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Taylor discusses perspectives on war on terrorism

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News Writers

Francis Taylor, the assistant secretary of state for diplomatic security, focused on the future when he revisited his past Tuesday by returning to Notre Dame.

"It's always good to be back home," said Taylor, who

received his Air Force commission from the Notre Dame ROTC program in 1970. Taylor's other positions included director of the Office of Foreign Missions, with the rank of ambassador, and he has served as the U.S. Department of State's Coordinator for Counterterrorism since July 13, 2001.

He first spoke yesterday at 12:30 p.m. in DeBartolo, giving a

lecture entitled "Perspectives on the Global War on Terrorism," sponsored by the department of political science and Air Force ROTC.

Taylor offered his personal reflections and memories about Sept. 11 and the subsequent beginnings of the war on terror. Throughout the presentation, he focused on the war as a continuing process and said that the battle to end terrorism will most

likely be passed down to the next generation.

"I don't think this is something that's going to be solved within the next 10 years," Taylor said.

He said the war on terror is a changing, prolonged process because victory will not come with actions of the military and law enforcement officials. While he cited major gains, such as the apprehension of more than 4,000 al-Qaeda soldiers, Taylor

said that "the threat persists."

"No terrorist group has ever been defeated solely by military action," he said, adding, "al-Qaeda is everywhere."

To cap this widespread dispersion, Taylor said, the radical ideologies and cultural misunderstanding which propel it must be quelled.

"The challenge is to get people

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Controversial film on Jesus' final hours opens



Protesters in New York City rally against "The Passion of the Christ." The film has drawn both praise and criticism from religious groups.



Actor Jim Caviezel, who portrays Jesus, carries the cross in a scene from "The Passion of the Christ," which opens today nationwide.

Controversy surrounds movie debut

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Controversy and accusations of anti-Semitism have been swirling around "The Passion of the Christ" nationwide since March, when a New York Times Magazine article interviewed director Mel Gibson about the project. While today's 2,800-theater release of the film will allow Americans to finally see the

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movie, it won't put to rest the contentious issues it addresses.

Some reviewers have criticized the film's graphic depictions of the scourging, crucifixion and death of Jesus, saying they're unnecessary and emotionally draining. In an interview with Diane Sawyer for ABC's "Primetime" — which aired last week — Gibson acknowledged the R-rated film contained lifelike, brutal violence, but said it must be viewed in the context of the broader story.

"I think it pushes one over the edge so that they see the enormity, the enormity

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ND student interest in movie varies

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

After months of charges of anti-Semitism, sectarian bickering and media coverage, Mel Gibson's film "The Passion of the Christ" opens today, Ash Wednesday, in about 2,800 theaters nationwide, including several across Michiana.

Religious groups on campus and in the South Bend area reported varying levels of interest in the controversial film, which offers a graphic and violent portrayal of the last 12 hours of Jesus'

life.

Campus Fellowship for the Holy Spirit officer junior Dave Salmon said he has heard a limited amount of enthusiasm among members of his nondenominational Christian organization. "There hasn't been a whole lot of talk," Salmon said. "But I guess there's a mild buzz of excitement about it."

Senior Lee DeLeon, an officer in the interdenominational Christian group Iron Sharpens Iron, said his organization has planned a trip to see the film this weekend.

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Network connection upgrade fails again

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

For the second time in three days, the Office of Information Technologies failed to successfully install a new campus Internet connection and disrupted service to thousands of users.

Tom Klimek, manager of network engineering for OIT, said a hardware failure quickly crippled the new fiber optic connection which is designed to link the Notre Dame campus with Internet backbone connections in Chicago.

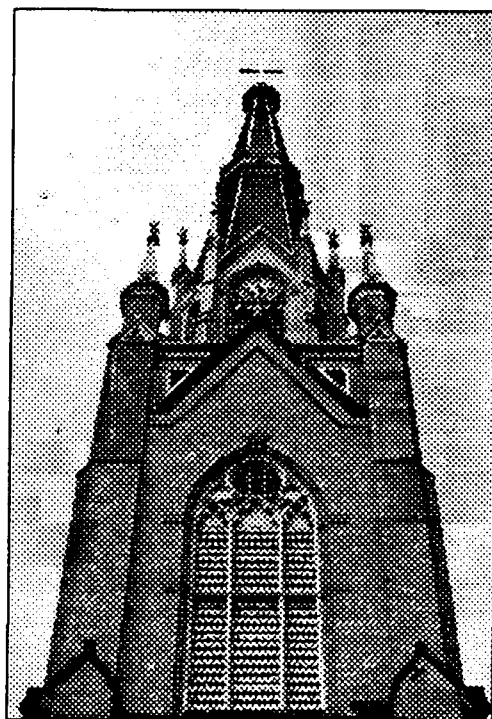
"The installation failed approximately two hours after cutover," Klimek said. "There was a short outage at around 8:30 a.m."

"Cutover" refers to the process in which all Internet traffic was switched to the new connection.

Klimek said OIT personnel encountered the same problem that disabled the new connection when it was first activated last weekend. About three hours after the first installation Sunday morning, a piece of optical networking equipment failed. This failure

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Students react to Lenten season



Sacred Heart Basilica will be offering Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent.

By DUSTIN VONHANDORF
News Writer

Today, many Catholics will attend Mass and receive ashes to symbolize humility in their faith. Not only does Ash Wednesday denote Catholic modesty, it also marks the beginning of the Lenten holiday leading to Easter. The University offers numerous activities that allow students to become more involved in the Church during the holy season.

Alumni President Paul Sifuentes said his hall will host the "Last Homily" series. The series will be held Mondays at 9 p.m. and will include Mass, with a homily written in a similar fashion to the "Last Lecture" series. The homilies will focus on the readings for the day as opposed to any reli-

gious topic, Sifuentes said.

"We hope to turn this into a more frequent thing [occurring outside of Lent]," he said.

In addition to its regularly scheduled daily Mass, Sunday Mass and Vespers, the Basilica of the Sacred Heart will offer Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:15 p.m.

Junior Tanisa Johnson said that as of now, she has no specific plans for the weeks leading up to Easter.

"I'm not Catholic, but [Lent is about] reflection, I guess," she said. "It usually means giving up something."

Other students acknowledge that Lent is a time for reflection, yet also see it as a marker for the end of the year.

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INSIDE COLUMN

It's about that time

Does anyone have as difficult a time as I do? Finding something to sacrifice for Lent, that is.

To be honest, I completely forgot about it — not Lent, just about having to give something up. It seemed like Christmas was barely yesterday and now here we are at Ash Wednesday already.

The only way that I did remember was thanks to a frantic Instant Message Monday from my friend laughing hysterically at what one of our guy friends has, apparently, decided to do. Just think “40 Days, 40 Nights” — that Josh Hartnett flick that came out a couple of years ago to demonstrate how religiously flippant some Catholics can be.



Anneliese Woolford
Saint Mary's Editor

It's not the idea itself that sent me into hysterics along with my friend — after all, I'm sure more than a few of us have considered it as well at some point. It's just amusing knowing this person and thinking that he'll actually try to be serious about this. I give it a week — tops.

Really though, why am I the one left struggling each year over, what seems to be, a relatively easy decision?

I remember back in grade school when my classmates and I didn't quite understand what the purpose was in having to give up something we liked. Everyone decided chocolate would be suitable; it was the old standby. Our parents rarely gave it to us on a regular basis anyway, so it wasn't like there was too much to miss, right? Then there were those, like me, who didn't like chocolate much, but followed the crowd and took the easy way out. How I saw it, I could have all the vanilla pudding I wanted — and I did.

As I got older, I somehow fell into the mentality that Lenten sacrifice could tie in with a New Year's resolution. If I decided to give up candy in attempt to maintain a better diet, I just figured that it was a year-round sacrifice that included Lent, but more importantly killed two birds with one stone. (I always look for the practicality in things.)

The real problem came when I started making New Year's resolutions, such as to exercise more or to stop biting my nails. My mom finally caught on that extending these over Lent didn't meet the definition — at least her definition — of a sacrifice. I didn't enjoy biting my nails, it was just habit, so I wasn't really missing out on anything.

This year, I think I'm going to go with something tougher: pop, or should I say, “soda.” I drink a glass of Coke or Pepsi at least twice a day, sometimes in immediate succession and sometimes at 7 a.m. I'd say giving that up qualifies as a sacrifice.

I realize that I'm certainly not a model Catholic. I could do more to become involved in my religion, and I'm sure I will at some point. But, for now, this is one aspect I try to take seriously although I haven't always in the past. Just hide the Coke and I'll be fine — at least I know I can hold out for more than a week.

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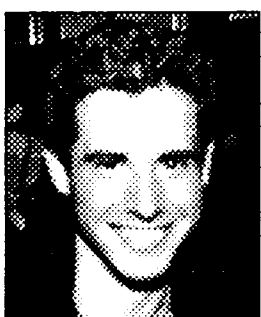
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU GIVING UP FOR LENT?



Claudia Ramirez
Senior Off-Campus

“Studying.”



Grant Kleiber
Senior Off-Campus

“Being Jewish.”



Matt Dowling
Senior Off-Campus

“Binge drinking ... not.”



Sarah Ernst
Senior Lyons

“Believing in God.”



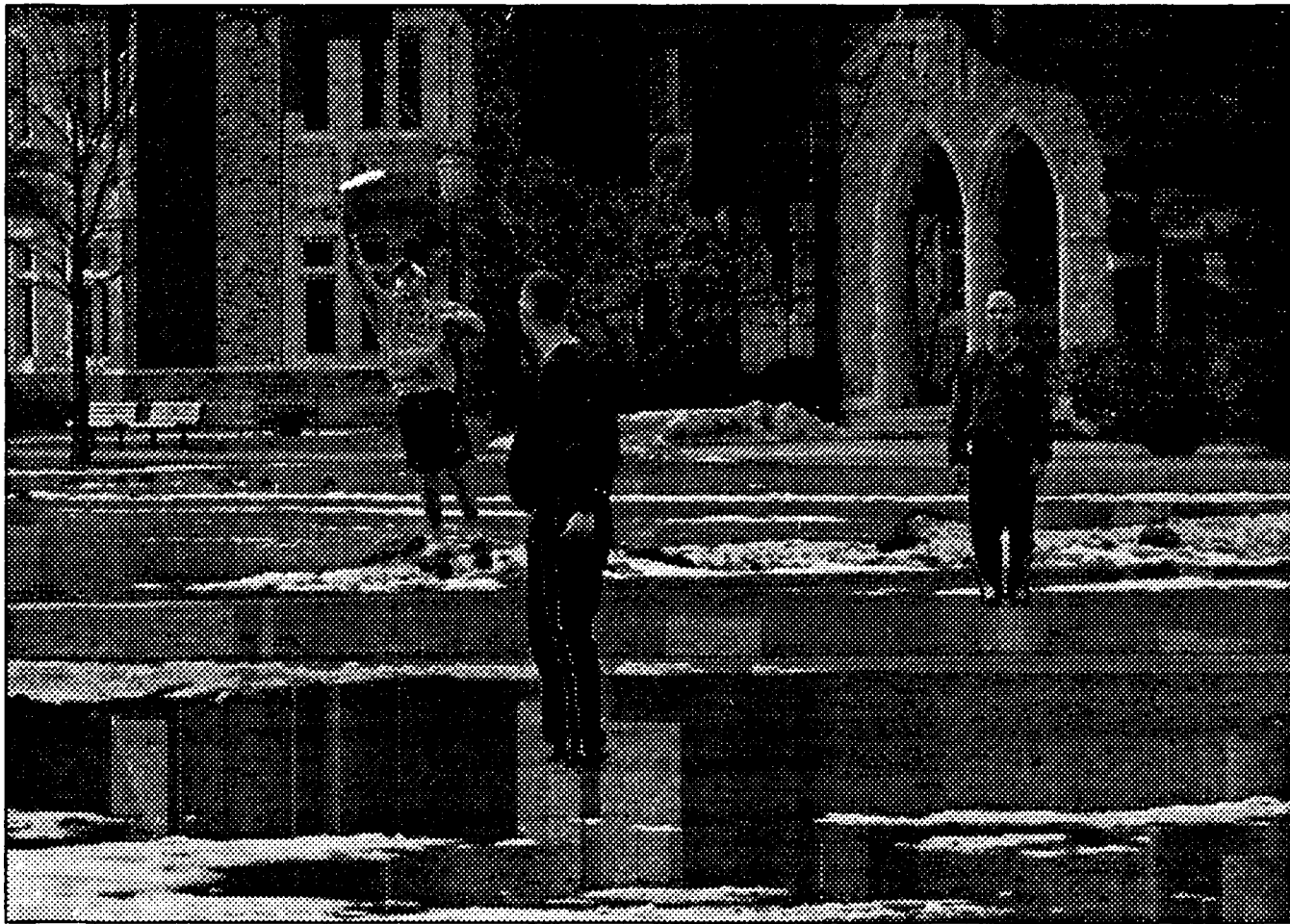
Sayo Belli
Senior Off-Campus

“Sunday classes.”



Veronica Rivero
Senior Off-Campus

“Non-alcoholic drinks.”



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Notre Dame students play frisbee on South Quad Tuesday afternoon. The recent span of warm weather has caused snow to melt and provides a chance for students to enjoy outdoor activities typically associated with the spring season.

OFFBEAT

Polar bears at Singapore Zoo turn green

SINGAPORE — Life in the balmy tropics has made polar bears Inuka and Sheba go green with algae.

The usually white coats of Sheba and her 13-year-old son Inuka, Singapore Zoo's two polar bears, turned green a few weeks ago from algae growing in their hollow hair shafts, said Vincent Tan, a spokesman for the zoo.

“The harmless algae is the result of Singapore's warm and humid tropical conditions,” Tan said.

Polar bears have clear hair shafts which appear

white because they reflect light.

Suspects claim organs instead of pot

BUFFALO, N.Y. — A pair of drug suspects mistakenly claimed two packages of human organs instead of the 140 pounds of marijuana that had brought them to the airport, federal authorities said Tuesday.

Tabatha Bracken, 27, of Canada, and Dalvan Robinson, 43, of Lockport, N.Y., were arrested about midnight after attempting to exchange the medical packages for the ones containing the drugs,

according to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Agents were alerted to the mix-up about 5:30 p.m. Monday when airport police notified the DEA of a marijuana seizure at Buffalo Niagara International Airport.

Investigators determined that a woman showing a fake identification tag at the Delta Airlines ticket counter had mistakenly been given two packages shipped from an Atlanta medical agency, DEA said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Learn about the Student Union Board, talk with current SUB staff and eat free food at the SUB Open House tonight from 6 to 8 p.m. in 201 LaFortune.

The Student Union Board presents the 46th Annual Collegiate Jazz Festival Preview tonight from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Admission is free to students and the public.

The Working Group on the Americas and the Department of English present “Caribbean Inventions, Part 2,” a component of the Ward-Phillip Lectures. “Colonialism in Reverse: Englishness and the Politics of Culture” will be presented tonight at 6 p.m. in rooms 100-104 McKenna Hall.

“States of Limbo: Engaging ‘Creole’ Modernism” will be held tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

The Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra will present their winter concert Thursday in Washington Hall at 8 p.m. The program will feature the winners of the 2003-2004 Concerto Competition, Ricky Leal on oboe and soprano Rebecca Paul and the works of German composers Brahms, Mozart and Wagner. The concert is free and open to the public.

Minneapolis' acclaimed Guthrie Theatre present Shakespeare's “Othello” Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m. in Saint Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium. For tickets, contact the Saint Mary's box office at 284-4626.

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Vatican releases report on child abuse policy

Non-Catholic scientists criticize 'zero tolerance' policy for sex abusers

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican issued a report Monday by non-Catholic sex abuse experts who criticized the policy adopted by U.S. bishops of removing abusive priests from the ministry, saying it was overly harsh and would not protect the young.

The report was released days before U.S. bishops issue their own national survey on sex abuse by clergy, which is expected to find more than 4,000 American priests have been accused of molesting minors since 1950 — far more than previously estimated.

Still, the U.S. study may also show the number of cases has declined dramatically since the 1990s, and victims fear it could lead U.S. bishops to ease off on discipline.

The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said last week the American church remains committed to keeping offenders out of ministry.

Monday's report, published by the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life, may fuel victims' concerns because it compiles assessments by independent, non-Catholic psychiatrists and psychologists, who say the U.S. "zero-tolerance" policy is mistaken.

The 220-page report, "Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church: Scientific and Legal

Prospectives," is a compendium of scientific papers and discussions presented by the experts during a Vatican conference convened last April to give the church hierarchy advice on how to handle the crisis.

Neither the Vatican nor the experts drew final conclusions, but there were areas of agreement. As the Associated Press reported last week, one was in the widespread criticism by the experts of the 2002 U.S. zero-tolerance policy that says an offending priest can be permanently removed from ministry — and possibly from the priesthood — for a single act of abuse.

Many American dioceses say they are aggressively pursuing zero-tolerance policies after being stung by charges the church hierarchy was trying to protect abusive priests, often by shuffling them from parish to parish.

The experts said a zero-tolerance policy was mistaken and even dangerous. Most agreed that such a policy can actually increase the chances that offenders might strike again because it removes them from supervision and the only jobs they have known for decades.

Zero-tolerance "does not function to prevent these crimes," Dr. Hans-Ludwig Kroeber, head of the Institute of Forensic Psychiatry in Berlin, told the conference. "It is better to domesticate

the dragon; if all you do is cut off its head, it will grow another."

Another conference participant, Dr. William Marshall of Canada, a former president of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, said such a policy sends the message the church doesn't care about the offender or believes he can't be rehabilitated — "neither of which are good messages for the church to communicate."

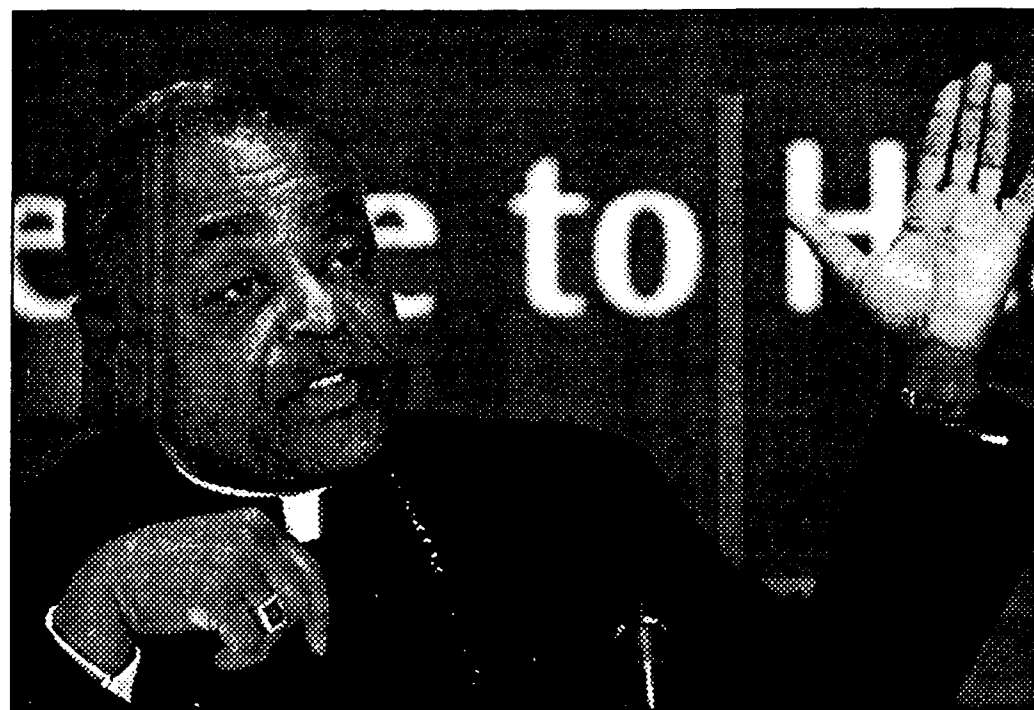
He cautioned such a severe penalty may even discourage victims from coming forward.

The experts all agreed that offenders need treatment, as well as possible criminal penalties.

Monsignor Elio Sgreccia, vice president of the Academy for Life, told the conference he thought that after punishing and treating an offender, it was necessary "not to abandon him or consider him useless to the church, but rather for the common good of society, return him to a meaningful role in the church."

The report will be sent to bishops' conferences and Vatican offices and be used by the Vatican as a "scientific base for information" for developing guidelines, the Rev. Ciro Benedettini, the deputy Vatican spokesman, told reporters Monday.

Some victims fear such a report coming from Rome, coupled with the U.S. bishops'



Picture Desk Photos

Bishop Wilton Gregory, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, speaks at a press conference.

survey due out Friday, may fuel momentum toward easing the U.S. zero-tolerance policy.

David Clohessy, U.S. national director of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, said the bishops' history of sheltering molesters would make it impossible for Catholics to trust them with a weaker discipline plan.

"The Vatican report provides cover for every shrewd perpetrator and backsliding bishop," Clohessy said. "It makes already very depressed victims feel even more hopeless."

The U.S. policy is due to expire in June, and church leaders in the coming weeks

will work out a plan to review it, Bishop Wilton Gregory, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said last week in a conference call with religion writers.

Gregory said he hadn't read the Academy for Life's report, but said it would be wrong to view it as a criticism of the American policy.

Prelates in the United States remain committed to barring all offenders from church work, he said.

"I don't see the body of bishops lessening in that resolve because I think that was the pastorally prudent action that we all agreed to," Gregory said.

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Lent

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"[Lent is] time to relax and get ready for the end of the school year," said freshman Rudolph Nkinzingabo.

"It's also about my religious life and return to God," he added. "Personally, I want to concentrate on my religious life because I've fallen away from God."

A significant number of Notre Dame students, however, still take advantage of the Lenten season.

"To me, Lent is a time to prepare for Easter, and think about the sacrifice that Jesus Christ

made for us and His great love," said freshman Julia Jenkins. "Instead of giving up anything specific, I want to do things instead, like going to the Grotto more often and going to Mass and the rosary through the week."

Jenkins said she plans to go to Stations of the Cross. Freshman Elizabeth Lüdemann agrees.

"This year, I think I am going to give up ice cream and frozen yogurt, and go to the Grotto, and take more time for prayer," she said. "[Lent is] a time to think about the sacrifice of Jesus and make sacrifices ourselves, and reflect on their meaning."

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Upgrade

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sent all Internet traffic to a lower-capacity backup link, which slowed Internet access across campus.

Optical gear converts electronic pulses into beams of light, allowing for very high-speed Internet connections.

Klimek said network engineers worked with equipment suppliers to trace the defect to a particular piece of faulty hardware.

"Our managed network vendor has isolated the problem to a specific device," he said. "However, the vendor is still investigating the exact cause."

Klimek said OIT is working to redesign the installation process, with the aim of improving the network's reliability.

"We will define a different cutover process that mitigates impact on the University's

Internet bandwidth," he said.

In addition, Klimek said the University's chief technology officer, Dewitt Latimer, will meet with the vendor's representatives Wednesday morning to address the problem.

Klimek acknowledged that the back-to-back breakdowns have raised eyebrows among weary users.

"This implementation is subject to very close scrutiny," he said. "What we've experienced over the past few days is no doubt aggravating to campus Internet users."

However, Klimek says he expects the connection, when successfully installed, will improve Internet service for the Notre Dame campus.

"Once switching mechanisms ... [are] running smoothly, we expect a high level of reliability along with the significant increase in bandwidth," Klimek said.

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Taylor

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to understand what is happening under the guise of a religion — a great religion," he said, explaining that radical Islamic beliefs do not truly reflect the religion's tenets.

The key to meeting this challenge, he said, is cross-cultural education and explanation.

"Our public persona, particularly in the Muslim world, is not positive," Taylor said of the United States. "We are working — trying — to turn that persona around."

He said, for example, that Fulbright scholars are working with Islamic scholars. "It's that discussion of values that's really going to change minds."

