victory.

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FENCING

‘I was fencing those for the team score’

McGrath looks to contribute to squad effort with strong individual performance, dedication

By AARON SANT-MILLER
Sports Writer

Many outside observers could garner the impression fencing is primarily an individual sport. Freshman Garrett McGrath would tell a different story.

“It’s always one versus one, but your personal performance is being funneled into a collective score,” McGrath said. “How you’re doing reflects on the team and directly impacts your wins. It’s really in your best interest to be team-oriented and help people out as much as you can, during the season and during the tournaments. That way, when they do get to the tournament, they

will win. Every one of their wins helps Notre Dame win, and thus helps you win.”

For McGrath, the team-first mentality is especially strong on this Notre Dame squad. Not only does the Irish freshman appreciate the team element, but he finds added motivation within it as well.

“When Ohio State came to our meet a week and half ago, I had two very important bouts. I wasn’t fencing those so that I, individually, could win. I was fencing those for the team score,” McGrath said. “The idea that it was for Notre Dame really motivated me more than I normally would have been. That really improved my performance. It made me much

more focused and I was much more intense.”

The Irish have a team-first atmosphere on the strip, McGrath said, but he also feels the same motivation to

I like to see other people do well,” McGrath said. “I help other people out when they need the help. If somebody is really tired after practice but has to stay up until 5 a.m.

it. I really try to support the team as much as I can. A lot of people sometimes need that. It’s a struggle to succeed academically, as well as do well athletically on the team. So, I’ve been trying to support my teammates as much as I can, which has helped us grow closer.”

As a whole, the Irish are a cohesive group, McGrath said. They enjoy spending time with each other and working together, a characteristic that can act as a catalyst for the team’s success.

“Everyone enjoys practicing together,” McGrath said. “Everyone enjoys traveling together. It’s just a really good dynamic. We’re a really cohesive group and I think that will help all of us going forward toward a championship.”

This positive team atmosphere contributed to bringing McGrath, one of last year’s top recruits, to South Bend. Not every school offers the type of atmosphere Notre Dame offers, McGrath said.

“A lot of the other schools and coaching staffs were not as pleasant in some ways,” McGrath said. “They’re very hard on the students and the students can then grow bitter toward practice, toward fencing, and toward the coaches themselves. Some schools can accumulate personalities like that. Notre Dame has none of that. The coaching staff here is incredible. The team works very well together. That’s one of the main reasons I came to Notre Dame.”

Luckily for the Irish, McGrath is just getting started at Notre Dame. On Oct. 14, out of a pool of 255 of the nation’s top collegiate fencers, McGrath finished 14th in the men’s epee at the North American Cup. Thirteen days later, McGrath won both of his bouts in Notre Dame’s exhibition match against reigning national champion Ohio State. This past weekend, at the Penn State Garrett Open, McGrath finished 12th in the Men’s epee. His passion for the sport helps him succeed.

“I’ve seen a lot of people who view it as a job and they don’t perform as well,” McGrath said. “They don’t enjoy practice or tournaments. They just aren’t very happy and it’s sad to see that happen to someone. I love to fence. I love the rush of it all. I love the adrenaline. The moment I don’t love to fence, I’ll stop.”

Luckily for the Irish, that isn’t likely to happen soon, as one of the nation’s top freshmen continues shows all signs of a strong career.

“How you’re doing reflects on the team and directly impacts your wins. It’s really in your best interest to be team-oriented and help people out as much as you can, during the season and during the tournaments.”

Garrett McGrath
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her defense. Blumenthaler boxed a careful fight by keeping her hands close to her face and preventing Jakubowski from landing punches. Jakubowski attacked Blumenthaler with her straight right, including two hard hits to the forehead to begin the third round. Blumenthaler secured the unanimous decision, however, with dodges and parries.

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Amanda Pena def. Megan Reineccius

The senior Reineccius exploded out of the gate and landed a flurry of punches on the sophomore Pena, who remained on the defensive. Pena's patience paid off, as Reineccius tired after her opening attacks. Pena landed a few impact punches to Reineccius' face to end the first round and take control of the fight. Pena controlled the second round as Reineccius' fatigue became more apparent. This trend continued in the third, as the referee stopped the fight twice to allow Reineccius to recover. Pena won the fight in a unanimous decision.

Catherine Gillespie def. Rachel Perron

In an evenly matched fight, the senior Gillespie used her height and reach advantage to defeat the senior Perron. The first round saw both boxers attacking equally. However, Gillespie's ability to safely land punches while staying out of the reach of the smaller Perron gave her the advantage. In the second round, Perron came out attacking and pushed Gillespie to the ropes, but Gillespie once again relied on her long arms to land shots and fend off her opponent. Plenty of circling and the occasional big blow marked the third round, and Gillespie eventually earned the unanimous decision over Perron.

Emily Smith def. Athena Hughes

Smith came out firing and lasted the entire match, as the freshmen defeated the senior Hughes in a unanimous decision. From the opening bell, Smith went on the offensive, attacking Hughes with a barrage of head and body shots. The second round followed a similar course, as Smith landed countless punches on Hughes, who was able to land only an occasional jab to push Smith away. In the third round, Smith fought defensively with the fight all but decided.

Colleen MacDonald def. Stephanie Escobar

Arguably the best fight of the night, seniors MacDonald and Escobar fought to the final bell, with MacDonald narrowly defeating Escobar in a split decision. The seniors fought evenly in

the first round, with both fighters landing several punches. Escobar attempted more body shots late in the first round. She continued this tactic into the second round, effectively tiring MacDonald. Nevertheless, both girls landed devastating blows. Although both boxers were visibly exhausted by the third round, they still fought hard, producing a crowd-pleasing final 30 seconds. Ultimately, the judges awarded MacDonald the split decision victory.

Madeline Hahn def. Savannah Kounelis

In this bout between two freshmen, Hahn won a unanimous decision over Kounelis. Kounelis started out the match on the offensive, but Hahn deftly defended herself. Kounelis came out attacking in the second round as well, but Hahn outlasted her and went on the offensive later in the round. Both girls landed several good punches in what was an even match through two rounds. In the third round, however, Hahn attacked Kounelis, hitting her with several big shots. Kounelis fought back, landing a particularly strong punch that knocked Hahn's facemask out of position and stopped the fight momentarily. Despite this pause, Hahn still emerged as the unanimous victor.

Grace Spaulding def. Stephanie DeLuna

In the last fight of the night, the senior Spaulding used her height and a series of blows to defeat fellow senior DeLuna in a unanimous decision. Spaulding went on the offensive the entire first round, landing a few big punches using a series of combinations. DeLuna kept fighting and attacked Spaulding to start the second round, landing a few punches. However, with DeLuna noticeably weary, Spaulding cornered DeLuna and landed multiple punches. She continued

this into the third round, tiring DeLuna with more blows to the head. By the end of the match, Spaulding had DeLuna on the defensive and won a unanimous decision.

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Jennifer "Fists of Fury" Fitzpatrick def. Ava "Ninja" Stachelski

The sophomore Stachelski came out attacking in the first round, trying to get inside the senior Fitzpatrick's guard to hit her body. However, Fitzpatrick used her longer reach to keep Stachelski away with a series of jabs. Fitzpatrick pressed her advantage, following each jab with a flurry of punches. Stachelski stuck to her plan of attacking the body, but struggled to get inside Fitzgerald's reach. She renewed her assault in the final round, but fell victim to a Fitzgerald counterpunch. Fitzgerald's longer reach was the deciding factor in her victory by unanimous decision.

Erin "Fired Up" Flattery def. Liz "Lights Out" Zolper

As soon as the first bell sounded, the sophomore Zolper fought aggressively, driving the senior Flattery into the ropes. Flattery maintained an effective defense, however, and landed some counter blows. Flattery fought with more urgency in the second round, attacking Zolper with combinations of body and head blows. At the end of the second round, both fighters circled each other warily, keeping each other at bay with jabs. The defensive fighting continued in the third round, and Flattery emerged victorious, earning a split decision.

Dagny "To Honor" Nagengast def. Megan "Mad Dog" Doyle



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Senior Sunee Fleshman, left, and junior Colleen Kerins battle during Monday's semifinals at the JACC. Fleshman won by unanimous decision.