When questioned about whether strong-fisted actions only provide further anti-Western sentiment, however, Taylor said certain protective or preventative measures are necessary.

"Our actions create a reaction, but we can't be concerned about how they react to it if what we're doing is the right thing," he said.

Taylor also spoke on more tangible and logistical changes. He said intelligence must be honed and altered, ensuring that the lines of communication are kept open amongst all intelligence agencies and that officers are operating to their full potential.

"Our intelligence services have to reflect the societies in which we are asking them to operate," Taylor said, using the example of a blond, blue-eyed agent try-

ing to blend into the Middle Eastern crowds.

And Taylor said that foreign governments will — and already are beginning to — realize that support of terrorist networks can only be detrimental.

"Terrorism, as a political tool, helps no government," Taylor said. "Terrorists know no loyalty."

He continued with this theme during his second lecture, at 5:30 p.m. in DeBartolo, during which he mainly answered questions of ROTC cadets.

"We will continue to see pressure put on countries that support terrorism," Taylor said, also reiterating the continual nature of the war.

In addition to informing the cadets of his experience and his perspectives on the current global situation, however, Taylor also offered them advice for their careers in the military. He urged the students to gather as many differing perspectives as possible in order to better understand their role as leaders within the military.

"Every one of you should have 100 people [with whom] you correspond regularly who have nothing to do with the military," Taylor said, parroting the advice of a former superior.

"Some people don't like what you do, and sometimes you have to hear that," Taylor said. "It doesn't mean they're right and you're wrong, but you at least have to know what's out there. How can you expect to be a competent leader if all you know is the military?"

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The deadline for nominations has been extended to Friday, March 5.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

N. Korea begins nuclear talks

BEIJING — North Korea and five other nations convened delicate talks Wednesday to resolve a persistent dispute over Pyongyang's nuclear program, with diplomats from all sides expressing hope for progress in the 15-month old stalemate.

Delegates put their hands together for a photo as they entered China's state guest-house for the meetings. Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Wang Yi opened the meeting.

"The recent flurry of diplomacy is good preparation for these talks and helps in understanding," he said.

The talks, months in the making, are the second round to include both Koreas, the United States, China, Russia and Japan.

Revelers enjoy Carnival events

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad — Trinidad's famed Carnival heated up to a climax Tuesday, with thousands of bleary-eyed and barely dressed revelers bouncing to festive music while parading through the streets of the capital.

The annual festivities officially began Monday, but locals have flocked to raucous parties and concerts for the past week. Besides the tens of thousands of Trinidadians, officials said about 47,000 tourists attended, 8,000 more than last year.

"It's the best thing in the whole entire world. You have a good time and don't worry about anything," said Marsha Simpson, 24, one of thousands of bikini-clad revelers following competing troupes of masqueraders.

NATIONAL NEWS

Pentagon charges terror suspects

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon brought war crimes conspiracy charges Tuesday against two men alleged to be associates of terror leader Osama bin Laden and said they will face the first U.S. military tribunals convened since World War II.

Government prosecutors ruled out seeking the death penalty against the two.

Ibrahim Ahmed Mahmoud al Qosi, of Sudan, was a paymaster for bin Laden's al-Qaida network, and Ali Hamza Ahmed Sulayman al Bahlul, of Yemen, was a propagandist for bin Laden, according to an official list of charges released by the Pentagon.

High court rules in age case

WASHINGTON — Age has its benefits, the Supreme Court said Tuesday, ruling that younger workers can't sue their employers when older colleagues get preferential treatment.

In a 6-3 decision that affects tens of millions of workers, the justices said the law that protects older employees from age discrimination doesn't apply in reverse.

Groups such as the AARP, the largest advocacy group for people 50 and over, praised the decision as one that will protect the most vulnerable in the work force.

"If the court had decided the other way, it would have ignored that older workers face very significant problems in this country and always have," said Laurie McCann, a lawyer for the AARP.

STATE NEWS

Residents sniffing for dognapper

SPENCER — Some Owen County residents suspect their missing pets may have been dognapped.

As many as four Labrador retrievers and five German shepherds have been reported missing in recent weeks. Distraught pet owners in the county northwest of Bloomington have been phoning the Owen County Humane Society seeking the dogs, but they haven't turned up at the animal shelter.

The disappearances have not been reported to the sheriff's department, said Sheriff Harley Melton.

The fact that the missing animals haven't been found is suspicious, but the Humane Society can't do anything because there is no evidence that the dogs were stolen, said president Ken Ure.

Bush pushes gay marriage ban

President says he supports constitutional amendment, blasts 'activist judges'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush urged approval of a constitutional amendment banning gay marriages on Tuesday, pushing a divisive social issue to the center of the election campaign and setting a clear policy contrast with Democratic challengers John Kerry and John Edwards.

Bush said "activist judges and local officials" from Massachusetts to San Francisco to New Mexico were attempting to redefine marriage and "change the most fundamental institution of civilization" by allowing same-sex weddings. "On a matter of such importance, the voice of the people must be heard," he said.

Democrats accused Bush of pandering to right-wing supporters and tinkering with the Constitution to divert attention from his record on jobs, health care and foreign policy. "He is looking for a wedge issue to divide the American people," Kerry said.

Both Kerry and Edwards said they oppose gay marriages but would not support a constitutional amendment.

Banning gay marriage is a top priority for Bush's conservative supporters, particularly those among religious and family-oriented groups. But while a majority of Americans — sometimes by as much as a 2-1 margin — oppose legalizing gay marriages, Bush's move could hold political risks, particularly if voters see him as intolerant or question his self-description as a "compassionate conservative."

"The president needs to worry about fair-minded swing voters in America, not a Republican base that

he has locked up," said Patrick Guerriero, executive director of Log Cabin Republicans, a gay GOP group.

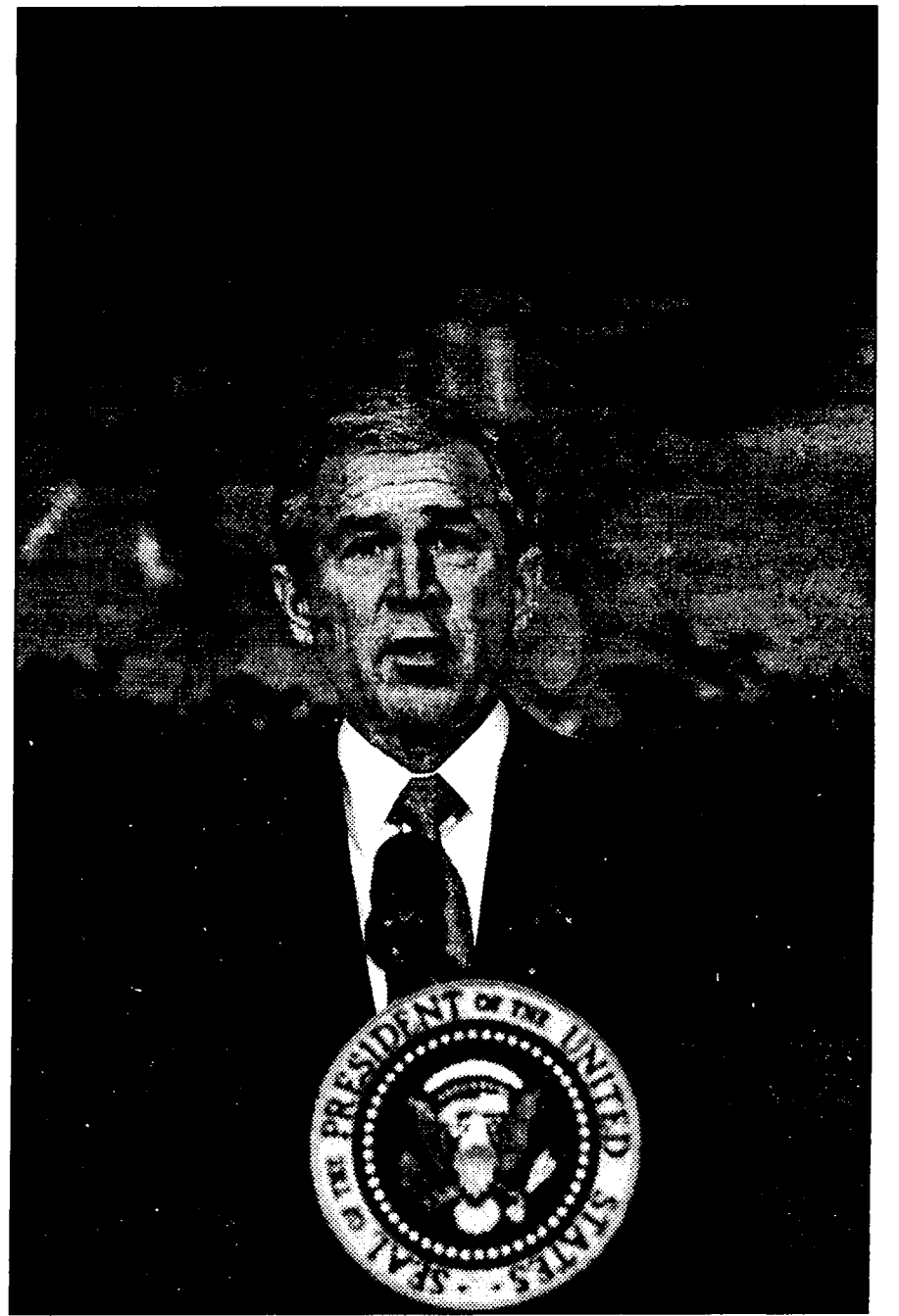
Mindful of the high emotions and clear differences on the issue, Bush said, "We should also conduct this difficult debate in a manner worthy of our country, without bitterness or anger."

Conservatives were delighted Bush had plunged in. "There is no more important issue for our nation than the preservation of the institution of marriage," said Kelly Shackelford, president of the Texas-based Free Market Foundation, a family advocacy group.

Momentum for a constitutional amendment has grown as San Francisco officials have performed thousands of same-sex marriages and have challenged their state law barring such unions. In Massachusetts, the state's highest court has ruled that a state law falling short of allowing full-fledged marriage for gays would be unconstitutional.

Bush softened his announcement by leaving the door open for states to legalize civil unions, which gay rights groups say is an insufficient alternative to marriage. "The amendment should fully protect marriage while leaving the state legislatures free to make their own choices in defining legal arrangements other than marriage," said Bush, who had opposed legalizing civil unions when he was governor of Texas.

Republican officials said there was no rush to bring an amendment to the floor in the House. Some conservatives want a broader approach than Bush supports, and others oppose



Reuters

President George Bush, speaking from the White House, announces his support Tuesday for a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. The topic promises to become a divisive election-year issue.

federalizing the issue, at least for now.

"The groups that are for a constitutional amendment are split over what it should be," said House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas. "We are trying to bring them all together and unify them."

California Republican Reps. David Dreier and Jerry Lewis said a constitutional amendment might not be necessary.

"I will say that I'm not supportive of amending the Constitution on this issue," said Dreier, a co-chairman of Bush's cam-

paign in California in 2000. "I believe that this should go through the courts, and I think that we're at a point where it's not necessary." Lewis said changing the Constitution should be a last resort on almost any issue.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, a Democrat from San Francisco, said she would fight any amendment. "Never before has a constitutional amendment been used to discriminate against a group of people, and we must not start now," she said.

MOROCCO

Early quake rocks villages, 560 die

Associated Press

AL HOCEIMA — A powerful earthquake devastated an isolated, picturesque region of northern Morocco on Tuesday, killing more than 560 people as they slept, injuring hundreds more and laying ruin to villages that suffered for decades under government neglect.

Rescuers with pick axes and sniffer dogs were searching for survivors trapped under the rubble of their fragile mud-and-stone homes, which crumbled easily in the 6.5-magnitude temblor. Victims were most likely women, children and the elderly because men in the region tend to emigrate to the Netherlands and Germany in search of work, said Mohammed Ziane, a former human rights minister.

The quake, which rattled apartment buildings as far away as southern Spain, destroyed rural communities near the coastal city of Al Hoceima, a hideaway tucked between the Rif Mountains and the Mediterranean Sea that draws European tourists with its sandy beaches.

The death toll climbed steadily throughout the day as rescuers began reaching the hard-hit areas and finding corpses, officials said. The official MAP news agency said late Tuesday at least 564 people were dead and 300 injured. Of those, 80 people were hospitalized, the agency said. Officials earlier had put the injury toll at 600.

Selaam Bennaissa, a farmer who lives in Ait Daoud, 12 miles from Al Hoceima, said he was home when the quake struck at 2:27 a.m., and barely

escaped before his house came crashing down.

"Fortunately it didn't fall on me," he said. He estimated about 90 percent of the houses in his village collapsed.

Authorities were scrambling to reach about a half-dozen remote villages, including Ait Kamara, Tamassint and Imzourn, where 36,000 people live.

Josephine Shields of the International Committee of the Red Cross, citing civil defense officials in Al Hoceima, said she heard reports that Ait Kamara — a village of 6,000 — was destroyed.

Rescuers reported difficulties getting to the stricken area in mountain foothills and served by narrow, poor roads. As they arrived, they found corpses; some families already had buried their dead.

Telemarketing companies employ inmates

Associated Press

ONTARIO, Ore. — Chris Harry is a model employee for the U.S. call center industry. The 25-year-old arrives promptly at his cubicle, speaks courteously on the phone and is never late or absent.

He plans to stick with his job for three years, a boon in an industry plagued by high turnover. And he gladly works for money many Americans would scoff at — \$130 or so a month.

After all, he could be back swabbing cell block floors for a third of that.

"I can't complain about fair," said Harry, who was sentenced to 10 years and eight months for robbery. "I did a crime and I'm in prison. At least I'm not wearing a ball and chain."

Prison inmates like Harry are the reason Perry Johnson Inc., a Southfield, Mich.-based consulting company, chose to remain in the U.S. rather than join a host of telemarketing companies moving offshore.

Perry Johnson had intended to move to India. But the company chose instead to open inside the Snake River Correctional Institution, a sprawling razor wire and cinder block state penitentiary a few miles west of the Idaho line.

The center's opening followed a yearlong effort by the Oregon Department of Corrections to recruit businesses that would otherwise move offshore, and echoes a national trend among state and federal prisons to recruit

such companies.

"This is a niche where the prison industry could really help the U.S. economy," said Robert Killgore, director of Inside Oregon Enterprises, the quasi-state agency that recruits for-profit business to prisons.

"I'm really excited about this," he said. "We keep the benefits here in the United States with companies where it's fruitless to compete on the outside."

Prison officials have long praised work programs for

lowering recidivism and teaching inmates skills and self-respect, yet have been criticized by unions for taking jobs from the private sector.

Those concerns are moot if a company planned to leave the country anyway, Killgore said. National prison labor trade groups support the idea.

Ten states including Oregon employ inmates in for-profit call centers. Oregon and many others also make garments and furniture — industries that have largely moved offshore, other than in prisons.

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"People are definitely excited," DeLeon said. "It's cool to see someone like Mel Gibson make such a public profession of his faith." DeLeon estimated that about 50 ISI members will attend the screening.

Alumni rector Father George Rozum said he has heard "quite a bit" of discussion surrounding the film in recent days. Several Alumni residents are organizing a group trip to see the film later this week, he said.

However, in most of the dorms, it's a very different story. Rectors in men's and women's residence halls said there has been almost no debate about the film. Dillon rector Father Paul Doyle said there has been more interest among Campus Ministry staffers than among the Dillon residents.

"I've heard people in Campus Ministry talking about getting a group together to go and see it, but it hasn't been a major topic in my hall," Doyle said.

Becca Davidson, the rector of Breen-Phillips Hall, echoed the sentiment, saying her resi-

dents have not mentioned the contentious movie.

"I haven't heard any buzz among students about it," Davidson said.

At least one group in South Bend was deeply concerned about the film's release. Marilyn Gardner, the executive vice president of the Jewish Foundation of St. Joseph Valley, said area Jews are skeptical of the film's content.

"I can't say the [Jewish] community is looking forward to the movie," Gardner said. "We're very concerned that it may undo all the interfaith work that has happened in the community between [Jews] and Christians."

The movie has also drawn criticism from national Jewish groups, like the Anti-Defamation League, which fear the emotionally-charged film could stoke anti-Semitic feelings.

A manager at the Kerasotes Showplace theatre in South Bend, who declined to give her name, said advance ticket sales "have been high." She declined to give specific numbers, citing company policy. However, several of the theater's 12 shows scheduled for today have already sold out.

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Paul Doyle
Dillon rector

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of that sacrifice," Gibson said.

Gibson, a traditionalist Catholic, has come under fire from Jewish groups, who say the movie could fuel anti-Semitic sentiment. Gibson is a member of the Catholic Church's "Holy Family" sect, whose followers still attend Mass in Latin and reject many of the reforms instituted by the Second Vatican Council in 1962. One of the documents issued by that council said the Jews should not be held culpable for Christ's death.

The Anti-Defamation League, a prominent national Jewish organization, released the results of a survey indicating that one in four Americans thinks Jews were responsible for Jesus' death. Abraham Foxman, national director of the ADL, said "The Passion" could inflame that view.

"It is troubling that so many Americans already accept the notion of Jewish guilt,"

Foxman said Monday in a statement. "We are concerned that Mr. Gibson's film — with its unambiguous blaming of the Jews — will not only reinforce those views,

but could exacerbate the problem by convincing even more people that his version of the story of the Crucifixion is Gospel truth."

Gibson defended the movie, saying such criticism is unwarranted.

"To be certain, neither I nor my film are anti-Semitic," Gibson said in a statement last year. "Nor do I hate anyone, certainly not the Jews."

But statements made by Gibson's father Hutton intensified the debate by downplaying the significance of the Holocaust. Last week, Hutton Gibson told New York talk radio host Steve Feuerstein that the Holocaust is "maybe not all fiction — but most of it is." Hutton Gibson also

claimed Jewish banking executives, the Vatican and the U.S. Federal Reserve System are part of a conspiracy to create "one world government."

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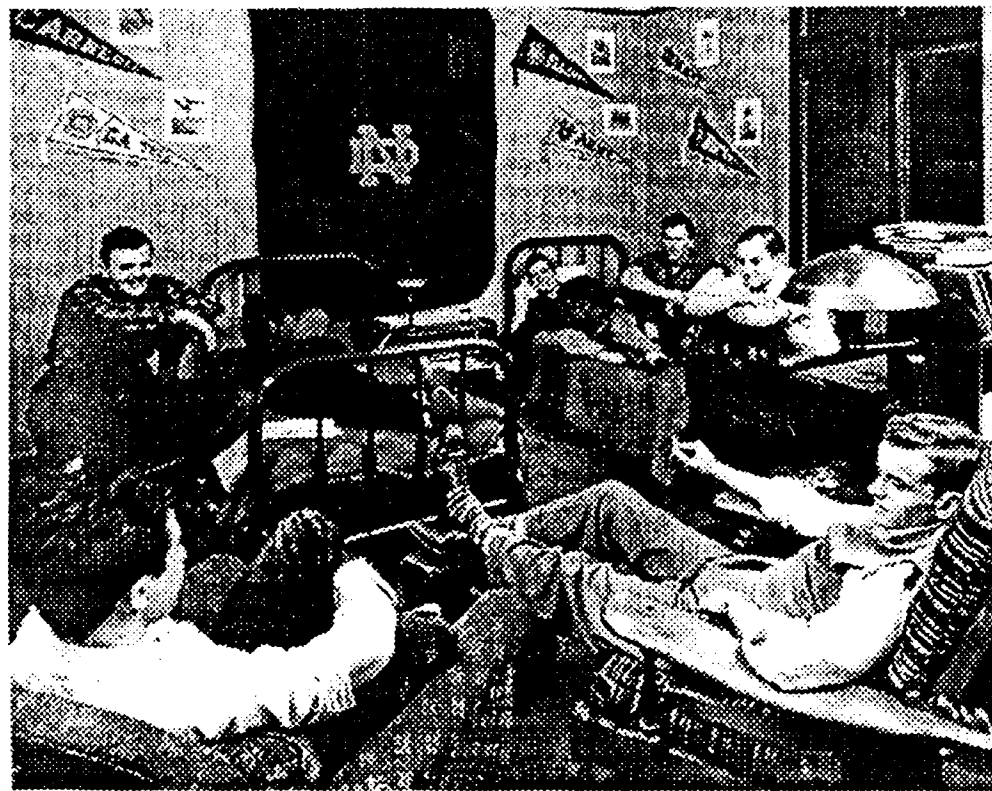
Mel Gibson
director of "The Passion of the Christ"

In the ABC interview, Mel Gibson refused to address his father's remarks. "He's my father," Mel Gibson said. "Gotta leave it alone, Diane." He went on to describe the Holocaust as

"an atrocity of monumental proportion."

After failing to secure a major studio's financial backing, Mel Gibson invested more than \$20 million of his own money in the venture. The film marks his first venture into directing since 1995's "Braveheart," which earned him Academy Awards for best picture and best director.

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Up: 1,654	Same: 170	Down: 1,650	Composite Volume: 1,525,559,296

AMEX	1,232.08	+2.78
NASDAQ	2,005.44	-2.08
NYSE	6,654.88	-10.62
S&P 500	1,139.09	-1.90
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	10,644.13	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	4,496.80	-27.50

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+1.32	+0.30	23.05
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JDS UNIPHASE (JDSU)	-4.00	-0.20	4.80
SIRIUS SAT RADIO (SIRI)	-3.23	-0.09	2.70
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	-1.53	-0.08	5.16

Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	-0.37	-0.18	48.99
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.52	-0.21	40.29
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Commodities			
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Exchange Rates			
YEN		108.2	
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COMPANY BRIEFS**Fed chief warns on Fannie Mae**

WASHINGTON — Mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac could pose a threat to the country's financial system if their ability to take on new debt is not restrained, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Tuesday.

Greenspan lent his influential voice to calls for reforms in the operations of the two government-chartered companies which dominate the multitrillion-dollar mortgage industry.

Speaking to the Senate Banking Committee on Tuesday, Greenspan said he supports creation of a tough new government regulatory agency to supervise the two corporations, saying the new regulator should have similar powers to federal banking regulators, including the authority to set minimum capital standards.

Parmalat USA files for Chapter 11

TRENTON, N.J. — Parmalat USA Corp., the U.S. subsidiary of fraud-ridden dairy giant Parmalat Finanziaria, on Tuesday filed for bankruptcy reorganization protection, saying it needs to obtain financing quickly but will continue operating normally.

During the Chapter 11 reorganization, Parmalat USA managers will work with a financial adviser on long-term solutions, which include the possible sale of its U.S. dairy business, the company said in a statement.

Goldman to pay \$45.5M in probe

NEW YORK — Investment and brokerage giant Goldman Sachs & Co. will pay \$45.5 million to settle charges in the New York Stock Exchange specialist investigation and is cooperating with state and federal investigations into improper mutual fund activities, according to the company's annual report.

Goldman Sachs subsidiary Spear, Leeds & Kellogg Specialists LLC was one of five specialist firms that settled with the Securities and Exchange Commission last week for \$240 million. The firms were accused of placing their own trades ahead of customers' business on the floor of the NYSE, skimming profits at the expense of other trades.

CORPORATE SCANDAL**Stewart will not testify in trial**

Domestic maven's lawyer says he will call one or two witnesses in her defense

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Martha Stewart will not take the stand in her own defense, her lawyer said Tuesday, gambling that jurors will not need her testimony to acquit the homemaking icon of lying about a stock sale.

Lawyer Robert Morvillo said Stewart's defense team would call no more than two witnesses — a former lawyer who represented Stewart when she first met with government investigators and, if the judge allows it, a memory expert.

In either case, the Stewart defense is expected to start and end its case Wednesday. Closing arguments could begin as early as Thursday, although the judge said she might delay them until next week.

Morvillo made his announcement after jurors were excused from the 16th day of testimony at the trial. Stewart and broker Peter Bacanovic are accused of lying about why Stewart sold ImClone Systems stock on Dec. 27, 2001.

Stewart and Bacanovic say they had earlier arranged to sell her shares when the price fell to \$60. But the government claims Stewart was tipped that ImClone founder Sam Waksal was frantically trying to sell his shares that day.

Rather than asking jurors to decide between the government's version of the story and Stewart's, Morvillo will simply argue prosecutors have failed to prove their case beyond a

reasonable doubt.

Legal experts say putting Stewart on the stand would have raised a host of concerns for her defense team, including having her explain inconsistencies in her statements and exposing her to risky cross-examination by the government.

Stewart and Bacanovic have told investigators slightly different versions of what happened after the stock sale, although they both maintain the central element — that they had a plan to sell the stock at \$60 a share.

Bacanovic's lawyers called just five witnesses, and expect to rest their case Wednesday morning. Lawyers for the broker decided he would not take the stand because "the government hasn't made its case," spokesman Lou Colasuonno said. "It's a circumstantial case, with a lot of inference."

The star witness for the government was Douglas Faneuil, a young Merrill Lynch assistant who claims he passed the tip about Waksal's selling from Bacanovic to Stewart.

The day after Stewart sold, ImClone announced the government had declined to review its application for an experimental cancer drug. The stock declined sharply the next trading day.

In front of the jury Tuesday, a business manager for Stewart testified that Stewart billed her company for a luxurious vacation she took just after selling her ImClone stock in 2001.

Heidi DeLuca, who han-



Reuters

Homemaking guru Martha Stewart arrives at federal court in New York on Tuesday. Stewart is standing trial for obstruction of justice and securities fraud.

dles finances for Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia and for Stewart personally, testified she was instructed to submit the \$17,000 vacation at a lush resort in Mexico for reimbursement as a business expense.

Stewart is not charged with any crime in connection with her expense practices. DeLuca did not

say whether the company approved the reimbursement for Stewart's vacation.

Prosecutors aggressively attacked the credibility of DeLuca, who helped the defense Monday when she said Stewart's broker had mentioned a desire to unload Stewart's ImClone shares at \$60 or \$61.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE**WTO allows EU to sanction U.S.**

Associated Press

GENEVA — The European Union received the go-ahead Tuesday to start imposing trade sanctions against the United States in a dispute over an 88-year-old law that U.S. steel producers and other companies have used to fend off low-priced imports.

A panel of arbitrators for the World Trade Organization ruled that the 15-nation bloc can start the sanctions in retaliation for the U.S. failure to repeal the Anti-Dumping Act that was ruled illegal by the WTO almost four years ago.

"The decision of the arbitrators is a welcome reaffirmation that the WTO is a rule-based system and members may not ignore their obligations with impunity," EU Trade Commissioner Pascal Lamy said in a statement issued in Brussels.

"I hope that rapid action from Congress will make sanctions unnecessary."

The 1916 law, which armed the

United States to fight foreign competition after the end of World War I, had been considered obsolete until Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corp. brought a lawsuit against importers of Russian and Japanese hot-rolled steel in 1998.

The company, based in Wheeling, W.Va., claimed that the companies were guilty of dumping — selling steel at below-cost prices to unfairly gain market share. Some of the defendants settled with Wheeling-Pitt while other cases are still outstanding.

Last December, a federal jury awarded Illinois-based Goss International \$31.5 million in a case against a Japanese company accused of dumping newspaper printing presses on the U.S. market. Three European companies are still facing cases, according to the EU.

The WTO, acting on an EU complaint supported by Japan, ruled the law illegal in March 2000. It found it unacceptable because it allowed for fines and imprisonment of individuals

and fines for companies found guilty of dumping, as well as the payment of damages. Under WTO rules, import tariffs are the only remedies allowed to combat dumping.

That decision was upheld by an appeals panel later the same year.

The United States was given until July 2001 — later extended until December 2001 — to repeal the law. When it failed to do so, the European Union asked the WTO for permission to start imposing retaliatory trade sanctions. An arbitrator was appointed to rule on the correct level of sanctions, but the EU agreed to suspend the hearing to give Washington more time to repeal.

In September, however, it demanded the restarting of the arbitration, citing "persisting inaction" by the United States.

The arbitrators ruled that the EU could base its sanctions on the amount European companies were fined under the law, or the amount they paid in out-of-court settlements.

Windows steps up virus defense

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates, whose company's software is often derided for being buggy and vulnerable to hackers, showed off planned features on Tuesday for shoring up its programs and heading off cyberattacks.

Progress is being made against viruses, network attacks and sloppy code that make systems vulnerable, but a lot more work remains, Gates said.

"The people who attack these systems are getting more and more sophisticated," he said. "For every time we take a type of attack and eliminate that as an opportunity, they move up to a whole new level."

Still, Gates said: "That's not an unending process — we can make it dramatically difficult."

Speaking to thousands of security experts at the RSA Conference, Gates said Microsoft's Trustworthy Computing Initiative — unveiled two years ago after several embarrassing Windows flaws were exploited by viruses and hackers — is paying off.

In the first 300 days after the launch of the Windows 2000 Server operating system, 38 security bulletins were issued.

The first major product released after the initiative, Windows Server 2003, has had just nine bulletins in the first 300 days.

Gates showed off an upcoming Windows XP update that focuses on security improvements.

Service Pack 2 includes a centralized control center where users can automatically check their computer's security status, such as whether all critical updates have been applied or whether antivirus software is running.

Unlike earlier Windows releases, Microsoft's firewall software will be turned on as part of the default installation. A firewall blocks intruders from entering a system.

In the new service pack, the Internet Explorer browser will have a pop-up ad blocker as well.

Gates also showed off "active protection technologies" that will gird Windows computers against attacks by sensing changes in the network that indicate virus activity.

If a problem is detected, the computer's firewall will ratchet up defenses.

A number of companies at the conference were showing products similarly geared toward detecting unusual activity in networks.

Gates also said e-mail spam — which often contains viruses or is sent from infected computers — is being targeted.

He proposed technology that would confirm the sender of an e-mail is authentic. "Caller ID for E-Mail" could be tested

as early as this summer in the company's Hotmail service, he said.

Gates also announced a deal with RSA Security Inc. to make it possible for companies to use a more secure system than simple user names and passwords to log into Windows computers.

In addition to providing a password, users of the RSA system must enter a random number that appears on a keychain or plastic card they carry with them.

The number changes every minute, generated by an algorithm that also resides on a server inside a company's computing center.

"The people who attack these systems are getting more and more sophisticated."

Bill Gates
Microsoft chairman

Lifting of Libya travel ban delayed

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Bush administration plan to let Americans travel to Libya was thrown off track Tuesday when Moammar Gadhafi's prime minister said his government had not accepted responsibility for blowing up Pan Am flight 103.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the United States had demanded retraction of the minister's remarks, carried in a British Broadcasting Co. radio interview.

Libya last August acknowledged in a letter to the U.N. Security Council its responsibility for the 1988 bombing of the jetliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, that killed 270 people, including 181 Americans.

Prime Minister Shokri Ghanem told the BBC that Libya's government agreed in December to pay \$2.7 billion in compensation to the victims' families to improve relations with the West and

to secure the lifting of U.N. sanctions against Libya.

Asked in the interview if the payment did not mean Libya had accepted guilt for the bombing, Ghanem replied: "I agree with that, and this is why I say we bought peace."

"After the sanctions and after the problems we have [been] facing because of the sanctions, the loss of money, we thought that it was easier for us to buy peace and this is why we agreed to compensation," the prime minister said in the interview, which was recorded in Libya.

The White House was expected to remove on Tuesday a 23-year-old ban on the use of U.S. passports for travel to Libya in response to Libyan leader Gadhafi's promise to end his country's nuclear weapons program. U.S. officials said the administration also had planned to expand diplomatic contacts with Libya, — but not to remove U.S. economic sanctions.

Presidential spokesman Scott McClellan said: "Libya made it very clear in their letter to the U.N. that it 'accepts responsibility for the actions of its officials' on that very matter. ... We would expect Libya to make clear that that remains their position."

At the same time, McClellan said Libya "is making important progress in their efforts to dismantle their WMD [weapons of mass destruction] programs. We have said that their good faith will be returned with the good faith of the United States."

The Rev. Jesse Jackson announced Tuesday that he will lead a delegation of U.S. religious leaders to Libya this week to meet with Gadhafi and other African presidents at an African Union summit in Tripoli. Jackson said the flap over Ghanem's remarks would not affect his travel plans, noting that the assessment did not come from Gadhafi himself or the official Libyan news agency.

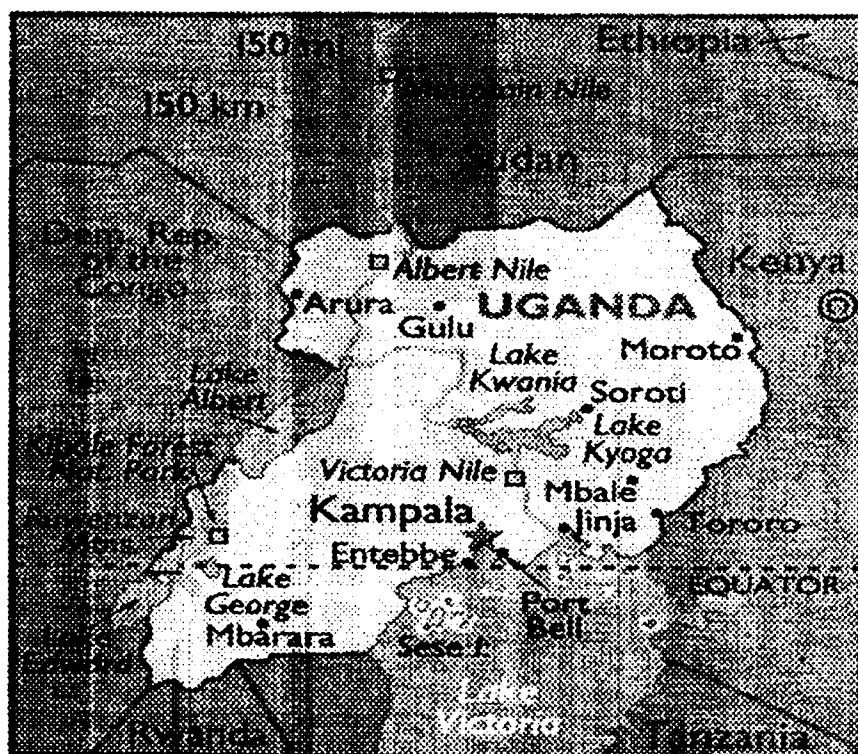
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Intelligence heads fear Al-Qaida

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Al-Qaida is damaged seriously, but it has spread its radical agenda to other groups that now pose the leading threat to the United States, CIA Director George Tenet and other intelligence chiefs said Tuesday.

Tenet described a terrorist organization lacking central leadership and squeezed financially. Al-Qaida remains determined to attack U.S. interests, however, and still is capable of carrying out assaults on the scale of Sept. 11, 2001, he said.

In addition, dozens of smaller Islamic extremist organizations with ties to al-Qaida have emerged, in places like Libya, Iraq and Uzbekistan, to constitute the next wave of terrorist threats, Tenet told the Senate Intelligence Committee in an annual public session on national security threats.

"The steady growth of Osama bin Laden's anti-American sentiment through the wider Sunni extremist movement and the broad dissemination of al-Qaida's destructive expertise ensure that a serious threat will remain for the foreseeable future, with or without al-Qaida in the picture," Tenet said.

At Tuesday's politically charged hearing, given recent debate over the intelligence community's prewar assessments on Iraq's weapons, Tenet and other officials walked gingerly through questions on the intelligence agencies' cooperation and effectiveness. They touched on instability in coun-

tries from Haiti to Afghanistan, although Iraq dominated much of the discussion.

On Iraq, Vice Adm. Lowell Jacoby, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, said allies of deposed Iraqi President Saddam Hussein are thought to be responsible for most anti-U.S. attacks. Foreign fighters, including those from al-Qaida, have carried out some of the most significant attacks and may be behind the high-casualty suicide bombings largely against Iraqi targets, he said.

"Left unchecked," Jacoby said, "Iraq has the potential to serve as a training ground for the next generation of terrorists."

Further, many in the country's Sunni minority, which prospered during Saddam's Baath party control, have yet to decide whether to support the U.S. coalition or the resistance, Jacoby said.

"The key factors in this decision are stability and a future that presents viable alternatives to the Baathists or Islamists," he said.

Largely ignoring an appeal from the committee chairman, Pat Roberts, R-Kan., to focus on current threats, Republican and Democratic lawmakers questioned the intelligence chiefs about intelligence mistakes before the Sept. 11 attacks and the war in Iraq. The agencies' performance in those crises has called into question the reliability of intelligence and the Bush administration's pre-emptive strike doctrine.

Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-

Maine, asked Tenet how, since a National Security Strategy promulgated in September 2002 set up a strategy of pre-emption, Bush and other administration officials used words like "grave and gathering threat" to describe the level of Saddam's danger to the United States. International law traditionally requires that a threat be "imminent" before a nation can defend against it.

"If it wasn't an imminent threat in your mind, how would you have characterized or assessed the threat?" Snowe asked.

Tenet said intelligence analysts were "quite worried" about surprise attacks and what they didn't know, given Saddam's history of deception. Estimates also indicated he had biological and chemical weapons, and other programs. "Whether it stands up or it doesn't stand up over the course of time is something we're going to look at quite carefully," he said.

"People voted to authorize the use of force based on what we read in these reports," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. "It's a pretty bitter pill to swallow, particularly with a pre-emptive war."

After the hearing, Roberts told reporters that "everybody would have some second thoughts" about the rationalization for war, but he believes that Saddam posed a national security threat, "in some ways even more dangerous" than expected, due to the deterioration of his leadership.

Teacher's firing for racial remark upheld

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — A Missouri appeals court upheld the firing of a teacher who told her eighth-grade class she opposed interracial marriage and believed such couples should be "fixed" to prevent them from having children.

The attorney for teacher Jendra Loeffelman pledged to appeal the unanimous ruling by the three-judge Missouri Court of Appeals panel. Her attorney, Chuck Ford, said he would ask the entire court to hear the case or seek a state Supreme Court review.

Tuesday's ruling affirms one last summer by a Jefferson County judge, who found that the Crystal City School Board was within its rights in ousting Loeffelman.

Her attorneys argued her reported classroom comments were constitutionally protected free speech. The appellate court rejected that Tuesday, declaring that the First Amendment right applied only to public concerns — not Loeffelman's discussing a private matter that was not part of the lesson plan.

Loeffelman, the ruling sug-

gested, also should have understood her comments could be harmful to the pupils, who included two biracial students.

Linda Schilly, the school board's president, welcomed the ruling as affirmation that Loeffelman's firing was just, though "very unfortunate."

Ford countered that "This was not about a racist teacher discriminating; it's about a teacher giving an opinion to a student who asked a question about an assignment in another class."

Maurice Watson, the school district's attorney, said Loeffelman's comments "can only

be described as egregious" and "reflect a perverse, private point of view that had no legal protection in school."

Loeffelman, 53, told students in October 2002 that

she was "totally against" interracial marriage, that interracial couples shouldn't have children because they often get teased, and that mixed-race children were "racially confused."

Parents and students said Loeffelman also said mixed-race students came to school dirty and are never accepted by society.

"[Loeffelman's comments] can only be described as egregious."

Maurice Watson
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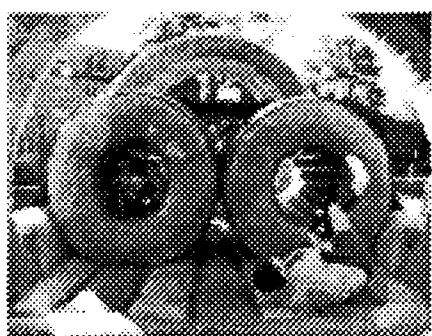
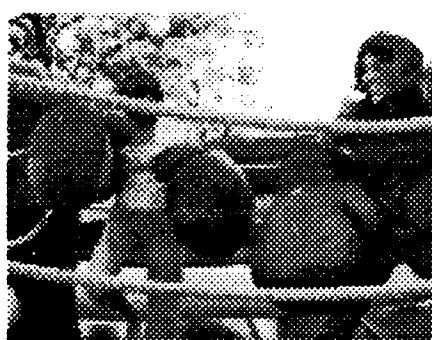
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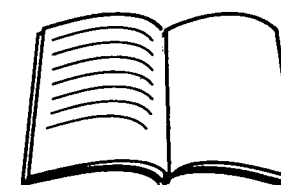
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February 25

Panel discusses History, Politics and the Struggle for Peace in Columbia

Colombia has experienced over 50 years of civil war and political conflict.

From an outsider's viewpoint, Colombia is best known for cocaine and kidnappings, however, the underlying conflict and its effects on an entire nation bring a different perspective to Colombia's state of war.

A panel of Colombian guests will be speaking on the history, politics and current struggle for peace from their own experiences and perspectives.

Guest speakers include Keynote speakers from the Association of the Family of Members of the Detained and Disappeared and Joanna

Franco, member of Redepaz, a Colombian NGO for reconciliation and care of victims of violence. See http://www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/colombia_poster.htm for more information.

When: Wednesday, February 25 at 7:00 pm

Where: 102 DeBartolo

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February 29

Ministry as Vocations

All students are welcome to come to this panel presentation by Notre Dame graduates who will reflect on how they have integrated faith and social concerns into their professions. Pizza will be served. Sponsored by the CSC and NDVI.

Renee LaReau '96 - Parish Minister and Author, Columbus, OH

Erica Dahl-Bredine '87 - Mexico Country Program Manager, Catholic Relief Services, Tuscon, AZ

Amy Zajakowski-Uhl '87 - Therapist, Cathedral Counseling Center and the Kovler Center for survivors of torture, Chicago, IL

Jim Zajakowski-Uhl '85 - Theology Teacher, Loyola Academy and former Campus Minister, Loyola University, Chicago, IL

When: Sunday, February 29, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Where: Center for Social Concerns, Multi-purpose

Seminars & Programs

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For more information on ACCION, read about one intern's experience at <http://centerforsocialconcerns.nd.edu/WebNewsletterF03/newyork.html>

February 26

Reflections from Returned Missioners

All are welcome to find out about two overseas volunteer possibilities through the eyes of five returned missioners (four HCA Chile Associates and one returned Nicaragua Cap Corps member) who have each spent over two years

serving their respective countries. Pizza will be served.

When: Thursday, February 26 at 6:00 pm

Where: Center for Social Concerns, Lounge

Peterson accused of having an affair

Prosecutors allege affair prompted murder

Associated Press

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — Outlining a motive in the Laci Peterson case for the first time, prosecutors alleged in court documents that Scott Peterson's affair with another woman drove him to murder his pregnant wife.

Defense attorneys insisted Tuesday the documents contained "out-and-out falsehoods."

In papers filed Monday, prosecutors sketched the broad outlines of what they believe led Scott Peterson to kill his wife, Laci, citing Peterson's affair with massage therapist Amber Frey and his conflicting statements about it to police.

"The defendant's statements concerning Amber Frey support motive for the murder," prosecutors said.

Jury selection is scheduled to start next week. Peterson, 31, could get the death penalty if convicted.

The documents cite Peterson's "romancing" of Frey in the period before Laci Peterson disappeared on Dec. 24, 2002. Her body and that of her unborn son later washed up along the San Francisco Bay.

During a heated exchange in court Tuesday, defense attorney Mark Geragos called the filing "scurrilous" and "replete with what I consider to be out-and-out falsehoods" designed to grab headlines.

"It looked like it was right out of the National Enquirer,"

he told Judge Alfred Delucchi.

Prosecutors detailed a series of allegedly conflicting statements Scott Peterson made in TV interviews.

The documents said he tried to deflect suspicion from himself but ended up coming across "quite strongly, as someone who is lying about his involvement in Laci's disappearance."

Among other things, prosecutors said, Peterson admitted the affair to detectives and later denied it after Frey approached police.

Peterson also claimed that he admitted the affair to his wife and that she was "at peace" with it.

But prosecutors said witnesses will testify that Laci Peterson never mentioned the affair.

Investigators also noted that Peterson used the past tense when referring to his wife and unborn son before their bodies were found, abruptly correcting himself.

Attorneys later turned their focus to dog trainer Cindee Valentin, who tried to track Laci Peterson's scent with a bloodhound in the days after she vanished.

Valentin said the dog's behavior suggested Peterson's body was driven from her Modesto home where authorities believe she was killed to a rented warehouse where Scott Peterson told police he stopped the morning of Dec. 24 before going fishing on San Francisco Bay.

Teen body piercings increase

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Erik Hansen rolls up his left sleeve to reveal a roughly drawn skull-and-crossbones-tattoo. A friend did it for him a few weeks ago, using a needle and ink at what Hansen calls a "poke and stick party" — a growing trend among young people as tattoos and piercings have surged in popularity.

Body art between friends can be a rite of passage, a back-room ritual often done on the sly.

Teens talk about school athletes doing tattoos or piercings for one another as an initiation. "It's more fun to have a friend do it — and it was free," says Hansen, a 20-year-old from Minneapolis.

But officials where he lives — and in other places nationwide — are worried. In Hennepin County, which includes Minneapolis, they've started a poster campaign in schools and neighborhood hangouts to encourage young people to have their tattoos and piercings done by licensed professionals.

"Get the good design, not a bad disease!" says one poster about tattooing. Another features a photo of an upper lip piercing with warnings about the risk of infections, blood-borne diseases and nerve damage.

The Oregon Health Licensing Office has a similar Web-based campaign, begun after several young people from the town of Klamath Falls got serious upper ear infections from piercings done at a jewelry kiosk with lax sterilization procedures. The cases — and resulting disfigurement — were documented in Wednesday's Journal of the American

Medical Association.

Meanwhile, the Texas Department of Health library offers a video for teens and young adults titled "Tattooing and Body Piercing: Thinking Smart About Body Art." And Connecticut is among states with a brochure that has similar information.

The biggest concerns include the potential spread of tetanus and hepatitis B or C if people share tattooing needles or whatever sharp objects — pins and nails included — they use to do their piercing.

"It's just not something you can do in your garage," says Shahn Anderson, a licensed tattooist and president of the Alliance of Professional Tattooists, who helped design the Hennepin County campaign.

Eighteen-year-old Katie Klaren thinks posting the information is a good idea.

"Anything but ears, I would want a professional to do," the high school senior from Roseville, Minn., says as she waits at a licensed piercing studio in Minneapolis with her friend, Leslie Barker. The fresh-faced teens were there to have their nipples pierced — a procedure that's become trendy since Janet Jackson's Super Bowl flash.

"It's an on-the-edge kind of thing," Barker says, adding that both waited until they didn't have to have written parental permission — required in Hennepin County since last summer.

Several states have laws that prohibit minors from getting tattoos or "body art" regardless of who's holding the needle. And others, such as Wyoming, are considering bans.

Often, licensed piercers and tattooists have even stricter

standards than states or cities, requiring a parent to be present or, in some cases, setting their own age limits for certain procedures.

Some youth think that banning them from having work done, or requiring parental permission, is only causing more minors to do the piercing themselves or seek out unlicensed amateurs, known in the industry as "scratchers."

"You can't just outlaw things," says Hansen, who says he could not have afforded a professional tattoo even if he'd wanted one. "It's like prohibition; it doesn't work."

Gail Dorfman — the Hennepin County commissioner whose age-limits ordinance prompted the safety campaign — disagrees.

"We're not telling kids they shouldn't get tattoos or piercings," says Dorfman, who's also the mother of five teenagers. "We're just saying, 'Be smart about it.'"

She says doctors and nurses at the county's hospital have seen a spike in young people with infections caused by amateur work, sometimes done by friends or unlicensed operators. She also notes the case of a 19-year-old woman who pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor for doing piercings in a vehicle near a Minneapolis high school and another in suburban Wayzata last year.