The senior Doyle began with a defensive game plan, but the senior Nagengast countered with an aggressive attack. She broke through Doyle's defense with a flurry of jabs, and followed with a combination of power punches. The second round opened with Nagengast adopting a hit-and-run strategy, attacking then immediately retreating. Doyle landed some powerful counter punches, but without consistency. In the final round, Doyle started with a powerful punch that knocked Nagengast to the ground. Nagengast responded by dominating the remainder of the round with a series of powerful punches. Her final push earned Nagengast the split-decision victory.

Mary "The Marinator" Schlegel def. Nora "O'Swollivan" O'Sullivan

Both fighters came out in defensive stances, neither allowing the other an opening. The sophomore O'Sullivan landed a few jabs thanks to her longer reach. The freshman Schlegel started the second round with a fierce combo and kept O'Sullivan on the defensive. However, O'Sullivan rallied in the final round, bypassing Schlegel's defenses by utilizing

her longer reach. It was too little too late, though, as Schlegel won in a split decision.

Diana "May The Force Be With You" Yu def. Molly "Have you seen her" Chang

Fifth-year senior Yu came out attacking in the first round, punishing the sophomore Chang with a series of uppercuts. Chang responded with a few jabs, powerful with her longer reach. More defensive fighting on both sides characterized the second round. Chang attempted to attack Yu with more jabs, but Yu countered and forced Chang into the corner. Yu dictated the third round, chasing Chang around the ring with continuous straight punches and earning the split decision.

Tori "No" White "Flag" def. Shannon "Captain" Kirk

The first round started with the sophomore White on the attack, landing punches to the head of the sophomore Kirk. Although Kirk came out swinging in the beginning of the second round, White continued her dominance. The referee stopped the fight for a tough punch from White to

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season and appears to be a shoe-in for a bid to the NCAA tournament. For Roof, it couldn't be a more fitting way to end her career.

"Going into this weekend, we have the chance to take the Big East regular season title, so that's our number one goal right now," Roof said. "Hopefully we can get that bid to the NCAAs, which is what we're really working for. We haven't gone since my freshman year, so it would be really cool to go full circle and get there again."

Though Roof has not put up the gaudy statistics of teammates like Maggie Brindock or Jeni Houser, she has proved to be a stabilizing force on the Irish front as well as a leader on and off the court. Starting 13 of Notre Dame's 25 games, Roof has notched 32 kills and 70 blocks from her right-side hitter position. One of just two seniors on the team, she views herself as an

important leader for her younger teammates.

"My role on the team is special to me as a captain and senior leader, and it's maybe something that I didn't expect coming in as a freshman [to be a captain]," Roof said. "I help them with whatever they need, whether it's volleyball or outside volleyball."

A two-sport standout coming out of Mona Shores High School in Muskegon, Mich., in 2009, Roof was unsure whether to pursue volleyball or basketball in college. It was her visit to Notre Dame that sealed the deal and had her hitting balls over the net instead of through it.

"I think the first thing that drew me in was the people on my visit," Roof said. "I loved the coaches, I loved the players and I knew that they were girls that I could get along with."

"I considered basketball for a little while, but once I came on my visit here, I knew that this was where I wanted to be, so I chose

volleyball."

During her early years at Notre Dame, the former Ryan Hall resident credited her older teammates and specifically 2011 graduate Angela Puente for helping her adjust to life at the University and to collegiate volleyball. It is a role Roof hopes she can play for her own younger teammates.

"Puente was a junior my freshman year and then a captain her senior year," Roof said. "She was in kind of the same position as me. Maybe she wasn't the most dominant player on the team, but she was always there for everyone. She was a really good leader whether she was on the court or the sidelines."

With just one game remaining at the Joyce Center this year, the desire to go out on top has galvanized the team and Roof, despite the bittersweet feeling of her last home match.

"Going into senior night, it's really cool to be able to look back and see all that I've accomplished as an



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Irish senior captain Marie Roof, left, goes up for the block during Notre Dame's 3-2 loss to Marquette on Sept. 29 at Purcell Pavilion.

individual and all that our team has accomplished over the last four years," Roof said. "It will be fun to look at all of that but also sad to say it's my last time on the court."

With the success of the team this year and looming postseason play, Roof said she has an increasing desire to go out on top.

"Everyone's goal as a Division

I athlete is to win the national championship," Roof said. "Maybe it's not always attainable, but it's something you want to do, just to get as close as you can. That's something that's been on my mind all season."

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lowered her gloves. This allowed Heberlein to land a series of precise, right-handed punches to finish the fight.

Sunnee "Shiner" Fleshman def. Colleen "Nine Lives" Kerins

The senior Fleshman defeated the junior Kerins in a unanimous decision. Both boxers came out swinging in the first round. After maintaining their aggressiveness throughout the round, both controlled their energy in the third round and started throwing straighter, more precise punches. Fleshman started the fight mostly throwing jabs, but began swinging more freely with her right hand in the later rounds. Once she started punching with her right hand, she was able to take advantage of Kerins's dropped hands. Kerins fought back in the third round, but Fleshman took home the victory.

Lauren "The Big Lebowski" Ladowski def. Carli "Not Rae Jepson" Fernandez

The junior Ladowski used her polished one-two combination to defeat the fifth-year senior Fernandez in a split decision. Ladowski advanced toward Fernandez in the first round and delivered combinations. Fernandez responded in the second round with a one-two hook combination. She also targeted Ladowski with body shots, but lowered her gloves as a result. Ladowski capitalized by landing more one-two combinations and a right punch to claim victory.

Alisa Blumenthaler def. AnnMarie "Here Comes the Boom" Jakubowski

The senior Blumenthaler defeated the sophomore Jakubowski with the strength of



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Irish junior defensive lineman Louis Nix sheds a blocker during Notre Dame's 30-13 win over Oklahoma on Oct. 27 in Norman, Okla.

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"I sensed and felt in talking to our guys that they clearly understand that they can't play the game any less than their very best if they want to win. So I think that message resonated."

Golson bounces back

Sophomore quarterback Everett Golson returned in the win over Pittsburgh after a brief benching to lead Notre Dame to a 14-point comeback in the fourth quarter.

"He hadn't been in that situation

where I felt like when I looked at him he was ready to get back in there," Kelly said. "He was ready to get back in the game and knew what he needed to do."

Golson finished the game 23-for-42 for 227 yards, two touchdowns and an interception. He added 74 yards, a touchdown and a two-point conversion on the ground.

In the fourth quarter and overtime periods, Golson accounted for 164 of 223 total yards, nearly 75 percent.

"That quarterback will be the one that drives [the offense]," Kelly said. "He'll have athleticism.

He'll have the ability to throw the football. He's a [redshirt] freshman. I'm reminded of it every single day."

Golson had been pulled from games against Purdue and Michigan, and he missed the end of the Stanford game and all of the BYU game with a concussion.

Kelly said Golson has had to adjust to being taken out.

"He's walked through every game he's played," Kelly said. "He's been the best player on the field. He's dealing with, you know, 'This is the first time I've ever been taken out of a game.'"

Injury updates

Junior offensive tackle Tate Nichols may miss the rest of the season with a knee injury, Kelly announced. Nichols did not play in his first two seasons and has seen action in just one game this year.

Junior nose guard Louis Nix is fully recovered from a bout with the flu, but Kelly said a few players are still battling illnesses.

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looking good. The Cardinals were a near unanimous pick to win the Big East in the preseason, the game was on the road, and the picture looked that much bleaker after the Irish lost the first two sets.

What followed was a rally that changed the entire complexion of the 2012 season. The Irish turned around the match and, with it, their entire season, won the remaining three sets and defeated No. 10 Louisville, 3-2.

"I am so proud of this team for capturing a signature win against a talented Louisville team on the road," said head coach Debbie Brown said to und.com following the improbable comeback. "I was unbelievably impressed with our composure at the end of the fourth set and then I'm not sure if I have seen anything like set five before. It was a great team win for us."

Since that game, the Irish are 10-1 and have been one of the hottest teams in the country. Their current 10-game winning streak is the longest for the program since their 15-game winning streak in 2009.

The team's midseason turnaround cannot be attributed to one standout player — this streak has been the product of a total team effort that has carried the team into the thick of the Big East race.

Yes, there have been standout performances, like junior Maggie Brindock's triple-double against Rutgers on Sunday. The ever-present playmaking ability of sophomore Toni Alugbue, who leads the team in kills and kills per set, also stands out. But the backbone of this team has been the supporting cast.

"It is not like there has been one girl carrying the team,"

Brown said Oct. 25. "It has been a collective effort from all of the players."