Jesika Bornsen, a professional piercer at a shop called Saint Sabrina's in Minneapolis, agrees that the campaign can only help educate teens and parents.

"It's saying, 'Talk to your parents about it,'" says Bornsen, a member of Association of Professional Piercers who's worked in the field for eight years.

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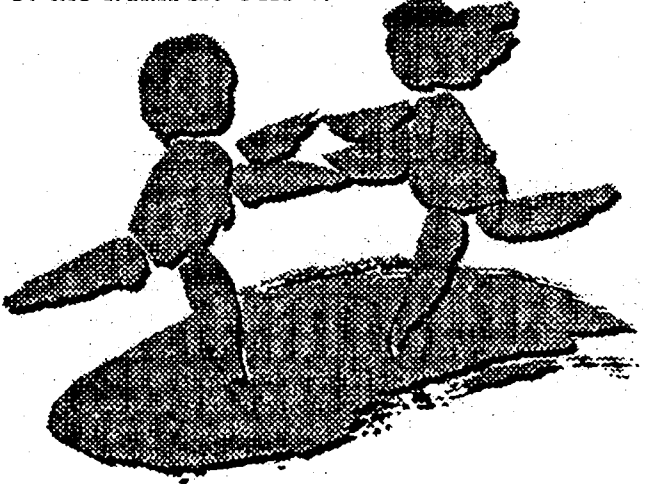
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It's only life we're talking about...

With all the media attention focused on the Presidential election, it's easy to forget that Congress is still in session this year. Here's a little reminder. Over the next few weeks, Congress will be voting on two very important bills that will have serious ramifications for a long time to come.

Joe Licandro

The Licandro
Non-Factor

First on the plate is the House's expected vote on The Unborn Victims Violence Act, a bill that would make it separate federal crimes to injure or kill both a woman and her fetus. If passed as expected, this bill would effectively re-define the term "life" in this country. In turn, this could provide the legal pretense for partial birth abortion foes to win their fight to criminalize such a heinous "medical" procedure once and for all. The Unborn Victims Violence Act would bring federal law in line with 28 states that have laws covering the unborn. A similar federal proposal has already twice passed the House in 1999 and 2001, but the U.S. Senate has refused to touch it, afraid of the potentially stormy political aftermath. That is about to change as new Senate Majority leader and licensed physician Bill Frist (R-Tenn.) has promised to take the bill up in the near future.

It would be impossible for any Senator — even for the most vehement of abortion rights supporters — to justify voting against this bill, for a vote in this direction would effectively mean that if a gunman shot a woman, killing her fetus but not the woman herself, the gunman could only be tried for attempted murder. Under this arrangement, the fetus is reduced to nothing, as if it never existed in the first place. According to an Associated Press article published Monday, a recent poll conducted by the National Right to Life Committee cites that 80 percent of the American public believes there should be a law recognizing the killing of a fetus as a homicide. Following basic logic, the following question must be asked: If shooting a fetus becomes a federal crime, then should not killing it through abortion be considered the same thing? The final result is the same: The human fetus is dead in the end.

"Human" is the operative word, because abortion rights activists and the judges who side with their conveniently leave that out of their convoluted and legal arguments. No matter how they want to define the term, the following is indisputable: Without any unnatural or outside interference, the human fetus would have matured into a human baby the exact same way a human baby will mature into a child and later into an adult. It's called the cycle of life. Abortion rights supporters like to argue that the fetus is not an entity that can exist independently by itself and therefore cannot be categorized as life. Well, has it ever occurred to them that babies and children cannot survive without their parents or an

adult caretaker? Does this mean they are not life, either?

While we're on the subject of life, the Senate also has a chance to do what the House recently failed to do — protect innocent Americans from gun violence by voting "no" to the controversial NRA-backed Gun Industry Immunity Bill designed to eliminate so-called frivolous lawsuits. Under its terms, licensed gun makers and distributors would be totally immune from any lawsuit filed against them by victims of gun violence. In other words, negligent gun makers and distributors would suffer no consequences for selling or passing large quantities of arms under the table to known black market dealers intending to re-sell them to individuals prohibited by law from purchasing a gun.

If passed, this bill would dismiss standing lawsuits against irresponsible gun dealers across the country including the sniper case "Conrad Johnson v. Bull's-Eye Shooter, et al" and the half-dozen others filed against the Washington state dealer. The 238 guns that inexplicably disappeared from the Tacoma gun dealership, without any record of them being sold, included a Bushmaster XM-15 rifle that ended up in the hands of the snipers John Muhammad and his 17-year-old accomplice Lee Boyd Malvo, neither of whom could have legally purchased a gun (Muhammad because he was under domestic restraining order, and Malvo because he was a juvenile). In his testimony, Malvo has claimed that he shoplifted the gun. Even if this is the truth, should not Bull's-Eye still be held responsible for not providing proper security measures to prevent shoplifting, especially after this happens 238 times, as the dealership is claiming? Bars are held liable for serving the underage and the heavily intoxicated who later sit behind the wheel, so why do gun distributors deserve immunity?

The immunity bill would not only prevent victims from seeking monetary damage but also from seeking shut-downs of corrupt dealers. Without forcing the gun industry to be accountable for negligence, what incentive does it have to take stronger safety precautions in its manufacturing and

distribution methods? Guns should not be in the hands of madmen like Malvo and Muhammad or people like the alleged murderer of Chicago Police Officer Michael Ceriale, who was killed by a trafficked handgun in yet another case likely to be dismissed by the passage of this bill. No wonder the Major Cities Police Chiefs Association, led by current Los Angeles Police Chief William Bratton, has vehemently opposed the passage of this legislation, even taking out a full-page ad in The Washington Post. If that name sounds familiar, it should. Bratton is the former Police Chief of New York City, the man, along with Mayor Rudolph Guiliani, responsible for rolling back crime in the Big Apple. Maybe, just maybe, the Senate should listen to him, instead of the NRA.

As it stands now, the bill has 59 senators on board, only one away from defeating any filibuster. Hopefully, some of these Senators will see the error in their ways and join the minority. It's the only way justice can be delivered to the victims of gun violence. This vote is just the tip of the iceberg. Two more crucial gun-control laws are waiting in the wings: the Omnibus Appropriations Bill proposed by representative Todd Tiahrt (R-Kan.) that would effectively eliminate crucial parts of

the current Brady Bill by drastically reducing the amount of time to conduct criminal background checks for prospective gun purchasers, and the Assault Weapons Ban, which is up for renewal after 10 years of prohibiting the sale of certain military-style, semi-automatic assault weapons, including AK-47s and Kalishnikov rifles.

In the wake of Columbine, the D.C. Snipers and the yet-to-be-caught Omnibus highway shooter, I am hopeful our leaders will practice common sense and support much-needed gun control laws in this country. I am equally as optimistic that they will vote in favor of The Unborn Victims Violence Act.

Life is at stake.

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OBSERVER POLL

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If they can make penicillin out of moldy bread, they can sure make something out of you."

Muhammad Ali
boxer

Archbishop Burke deserves the Laetare Medal

Notre Dame should give the 2004 Laetare Medal to Archbishop Raymond Burke of St. Louis. The medal is given to men and women whose lives have "illustrated the ideals of the Church and enriched the heritage of humanity." Archbishop Burke is a profile in courage who fits that description.

Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

In Nov. 2003, when he was Bishop of La Crosse, Wis., Burke decreed that Catholic legislators in his diocese who "support procured abortion or euthanasia may not present themselves to receive Holy Communion. They are not to be admitted to Holy Communion, should they present themselves, until ... they publicly renounce their support of these most unjust practices."

Burke had privately appealed to the three legislators involved but they essentially told him to get lost. "The duty of Catholic legislators to respect human life," said Burke, "is not [a] personal opinion I have arbitrarily decided to impose. It is not ... Burke's law, but God's law which Burke, as a shepherd of God's flock, is bound to teach and uphold, also by admonishing ... those who violate it. As bishop, I am a guardian of the faith and its practice. If

I ... remain silent while the faith, in one of its most fundamental tenets, is ... openly disobeyed by those who present themselves as sincere adherents of the faith, then I have failed most seriously and should be removed from office." Whether other bishops will take the same position is a matter for the pastoral judgment of each bishop. But Burke is a bishop who knows how to lead.

Burke's stand is politically incorrect, which may be the only sin in the "Church of Where It's At." But his action is in line with sound reason and the Constitution. He imposed no legal sanction on the legislators. They are free to continue their support for the legalized execution of the innocent by abortion and euthanasia. Burke is simply invoking the principle of truth-in-labeling. If you are going to present yourself to the voters as a Catholic you should act like one. And you should not give the public a scandal.

Abortion and euthanasia are not wrong merely because the Church says so. Rather, the Church so teaches because the international killing of the innocent is always a grave violation of the natural law and of the Commandments. Nor is Burke's action an infringement on conscience. Conscience and freedom have an obligation to the truth. The bishop is obliged to teach that truth in order to assist Catholics of

his diocese in the formation of their consciences.

A legislator takes an oath to uphold the Constitution. But that oath cannot override his obligation, under the natural law and divine law, not to cooperate in the murder of the innocent. Indeed, when the Constitution has been perverted to authorize the execution of the innocent, fidelity to the Constitution requires the effort to restore the right to life. Similarly, Abraham Lincoln insisted on his moral duty to fight to reverse the Dred Scott decision, which had decreed that slaves were property and not persons.

Legalized abortion is the epitome of an unjust law which, as Thomas Aquinas said, is "no longer a law but a perversion of a law." Every legislator, Catholic or not, is morally obliged under the natural law to oppose, and to try to change, a law that authorizes the execution of the innocent. A Catholic legislator who openly and persistently favors legalized abortion and euthanasia not only fails in that duty, he also makes himself liable to denial of his right to receive the Eucharist which is the sign of unity in the faith.

Canon Law requires that "those ... who obstinately persist in manifestly grave sin are not to be admitted to the Holy Communion" (Canon 915). Burke did not excommunicate the politicians. Rather, he applied Canon 915 as an

explicit regulation of the administration of the sacraments. Burke's action, however, was not merely disciplinary. It was pastoral, born of concern for the spiritual welfare of the Catholic legislator as well as of the Catholic people who could be misled or scandalized if the legislator's pro-death position went unchallenged.

In 1962, Archbishop Joseph Rummel of New Orleans announced that he was going to desegregate New Orleans Catholic schools. Segregationist activists Judge Leander Perez, State Senator E. W. Gravolet and B. J. Gaillot, all Catholics, opposed him. Gravolet threatened to cut off state support to Catholic schools and Perez urged Catholics to withhold financial support from the Church. After reminding them of the danger to their souls in rejecting the Church teaching, the archbishop excommunicated all three. Perez was an icon of the legal and cultural mainstream. Rummel was counter-cultural. But he was right. And so is Burke. He would honor Notre Dame by accepting the Laetare Medal.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Because you're worth it, too

Feb. 22 to 28 is National Eating Disorders Awareness Week (EDAW), and a time to celebrate every body. It's a time to depart from calorie-counting and dieting and to thank your body for all the wonderful things that it lets you do each and every day. "You are beautiful the way you are." Now, there's a message you rarely, if ever see on TV. In today's world of mass media and advertising, we are constantly bombarded by images of ultra-thin women like Calista Flockhart and muscular men like Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"So what?" you may be thinking. "That's life!" Well, unfortunately, there is a well-documented connection between TV and fitness/fashion magazine consumption and body dissatisfaction/disturbed eating. Many men and women gaze upon those bronze, muscled Adonises and skinny, busty beauties and naturally feel inadequate by comparison. Nowhere in a disclaimer is all the suffering, starvation, hours of make-up and computer retouching that's involved in creating these seemingly "perfect" images. We are not only guilty into believing that we should each want to become fitness gurus and aerobic queens, but also that looking like TV models is an obtainable goal if we only work hard enough.

Why would the advertisers want us to feel badly about our bodies? So we'll buy their products (of course), which are lauded as "the" answer to our body-esteem woes. That's why Americans spend 30 to 50 billion dollars a year on weight loss products and 51 billion a year on cosmetics. One study showed that people were spending \$180 per pound lost. Considering that 90 percent of those who lose 25 or more pounds regain the weight that they lose — and usually more — within two years, and 98 percent regain the weight within five years, it seems that an awful lot of people are being scammed. The reason: the body has an internal weight that it strives to maintain (a set point), and your metabolism actually slows down when you diet in order to conserve energy and stores up more fat to protect against future restrictive eating.

Unfortunately, most women living in the United States feel badly about their bodies. Did you know that up to two thirds of women feel dissatisfied with some part of their bodies and that 80 to 90 percent of dieters are women? This trend has sadly infiltrated our youth. Several researchers have found that about 70 to 80 percent of 10-year-old girls are currently dieting. The irony is that most women view

their bodies unrealistically and believe that they are larger than they actually are. In fact, one study showed that 70 percent of young women in the United States and England thought that they were overweight even though they were within their normal weight range.

Here's a newsflash — dieting, especially yo-yo dieting and restrictive eating, is associated with hypertension, increased serum cholesterol, kidney and heart problems, gastrointestinal problems and even death. People who are on very-low-calorie diets have a death rate 40 times higher than the normal population.

One study by the American Cancer Society that followed 800,000 men and women for six years found no connection between weight gain and mortality rates. In fact, only weight loss was associated with higher death rates.

But aside from the health risks, think about how much time you actually spend every day thinking or talking about calories, fat, weight and exercise. That's a lot of time each week wasted. And the inevitable outcome is feeling more inadequate and dissatisfied with your body. What if, instead, you funneled all of that energy into discovering your talents, dreams and unique qualities that make you special for who you are, not what you look like? Are you an artist, writer, designer, photographer, director, musician or healer at heart? Want to find out? There are so many wonderful things inside you that have absolutely nothing to do with how you look, what you weigh or what other people see on the outside. You are like a precious gift — the wrapping isn't the important part; it's

what inside that is valued. Wouldn't it feel better to focus all that energy on shaping the internal you rather than the external you?

So, what can you do? Well, for starters, believe in your power to make a difference. If you see an ad that negatively portrays men or women and perpetuates unrealistic body types, e-mail the company.

The companies keep incident reports of all e-mails they receive and if they get enough of them, they will change their ads. Also, don't buy products that are sponsored by companies that use thin-ideal or sexist advertising. If there's one motivator to "big business," it's money.

Invest time in exploring your strengths. Take a leisure course on something that you've always wanted to try. Make a list of all your great qualities that have nothing to do with appearance and remind yourself about them often.

Take up yoga or meditation. In other words — participate in activities that make you feel good about yourself and your body.

When you find yourself or others talking about calories, fat or weight, stop yourself, and refocus the conversation on something that is self-nurturing, not self-critical. And, if you

find that you are becoming obsessed with food and exercise so much that it is interfering with your life and well-being, get help. Remember, you are so much more than a number on a scale.

Helen Bowden, M.S.
Notre Dame Counseling Center
Feb. 14



A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

Displaying true passion

The Passion of the Christ, Mel Gibson's epic and controversial portrayal of the last 12 hours of the life of Jesus Christ, is the most emotionally powerful cinematic experience since *Schindler's List*. There are moments when even the strongest-willed will wince or look away and moments when the hardest heart will tremble. This is a movie that cannot help but affect all who see it.

Jack Watkins

Scene
Columnist

It is not, however, a movie to be seen by all. Some critics have decried *The Passion* as the most violent film ever made. These critics have a point — the film is almost a Dante's "Inferno" of Roman-style torture. To take one example, the Roman whip — with its sharp tips that imbed in the flesh and tear skin on their way out — is accurately reproduced in sickening detail. Anyone who cannot handle such portrayals of human torture need not purchase a ticket.

That proviso aside, this is a beautiful film — a film made with love and true religious feeling. Gibson draws upon the Gospels, tradition, the Stations of the Cross, Christian mysticism and, drawing it all together, the basic principles of the Spiritual Exercises on St. Ignatius of Loyola. Intercutting scenes of torment with flashbacks to the Last Supper, the Sermon on the Mount and Jesus' childhood, Gibson accentuates and deepens the story. In the most beautiful of these moments, Christ stumbles for the second time while carrying the Cross, and, as He falls, Mary (Maia Morgenstern, who deserves an Academy Award for her role) sees, for a moment, the young Jesus stumbling. When Mary reaches her Son, she murmurs "I am here", and He replies, "See, mother, I make all things new."

There are many, many moments like this. Gibson does his best to underscore the connection between Christ's suffering and our salvation. In the movie Christ is the suffering and redeeming Son of God, first and foremost, not the "nice man who taught good values" Buddy Christ of much modern presentation. Lest all balance be lost, however, other scenes involve the Eucharist, baptism, love for our enemies and the ethic of serving, all of which Gibson ties directly to the Passion. Gibson is largely true to the Gospels, presenting familiar figures like Judas, Peter and John in their traditional roles. The critics who have complained that the film is unforgiving, apparently didn't see the same movie I did, as Gibson is careful to include Christ praying for his enemies both before and during His passion.

Critics' other primary target is the film's alleged anti-Semitism. Anti-Semitism is a form of racism and is condemned by the Roman Catholic Church, especially in the context of the death of Christ, which is not a crime that can be attributed to any one historical person or group of people. To call this film anti-Semitic is to ignore the image that appears in the movie. The conclave of the Sanhedrin that condemns Jesus is portrayed as a secret conclave, called without knowledge of more moderate Pharisees, and even so some present speak up for Jesus. Others grow disgusted with the actions of Caiaphas and leave his side while Christ is being tortured. Other Jews, including large groups of Jewish women, protest the condemnation, and a Jewish hero, Simon of Cyrene, temporarily steals the spotlight as an Everyman forced to come to terms with the awful fact of the Passion. The worst villains are not the Jewish high priests, but the sadistic Roman soldiers in the scourging sequence.

Despite being cleared of these charges, the film is not perfect. In the scourging scene, Gibson goes far beyond the scriptural 39 lashes (I lost count at 63), and three particular scenes seem like mere excess — a raven pecks out the eyes of the bad thief immediately after he mocks Jesus, a tear falls from Heaven at Christ's death and the earthquake following the death is overplayed. While these missteps are irritating, only the first is troubling. Gibson's other curious decisions tend to work out, especially the creepy, serpentine androgynous Satan, who parallels Mary. Satan carries a strange, undead spawn that appears to be a deliberate mockery of the Renaissance tradition of painting the Christ Child as if He were already dead.

Though imperfect, *The Passion of the Christ* is a masterpiece. It is the most important film from a Catholic perspective in ages, and it is a powerful statement of the core of Christian belief. No one who has seen this film will think about their faith in quite the same way. By allowing us to all the more clearly visualize the suffering and death that Christ endured for our sake and our salvation, Gibson has given the world a great gift.

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Mary Magdalene (Monica Bellucci) watches in horror as Jesus is crucified by Roman soldiers in Mel Gibson's new epic drama "The Passion of the Christ."

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By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Scene Movie Critic

The Passion of Christ is without a doubt a controversial film, and Hollywood usually adores any buzz surrounding a project — both negative and positive. Religion, though, remains a taboo topic, however rife with juicy controversy thought it may be. Hollywood doesn't like the fact that it arouses more than mere outcry — it causes moral outrage and financial backlash. Nevertheless Mel Gibson, through his vast monetary resources and celebrity clout, has finally pulled off the religious film that Hollywood has been looking for. It is a controversial, moving, artistic and spiritual film that can be appreciated by believers and nonbelievers alike.

The film follows Jesus from his condemnation to his death by crucifixion, and it is interspersed with moments from his life and ministry. The story blends the Passion accounts of the four New Testament gospels, and thus adheres to Biblical and not historical accounts, making the film more concerned with spirituality than accuracy. Controversy has arisen from the film's apparent blaming of the Jews for Jesus' crucifixion and the sympathetic portrayal of Pontius Pilate. But in the film, no one is explicitly blamed for the death of Christ. The film reveals the tension between the Roman government, the Jewish people and the radical religion that Jesus has begun. Mob mentality and Pilate's wish to avoid rebellion seem more at the heart of the events that lead to Jesus' crucifixion than the fault of an

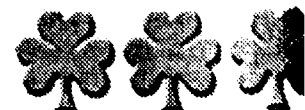
entire race of people.

The strength of the actors in the film emerges as one of the most powerful elements of the movie. Jesus, Mary and Mary Magdalene exude complicated emotions with their facial expressions and intonations, even while speaking other tongues. James Caviezel, who plays Jesus, gives the spiritual leader an aura of serenity and peace amidst chaotic surroundings. Maia Morgenstern's portrayal of Mary evokes the speechless pain of a mother losing her only son in a gruesome way, but she also exudes serenity and strength despite the crippling sense of helplessness that overwhelms her. Another woman reeling from Jesus' death is Mary Magdalene, played by Monica Bellucci, who adds another layer to the sense of absolute helplessness and sorrow that envelops those who followed Jesus.

Gibson takes some artistic license with his direction of the film, but most of his

"The Passion"

Jack's rating:



Molly's rating:



Rama's rating:



Director: Mel Gibson
Writer: Benedict Fitzgerald
Starring: James Caviezel, Maia Morgenstern and others



A NON-CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

A passionate eye-opener

When people find out that I'm not a Catholic but have attended a Jesuit high school and that I am now enrolled in the nation's most notable Catholic university, they often ask me how I feel about the Catholic faith. After answering this question countless times, I've settled into the groove of explaining that I try to live by the Golden Rule and I usually leave it at that. And why not? The Golden Rule appears in some form or another in almost every major world religion, if only slightly altered in terms of wording in each of its many versions.

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The question I usually have a more difficult time fielding is what I think about Jesus Christ. Having been only versed in the very basics of Catholic doctrine through a few short years of required theology courses, I usually settle on the answer that I think he was a compassionate, good man and that is good enough for me. To put it lightly, Mel Gibson's new film *The Passion of the Christ* was an eye-opener.

It's hard to ignore an extended scene of an innocent man being scourged to within an inch of his life, especially when each whiplash is beaten into your subconscious as the camera cuts to Jesus' muted grimace after each crack of the whip. And just when you think you've seen enough, the weapon of punishment is changed to a sinister cat-o-nine-tails with inch-long metal spikes running along its outer edges and the torture continues.

The film was both unsettling and unpleasant to watch for much of its duration and I'm sure a good number of people will use its depiction of graphic violence as one more reason to denounce it as the work of the devil. But how, exactly, can you accurately depict the last 12 hours of Jesus' life without the version presented in Gibson's endeavor? You can't show scourging and a crucifixion in gentle terms akin to a playful slap on the wrist.

The visual power of much of the film rests in its directing style. Although nearly a decade has passed since Gibson's last directorial effort, *Braveheart*, Gibson still possesses the same artistic touch that won him an Academy Award. He seamlessly splices in the more pleasant and notable events of Jesus' life, such as the Last Supper and the Sermon on the Mount, intermittently between the events of Jesus' tor-

tuous ordeal. This effect is quite jarring, and it paints a stark contrast between the way Jesus lived his life and the way he was forced to die.

Although a sizable chunk of the film is devoted to recreating the more well-known scenes of Jesus' suffering, I found some of the most profound moments to be those hidden among the chaos. There is one scene where Jesus drops his cross in exhaustion on the way to Golgotha amidst a brawl between the peasants and soldiers that envelops him. Seemingly all alone within the bedlam, the scene shifts into a slow-motion shot of the approaching feet of a kind woman who offers Jesus a cup of water and a clean white towel to wipe his bloody, mangled brow. These fleeting scenes are sprinkled throughout the film and they add a deeper meaning to the film that can be interpreted in innumerable ways. They paint a portrait of a good man who touched many with his continuing kindness and who, at the very least, continued to live a noble life when most of us could have easily turned to bitterness and a swift retribution.

Given that the brunt of the story is told by the facial expressions of a tortured Jesus and the reactions of his tormentors, friends and followers, the power of the film is a testament to the acting abilities of its stars. The film would have been just as effective if Gibson had decided to distribute it without subtitles, as was originally planned. The performances speak for themselves, with not a single weak link in the chain.