With their hot play and with only two games remaining, Notre Dame has its eyes set on the program's 12th regular season Big East title. If they were to achieve this, it would be a great comeback story. However, obstacles remain.

The last two games offer significant challenges to Notre Dame. The Irish host a strong Cincinnati team that pushed the Irish to five sets in their first meeting, as well as Marquette (23-4, 12-1), the team responsible for the lone blemish on Notre Dame's conference record.

The game against the Golden Eagles could have added significance, as it could be the game that decides the Big East champion.

"It has been one of our major goals since the beginning of the season to win the regular season championship for the conference," Brown said prior to Notre Dame's match against Seton Hall on Friday. "We continue to just take it one match at a time. To look beyond that at this time would be a mistake, we just want to take the challenge that each team brings."

Spoken like a true coach. But if the Irish are to come out on top of the Big East at season's end, there is no doubt they will have earned it.

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the fight. Wieland responded to Prouty's attacks by executing dodges and parries, but Prouty's aggressiveness scored her points. Prouty opened the third round with a powerful flurry of jabs and right-handed punches to secure the victory.

Alison "Call Your Mom" Collins def. Kaitlin "Wegasaurus Rex" Wegrzyn

The senior Collins took advantage of her height and long arms to defeat the senior Wegrzyn in a split decision. Wegrzyn danced fluidly around the ring to dodge Collins's punches. While Collins was not as elusive, she kept Wegrzyn at bay with repeated jabs that prevented her

shorter opponent from getting inside for body shots. In the third round, Wegrzyn finally landed several solid body shots as the power behind Collins's jab faded. Ultimately, Collins's long reach helped her hold on for the close win.

Colleen "Hostile" Heberlein def. Jayme "Hawaiian Punch" Ogino

The senior Heberlein and her straight right punches defeated the junior Ogino and her right hook in a unanimous decision. Both boxers punched quickly and efficiently, keeping their elbows tucked as they hit each other. Heberlein dodged several of Ogino's powerful hooks in the first two rounds, but Ogino snuck in for a few strong body shots. In the third round, Ogino tired and

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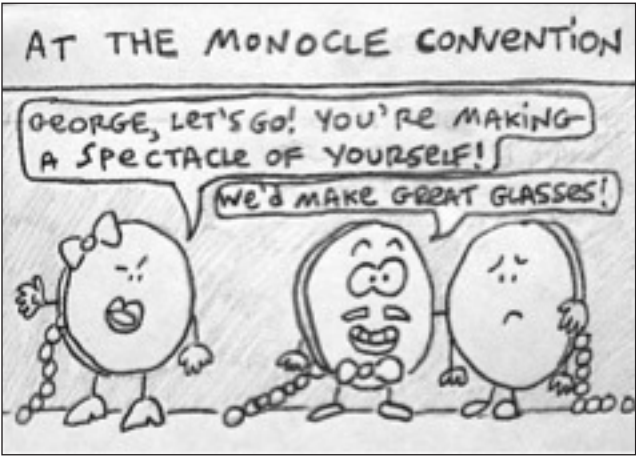
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HOROSCOPE | EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Emma Stone, 24; Ethan Hawke, 42; Maria Shriver, 57; Sally Field, 66.

Happy Birthday: Refuse to get involved in melodrama. Don't limit the possibilities when it comes to your abilities and utilizing what you have to work with in order to get ahead. Own what you have to offer, display it proudly and you will get the kind of response you need to reach the success you are searching for. Your numbers are 8, 14, 22, 26, 34, 40, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Travel, regardless of distance, to enjoy the company of someone you share an interest with or who can contribute to what you are working toward. A change in your financial situation is apparent and a personal investment will pay off. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Give-and-take will be necessary if you want to maintain balance at work or within a partnership. Don't let emotions run wild. Use your imagination wisely to differentiate what you have to offer. Put pressure on anyone holding you back. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Choose your friends and colleagues wisely. You will be prone to getting involved with someone who withholds information or is vague. Love is in the stars. Networking will bring about both personal and professional opportunities ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Mingle with people who are into the same things you are. A creative hobby will bring about various options that will enable you to explore new avenues, pastimes and lifestyles. Don't let a jealous relationship stand in your way ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The people you are closest to will be the most difficult to deal with. Keep an open mind and schedule interesting activities. A personal change will do you good. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't mix business with pleasure. Avoid anyone looking for an argument or trying to pressure you into something you'd prefer not to do. Overreacting, overspending and overindulging will end up ruining your personal plans. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Getting rid of clutter will serve a purpose. The help you give by donating items no longer use will benefit someone who can offer you insight in return. Exploring a creative idea will lead to prosperity. Love is on the rise. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Depression will set in if you let emotional issues concerning a relative or friend get to you. Try to separate what you do from those having a negative effect on your emotional wellness. Let your creative imagination lead to positive output. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take a close look at any deal being offered and you will find a way to slant it in your favor. Use your charm or even a little innocent manipulation and you will be able to make changes that will improve your life. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can pick up information that will help you advance if you are disciplined and attentive. Focus on consistency and responsibility and you will win favors and the support you need from someone in a high position. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't question others or volunteer information that is likely to be used against you or to defeat you. Put more effort into your home, family and financial situation. You will also find a way to excel in a new and interesting direction. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19- March 20): Sit back and see what transpires. Secure your position by observing what others do. Stick to basics when discussing your plans. The less you share with others, the better you will do. For now, it's best to be secretive about your plans. ★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You are colorful, generous, sociable and curious. You are a good sport.

JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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

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Where's Dave?

Taking a nap to recover from the climb.

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FOOTBALL

Irish expect Eagles' best

Kelly says Golson rebounded in second half against Pittsburgh; Nichols likely out for the season

By **MATTHEW DeFRANKS**
Associate Sports Editor

Despite being double-digit favorites in its past two home games, No. 4 Notre Dame has squeaked out three-point wins in contests against BYU and, most recently, Pittsburgh.

In the 29-26 win Saturday, the Irish (9-0) needed a two-point conversion, three overtimes and a missed field goal to secure a victory over the pesky Panthers.

Irish coach Brian Kelly said he liked the way the team prepared but not the way they played.

"I told the football team that they had the heart of a champion in the

way that they battled through triple overtime," Kelly said. "But now that we understand that we will fight in battle, we've got to have the head of a champion, too. The head of a champion understand that each and every week you're going to get the opposition's very best."

The Irish will hit the road to face Boston College (2-7) on Saturday at 8 p.m. In five home games this season, Notre Dame has won by an average of 4.6 points. But away from Notre Dame Stadium, the Irish have won by 28 points per game.

Kelly said each game becomes tougher as the season progresses.

"This group has not been 9-0, so they have learned about how difficult it gets as you get down to just a few games left in the season," Kelly said. "Everybody can make their season beating Notre Dame."

The Eagles enter Saturday's game ranked 116th (out of 120 Football Bowl Subdivision teams) in rushing defense, giving up almost 234 yards per outing. They also rank 119th in both sacks and tackles for loss.

Kelly said the Irish still need to play their best.

"This is new territory for them and they're learning," Kelly said.

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MACKENZIE SAIN | The Observer

Irish sophomore quarterback Everett Golson fires a pass during Notre Dame's 29-26 win over Pittsburgh on Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium.

BARAKA BOUTS

Bell sounds on opening round at the JACC

By **SAMANTHA ZUBA**
Sports Writer

Gina "I'm Not Sorry" Rogari
def. Courtney "Motor City Cobra" Currier

The junior Rogari started strong with a flurry of punches and held on for a split-decision victory over the senior Currier. Currier fought defensively in the first round, dancing away from

Rogari and keeping her gloves up to block big hits. In the second round, a more aggressive Currier showed off a big right hook. Rogari took a few hits, but kept chipping away with one-two jab combinations. Both boxers tired in the third round, but Rogari landed a final pair of decisive punches to secure the victory.

Dionne "Striker" Sandoval

def. Shannon "Elizabeth" Brady

The sophomore Sandoval used precise one-two combinations to defeat the sophomore Brady in a unanimous decision. Sandoval frequently backed Brady against the ropes in the first round and took advantage of Brady's lowered gloves to score important points in the second round. After Sandoval knocked Brady's

mouth guard out in the third round, Brady fought back with a strong hook. Brady also pushed Sandoval against the ropes and almost out of the ring twice in the third round. However, Sandoval landed too many punches in the early rounds for Brady to steal the victory.

Kasia "Polish Punisher" Prouty
def. Maggie

"Left-hooked on a Feeling" Wieland

With a powerful right-handed punch and an aggressive strategy, MBA student Prouty sealed a unanimous decision over the junior Wieland. Wieland fought defensively and rarely threw the first punch while Prouty instigated the action throughout

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame prepares for postseason play

Roof excels as leader to underclassmen

By **CONOR KELLY**
Sports Writer

As a freshman, Irish senior captain Marie Roof played sparingly on a team that won the Big East regular season championship and secured a bid to the NCAA tournament. While Roof's sophomore and junior years passed without a chance to play for a national championship, the Irish are poised to return to the NAAs, this time with Roof in a leadership role.

The team sits tied for first at 12-1 in the Big East heading into the final weekend of the regular season. With showdowns against fellow top seeds Louisville and Marquette to come, the team is positioned to win the regular

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SARAH O'CONNOR | The Observer

Irish senior captain Marie Roof goes up for a block during Notre Dame's 3-1 over Kansas on Sept. 16 at Purcell Pavilion. Roof has 70 blocks this season.

Team surges upward since Louisville



Joe Wirth
Sports Writer

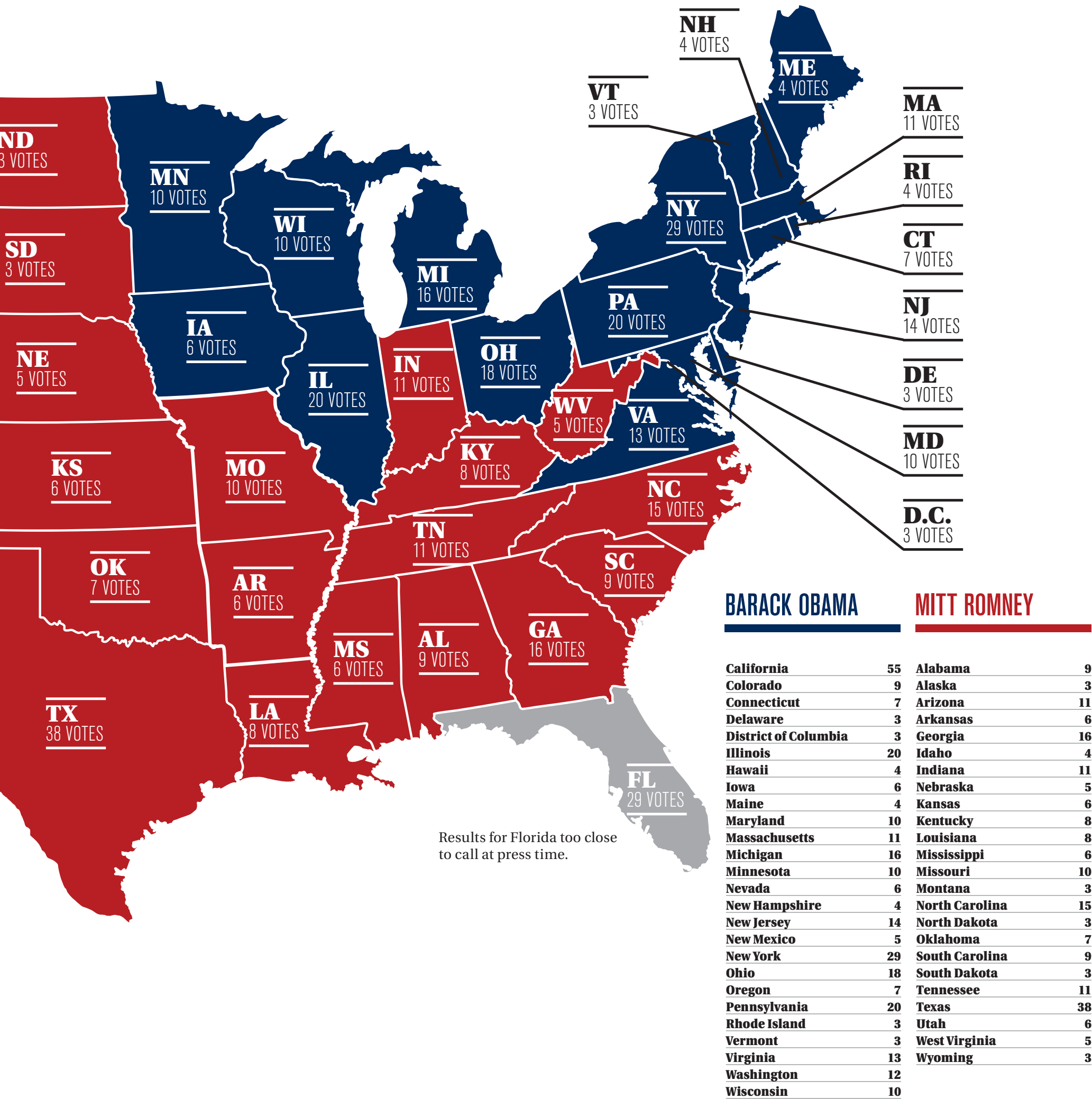
Success is nothing new for the Irish volleyball program. They have already clinched their 22nd consecutive winning season this year and remain in a tie for first in the Big East with Louisville and Marquette. Not all winning seasons, however, are created equal.

The Irish faced a demanding schedule early in the season and suffered losses to some highly ranked teams.

After getting off to a slow start, the Irish (19-6, 12-1 Big East) entered their Sept. 23 match against Louisville (23-3, 12-1) with an 8-5 record. The odds of the team getting their ninth win were not

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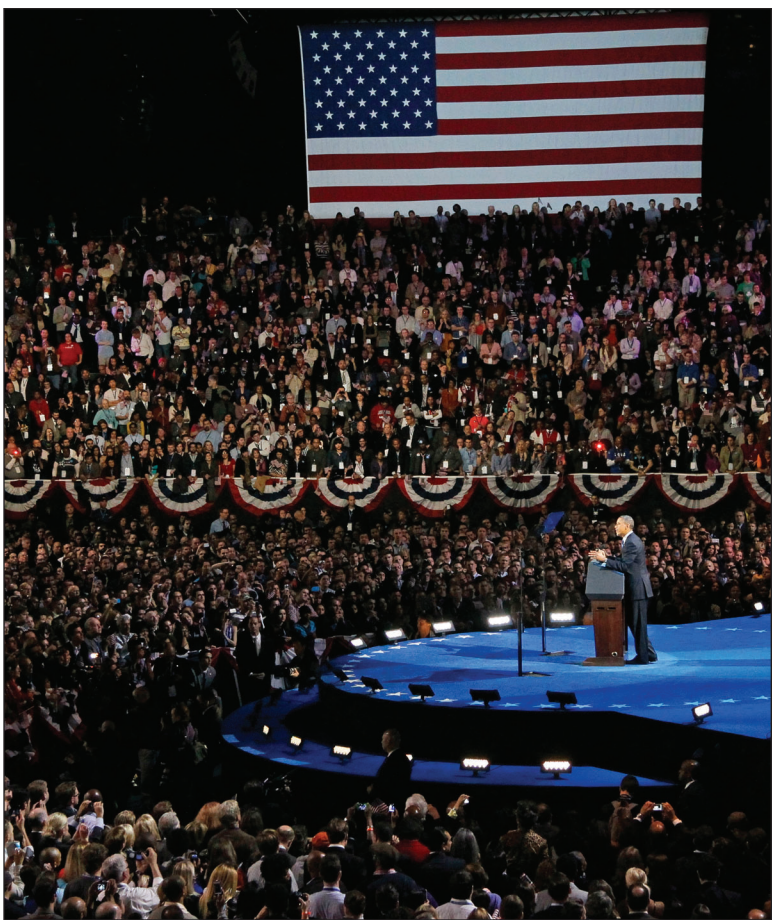
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President

Despite weak economy, Obama

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama rolled to re-election Tuesday night, vanquishing former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney despite a weak economy that plagued his first term and put a crimp in the middle class dreams of millions. In victory, he confidently promised better days ahead.

Obama spoke to thousands of cheering supporters in his hometown of Chicago, praising Romney and declaring his optimism for the next four years. “While our road has been hard, though our journey has been long, we have picked ourselves up, we have fought our way back and we know in our hearts that for the United States of America, the best is yet to come,” he said.

Romney made a brief, graceful concession speech before a disappointed crowd in Boston. He summoned all Americans to pray for Obama and urged the night’s political winners to put partisan bickering aside and “reach across the aisle” to tackle the nation’s problems.