As important as the film *Gandhi* is for Hindus, *The Passion of the Christ* is just as significant for both believers and nonbelievers. It is not a film that can be lightly tossed aside. It is a monumental achievement and for all its unpleasantness, I can honestly say that I have a greater appreciation for the devout faith that many of my friends and colleagues place in the central figure of Christian doctrine. I saw a noble, just man punished for no good reason and when that punishment is presented as vividly and as painstakingly as it is in this particular film, it is not easily forgotten. So the next time someone asks me my thoughts on Jesus Christ, you have my assurance that it will not be the same light, airy response that I have been giving enquiring friends for years.

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Image courtesy of Nate Ferrone

decisions add a deeper spiritual layer to the basic narrative of the film. During key moments of Jesus' suffering, the film flashes to parallel moments from his life and ministry. While Jesus carries the cross to Golgotha, the film flashes to his welcome reception into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday) only a short while before being sentenced to death by the same crowd, and when Mary turns to Jesus' side after he stumbles, it flashes to her helping her son as a toddler when he falls. Another unusual use of parallels comes from Gibson's choice to actually personify evil. At key moments, evil appears in the form of small children, a vaguely serpentine Mary-figure and a deathly perversion of the Madonna and Child. The choice to make evil a palpable force in the film certainly evokes controversy, but it adds to the sense that the inherent evil of humanity is at the root of the story that we are watching.

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The word "crucifix-

ion" will hold new meaning for those who see the film, for simply hearing the word fails to encompass the true graphic horror that this form of capital punishment stands for. The film does not flinch while showing, in vivid detail, all that Jesus endured on his slow path to death. He first receives a scourging at the hands of Roman soldiers, and he is beaten and lashed until his entire body is nothing but raw, bloody shreds. He then must carry the wooden cross upon which he will die, and he must hang on the cross by the nails in his hands until death finally comes. The crucifixion scenes are horrifically graphic, but they are also tremendously moving because they reveal the suffering that Jesus endures and the grace with which he bears it.

The film's ending remains the least fulfilling part of the film, which is an extremely brief scene telling of Jesus' resurrection. It is ironic that this is the least fulfilling element of the film, because it is supposed to be the most fulfilling aspect of Christian doctrine. But this scene feels tacked on and offers no insight into the significance this event has or its relation to the Passion. Cinematically speaking, it would have been better to leave this idea out or explicate it further instead of just leaving a brief teaser at the end.

The Passion of Christ is not easy to watch — it is in Latin, Hebrew and Aramaic with subtitles, it contains a graphic crucifixion and deals with deep and difficult spiritual ideas. But it is also a powerful film that transcends the controversy it creates.

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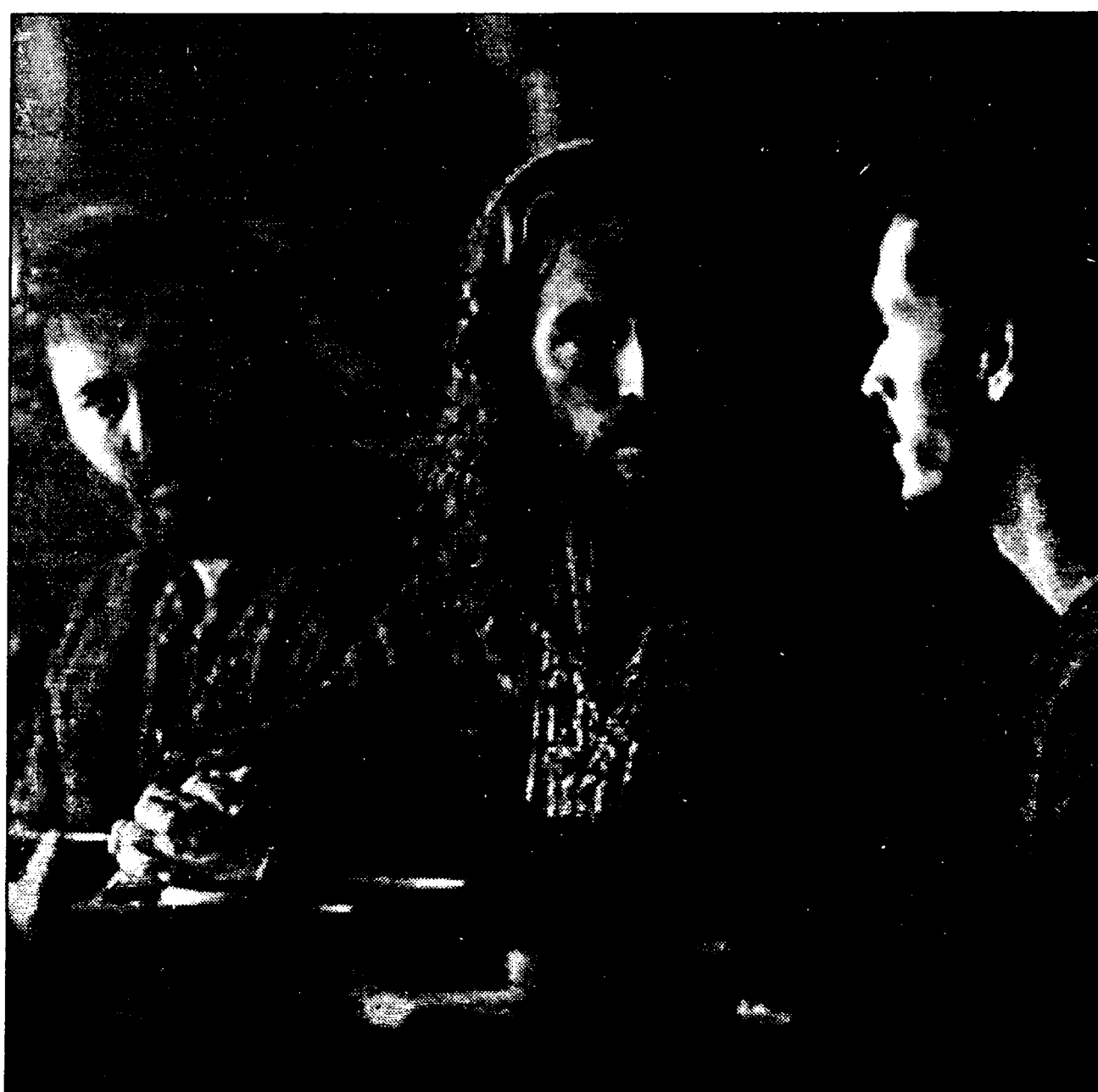


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Jesus Christ (James Caviezel) and his disciples celebrate a somber Last Supper in the last hours before Jesus is taken prisoner by Roman soldiers.

NBA

Trail Blazers outlast Magic in 94-91 overtime victory

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Zach Randolph had 24 points and 12 rebounds, and Derek Anderson scored 11 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter and overtime to lead the Portland Trail Blazers to a 94-91 victory over the Orlando Magic on Tuesday night.

Damon Stoudamire scored 17 — his 3-pointer to start overtime gave Portland a lead it would never relinquish — with nine rebounds and seven assists.

The Blazers won their season-best fifth straight game to continue their playoff push. Since bottoming out to seven games under .500 (17-24) exactly one month ago — the furthest below .500 the Blazers have been since the 1975-76 season—they are 12-4 since. At 29-28, they are over .500 for the first time since Dec. 29.

Shareef Abdur-Rahim added 14 points and Theo Ratliff tied his career high with nine blocks, including a huge rejection of Steven Hunter's dunk attempt that would've brought Orlando to 88-87 with 1:11 remaining.

The Magic, down seven with less than four minutes left in regulation, sent the game into overtime tied at 83 on Rod Strickland's 3-pointer with 14.3 seconds to go.

But Orlando missed nine of 13 shots in the extra period to fall short of winning four straight for the first time this season. It also was the Magic's first loss in four overtime games.

The Magic had a slim chance of sending the game into a second overtime, but Keith Bogans' heave from the right baseline after a full-court pass didn't hit the rim.

Tracy McGrady led the Magic with 31 points despite another subpar shooting night — 11-for-32, including 2-for-14 on 3-pointers.

Indiana 107, Golden State 96
INDIANAPOLIS — Jermaine O'Neal scored a season-high 34 points, and Jamaal Tinsley added 13 points and 11 assists to lead the Indiana Pacers to a

victory over the Golden State Warriors.

Jonathan Bender again gave a strong performance to help fill the void left by injured forward Ron Artest, and the Pacers shot 52 percent from the field to win their third in a row.

Bender's minutes off the bench have increased since Artest went on the injured list after having surgery to repair torn ligaments in his left thumb.

The oft-injured Bender provided an offensive spark in the second and third quarters and finished with 12 points on 5-of-6 shooting.

O'Neal and the Pacers took control in the third quarter. O'Neal had 12 points, and Tinsley added five points and three assists. The Pacers finished the quarter with a 10-2 run to take an 80-74 lead into the final period.

The game was a complete turnaround from the Pacers' plodding, foul-laden win over Utah on Sunday. Indiana shot 54 percent in the first half, led by O'Neal's 12 points on 5-of-7 shooting, to take a 52-51 lead.

Atlanta 86, Philadelphia 75

ATLANTA — Stephen Jackson scored 24 points, Chris Crawford added 19 and the Atlanta Hawks ended a three-game losing streak a victory over the depleted Philadelphia 76ers.

The Sixers, losers of three straight and four of five, were without leading scorer Allen Iverson, who remained in Philadelphia with an injured right shoulder. Glenn Robinson, the team's second-leading scorer, missed the second half with a sore elbow.

Kenny Thomas, Philadelphia's third-leading scorer, wasn't in uniform because of a sprained right thumb.

Atlanta played the second half with only eight players after guard Dion Glover left with a groin pull and center Zeljko Rebraca hurt his back. Guard Wesley Person did not suit up because of a sprained right knee.

New Jersey 86, Toronto 74

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. —

The New Jersey Nets won their 14th straight game Tuesday night — the longest streak in the NBA this season — by holding off the injury-plagued Toronto Raptors 86-74 behind Kenyon Martin's 25 points and 15 rebounds.

The victory was the 13th straight for boy-wonder coach Lawrence Frank, and it set up probably his toughest test since replacing Byron Scott as coach of the two-time defending Eastern Conference champions on Jan. 26.

New Jersey travels to Minnesota for a game Wednesday against Kevin Garnett and the Midwest Division-leading Timberwolves, who have lost only seven times in 28 home games.

Only four of the Nets' wins in their franchise-record streak have come against teams with winning records. Toronto played without Jalen Rose, Vince Carter and Alvin Williams in losing its season-high sixth straight.

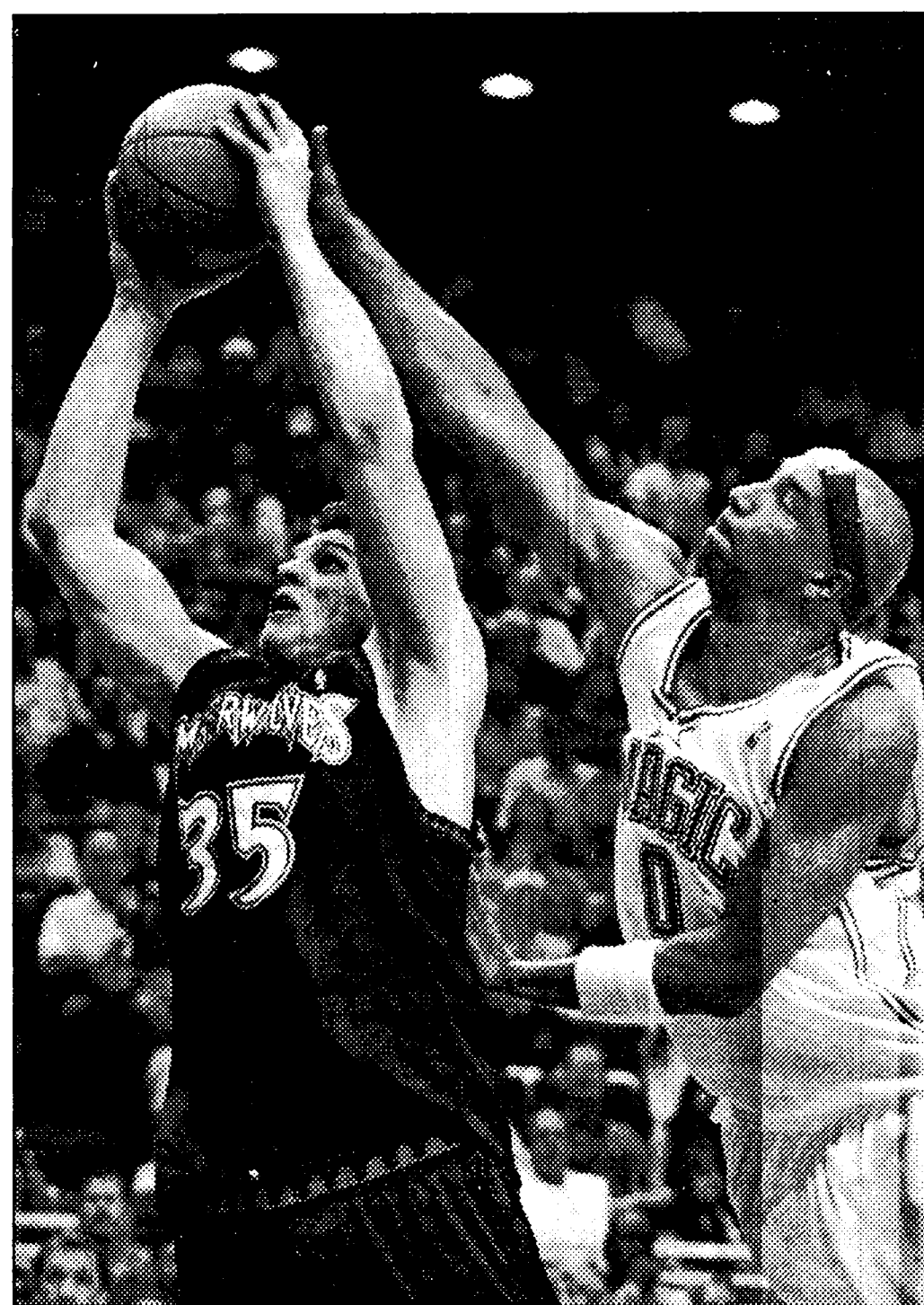
This latest Nets' win wasn't much of a game, even though the Raptors got the 33-year-old Frank a little miffed in the second half, cutting a 19-point lead late in the third quarter to 73-68 with 8:34 to go.

Frank called two timeouts during the 14-0 run and picked up a technical foul for seemingly mocking the officials for making a call for the Nets.

Martin hit a set shot to ignite a 10-3 spurt that secured another record for Frank, best start to a coaching career in a major sport in North America.

Joe Morgan of the Boston Red Sox won 12 straight in 1988 after taking over for John McNamara, and Jim Price won that many with the National League team in New York in 1884. The team was known as both the Gothams and the Giants that season, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Jason Kidd added 17 points and seven assists. Kerry Kittles had 15 points, and Rodney Rogers scored all 12 of his in the second quarter as the Nets opened a 15-point halftime lead.



Reuters

Orlando's Drew Gooden fouls Minnesota's Mark Madsen during a game last season.

Roger Mason Jr. led the Raptors with a career-high 18 points in his first NBA start. Milt Palacio and Donyell Marshall added 13 points apiece for Toronto, which shot 39.1 percent from the field.

Minnesota 108, Milwaukee 102

MILWAUKEE — Sam Cassell scored 29 points in his return to Milwaukee and the Minnesota Timberwolves became the first NBA team to win 20 road games with a victory over the Bucks on Tuesday night.

Cassell, who played 4 1/2 seasons with the Bucks before being traded to Minnesota along with Ervin Johnson for

Joe Smith last summer, sank six free throws in the final 19 seconds to seal the Timberwolves' 10th straight victory over the Bucks.

He hit two foul shots after Michael Redd's 3-pointer made it 101-97, and he sank two more after Keith Van Horn's 3 pulled Milwaukee to 103-100 with 16 seconds left.

Cassell's two foul shots with 9 seconds left capped the scoring.

Latrell Sprewell, a Milwaukee native, added 23 points, and Kevin Garnett had his NBA-leading 51st double-double with 16 points and 18 rebounds. He tied his own club record with his 19th consecutive double-double.

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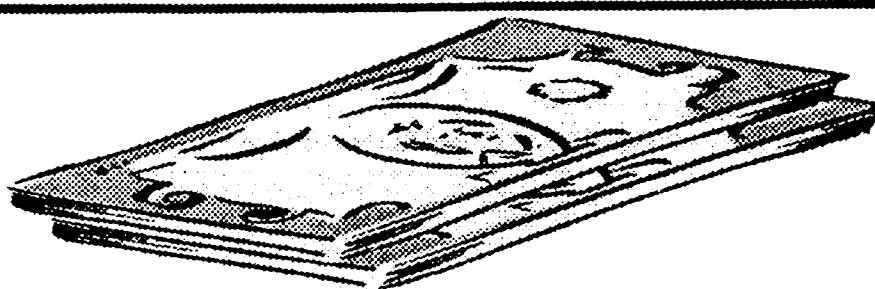
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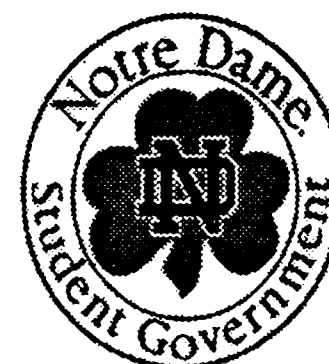
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NFL

Pro Bowl linebacker signs with Broncos

Al Wilson agrees to multi-year \$42 million contract

Associated Press

DENVER — Three-time Pro Bowl linebacker Al Wilson agreed Tuesday to a seven-year, \$42 million contract with the Denver Broncos.

The deal also includes a signing bonus in excess of \$10 million.

By agreeing to terms, Wilson avoided the Broncos' franchise designation, which would have paid him \$5.834 million on a one-year contract, based on the averages of the top-10 salaries at his position last season.

The agreement also could clear the way for the Broncos to continue negotiations with the Washington Redskins on a proposed trade of running back Clinton Portis to the Redskins for cornerback Champ Bailey. Because of salary cap concerns, Denver had hoped to finalize Wilson's contract before dealing with the Redskins.

Wilson earned \$1.095 million last season in the final year of his original 1999 rookie contract. A first-round

draft choice out of Tennessee, he has led Denver in tackles for the last two seasons. He had 128 tackles (99 solo) in 2003, and a career-high 199 tackles (158 solo) in 2002.

"Al is happy with this deal," Wilson's agent, Norm Nixon, said. "He has played with these guys for five years, has a great relationship with his coaches and knows the system. There's something about having a comfort level."

"Everybody wanted to avoid the franchise tag. Al played for five years under his original contract and never complained. This was his time to be rewarded."

Last season Wilson was voted defensive captain by his teammates and played in his third straight Pro Bowl.

Broncos general manager Ted Sundquist said the sides were "very, very, very close" to an agreement before the Pro Bowl on Feb. 8. Wilson rejected that offer, however.

When talks reached a stalemate, it appeared likely the Broncos would apply the franchise tag to Wilson.

Nixon called Sundquist on Friday to try to re-open the lines of communication in hopes of resurrecting a long-term deal.

Bucs consider Johnson trade

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Keyshawn Johnson could be headed for the Dallas Cowboys and a reunion with coach Bill Parcells.

The Tampa Bay receiver said Tuesday that his agent has been granted permission by the Bucs to talk to the Cowboys about a possible trade that more than likely would bring receiver Joey Galloway to Tampa Bay.

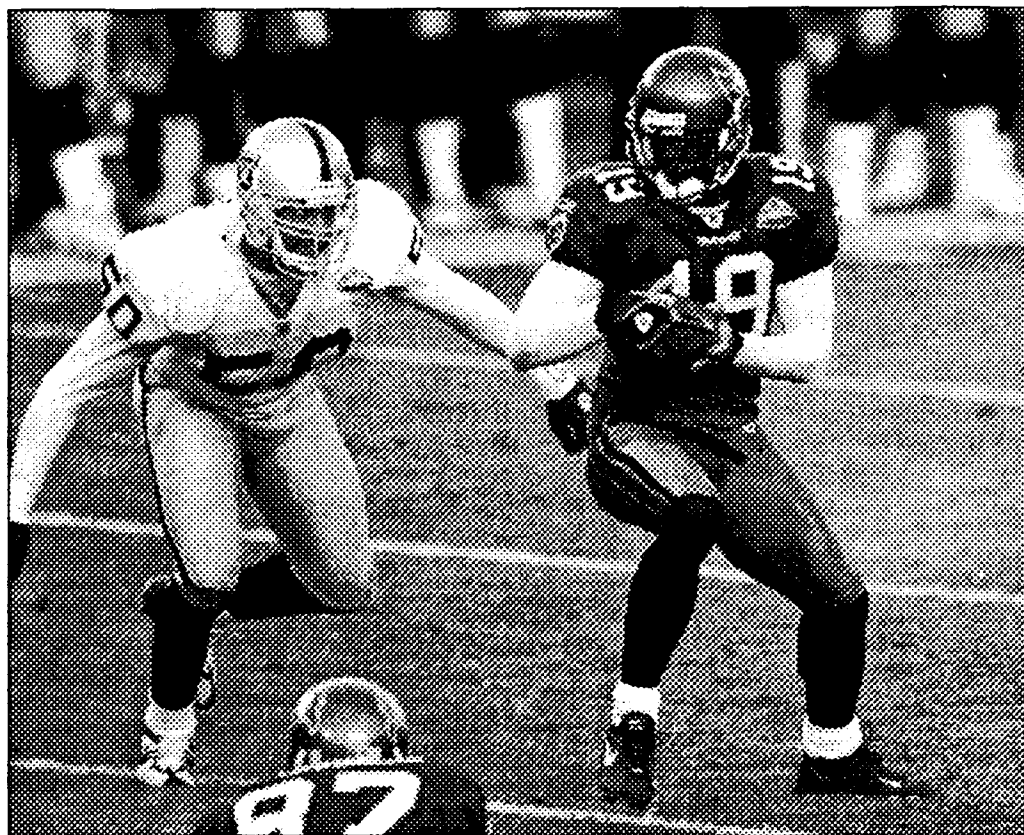
Johnson, who played three seasons under Parcells with the New York Jets, declined to elaborate. The Bucs had little to say, either.

"We won't comment on rumor and speculation," club spokesman Jeff Kamis said.

Johnson, who has four seasons remaining on an eight-year, \$56 million contract he signed in 2000, was deactivated for the last six games of 2003 because of differences with Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden.

Bucs general manager Bruce Allen informed Johnson's agent, Jerome Stanley, at the Pro Bowl that he would seek to trade the three-time Pro Bowl selection rather than release him — a move that would not help Tampa Bay's tight salary-cap situation.

Johnson, who earned \$5.1 million last season, is due a \$1 million roster bonus on April 1, meaning any trade involving the wide receiver likely would be completed before then.



Tampa Bay's Keyshawn Johnson makes a catch during Super Bowl XXXVII. Tampa Bay and Dallas are talking about a trade that would send Johnson to the Cowboys.

Like Johnson, Galloway is a highly paid receiver who cost his team a great deal to obtain four years ago.

Dallas sent two first-round draft picks to the Seattle Seahawks in exchange for Galloway, who has three years left on a seven-year, \$42 million contract that he may have to restructure before a deal can be made.

Johnson played three seasons in New York under Parcells, who

traded the receiver to the Bucs for a pair of first-round picks in the 2000 draft. He has maintained a close relationship with the coach, and Dallas is one of five teams he has said he wouldn't mind playing for next season.