Still, after the costliest — and one of the nastiest — campaigns in history, divided government was alive and well.

Democrats retained control of the Senate with surprising ease. With three races too close to call, they had the possibility of gaining a seat.

Republicans won the House, ensuring that Speaker John Boehner of Ohio, Obama’s partner in unsuccessful deficit talks,

would reclaim his seat at the bargaining table. With numerous races as yet uncalled, the size of the GOP majority was unknown.

At Obama headquarters in Chicago, a huge crowd gathered waving small American flags and cheering. Supporters hugged each other, danced and pumped their fists in the air. Excited crowds also gathered in New York’s Times Square, at Faneuil Hall in Boston and near the White House in Washington, drivers joyfully honking as they passed by.

With returns from 88 percent of the nation’s precincts, Obama had 55.8 million, 49.8 percent of the popular vote. Romney had 54.5 million, or 48.6 percent.

The president’s laserlike focus on the battleground states allowed him to run up a 303-206 margin in the competition for the 270 electoral votes needed to win the White House, the count that mattered most. Remarkably, given the sour economy, he lost only two states that he captured in 2008, Indiana and North Carolina.

Florida, another Obama state four years ago, remained too close to call.

The election emerged as a choice between two very different visions of government — whether it occupies a major, front-row place in American lives or is in the background as a less-obtrusive facilitator for private enterprise and entrepreneurship.

The economy was rated the top issue by about 60 percent of

voters surveyed as they left their polling places. But more said former President George W. Bush bore responsibility for current circumstances than Obama did after nearly four years in office.

That boded well for the president, who had worked to turn the election into a choice between his proposals and Romney’s, rather than a simple referendum on the economy during his time in the White House.

Unemployment stood at 7.9 percent on Election Day, higher than when the president took office. And despite signs of progress, the economy is still struggling after the worst recession in history.

Obama captured Ohio, Wisconsin, Iowa, Virginia, New Hampshire, Colorado and Nevada, seven of the nine states where the rivals and their allies poured nearly \$1 billion into dueling television commercials.

Romney won North Carolina among the battleground states.

Florida was too close to call, Obama leading narrowly in a state where there were still long lines of voters at some polling places long after the appointed closing time.

Romney, who grew wealthy in business and ran the 2002 Olympic Games in Salt Lake City before entering politics, spoke only briefly to supporters, some of whom wept.

“I so wish that I had been able to fulfill your hopes to lead the country in a different direction,” he said. “But the nation chose another leader and so Ann and

ELECTION DAY TIMELINE

FIRST VOTES CAST

Midnight

Dixville Notch, N.H.

The tiny hamlet of Dixville Notch casts the first votes of Election Day. The town’s 10 eligible voters split evenly between Obama and Romney, seemingly foretelling a close election.

POLLS OPEN

7 a.m.

Eastern Time

Most states in the Eastern time zone and many in the Central time zone open for in-person voting.

MOST POLLS CLOSE

11 p.m.

Eastern Time

Polls in California and other western states close, marking the end of voting in the contiguous 48 states.

OBAMA GETS OHIO

11:26 p.m.

CNN

After back-and-forth results in early counting, Obama gains a key prize when he pulls ahead in Ohio as the final votes are counted and CNN calls the state in his favor.



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will return to White House

I join with you to earnestly pray for him and for this great nation."

Moments later, Obama stepped before a far different crowd hundreds of miles away.

"Tonight you voted for action, not politics as usual," he said. He pledged to work with leaders of both parties to help the nation complete its recovery from the worst recession since the Great Depression.

Boehner issued a statement of his own, noting that while Obama won, so, too, did his House Republicans "If there is a mandate, it is a mandate for both parties to find common ground and take steps together to help our economy grow and create jobs, which is critical to solving our debt," he said.

By any description, the list of challenges is daunting - high unemployment, a slow-growth economy, soaring deficits, a national debt at unsustainable. To say nothing of the threat of a nuclear Iran and the menace of al-Qaida and other terrorist groups more than a decade after the attacks of Sept., 11, 2001.

There was no doubt about what drove voters to one candidate or the other in the presidential race.

About 4 in 10 said the economy is on the mend, but more than that said it was stagnant or getting worse more than four years after the near-collapse of 2008. The survey was conducted for The Associated Press and a group of television networks.

In the battle for the Senate, Elizabeth Warren turned

Republican Scott Brown out of office in Massachusetts, and Rep. Joe Donnelly captured a seat from GOP hands in Indiana.

Deb Fischer picked up a seat for Republicans in Nebraska, defeating former Sen. Bob Kerrey.

In Maine, independent former Gov. Angus King was elected to succeed retiring GOP Sen. Olympia Snowe. He has not yet said which party he will side with, but Republicans attacked him in television advertising during the race, and Democrats rushed to his cause.

In the presidential race, Obama won in the reliably Democratic Northeast and on the West Coast. Pennsylvania was his, too, despite two late campaign stops by Romney.

Romney won most of the South as well as much of the Rocky Mountain West and Farm Belt.

The president was in Chicago as he awaited the voters' verdict on his four years in office. He told reporters he had a concession speech as well as victory remarks prepared. He congratulated Romney on a spirited campaign. "I know his supporters are just as engaged, just as enthusiastic and working just as hard today" as Obama's own, he added.

Romney reciprocated, congratulating the man who he had campaigned against for more than a year.

Earlier, he raced to Ohio and Pennsylvania for Election Day campaigning and projected confidence as he flew home to Massachusetts. "We fought to the very end, and I think that's

why we'll be successful," he said, adding that he had finished writing a speech anticipating victory but nothing if the election went to his rival.

Like Obama, Vice President Joe Biden was in Chicago as he waited to find out if he was in line for a second term. Republican running mate Paul Ryan was with Romney in Boston, although he kept one eye on his campaign for re-election to the House from Wisconsin, a race he won.

The long campaign's cost soared into the billions, much of it spent on negative ads, some harshly so.

In a months-long general election ad war that cost nearly \$1 billion, Romney and Republican groups spent more than \$550 million and Obama and his allies \$381 million, according to organizations that track advertising.

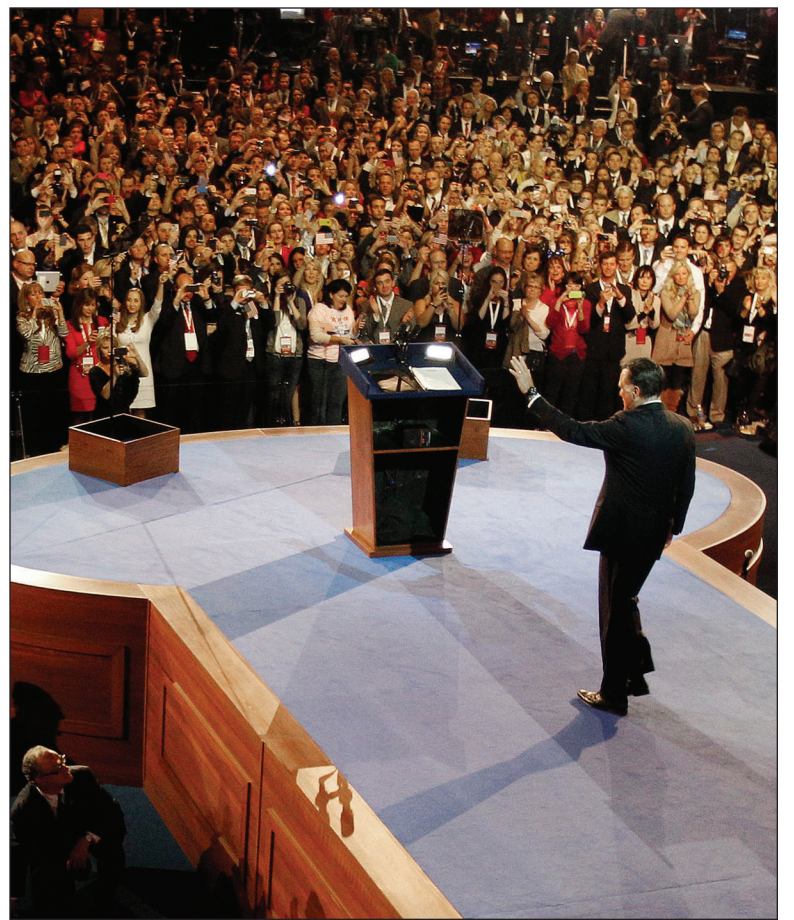
According to the exit poll, 53 percent of voters said Obama was more in touch with people like them, compared to 43 percent for Romney.

About 60 percent said taxes should be increased, taking sides on an issue that divided the president and Romney. Obama wants to let taxes rise on upper incomes, while Romney does not.

Other than the battlegrounds, big states were virtually ignored in the final months of the campaign. Romney wrote off New York, Illinois and California, while Obama made no attempt to carry Texas, much of the South or the Rocky Mountain region other than Colorado.



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OBAMA WINS

11:26 p.m.

CNN

After building towards the threshold number of 270 electoral votes, Obama reaches it when CNN calls Ohio in his favor. The outcome in other swing states no longer matters — Obama has won.

ROMNEY CONCEDES

12:37 a.m.

Phone call

After his campaign has held out hope in Ohio past the networks' forecast, Romney finally calls Obama to concede the election.

ROMNEY SPEECH

12:37 a.m.

**Convention Center
Boston**

Romney delivers his concession speech. "We can't risk partisan bickering and political posturing," he says. "Our leaders have to reach across the aisle."

OBAMA SPEECH

1:38 a.m.

**McCormick Place
Chicago**

Obama gives his acceptance speech to supporters. "I've never been more hopeful about our future, I've never been more hopeful about America," he says.

U.S. SENATE

Donnelly tops Mourdock for Senate seat

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Democrat Joe Donnelly triumphed Tuesday in one of the nation's most tumultuous Senate races, capitalizing on fallout over his tea party-backed opponent's comment that a pregnancy resulting from rape is "something God intended" to capture a seat that only months ago seemed safely in Republican hands.

Donnelly beat state Treasurer Richard Mourdock after a bruising campaign that saw outside groups pump millions of dollars into the state in a race viewed by many as a test of the tea party's strength.

Donnelly promised supporters gathered in Indianapolis Tuesday night he would go to Washington as a senator in the mold of Republican Richard Lugar and former Democratic U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh.

"I'm not going there as one party's senator or the other party's senator, I'm going there as your senator to work for your families," he said. "I'm the hired help, and I can't wait to get to work."

Murdock conceded defeat, tearing up at times as he said he was worried for the nation.

"Tonight, my own disappointment aside, my concern for this nation grows greater," he said. "That's not meant as slap on Mr. Donnelly; I wish him well."

The victory was a coup for Democrats, who had been waiting years for a shot at the



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Democrat Joe Donnelly, right, celebrates his victory over Republican Richard Mourdock in a U.S. Senate race with his wife Jill in Indianapolis. Donnelly is the first Notre Dame graduate to be elected to the Senate since World War II.

seat. It had been held since 1977 by Lugar, who was defeated by Mourdock in a bitterly fought primary.

Even a year ago, Lugar seemed a safe bet to win a seventh term, despite widespread conservative anger with the veteran statesman's votes on divisive legislation and his support for President Barack Obama's Supreme Court nominees. But questions about Lugar's residency combined with a flood of outside spending by groups such as the

anti-tax Club for Growth carried Mourdock to a 20-point victory in the May primary.

Democrats pounced on the opportunity as Mourdock made a series of quick missteps that alarmed more moderate Republicans. In a series of interviews the day after his primary victory, Mourdock said compromise should consist of Democrats bowing to Republican demands and stood by tea party views popular with the most conservative voters, but not many others.

"To me the highlight of politics, frankly, is to inflict my opinion on someone else," he told MSNBC the day after the primary.

Murdock later tried to tack back toward the middle with declarations that he could work with Democrats, but he stumbled again in a televised Oct. 23 debate when he explained his opposition to abortion except in cases in which the mother's life is in danger.

"I struggled with it myself for a long time, but I came to realize that life is that gift from God. And, I think, even when life begins in that horrible situation of rape, that it is something that God intended to happen," Mourdock said.

Republicans, including presidential nominee Mitt Romney, initially distanced themselves from Mourdock but later walked their criticism back, with many saying they didn't agree with his statement but supported Mourdock's candidacy.

Democrats spent millions of dollars flooding the airwaves with those comments and other statements by Mourdock in a bid to attract disillusioned Lugar supporters.

Mike Murphy, a former Republican state lawmaker and veteran operative, cautioned that Mourdock's loss should not be read as a repudiation of the tea party, but one man's incredible efforts to wrench defeat from the jaws of victory.

"What happened with Mourdock was personal self-destruction, it wasn't a complete repudiation of conservative ideas in the Republican Party," he said.

Exit polling showed Indiana voters picking the economy as their top issue, driving victories for other Republicans. But

it also showed women breaking heavily for Donnelly.

For all the Mourdock campaign said about the comment not mattering to voters and arguing that the electorate was more concerned with the federal health care overhaul and federal spending, some voters said it still weighed on their minds in the voting booth.

Kaye Young, 78, of Indianapolis voted for Lugar in the primary and said she thought it was "a shame they kicked him out."

She said Richard Mourdock "irritated the tar out of me" with his comment on rape. But she still voted for him.

"I don't want a Democrat in there," she said.

Murdock's comment came to be the defining moment of the race. A Howey/DePauw University Battleground poll taken Oct. 28-30 showed Donnelly opening a double-digit lead over Mourdock.

"Candidates really matter in Indiana. They (voters) want a good, common-sense approach. They don't like candidates too far in either direction," said Christine Matthews, a veteran Republican pollster who conducted the Howey/DePauw poll with Democratic pollster Fred Yang.

Indiana's Senate battle was the most expensive the state ever has seen, topping \$25 million spent on air by outside groups and the campaigns.

Donnelly now becomes the new standard-bearer for Indiana's Democrats, whose statewide successes almost exclusively have stemmed from the Bayh family. Mourdock, meanwhile, joins the ranks of tea party candidates who ousted moderate Republicans in primaries but could not find enough support among the general electorate.



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Republican Richard Mourdock collects himself during a speech to his supporters in Indianapolis after he was defeated by Democrat Joe Donnelly in a race for a U.S. Senate seat.

INDIANA GOVERNOR

Pence wins governor's seat, strengthens GOP control



Republican Mike Pence, at podium, speaks to supporters in Indianapolis following his win over Democrat John Gregg. Pence will follow Republican Mitch Daniels as Indiana's governor.

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Republican Mike Pence won election Tuesday as Indiana governor, extending his party's control of the state's top office at the same time voters ousted the incumbent GOP state schools superintendent.

Pence defeated Democrat John Gregg by a margin that was significantly less than what Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney captured to carry the state.

"Tomorrow a season of service begins," Pence told supporters in declaring victory. "I will work every day to earn your trust as we build a more prosperous future for all the people of our state."

Democrat Glenda Ritz defeated Republican state schools Superintendent Tony Bennett in what many viewed as a referendum on the education overhauls that Bennett had pushed. Republican Attorney General Greg Zoeller won a second term as the state's top lawyer, and Republicans were adding to their advantage in the General Assembly.

Pence's victory followed a campaign in which he started as the better-known candidate and had a strong fundraising advantage in the race to succeed term-limited GOP Gov. Mitch Daniels.

With about 95 percent of the statewide vote tallied, Pence had about 50 percent of the vote to about 46 percent for Gregg. That compared with about 54 percent for GOP presidential candidate Romney, who carried the state.

Pence has been in Congress for the past 12 years, gaining national prominence as a social conservative. He focused his campaign on economic issues and brushed off attacks

suggesting that he will push contentious social issues, even as he proposed using traditional marriage as a tool to reduce poverty and improve the economy.

Pence said he hoped Daniels would see his victory as a vote of confidence in the governor's agenda over the past eight years.

"This is not our moment, this is Indiana's moment," Pence said. "Because of the progress we've made in the past eight years, Indiana is on the verge of an era of growth and opportunity."

Gregg called his campaign a roller coaster ride.

"I've been humbled by it, I've been educated by it, I've been touched by it," Gregg said. "It was the experience of a lifetime."

Gregg, a former Indiana House speaker, positioned himself as a candidate who would bring a bipartisan approach to the governor's office.

That appealed to Jordan Fischer, 25, of Indianapolis, who said he was worried about most of his friends leaving the state after college.

"I found Pence to be very divisive," Fischer said. "I found his stance on most social issues to be disagreeable."

But Daniels' popularity boosted Pence among some voters.

"A lot of it for me is feeling comfortable with Pence continuing to carry on the initiatives put in place by Gov. Daniels," said Joe Reece, a 34-year-old software salesman who was in line when the polls opened at his precinct on the north side of Indianapolis.