Galloway has been a disappointment in four seasons with the Cowboys, but would give Tampa Bay the speed receiver the Bucs have lacked for years. He had 34 catches for 672 yards and two touchdowns last season.

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NBA

Critical hearing date set in Bryant's case

Attorneys get chance to present case for using sexual history

Associated Press

DENVER — Kobe Bryant's attorneys will get a chance next week to tell a judge why they should be able to use the accuser's sexual history against her at the basketball star's sexual assault trial.

State Judge Terry Ruckriegle said Tuesday that attorneys should be prepared during the two-day hearing that begins Monday to discuss whether the information is relevant to the case.

The defense has argued the 19-year-old woman had sex with two other men in the days before her June 30 encounter with Bryant at the hotel near Vail where she

worked. They say those men may have caused injuries found by a nurse who examined the woman the next day.

Under Colorado's rape-shield law, Bryant's attorneys would be able to present evidence about the alleged victim's sexual past only if the judge determines it is relevant.

Bryant, 25, faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation if convicted of felony sexual assault. The Los Angeles Lakers star has said the woman consented to have sex with him.

The judge said he has reviewed information submitted by Bryant's attorneys and believes it is enough to justify a hearing. To determine whether the information is relevant, he said, he will need to hear specific evidence about the woman's sexual activity.

TRACK AND FIELD

Chambers banned for life

Sprinter excluded from all future Olympic games

Associated Press

LONDON — British sprinter Dwain Chambers was suspended Tuesday for two years and banned for life from the Olympics, the first athlete punished for testing positive for the designer steroid THG.

THG, which was undetectable until last year, is at the center of the scandal surrounding a San Francisco-area lab accused of supplying dozens of professional athletes with banned substances. Chambers' coach, Barry Bonds' personal trainer and two others were indicted this month.

Chambers, the European 100-meter champion, tested positive in an out-of-competition drug test in August. UK Athletics suspended him, and under British Olympic

Association rules, he is barred from ever competing in the Olympics.

"It's an exceptionally sad day for Dwain and an exceptionally painful day for the sport," UK Athletics chief executive David Moorcroft said. "But it is absolutely a price worth paying."

Chambers, who finished fourth in the 100 at the 2000 Sydney Games, had been considered a potential gold medal contender at the Athens Olympics in August. His suspension will end Nov. 7, 2005.

"I think two years is pretty emphatic. It's basically the end

of a career," said Nick Davies, spokesman for the International Association of Athletics Federations.

The 25-year-old sprinter has maintained he never knowingly took a banned substance and blamed his positive THG test on nutritional supplements.

The four other track and field competitors who tested positive for THG, or tetrahydrogestrinone, were Americans: shot putter Kevin Toth, 1,500-meter runner Regina Jacobs and hammer throwers Melissa Price and John McEwen. Their hearings haven't been held yet.

Chambers' California-based coach, Remi Korchemny, was one of four men indicted Feb. 12 on federal charges of supplying THG and other banned drugs to dozens of athletes.

The UK Athletics panel concluded that THG was "chemically and pharmacologically related" to the banned steroid gestrinone. It also said it had no evidence to prove Chambers intentionally took the banned drug.

"This is a test case for THG generally, and we were at the forefront of a worldwide issue," Moorcroft said. "I'm relieved the verdict has been reached. I believe it is the right verdict."

Under international rules of strict liability, athletes are responsible for any banned substances found in their bodies regardless of the circumstances.

Chambers' lawyer, Graham Shear, said the sprinter continued to assert he never knowingly took a performance-enhancing substance. He said an appeal was being considered.

"Dwain has been given the minimum ban available in the circumstances and he continues to assert his innocence," Shear said in a statement.

Shear said the tribunal noted there was "no clinical evidence" of a performance-enhancing effect of THG in the human body.

Chambers has 60 days to appeal to the international Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The ban was widely applauded by international sports and doping bodies.

International Olympic Committee spokeswoman Giselle Davies said the ban "serves as a warning to athletes that the world of sport takes the fight against doping very seriously."

Dick Pound, head of the World Anti-Doping Agency, said the case shows that "those who cheat will be caught and will face the consequences."

U.S. Anti-Doping Agency chief executive Terry Madden said he looked forward to THG hearings in the American cases.

Chambers, who has a best 100 time of 9.87 seconds, is considering a switch to American football as a wide receiver. He recently had a private tryout in London and was scheduled to fly to Miami this week for an NFL Europe training camp.

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NFL

Tennessee defensive end not franchised

Titans allow Pro Bowler Kears to test the free market

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans decided their best chance to keep Pro Bowl defensive end Jevon Kearse is by letting him test the free agent market and refused to tag him as their franchise player.

"It's almost going to serve as an arbitrator if you will," general manager Floyd Reese said Tuesday. "Let the market decide what's out there, then go from there."

"I'm not sure what the market holds, I'm really not. I know there's a number of defensive ends that have been franchised, and that will only escalate his value. Now, where does that put him? ... We'll let the market seek its own level."

Reese has been talking for months with agent Drew Rosenhaus about a long-term contract for Kearse, who led the Titans in sacks four of his five seasons. But Reese said the two sides were never really close to an agreement.

"They weren't budging much, and we had what we felt was a very strong deal and didn't feel we had to budge much, so that's kind of where we got stuck. It just wouldn't change," Reese said.

Both sides agreed that using the franchise tag would be unproductive. Reese said that would have been a disruptive force for a team working to reach the Super Bowl, and they want to keep negotiations moving.

"The fact they've not franchised Jevon is a good move for both sides in terms of eventually

getting a long-term deal done," Rosenhaus said.

Now Kearse probably will test the free agent market starting March 3 to gauge the price for a player who had 36 sacks and was a Pro Bowler in his first three seasons.

But the defensive end had just 11 1/2 sacks in the past two injury-plagued seasons. He missed 12 games with a broken bone in his left foot in 2002, sprained the same foot in 2003 and missed nearly three games.

Rosenhaus anticipates several teams looking at Kearse, but he said there's mutual interest in keeping the defensive end in Tennessee.

"I'll certainly keep them in the loop, and I will work very diligently to make a quick resolution here once Jevon gets into free agency, so the Titans are still very much in the picture," Rosenhaus said.

The Titans know it takes only one team with plenty of salary cap space to offer Kearse a contract they can't match. With Kearse's injury history, Reese said they felt it was a risk they couldn't run for a team with no space under the cap.

"Somebody can come in and throw down a deal we can't or won't match? Absolutely. That's why they call it free agency," Reese said.

The franchise tag would have guaranteed Kearse a one-year salary of \$6.5 million but created more problems than it solved for the Titans, including forcing the team to cut another \$4.5 million under the cap.

Reese said they could have handled the cap figure but didn't want the distraction that would have followed by angering Kearse. Now the veteran can erase any questions about his value.

Kearse finished 2003 with 67 tackles, third among defensive linemen.

"I'm not sure what the market holds, I'm really not."

Floyd Reese
Titans
general manager

NHL

Coyotes' Francis fired

Associated Press

GLENDAL, Ariz. — Bob Francis was the only coach in Phoenix Coyotes' history to hold the job for four full seasons. He won't get a chance for a fifth.

The Coyotes fired Francis on Tuesday, and replaced him with assistant Rick Bowness — a former head coach with four NHL teams, including the Coyotes when they were the Winnipeg Jets.

"Bob is a good coach and we wish him all the best in the future," general manager Michael Barnett said. "It's really a combination of our record the last three years."

The Coyotes have won two of their last 14 (2-9-2-1) — a skid that has them in jeopardy of missing the playoffs for a second straight year. They are last in the Pacific Division and 13th in the Western Conference with 58 points and a record of 20-24-15-3.

"We hope Rick Bowness goes on to lead us to the playoffs," Coyotes managing partner Wayne Gretzky said. "We hope Rick Bowness is going to be here for a while."

Francis wasn't the only coach to find himself out of a job Tuesday. The St. Louis Blues fired Joel Quenneville and replaced him with assistant Mike Kitchen.

Bowness, a fifth-year assistant with Phoenix, is taking over a team during a season for the third time.

He replaced Dan Maloney for the Jets' final 28 games of the 1988-89 season, and

stepped in for Mike Milbury with the New York Islanders on Jan. 24, 1997, beginning a stint that lasted until he was fired on March 11, 1998.

Bowness also led the Boston Bruins to a 36-32-12 regular-season record and an 8-7 playoff record in 1991-92 — his best season. His overall coaching record is 120-277-45, including the first three full seasons with the expansion Ottawa Senators (1992-95).

Francis had a record of 165-144-60-21 — franchise bests in victories and games coached — in just under five seasons. He got a four-year contract extension two years ago, and is owed about \$1.7 million for the remainder of the contract.

He won the NHL's coach of the year award in 2002 after leading a team projected to finish last in the West by some to a 40-27-9-6 record, 95 points and a playoff berth.

But Francis, who also coached the Coyotes into the playoffs in 2000, never got them past the first round, where the Jets-Coyotes have stalled 10 times since 1987, and last season's 31-35-11-5 record was the franchise's worst since the final season in Winnipeg.

Speculation that the players were tuning out their coach sprang up again as the team's

playoff hopes faded during their current skid.

But goaltender Brian Boucher said the players were still listening to Francis.

"I felt Bobby did a good job," Boucher said. "He treated us all very well. I don't know why anybody would shut him off. I mean, it's not like he came in here and ranted and raved every two minutes. He gave us distance. He let us sort things out as professionals."

"It's disappointing," captain Shane Doan said. "The way the team has been playing, we didn't do our job."

"[Francis] is a good coach and we wish him all the best in the future."

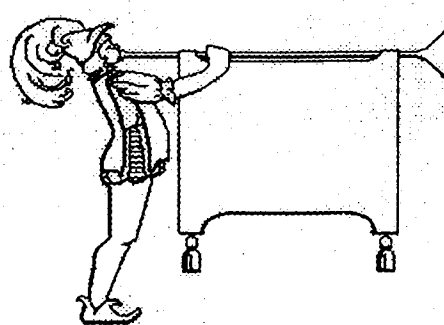
Michael Barnett
Coyotes'
general manager

Francis, 44, may have been hurt by not being part of managing partner Wayne Gretzky's inner circle. He was hired by former general manager Bobby Smith on June 16,

1999, and was in place before Gretzky arrived.

After Gretzky and his partners acquired the team in Feb. 2001, he hired friends and former associates or teammates, including Barnett; assistant coach Pat Conacher; special-teams consultant Paul Coffey, and Marty McSorley, coach of the Coyotes' top minor league affiliate in Springfield, Mass.

But Francis clung to the job by coaxing 90 points out of the team in each of his first two seasons, making the playoffs in 2000 and missing on a tiebreaker in 2001.



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MLB

Sosa shifts focus to World Series, not steroids

Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — Sammy Sosa brushed aside questions about steroid use in baseball, saying he doesn't know what other players are doing and can't control anyone but himself.

His only concern is getting the Chicago Cubs to the World Series.

"I really don't want to make a comment about that because we've got a beautiful team here," he said when asked about steroids following his first spring training workout Tuesday. "We've got something else in mind, to come here and play baseball. I don't want to make a comment because I don't have anything to talk about."

Baseball has been under a cloud of suspicion for steroid use for years as players got bigger and offensive numbers skyrocketed, and doubts grew during the offseason. Anonymous survey testing last season showed 5-7 percent of the tests were positive, and a California supplements lab was accused of illegally distributing steroids to dozens of athletes.

Barry Bonds' personal trainer, Greg Anderson, was among four men charged this month in an alleged steroid-distrib-

tion ring. All the men have pleaded innocent and no athletes have been charged.

Bonds and Jason Giambi appeared in December before the grand jury investigating the case. The two repeatedly have denied using drugs and did so again on Monday when they reported to spring training, but that hasn't stopped the questions.

Players' physiques are scrutinized, and any weight loss or gain raises eyebrows. Cubs manager Dusty Baker likened the suspicions to McCarthyism, and said all players are being tainted. Asked if he understood why the questions remain, particularly for Bonds, Sosa distanced himself.

"That's something that Barry Bonds has to deal with himself. I don't want to even think about it," said Sosa, who doesn't look any different than he has in recent years. "I don't really know and I don't want to know. I know myself, I know who I am and that's it."

The Cubs came within five outs of the World Series last year, and Sosa said it was one of the most "unbelievable" experiences of his career. It was only his second trip to the playoffs, and it left him wanting more.

Bonds can chase Hank Aaron's career home run record, Sosa said. He wants a ring.

"My goal right now is to win the World Series," he said. "We've got an awesome team. I think what we didn't finish last year, we're going to finish this year."

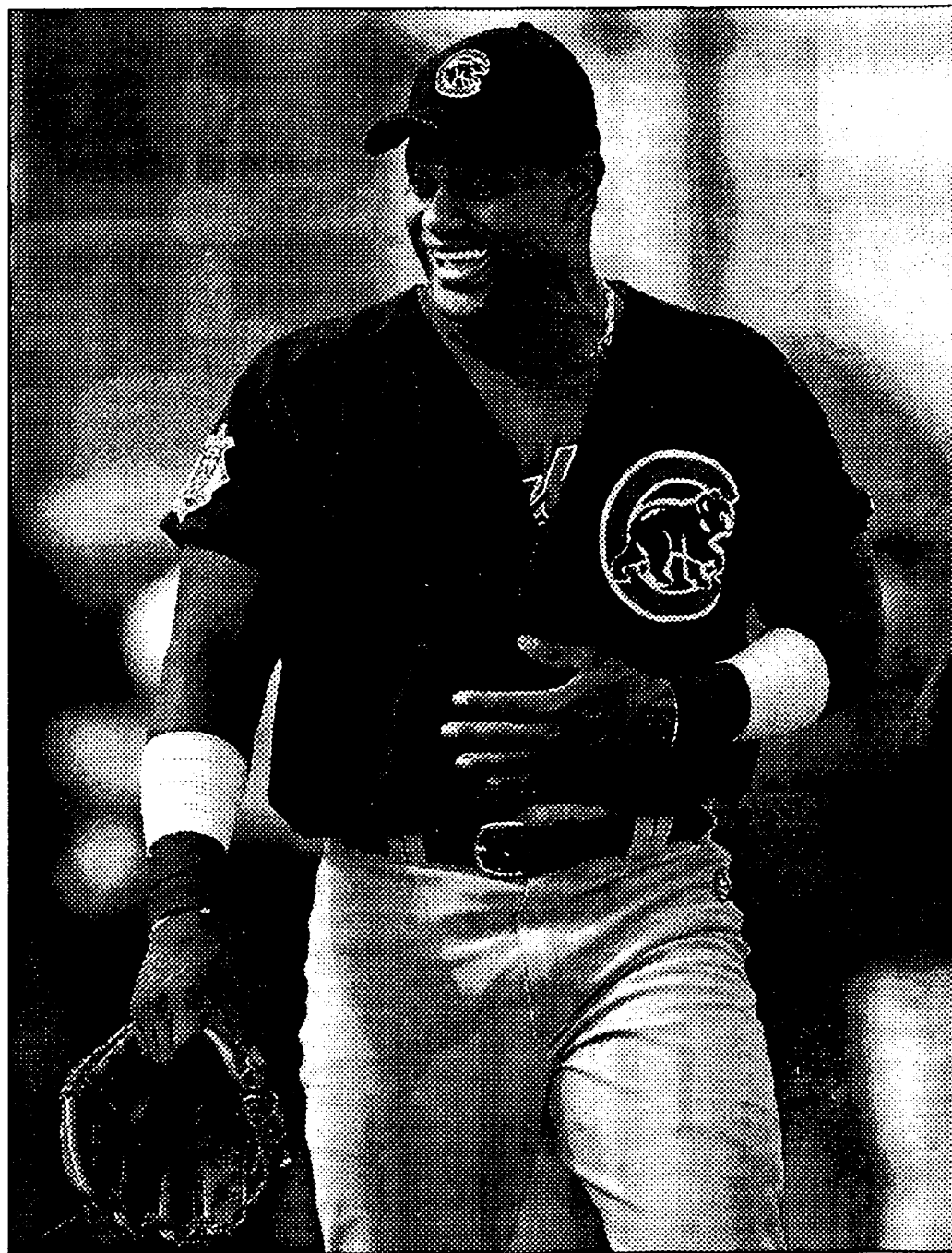
The Cubs made several improvements to last year's squad, which won the NL Central. They acquired Gold Glove first baseman Derrek Lee and bolstered their bench by signing Todd Walker and Todd Hollandsworth.

They took what was already one of the best rotations in the NL and added Greg Maddux to the foursome of Kerry Wood, Mark Prior, Matt Clement and Carlos Zambrano. And they plugged the holes in their bullpen, signing LaTroy Hawkins and Kent Mercker.

"I feel that we have a better team this year than we had last year, and we played great last year," Sosa said. "We have a chance not only to go to the playoffs but to win the World Series."

Baker and the rest of the Cubs have gone out of their way in recent days to say this is still Sosa's team. This is his 13th season in Chicago, a tenure that dwarfs anyone else's. And with 539 career homers, he's one of the greatest hitters ever.

But after so many years of being the only show in town when the Cubs were losing, Sosa is happy to share his spotlight. For a second straight year he joined the rest of the position players for the team's



Reuters

Chicago Cubs right fielder Sammy Sosa laughs Wednesday in Mesa, Ariz. at the Cubs' spring training facility. Sosa says that he is focused on winning a World Series this year.

first full-squad workout rather than coming in a few days later and causing a scene.

"This is not about my team. No way. This is about winning," Sosa said. "One of the reasons why we won last year

was because everybody was together. There wasn't finger-pointing from anybody. Dusty Baker was doing an unbelievable job. We were together like a family and we want to keep it this way."

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BIG EAST MEN'S BASKETBALL

Panthers overcome first half turnovers to beat Hoyas

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — From double-dribbling to bad passes, Pittsburgh found plenty of ways to turn over the ball in the first half.

In the second half, they found 19 ways to win — as in a 19-0 run that rallied the third-ranked Panthers to Tuesday night's 68-58 victory over Georgetown.

"I think sometimes with our record, everybody expects the perfect game," said coach Jamie Dixon, whose team overcame 23 turnovers and a 10-point second-half deficit. "The good teams are the ones that respond and adjust to things throughout the game."

Carl Krauser scored 19 of his career-high 26 points in the second half, including the first nine in the decisive run as Pittsburgh (25-2, 11-2 Big East) got its Division I-leading 25th win.

The Panthers trailed 39-31 with 12:50 to play and seemed to have no solution for Georgetown's mix of man and zone, but the Krauser-led run gave Pittsburgh its first lead. Even Krauser's airball from the baseline was tipped in by Chevon Troutman to put the Panthers ahead.

"I just felt we were down, and I needed to get some points," said Krauser, who also had nine rebounds and nine turnovers. "I was just trying to go out there and make plays. We were just trying to change the momentum."

Gerald Riley scored 25 points to lead Georgetown (13-11, 4-9), which lost its fifth straight and stayed on pace to hold the last seed in the Big East tournament. The Hoyas, who have struggled from the field in recent games, lost their lead with a 7:48 scoring drought.

The Hoyas were outrebounded 40-20 for the game and didn't get a single point from their bench. Twenty of their 23 fouls were committed in the second half.

"I thought we got tired," coach Craig Esherick said. "And when we got tired, I thought our shot selection starting get-

ting tired. And I thought because we got tired, we stopped rebounding the way we had in the first part of the game. I thought we played well. I think defensively we caused them a lot of problems."

"I'm not saying it's a moral victory, but I can't say we played poorly. We played well." **No. 8 Connecticut 71, St. John's 53**

NEW YORK — Connecticut did what the nation's No. 8 team should do against an undermanned opponent. St. John's still gave its home crowd something to cheer about.

Emeka Okafor had a double-double in the first half and Rashad Anderson scored 11 points during a big run to open the second, helping the Huskies beat St. John's at Madison Square Garden.

"We came to do a job and we did the job," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said. "We were supposed to dominate and we did, but it just took a little time."

Okafor, who finished with 22 points and 18 rebounds, had 11 of each at halftime for his 18th double-double of the season and the 47th of his career.

"Overall I think we did a decent job," Okafor said.

The Huskies (22-5, 10-3 Big East) closed the first half with a 19-6 run to take a 33-16 lead.

The Red Storm (6-18, 1-12) were just 3-for-32 from the field in the half (9.4 percent).

"I don't know if I've ever been involved in a game where a team was held to nine percent in a half, and we held them," Calhoun said.

Anderson also credited the Huskies' defense.

"That was definitely our defense and us being a better team," he said.

Despite a second-half run that got the building energized, the Red Storm still set a school record for losses in a season.

"I have never been involved in a game where we shot nine percent and were still somewhat in the game," St. John's coach Kevin Clark said. "But I am very proud of the effort of my guys."

Anderson scored 11 points, including three 3-pointers, as

the Huskies opened the second half with 17-4 run to go up 50-20 with 14:53 to play. "I got into a rhythm and they found me," said Anderson, who finished with 17 points. "I was rushing my shot early against their zone. I'm not used to being that wide open."

Daryll Hill scored 21 points for St. John's, which had five scholarship players and nine total available for the game. Five players were punished for breaking curfew to visit a Pittsburgh-area strip club.

Still, the Red Storm had a run left in them that kept the game from being a major blowout.

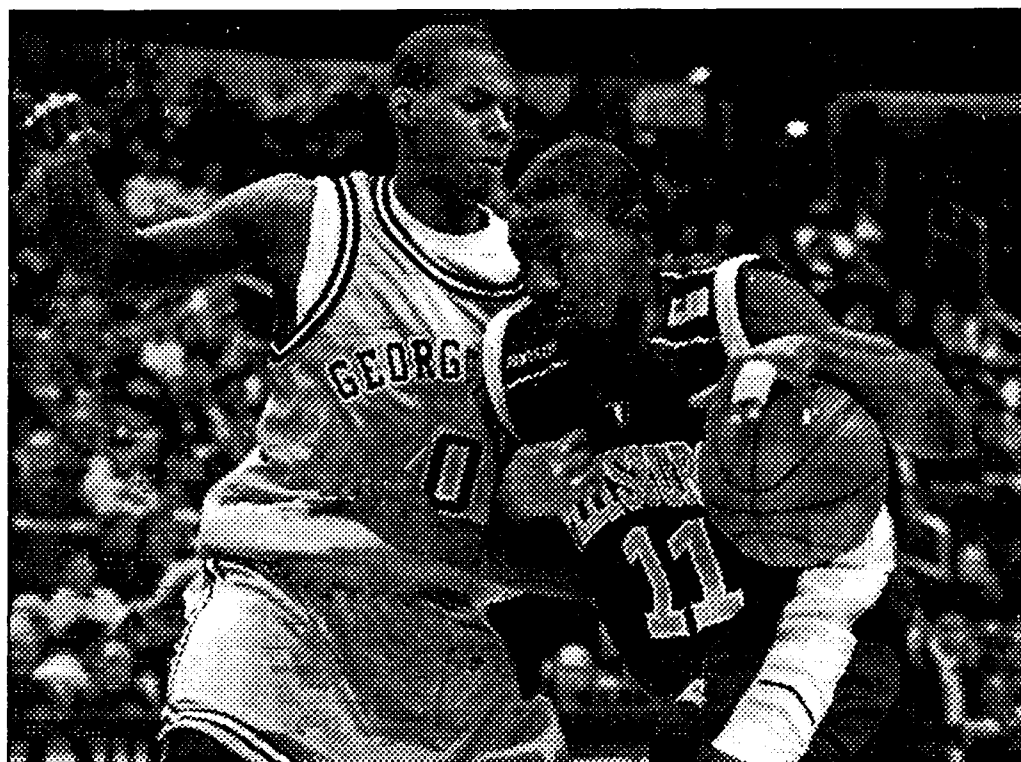
Hill scored nine points in a 17-2 spurt that pulled St. John's to 52-37 with 11:39 left. The Red Storm were wearing throwback jerseys like those worn by the 1985 team that went to the Final Four with stars Chris Mullin, Walter Berry and Mark Jackson.

"In the second half we decided we were going to attack," Clark said.

But Ben Gordon, with two 3s, and Okafor scored all the UConn points in a 10-2 run that restored the margin to 62-39 with 8:12 to go. St. John's got within 15 points one more time, but the Huskies ward off anything more to win for the seventh time in nine games.

"When we got up by 30 we played the scoreboard and that happens. It's a long season," Calhoun said. "I think we did a good job in the first half. We didn't want to bury St. John's, that was not the idea. The idea was to maintain the lead."

Gordon scored 13 points and Taliek Brown had 12 assists for the Huskies, who reached 10 Big East wins for the 14th time



Pittsburgh's Carl Krauser drives against Georgetown's Ashanti Cook Wednesday night in the Panthers' 68-58 victory.

in Calhoun's 18 seasons.

Kyle Cuffe had 16 points and 13 rebounds for the Red Storm, who shot 30 percent (21-for-70). St. John's has lost four of five since the trouble in Pittsburgh and is 4-14 since Clark took over on an interim basis for the fired Mike Jarvis in December.

Seton Hall 76, Miami 66

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Andre Barrett scored 23 points to help Seton Hall beat Miami, handing the Hurricanes their 10th consecutive loss.

Kelly Whitney added 20 points, seven rebounds and three blocked shots for the Pirates. The Hurricanes couldn't find an answer for the inside-outside combination of Whitney (center) and Barrett (guard).

Seton Hall (18-7, 8-5 in Big

East) trailed 11-5 early, but used a 14-5 run to take the lead for good on Barrett's 3-pointer midway through the first half.

Barrett hit his first eight shots, including three 3-pointers, and Whitney scored 18 points on dunks and lay-ups.

Miami (13-15, 3-11) pulled to within 66-61 on a pair of Darius Rice free throws with 3:20 to play.

But Rice missed a long 3-pointer about a minute later. Barrett then sank two free throws to make it 68-61 with 1:13 remaining.

Rice, who missed the previous two games with a sprained right foot, led the Hurricanes with 19 points.

The Hurricanes have two games remaining and might need to win both to make the Big East Tournament, which begins March 10.

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	team	conference	overall
1	Michigan	18-5-1	23-8-1
2	Michigan State	16-9-1	20-15-1
3	Miami (OH)	15-7-2	18-11-3
4	Alaska-Fairbanks	13-12-1	14-15-1
5	Western Michigan	12-11-2	16-14-3
6	NOTRE DAME	11-10-3	15-11-4
7	Northern Michigan	11-12-1	16-13-3
8	Ferris State	9-14-1	14-15-3
9	Bowling Green	7-13-5	9-16-8
10	Lake Superior	5-14-5	7-16-7
11	Nebraska-Omaha	4-18-4	6-21-5

NBA

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New Jersey	35-20	.636	10-0	-
New York	26-31	.456	6-4	10
Miami	25-33	.431	4-6	11.5
Boston	23-35	.397	1-9	13.5
Philadelphia	23-35	.397	3-7	13.5
Washington	16-38	.296	3-7	18.5
Orlando	16-43	.271	3-7	21

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Indiana	42-15	.737	8-2	-
Detroit	35-24	.593	2-8	8
New Orleans	30-26	.536	4-6	11.5
Milwaukee	29-27	.518	3-7	12.5
Toronto	25-31	.446	3-7	16.5
Cleveland	23-34	.404	5-5	19
Atlanta	19-38	.333	5-5	23
Chicago	16-40	.286	3-7	26.5

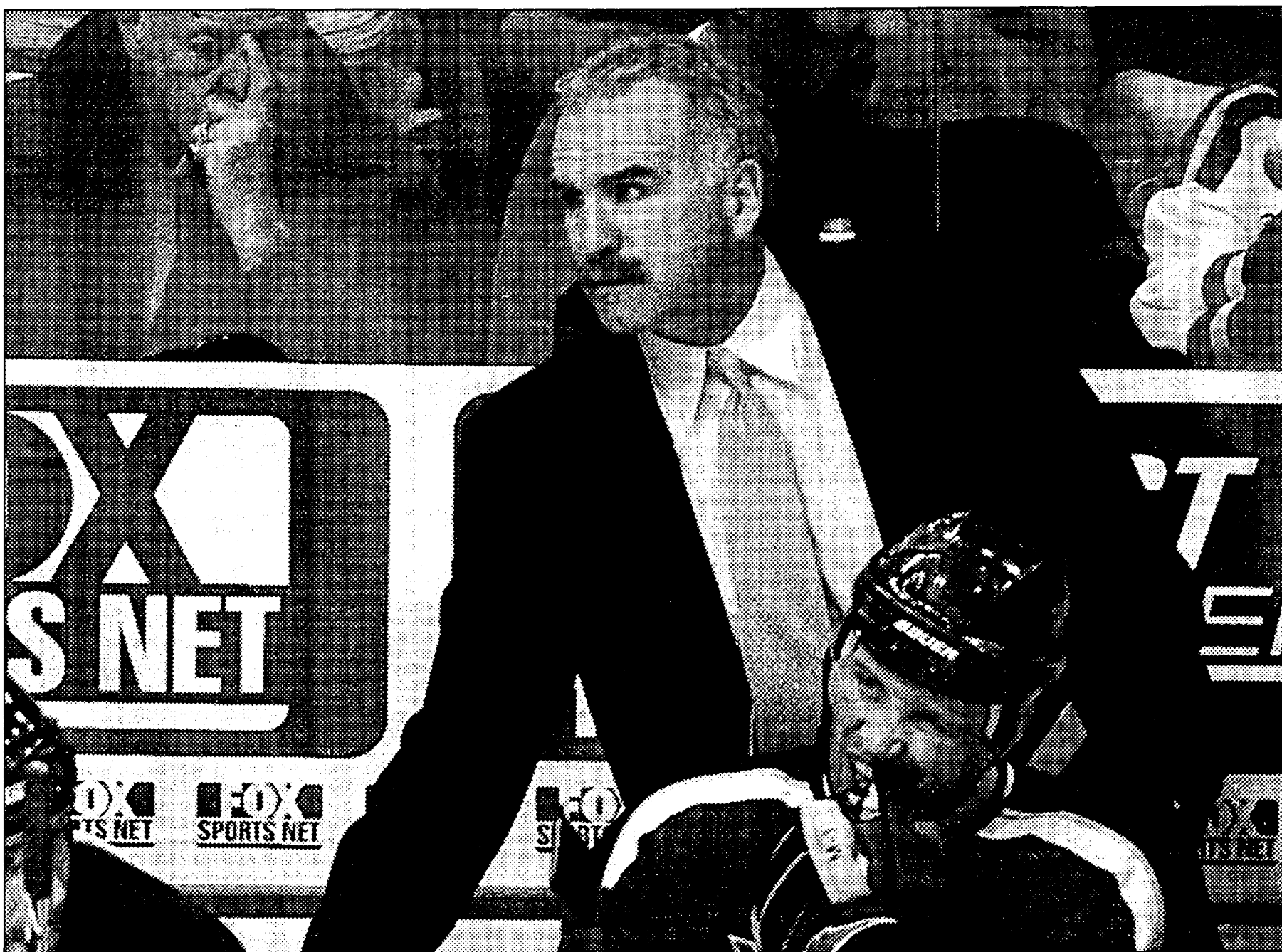
Western Conference, Midwest Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Minnesota	41-16	.719	7-3	-
San Antonio	38-19	.667	8-2	3
Dallas	36-20	.643	7-3	4.5
Memphis	34-22	.607	9-1	6.5
Houston	32-24	.571	6-4	8.5
Denver	32-26	.552	5-5	9.5
Utah	27-30	.474	3-7	14

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Sacramento	40-14	.741	8-2	-
LA Lakers	35-19	.648	7-3	5
Portland	29-28	.509	7-3	12.5
Seattle	26-29	.473	4-6	14.5
LA Clippers	24-31	.436	4-6	16.5
Golden State	24-31	.436	4-6	16.5
Phoenix	18-40	.310	1-9	24

NHL



St. Louis coach Joel Quenneville looks on during a game against Philadelphia Dec. 30. Quenneville was fired Tuesday and replaced by assistant Mike Kitchen.

Blues fire Quenneville, elevate Kitchen

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — In danger of missing the playoffs for the first time in 25 years, the St. Louis Blues on Tuesday fired coach Joel Quenneville.

The Blues have not missed the postseason since 1979 and are one point behind the Calgary Flames in the race for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference. But they are just two points behind Nashville for sixth place.

St. Louis' current run of postseason appearances is the longest in professional

sports. It also is second-longest streak in NHL history behind the Boston Bruins, who made the playoffs in 29 straight seasons from 1968-96.

Quenneville had served as Blues coach since January 1997 and guided them to five seasons of 90-plus points. He seemed on his way to a sixth straight playoff trip when St. Louis stormed to a 20 win in its first 30 games.

"We need to recharge and redirect our team," St. Louis general manager Larry Pleau said. "Our current roster is the same team that went 20-6-3-1 through our first 30

games. Our expectations for this team remain high."

The Blues are 9-14-4-1 over the last two months, including a 3-2 overtime loss at last-place Chicago on Sunday. They are in third place in the Central Division with a 29-23-7-2 record.

Assistant Mike Kitchen was given a multi-year contract to replace Quenneville.

"Mike Kitchen has the familiarity with our current roster and our prospects that we believe will make a difference and ease in the transition as we push forward toward the playoffs," Pleau said.

"He's a solid hockey coach, one who has the respect of everyone in our locker room, organization, and around the NHL. The Blues are his team."

Quenneville, 45, leaves the Blues as the franchise's all-time leader in wins (307) and games coached (593). He was the second-longest tenured coach in the NHL behind Jacques Martin of Ottawa.

In 1999-2000, Quenneville captured Coach of the Year honors, guiding the Blues to a franchise-record 114 points. But they were upset in the conference quarterfinals by San Jose.

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Cleveland at Houston, 9 p.m., ESPN

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Chicago at Columbus, 7p.m., FSN

Los Angeles at Dallas, 9 p.m., ESPN2

IN BRIEF

Cuban to host reality show on ABC

DALLAS — Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban will give away \$1 million of his own money this summer as host of a reality TV show called "The Benefactor."

About 30 contestants will compete on the six-episode series for the billionaire's cash on ABC-TV.

"Everyone has dreamed of getting rich, and I want to help one lucky person get there," Cuban said Tuesday.

He said the show won't be a traditional contest.

"You don't need special talents," he said. "I'm not looking to find out who is the grossest, funniest, prettiest, smartest or able to go without food or water the longest."

"The right person is going to get on my good side at the right time, and whoever that is, is going to walk away with a check from me for \$1 million."

Cuban has grown accustomed to

giving away his money in recent years: He's been fined repeatedly by the NBA since buying the Mavericks in January 2000, mostly for criticizing referees. The penalties totaled more than \$1 million.

Nolan Ryan re-joins Astros as an advisor

HOUSTON — Fifteen years after he left, Nolan Ryan returned to the Houston Astros on Tuesday.

The Hall of Famer, who holds the record for no-hitters (seven) and strikeouts (5,714), signed a five-year personal services contract.

He pitched for Houston from 1980-88, then spent his last five seasons with the Texas Rangers. His 10-year personal services contract with the Rangers ended earlier this month.

"In my mind, I hoped to be involved with the organization after my playing days were over," he said. "It's kind of special to be standing here today. I just had kind of a 15-year detour there that I hadn't anticipated."

Astros owner Drayton McLane said Ryan will work in all phases of the organization, including on-field instruction.

Canseco gets another shot

VERO BEACH, Fla. — Jose Canseco plans to try out for the Los Angeles Dodgers, 2 1/2 years after his last appearance in the major leagues.

The six-time All-Star will attend the Los Angeles Dodgers' open tryout on March 1.

"Canseco's people called us," Matt Slater, the Dodgers' director of professional scouting, said Tuesday. "He's welcome to come."

Canseco last played in the majors in 2001, when he hit .258 with 16 homers for the Chicago White Sox.

He and Mark McGwire teamed in Oakland as the "Bash Brothers," leading the team to three straight World Series appearances from 1988-90, including the 1989 title. Canseco won the 1988 AL MVP award and has 462 homers, 26th on the career list.

Loss

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guides, Providence's needle had popped Notre Dame's bubble. In what was arguably their biggest game of the season, Notre Dame suffered their worst home loss in Irish coach Mike Brey's four years at the helm of the Irish.

And now, Notre Dame's road to the NCAA Tournament runs through Madison Square Garden, where the Irish have won exactly two games in the Big East Tournament in the eight years they've been a conference member.

"It's pretty much pointless," a disappointed Jordan Cornette muttered, "to talk about how important this game was now."

What made the Irish fade away in their most important game of the season? A team that remained resilient enough to weather a 2-6 stretch in January and early February and knock off three teams ranked in the RPI top 30 uncharacteristically fell apart in a game where a victory might have punched their dance card.

Of course, credit is due to Providence's ferocious, aggressive zone defense that forced Chris Thomas and Chris Quinn to hoist 3-points from five feet behind the arc. And the lack of an inside scoring presence and Notre Dame's inability to drive meant that if the Irish missed a shot, they missed their chance. Depth problems caused by the loss of Torin Francis combined with a whistle-happy officiating crew fostered over to the point that, when Jones became the third Irish player to foul out,

anexasperated Brey barked at the official, "I got nobody left!"

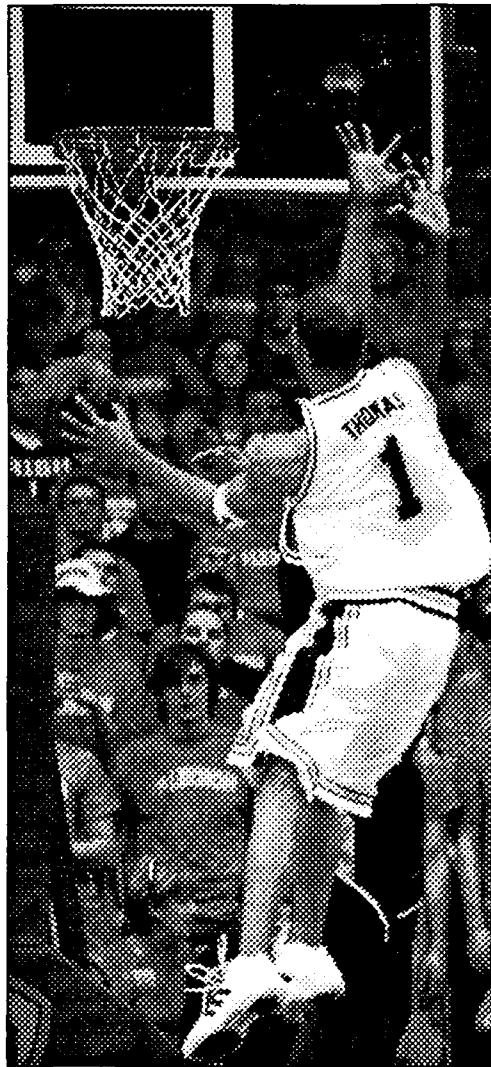
While Brey had praised his team's ability to keep their composure all season long, even he wondered if the intense pressure placed on his team before Tuesday's game contributed to Notre Dame's fish-out-of-water performance.

To understand the Irish mood after the game, one only had to approach the normally jovial Cornette. Instead of firing off witty one-liners and clever analysis of Notre Dame's play, the junior forward could only stammer out bland, one-sentence responses in a barely intelligible voice.

"We had big hopes coming into this game," Jones said, summing up the collective attitude running through the Irish locker room. "It's tough to put so much into it and fall short."

Now, Notre Dame's players say they must stop thinking about postseason tournaments (something that must be really tough to do, given that they've the Irish have said all along they aren't thinking about the NCAA Tournament). But for a team that was the basketball equivalent of dead money in early February, the fact that the Irish managed to claw their way back onto the bubble in the first place is an accomplishment in itself. "Quite frankly," Brey said, "it's amazing we even got to the bubble."

Now, the Irish turn their attention to their last three regular season games against UCLA, Georgetown and St. John's before the Big East Tournament likely determines their postseason destiny. As Notre Dame showed with a three-game stretch in February, they have a chance to get hot if they need to.



RACHEL BROWN/The Observer
Chris Thomas passes the ball Tuesday against Providence.

But for whatever reason, the Irish didn't get hot Tuesday in a game they desperately needed to.

"The Big East Tournament is our NCAA Tournament," Thomas said. "We're going to go at that like it's our last games of the season."

"And who knows, it very well may be."

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Andrew Soukup at asoukup@nd.edu.

BASEBALL

Thornton earns Big East award

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame sophomore lefthander Tom Thornton has received Big East pitcher-of-the-week honors in recognition of his primetime performance versus 20th-ranked USC on Feb. 21. Thornton totaled four strikeouts while allowing an unearned run on four hits and two walks in six innings in the 3-1 win over the homestanding Trojans.

Thornton allowed 2-of-6 leadoff batters to reach base but held USC to 1-for-6 batting with runners on base. The USC lefthanded hitters combined to his just 1-for-5 versus the southpaw. Thornton located 46 of his 81 pitches for strikes, with three of his four strikeouts coming on called third strikes.

The outing vs. USC ranks among the top opening-week performances in the 10-year tenure of Irish head coach Paul Mainieri. Former righthander Scott Cavey is the only other Mainieri-era pitcher to not allow an earned run in six-plus innings of work during the first week of action. Others of note include sophomore Alex Shilliday's five

shutout innings vs. Florida State and three others who tossed four innings without allowing an earned run.

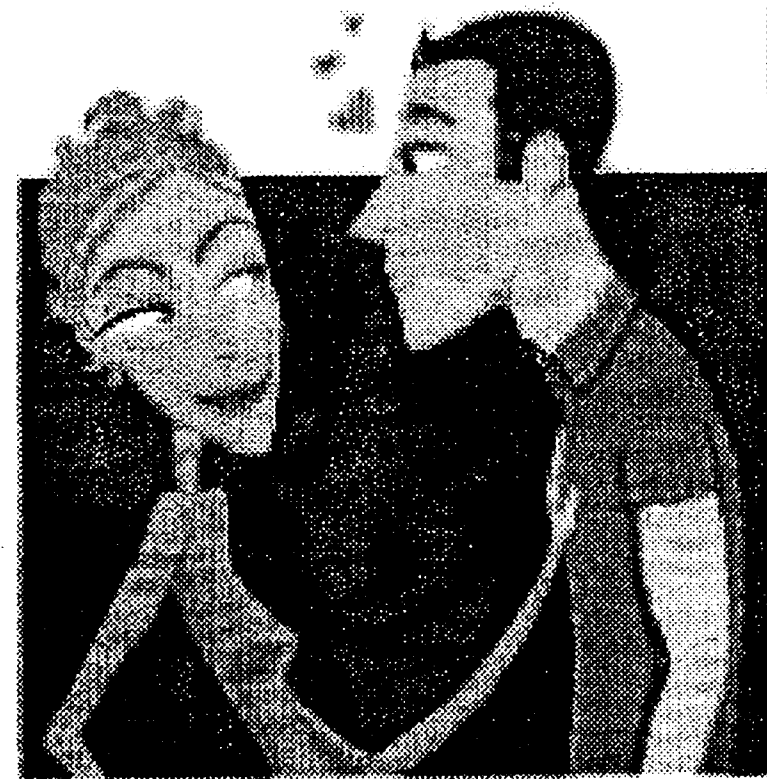
Thornton becomes the 10th different Irish player (and first lefthander) to receive a Big East pitcher-of-the-week honor, since Notre Dame joined the Big East in the 1996 season. The Notre Dame program now has produced 24 Big East pitcher-of-the-week recipients in the last eight years, the most from any of the league's schools during that stretch (Rutgers is next with 21, followed by West Virginia's 16 and 10 from St. John's).

Notre Dame's previous Big East pitcher-of-the-week recipients include 10-time honoree Aaron Heilman, from 1998-2001 (no other Big East pitcher ever has totaled more than four). Two other ND pitchers — Cavey ('97-'00) and Danny Tamayo ('98, '00-'01) — are tied for fourth on the Big East list with three career Big East pitcher-of-the-week awards while current junior Chris Niesel and recent starter/closer J.P. Gagne ('00-'03) each own two Big East weekly awards.

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Bouts

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and final bout of the 135-pound division. Michael Feduska, a junior from Alumni who lost in last year's quarterfinals to Brian Faist, is the No. 2 seed in the weight class and awaits the winner of the Hofman-Villano match-up.

The remaining two boxers of the 135-pound class, Pedro Alves and Tim Jaeger, both received first round byes and but will meet each other in the quarterfinals on Monday.

145 pounds

The 145-pound class is the largest field of boxers in this year's tournament with 15 participants. Luke Dillon, a senior from Zahm with several years of experience under his belt, has received the lone bye for the weight class and awaits the winner of the James Russell and Richard Cea bout. Cea, a

left-handed sophomore from Morrissey, fought a number of opponents from varying weight classes during sparring sessions. Russell is a freshman from Zahm. This fight will be both boxers' first in the Bengal Bouts.

Alumni freshman Kevin Martin will have to overcome the experience of senior Mark Pfizenmeyer in order to advance to Monday's quarterfinals. Pfizenmeyer fought in last year's Bengal Bouts, where he lost a close match in the quarterfinals to Chris Hoffman.

Senior Matt Welsh fights Ed Liva, a Dillion sophomore, in the next 145-pound division match. While this is Welsh's first time fighting under the lights in the Joyce Center, Liva fought in last year's Bengal Bouts, losing in the quarterfinals to 2003 finalist Bill Wuest.

Senior Chip Marks gained priceless ring experience in last year's Bengal Bouts, losing

a hard battle to 2003 champion Tony Hollowell in the quarterfinals. Marks continued to build his experience by sparring eight times in the last month. Marks faces Keenan freshman Will McCauliffe in the fourth fight of the 145-pound division. McCauliffe will have to be aggressive to overcome Marks tonight.

O'Neill sophomore Todd Strobel faces Zahm junior Matt McConnell in the next fight of the night. Neither boxer has previous Bengal Bouts experience and the fight should be evenly matched.

Senior Joe Schmidlin faces Phil McNicholas tonight. McNicholas is a sophomore from Stanford. Schmidlin fought in last year's bouts and advanced to the semifinals where he lost to last year's 140-pound champion Tony Hollowell.

The final match-up of the 145-pound division pits Dillon freshman Mike Burke against

the No. 2 seed, senior Paul Robinson. This will be both boxers' first fight in the Bengal Bouts tournament. Robinson trained with the club last year, but was unable to fight in his first match of the tournament due to medical reasons and was forced to forfeit to law student Paul Harris. This year a healthy Robinson brings the experience of six sparring sessions with him into his fight tonight.

150 pounds

The first fight in the 150-pound division pairs two freshman, Clayton Lougee, from Keough, and Matt Cavo, from Alumni. Though this is both fighters' first experience fighting in the tournament, Lougee has already laid a solid foundation in sparring sessions, amassing 14 rounds of experience in the last month. The winner of this bout will move on to face senior TJ D'Agostino on Monday night. D'Agostino, who returns to the Bengal Bouts after studying abroad in London last spring, has moved up several weight classes to fight in the 150-pound division. As a sophomore D'Agostino won two impressive battles against Hollowell and Matt Fumagali to become the 135-pound champion and he is arguably one of the toughest and most experienced fighters in the tournament.

Senior David Harmon meets sophomore Nick Weiler from Alumni in the second fight of the 150-pound division. With six spars, Harmon has a bit more ring experience than Weiler, but this fight is the first in the tournament for both boxers.

Keough freshman Jordan Runge drew Alumni junior Kevin Rycyna in tonight's bouts. This is the first fight for both in the tournament and they have comparable sparring experience.

St. Edward's freshman Jon Brewis will meet senior No. 3 seed Jon Pribaz on Monday after Drew Shula withdrew from the tournament.