Republicans entered Tuesday's election holding strong majorities in both chambers of the General Assembly.

Republicans retained a majority in the 100-member

Indiana House, but it was uncertain whether they would win the two-thirds supermajority they sought so they could conduct business even if no Democrats are present. That push follows walkouts by House Democrats the past two years to stall action on the GOP-backed right-to-work law and other labor and education proposals.

Republicans maintained the supermajority they have in the state Senate.

Republicans had a 60-40 House advantage the past two years.

Republicans won at least six House seats from Democrats — defeating Democratic Reps. Win Moses of Fort Wayne, Peggy Welch of Bloomington and Phil Pflum of Richmond and capturing three open seats given up by retiring Democrats.

In a matchup of two incumbents in southwestern Indiana, Democratic Rep. Kreg Battles of Vincennes held an 89-vote advantage over Republican Rep. Bruce Borders of Jasonville out of nearly 25,000 votes cast.

Democrat Christina Hale held 44-vote lead over Republican Rep. Cindy Noe of Indianapolis, and a Democrat won an open seat in Indianapolis previously held by the GOP.

Many teachers backed Democratic candidate Ritz against Bennett, who pushed for approval of the state's private school voucher program and has overseen the first state takeover of troubled public schools.

Zoeller, who faced Democrat Kay Fleming, has defended in court a GOP-backed state law seeking to cut off much of Planned Parenthood's government funding because it provides abortions. He joined other Republican state attorneys general in challenging the federal health care overhaul.

U.S. CONGRESS

Walorski edges Mullen in close race



Republican Jackie Walorski, center, celebrates her victory over Democrat Brendan Mullen with her husband Dean in Elkhart.

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Former U.S. Attorney Susan Brooks and former state Rep. Jackie Walorski were elected to Congress on Tuesday, breaking a half-century of Republican male dominance in the state's congressional delegation, and incumbent GOP Rep. Larry Bucshon survived a heated challenge.

Brooks said she wants to become a symbol for other women.

"I hope this inspires a lot of girls and a lot of women to think about running for office whether it's at the school board level, the county council level all the way through state-level races or federal races," Brooks said.

Brooks won the 5th District seat being vacated by retiring GOP Rep. Dan Burton, and Walorski won the 2nd District seat she lost two years ago to incumbent Democrat Joe Donnelly, who won a U.S. Senate seat Tuesday.

Walorski, who began running again shortly after losing two years ago, won by less than 4,000 votes and didn't give her victory speech until shortly before midnight after Democratic political newcomer Brendan Mullen, an Iraq War veteran, conceded.

"I'm honored and humbled to be the congresswoman-elect," Walorski said. "This has been an unbelievable journey and it's been an unbelievably long night tonight."

They become the first GOP congresswomen from Indiana since Cecil Harden, who served five terms before losing in 1958. The district includes part of Indianapolis and areas east.

Brooks defeated Democratic state Rep. Scott Reske. Walorski beat Democratic political newcomer Brendan Mullen, an Iraq War veteran.

Indiana has had four Democratic congresswomen, most recently Julia Carson, who held the office 11 years until her

death in 2007. Her grandson, Democrat Andre Carson, won a third term over Republican Carlos May in the 7th District seat Julia Carson formerly held.

Two female Democrats lost Tuesday. Shelli Yoder lost to incumbent Republican Rep. Todd Young in southeastern Indiana, and Tara Nelson lost to incumbent Todd Rokita in the district west of Indianapolis.

Elsewhere in Indiana, former state Rep. Luke Messer, a former state leader of the Republican Party and a school choice supporter, won the eastern Indiana seat Mike Pence gave up to run for governor, keeping the seat Republican.

The wins by Brooks, Walorski and Messer means the Republicans gained a seat in the Indiana delegation, giving the GOP a 7-2 advantage.

Bucshon beat former Democratic state Rep. Dave Crooks to win a second term in the southwestern Indiana congressional district known as the "Bloody 8th" because of its history of close and competitive races.

Other incumbents to win Tuesday were GOP Reps. Marlin Stutzman in northeastern Indiana and Democrat Pete Visclosky in the northwest. Visclosky won his 15th term in Congress to become the senior member of Indiana's congressional delegation.

Visclosky defeated Republican Joel Phelps in the northwest Indiana district Democrats have held for decades. He replaces retiring GOP Rep. Dan Burton as the state's senior congressman.

Stutzman and Rokita each won second terms. Stutzman beat Democrat Kevin Boyd and becomes the state's senior Republican representative, replacing Burton. That's because Stutzman took office in November 2010 after Mark Souder abruptly resigned, gaining an edge over Rokita, Bucshon and Young.

AROUND THE NATION

ALABAMA

Alabama passed a ballot initiative intended to exempt its residents from the “individual mandate” provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Because federal law supersedes state law, the initiative is only symbolic in nature.

ALASKA

Alaska has only one House seat, and Republican incumbent Don Young earned an easy victory in the race for that seat over Democrat Sharon Cissna.

ARIZONA

In a tight nationwide Senate race, Republicans kept a crucial seat as GOP representative Jeff Flake defeated Democratic candidate Richard Carmona for the seat vacated by Jon Kyl. Kyl had served as Senate minority whip and retired instead of seeking a fourth term.

ARKANSAS

Arkansas voters defeated Issue 5, which would have legalized the medical use of marijuana. Republicans took all four House seats in the state, all by comfortable margins.

CALIFORNIA

Democrat Dianne Feinstein won a fourth full term in the Senate after defeating challenger Elizabeth Emken. At press time, a ballot initiative regarding a tax increase to fund public schools was too close to call.

COLORADO

Colorado’s Amendment 64, a constitutional amendment legalizing recreational marijuana possession, earned a majority and became law. Colorado was one of four states with such an initiative on the ballot; three of the four legalized mariuana.

CONNECTICUT

Democratic Rep. Chris Murphy earned a promotion to the Senate by defeating Republican candidate Linda McMahon, wife of professional wrestling pioneer Vince McMahon. The race was for the seat vacated by retiring senator Joe Lieberman, who is an independent but caucused with Democrats.

DELAWARE

A trio of Democratic incumbents retained their offices Tuesday nights. Gov. Jack Markell defeated Republican Kevin Wade, two-term senator Tom Carper defeated Republican Jeffrey Crag and Rep. John Carney defeated Republican Tom Kovach.

FLORIDA

Democrat incumbent Bill Nelson beat Republican challenger Connie Mack IV to secure a third term in the Senate. Floridians also voted down a symbolic ballot initiative against the “individual mandate” provision of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), commonly known as “Obamacare.”

GEORGIA

Incumbents won comfortable reelection in all 14 House races in Georgia despite recent redistricting. Three of the races were uncontested, and none of the other 11 contests were within 20 percentage points.

HAWAII

Hawaiians promoted Democratic representative Mazie Hirono to the Senate, defeating Republican Linda Lingle. The contest was for the seat vacated by Democratic senator Daniel Akaka, who decided to retire

instead of seeking a fourth term in the Senate.

IDAHO

In conservative Idaho, a law limiting collective-bargaining rights for teachers was upheld, but a law instituting a performance-based bonus system looked to be overturned at press time. Two Republican representatives also won comfortable reelection.

ILLINOIS

Four incumbent Republican House members lost their seats to Democrats in Illinois while picking up just one seat in an open seat. Democratic Rep. Jesse Jackson kept his seat in District 2 by a comfortable margin despite concerns over his health.

INDIANA

Republican Mike Pence defeated Democrat Judd Gregg in the race to replace outgoing Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels, while Democratic Rep. Joe Donnelly helped his party pick up a Senate seat by defeating Republican contender Richard Mourdock.

IOWA

Due to a once-in-a-decade restructuring of the districts in Iowa, two incumbents — Republican Tom Latham and Democrat Leonard Boswell — were forced to face off in a District 3 House race. Latham won his 10th term in the House while denying Boswell his ninth. Republican Steve King won the other House race in Iowa, defeating Democrat Christie Vilsack.

KANSAS

All four Republican incumbent House members won easy reelection in this deeply red state. One went entirely uncontested, and another faced no major-party opponent. However, the state legislature moved to the right as more conservative Republicans replaced more conservative members of their same party in the primary election.

KENTUCKY

Republican Andy Barr upset Democrat incumbent Ben Chandler to flip the District 6 House seat from blue to red. Voters also approved a measure that made hunting a constitutional right in Kentucky.

LOUISIANA

A ballot initiative to amend the state constitution in order to expand gun rights was one of five ballot initiatives to pass in landslide fashion. Six incumbent House members (five Republicans and a Democrat) won comfortable reelection as well.

MAINE

Maine voters approved Question 1, which legalized same-sex marriage. Independent Angus King won the Senate seat vacated by retiring Republican senator Olympia Snowe, adding a wild card to the tightly contested Senate. King triumphed in a three-way race over Republican Charles Summers and Democrat Cynthia Dill, who finished third.

MARYLAND

Maryland became the first state in this election to legalize same-sex marriage by popular vote when it narrowly approved Question 6, a state initiative. Democratic Sen. Ben Cardin won a second term in a three-way race, finishing ahead of Republican Daniel Bongino and independent Rob Sohani.

MASSACHUSETTS

In one of the most fiercely fought battles in the country, Democratic

challenger Elizabeth Warren ousted incumbent Republican Sen. Scott Brown. Massachusetts voters also approved a ballot initiative decriminalizing medical use of marijuana. At press time, a ballot initiative allowing physician-assisted suicide in certain circumstances was too close to call.

MICHIGAN

Incumbent Democratic Sen. Debbie Stabenow won reelection for a third term by defeating Republican challenger Pete Hoekstra, a four-term representative from Michigan. Stabenow has been the third-ranking Democrat in the Senate since 2004.

MINNESOTA

Minnesota became one of four states to uphold marriage equality when it defeated Amendment 1, which would have defined marriage as between one man and one woman. Minnesotans also sent Democratic Sen. Amy Klobuchar back to the Senate for a second term, defeating Republican Kurt Bills in the process.

MISSISSIPPI

This deep-red state stayed that way in its Senate race this year, with incumbent Republican Roger Wicker defeating challenger Albert Gore. Wicker won a special election to fill the seat vacated by retiring Republican Sen. Trent Lott in 2008 and will serve his first full term beginning in January.

MISSOURI

Democratic Sen. Claire McCaskill retained her Senate seat after defeating Republican challenger Todd Akin, who came under fire earlier in the race for his comments about pregnancies due to rape. Democratic Gov. Jay Nixon also won reelection, defeating Republican challenger Dave Spence.

MONTANA

Conservative Montana reelected Democrat Jon Tester to the Senate over Republican Denny Rehberg and chose Democrat Steve Bullock to replace term-limited Democratic Gov. Brian Schweitzer over Republican Rick Hill. At press time, however, Republican Steve Daines led Democrat Kim Gillian in the race for Montana’s only House seat.

NEBRASKA

A blue seat turned red when Republican Deb Fischer defeated Democrat Bob Kerrey in the race for the seat vacated by the retiring Democrat Ben Nelson. Fischer is the first woman to represent Nebraska in the Senate since 1954, while Kerrey was a two-term senator looking to return to the Senate after more than a decade.

NEVADA

At press time, the Nevada Senate race between incumbent Republican Sen. Dean Heller and Democratic challenger Shelley Berkley was too close to call. Heller had 45.7 percent of the vote, while Berkley had 45.3 percent of the vote. Democrats and Republicans split Nevada’s four House seats.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Democrat Maggie Hassan will be the next governor of New Hampshire, eclipsing Republican Ovide Lamontagne. Hassan will replace four-term incumbent Democratic governor John Lynch, who decided to retire at the end of his term.

NEW JERSEY

Incumbent Democratic senator

Bob Menendez easily defeated Republican challenger Joe Kyrillos to earn his second term in the U.S. Senate. The last time the state elected a Republican senator was 1972.

NEW MEXICO

Democrat Martin Heinrich replaced fellow Democrat Jeff Bingaman after beating Republican Heather Wilson for the Senate seat in New Mexico. Bingaman chose to retire after his fifth term in office.

NEW YORK

Democratic Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand will return to office after defeating Republican challenger Wendy Long. Gillibrand took office in 2009 after Hillary Clinton vacated her seat to become Secretary of State.

NORTH CAROLINA

Former Charlotte Mayor Pat McCrory, a Republican, defeated Democrat and incumbent lieutenant Gov. Walter Dalton in the race for the governorship of North Carolina. Incumbent Democratic Gov. Bev Perdue was eligible to run for reelection but elected not to do so.

NORTH DAKOTA

Republican Jack Dalrymple, who has served as governor since 2010 when his predecessor was elected to the Senate, earned a full term as governor by defeating Democrat Ryan Taylor. At press time, Democrat Heidi Heitkamp led Republican Rick Berg in a Senate contest.

OHIO

In one of the fiercest Senate battles of the year, incumbent Democratic Sen. Sherrod Brown defeated Republican challenger Josh Mandel, who had been backed by significant amounts of outside spending. Ohioans also voted down a ballot initiative that would have changed the state’s redistricting processes.

OKLAHOMA

Oklahomans passed six major ballot initiatives. Most notably, Amendment 759 passed, which amended the state constitution to ban affirmative action in most circumstances. Oklahomans also elected Republicans to the House in all five districts.

OREGON

Oregon was the only one of four states voting on marijuana legalization to reject the idea. Oregon also overwhelmingly rejected initiatives legalizing casino gambling in the state.

PENNSYLVANIA

Bob Casey, the incumbent Democratic senator, won reelection by defeating Republican challenger Tom Smith. Casey won his first seat in the Senate in 2006 by defeating then-incumbent Rick Santorum, who eventually made a run for the 2012 GOP presidential nomination.

RHODE ISLAND

Incumbent Democratic Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse was reelected to a second term in the Senate by a comfortable margin over Republican challenger Barrett Hinckley in this reliably blue state. Both incumbent Democrats in the House won comfortable reelection as well.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Only one House race was competitive this year — in it, Republican Tom Rice defeated Democrat Gloria Tinubu for an open seat. In the other six districts, incumbents won easy reelection, including five Republicans and one Democrat.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Incumbent Republican Rep. Kristi Noem won reelection in the only statewide race this year, defeating Democrat Matt Varilek. South Dakota has only one House district, and neither senator from South Dakota was up for reelection.

TENNESSEE

This heavily conservative state reelected incumbent Republican Sen. Bob Corker by a comfortable margin over Democratic challenger Mark Clayton. Incumbents also won easy reelection in all nine house districts, with Republicans holding eight of those seats.

TEXAS

Republicans retained control of the seat vacated by the retiring Kay Bailey Hutchinson when GOP nominee Ted Cruz defeated Democrat Paul Sadler. Cruz won a bruising primary battle in a July 31 runoff election to run for the seat.

UTAH

Incumbent Orrin Hatch, the most senior Republican senator, won a seventh term in the Senate after defeating Democratic challenger Scott Howell. Republican incumbent Gov. Gary Herbert also won reelection in a landslide, garnering nearly two-thirds of the vote, while Democrat Scott Howell earned just 30 percent.

VERMONT

Incumbent Gov. Peter Shumlin, incumbent Sen. Bernie Sanders and incumbent Rep. Peter Welch all won reelection by comfortable margins. Shumlin and Welch are Democrats, while Sanders is an independent who caucuses with Democrats.

VIRGINIA

In a tight race, Democrats kept a seat in the Senate when Tim Kaine defeated Republican George Allen in a race for the seat vacated by retiring Democratic Sen. Jim Webb. Virginia has become a more competitive swing state in recent years as its northern sections have become more liberal.

WASHINGTON

Two important ballot initiatives passed, as Washington legalized marijuana and same-sex marriage. Incumbent Democratic Sen. Maria Cantwell defeated Republican challenger Michael Baumgartner,. At press time, Democrat Jay Inslee led Republican Rob McKenna in the contest for governor, but the race was too close to call.

WEST VIRGINIA

Conservative West Virginia reelected two moderate Democrats. Joe Manchin, an incumbent Democratic senator, defeated Republican challenger John Raese and incumbent Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin defeated Republican Bill Maloney.

WISCONSIN

Democrat Tammy Baldwin became the Senate’s first openly LGBT member when she defeated Republican Tommy Thompson in the race to replace retiring Democratic Sen. Herb Kohl. Baldwin is currently a member of the House of Representatives.

WYOMING

Incumbent Republican John Barrasso retained his Senate seat by defeating Democrat Tim Chestnut. This will be Barrasso’s first full term as senator, as he earned his seat by winning a special election in 2008 to replace Craig Thomas, who passed away in office.