The final fight of the 150-pound division pairs up Dillon sophomore Will Bezouska and O'Neill freshman Brian Tyrell. While neither fighter has a great deal of experience both received good reviews from coaches during sparring sessions. The winner of this fight moves on to face junior captain Galen Loughrey on Monday. Loughrey, a Dillon resident, made an impressive run in last year's Bengal Bouts, but was stopped short of the finals by last year's 155-pound champion, Colin Kerrigan.

153 pounds

Fifth-year architecture student Ryan Duffey is the No. 1 seed in this year's newly created 153-pound division and he awaits the winner of the bout between sophomore Mike

Dolan and senior Matt Jensen. Dolan is fighting his first Bengal Bouts and has experience similar to that of Jensen.

Alumni freshman Brad Amiri and senior Nathan Schomas fight in the next 153-pound bout. Schomas is a former Notre Dame football player who joined the Boxing Club after his senior season with the team. Both are new to the Bengal Bouts, but each has a full five sparring sessions of experience, including one match against each other. The winner of this fight will move on to face St. Edward's junior Bobby Gorynski on Monday.

Another group of first time boxers will match up in the next 153-pound bout. Sorin sophomore Brian Garcia and senior Don Zimmer will battle for a spot against Tim Huml in Monday's quarterfinals. Zimmer has a few more rounds of sparring experience than the speedier Garcia.

Morrissey freshman Brian Grissinger and Dillon sophomore Joe Rehmann are the final fight in the 153-pound class.

155 pounds

Kevin Dolan and Paul Hagan comprise the lead fight in the 155-pound division. Loria is a junior from Alumni and Hagan is a sophomore from Zahm. Both are first year boxers. Junior captain Nathan Lohmeyer of O'Neill awaits the winner of this bout in Monday's quarterfinals.

Knott sophomore Mike Peters drew senior Sean Tucker. Both are first year boxers with similar sparring experience. Keenan sophomore Mark Basola, the division's No. 4 seed, will fight the winner of this bout.

Alumni sophomore Mike Rooney will meet senior Ted Volz in the ring tonight. Both boxers have looked strong in sparring sessions, despite a bit of blood occasionally drawn from Rooney. The winner of this match will fight Mike Panzica, an experienced junior on Monday.

The final fight of the night is between Adam Burns and Mike Gigante. Burns is a sophomore, and Gigante is a sophomore from Stanford. Both boxers are first timers in the Bengal Bouts with similar sparring records. The winner of this fight will move on to face the No. 2 of the 155-pound division, Brandon Gasser. Gasser was a Bengal Bouts finalist last year, losing a very close match to Juan Diego Vargas.

The Bouts are set to begin at 6:30 p.m. and 23 fights are scheduled.

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Miami

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going to be a mental challenge for us to get back in that mindset that we have to get our intensity back on defense."

The Hurricanes offense exploded in the team's last game — an 81-43 victory over Seton Hall. By comparison Notre Dame lost to Seton Hall 51-45 earlier this season.

"That's kind of scary," McGraw said. "To see our Seton Hall score and their Seton Hall score, I'm sure they were talking about that too."

McGraw plans to use Monique Hernandez and Breona Gray more in the game to give the Irish a quicker defensive squad.

While the Hurricanes have many weapons, Notre Dame first needs to contain James. The sophomore guard is the reigning Big East Player of the Week. She averaged 24.0 points and 5.5 rebounds in Miami's wins over

Syracuse and Seton Hall. Along with James, Chanivia Broussard, Yalonda McCormick and Shaquana Wilkins all average at least 11.5 points per game.

This game has significant consequences for the Big East standings. Notre Dame sits 17-8 and 10-3 in the Big East conference, while Miami is 20-4 and 9-4 in conference play. The Hurricanes lost three straight games, starting with their loss to Notre Dame a month ago, but have recovered to win their last four decisions.

Even though Notre Dame hasn't lost at home this season, and the Irish need the win to stay in sole position of second place in the conference, McGraw said the pressure isn't on her team.

"I think there's a lot less pressure on us," McGraw said. "We had to beat St. John's and Pittsburgh and Providence. We absolutely had to win those games because they're at the bottom of the standings."

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Poulin

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came with the Flyers, for whom Poulin played 467 regular season games over eight seasons (1982-83 to 1989-90).

Poulin collected 394 points (161 goals, 233 assists) for Philadelphia over that time span, which ranks him 17th on the Flyers all-time scoring list. From 1984 to 1990, Poulin served as the team's captain.

While he was captain, Philadelphia captured three Patrick Division championships and two Wales Conference titles. Poulin was also named to the NHL All-Star Team twice in that span, once in 1986 and again in 1988.

Following the 1986-87 season, Poulin became the second Flyers player in history to win the Frank J. Selke Trophy as the "forward who best excels at the defensive aspects of the game."

In 1993, as a member of the

Boston Bruins, Poulin won the King Clancy Memorial Trophy as "the player who best exudes leadership qualities on and off the ice and has made a noteworthy humanitarian contribution in his community."

Despite coming into the league as an undrafted free agent, Poulin's work ethic and drive allowed him to succeed at the highest level.

"When I received my first rookie card, it came out and I flipped it over," he said. "I had had a very good year, and I turned it over and it said 'hard worker.' I wanted to laugh, because I wanted it to say 'fast skater' or 'great playmaker' or something."

"Eventually I came to realize that was the reason I was there in the NHL. I was blessed with the ability to work hard and develop the talent I did have because I wasn't the most talented player in the league."

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RACHEL BROWN/The Observer

Irish guard Chris Quinn drives against Providence Tuesday night in a 73-59 Irish loss. With the loss, Notre Dame fell to 7-7 in the Big East.

Friars

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Friars quickly rotated around the perimeter and kept pressure on Notre Dame's outside shooters.

Combine that speed with Notre Dame's lack of points from its inside game, and the zone could be extended toward half court forcing the outside shots to come from way behind the 3-point line.

"We have to get a couple of buckets around the basket. Then they're not as aggressive. You have to make a couple of those so they respect the inside guys," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "You have to make a few more 3-point shots. Probably not all of those 29 shots were good shots. But they almost forced us to live out there."

The Irish was able to overcome its anemic offensive production in the first half with playing solid defense and cleaning up on the boards. Despite shooting 46.3 percent in the first half, the Friars only led 24-23 thanks to the nine Notre Dame offensive

rebounds.

But in the second half, Notre Dame's defensive effort was inconsistent, and the offense stayed unproductive. In both halves, the Irish had a nine-minute stretch where they didn't make a field goal. And that didn't include a four-minute period without a field goal to end of the first half.

On the night, the Irish shot 31.5 percent overall and went 7-for-29 from 3-point range.

"When you play against a zone and you can't get some stuff to go, then you start to wonder a little bit and I think that affected us defensively a little bit at times even though," Brey said. "I give them credit since they are a good offensive team."

Tuesday's game was Notre Dame's last chance in the regular season to get a good "RPI win." All that's left for this team is three games to rebuild momentum heading to Madison Square Garden in two weeks.

"That was a huge opportunity for us," Brey said. "I told our guys we should use the last few games to get ready for the Big East Tournament."

"That's the only tournament

we should be talking about."

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Cornette 4-7 2-2 12, Timmermans 0-2 3-6 3, Thomas 6-18 7-8 23, Quinn 4-9 4-6 12, Jones 3-9 0-1 7, Cornett 0-3 2-4 2, Falls 0-5 0-0 0, Carter 0-1 0-0 0.

PROVIDENCE (19-5, 10-3)

Gomes 8-18 9-10 25, Douthit 2-8 0-0 4, Sanders 5-8 5-6 17, McGrath 6-10 0-0 16, Kabba 2-5 2-2 6, Brown 0-0 0-0 0, Anrin 0-1 0-1 0, Brewington 2-4 0-0 4, Kotti 0-0 1-2 1.

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	23	36	59
PROVIDENCE	24	49	73

3-point goals: Notre Dame 7-29 (Thomas 4-13, Cornette 2-4, Quinn 1-5, Falls 0-4, Timmermans 0-1, Jones 0-1, Carter 0-1), Providence 7-14 (McGrath 4-6, Sanders 2-3, Gomes 1-3, Anrin 0-1, Brewington 0-1). Fouled out: Cornette, Timmermans, Jones (ND). Rebounds: Notre Dame 38 (Thomas 11), Providence 37 (Gomes 11). Assists: Notre Dame 13 (Thomas, Quinn 4), Providence 17 (Sanders 4). Total fouls: Notre Dame 18, Providence 21. Technicals: Cornette (ND), Douthit (Prov).

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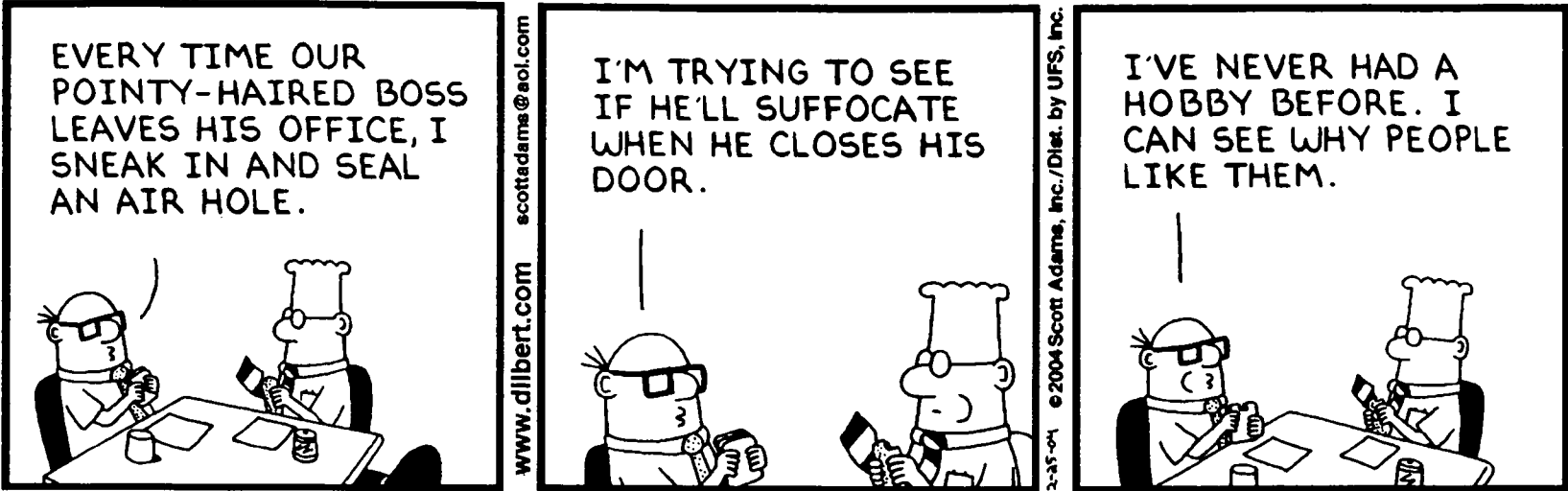
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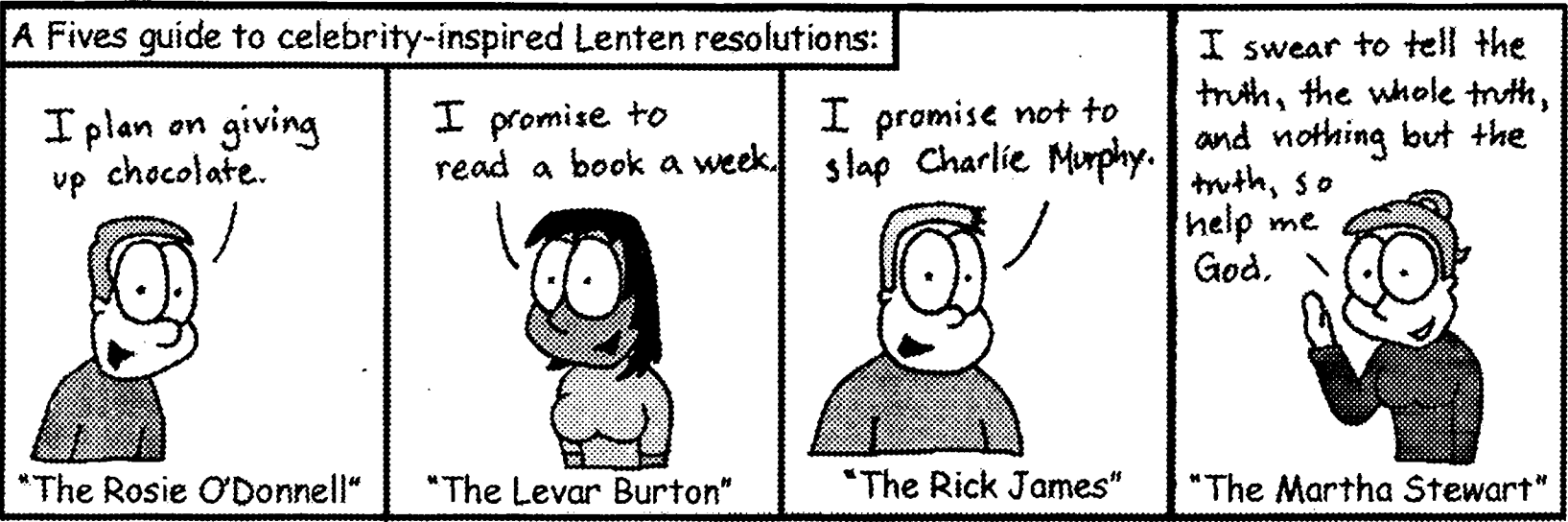
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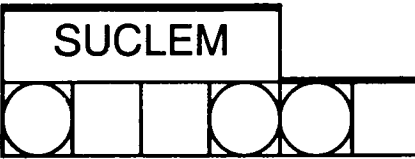
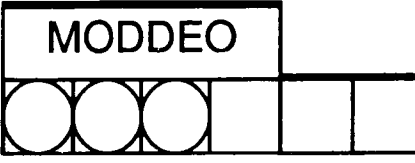
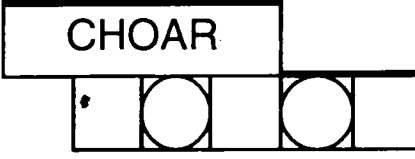
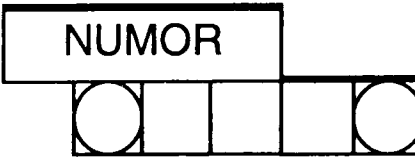


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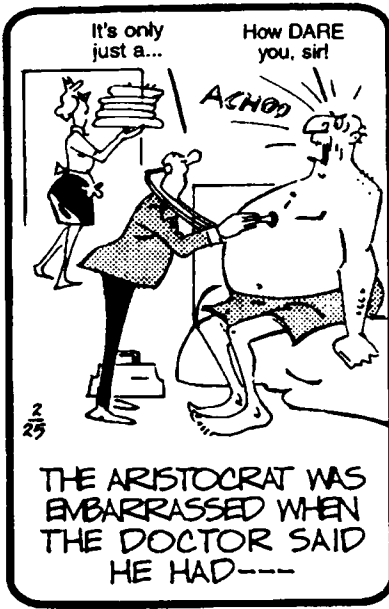
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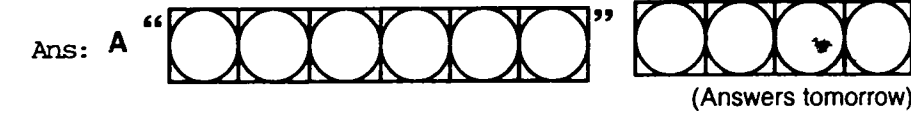
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME



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

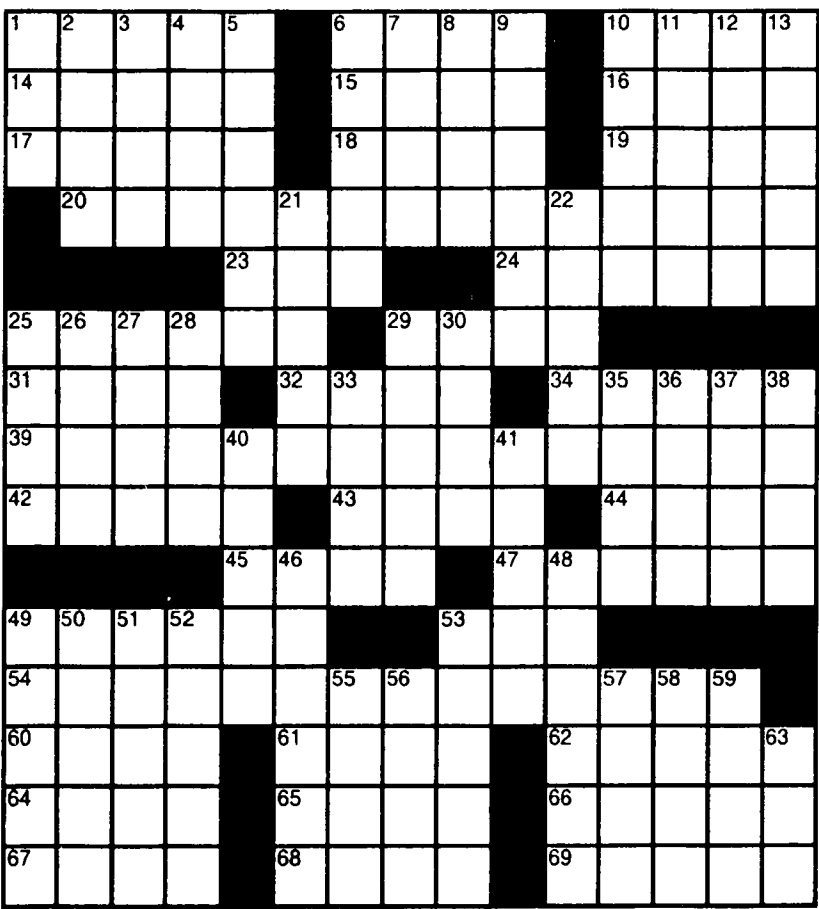


Yesterday's Jumbles: MILKY CAPON DAINY BOTHER
Answer: When he couldn't fix the VCR clock, he said it was — ON THE "BLINK"

CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Like a Thanksgiving turkey
 - 6 Some of this and some of that
 - 10 Met star
 - 14 Boarding areas
 - 15 Commotion
 - 16 Lena of "Chocolat"
 - 17 Friendship
 - 18 Descartes's "therefore"
 - 19 Hurl an insult at
 - 20 Truce after a fistfight?
 - 23 Short flight
 - 24 Smoothing tool
 - 25 Court cutup
 - 29 Terrier type
 - 31 Site for cyber-bidders
- DOWN**
- 32 Point after deuce
 - 34 Intensified, as sound
 - 39 On the outs with a relative?
 - 42 ___ tube
 - 43 Tallow source
 - 44 Nut job
 - 45 Cool treats
 - 47 Leaving no remainder
 - 49 Caterer's heater
 - 53 Dundee denial
 - 54 Genetic engineer's observation about his pet?
 - 60 Designer Gucci
 - 61 Villain's work
 - 62 Islamic holy war
 - 64 Pull (in)
 - 65 Boring way to learn
- DOWN**
- 1 Links org.
 - 2 Souvlaki meat
 - 3 Gas, e.g.: Abbr.
 - 4 Intro to physics?
 - 5 It contains the id
 - 6 Tough to climb, perhaps
 - 7 Whig's rival
 - 8 Add a fringe to
 - 9 Suggestive of a forest
 - 10 Egg purchase
 - 11 Tale of Troy
 - 12 Coach Lombardi
 - 13 Rile up
 - 21 Imam's book
 - 22 Song of praise
 - 25 "Star Wars" warrior
 - 26 Black, poetically
 - 27 Cut, as a log
 - 28 Newcastle's river
 - 29 Skull cavity
 - 30 Where pants may be worn
 - 33 Two caplets, say
 - 35 Distance not run in the Olympics
 - 36 Working stiff



Puzzle by Fred Piscop

- 37 Tree hugger's subj.
- 38 Declare untrue
- 40 Circular gasket
- 41 Super bargain
- 46 Stick together
- 48 MTV figure
- 49 Like some bombs
- 50 Tippecanoe's mate
- 51 Vaudeville's Foy and the Seven Little Foys
- 52 TV exec Arledge
- 53 N.Y. Jet or Phila. Eagle
- 55 Admit openly
- 56 Place to build
- 57 Home for the Murphys and O'Connors
- 58 Gossip
- 59 Biblical star locale, with "the"
- 63 Actor Benicio Toro

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EUGENIA LAST

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Happy Birthday: Be sure you are getting a clear picture of the circumstances that surround you this year. You will find it difficult to clarify what other people are thinking, and this could have a great impact on the outcome of your own ventures. Your added discipline will help you stick to the projects that you feel are most important. Your success will come from your diligence and hard work. Your numbers: 2, 15, 23, 29, 37, 48

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Use your energy to start those changes that you've been planning for your home. Focus on pleasing those you love. Be sure to ask for their help. Invite friends over to socialize. **
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will be restless. Make plans to get up and go. Visiting friends will bring you a feeling of satisfaction. You will win the hearts of those you love through your unselfish actions. ****
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Unrealistic financial expectations may be the cause of an emotional setback. Don't promise to donate to a cause if you really can't afford to. Lending money to a friend will end in disaster. ***
CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can expect to be excessively emotional. Try not to start arguments. You may find yourself sitting all alone if you don't control your nagging. You will have a tendency to overeat. ***
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Changes regarding your position may not be as you expected. Accept the changes and continue on with your work. Problems with parking or speeding tickets should not be ignored. ***
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Help children with projects they don't understand. Look into groups that will allow you to spend more time with your off-spring. Consider a family membership to your community center. ****
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put any ideas of romantic interludes with the boss out of your mind. It will only ensure that you won't have a job in the near future. Infatuations appear to be preoccupying your mind. **
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll have a greater interest in travel and foreign cultures. Sign up for a philosophy course that will offer you the mental stimulation and the additional knowledge you desire. *****
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will have problems with your stomach if you don't stay away from spicy foods. Curb your eating habits and start working at getting yourself in shape. ***
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your emotional partner will be affectionate unless you're neglectful. In that case, you can expect the cold shoulder followed by a whole lot of nagging. ***
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can expand on your ingenious ideas at work. Make your presentation; don't be afraid to put yourself on the line. Travel will lead to opportunities that will be hard to turn down. ***
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Exhaustion is evident. You need a break. Look into a vacation that is conducive to rest and relaxation. You will enjoy trips that allow you to sit back and contemplate your future plans. *****

Birthday Baby: You have an inner ability to sense what others are feeling and thinking. Use your talents properly, and you will find yourself moving in a positive direction

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Stopped dead



Irish coach Mike Brey hangs his head and the rest of the Irish watch in the final seconds of their loss to Providence Tuesday.

No. 13 Providence knocks off Irish at home as postseason hopes darken

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

With NCAA Tournament hopes on the line, five frantic minutes at the end couldn't make up for the previous 35.

In arguably the biggest game of Notre Dame's season, the Irish turned in one of their worst efforts on the year and lost 73-59 to Providence Tuesday night at the Joyce Center.

The loss sends the Irish from the bubble to 13-11 overall and 7-7 in conference play with three games remaining before the Big East Tournament.

"Yeah, it was a must win. We didn't get it," Notre Dame guard Chris Thomas said. "We're not

even worried about any tournament right now."

With star player Ryan Gomes being held to two points in the first half, the Friars made a concerted effort to run their offense through Gomes in the second half. Gomes finished with game-highs in points (25) and rebounds (12), showing why many consider him to be one of the top players in the Big East.

"Gomes is the best player in the league right now," Thomas said. "That's why they won, because they have him."

While the production from Gomes wasn't unexpected, the intensity of Providence's zone was a surprise to the Irish. The

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Irish miss out on golden opportunity to make case for NCAA Tournament

Torrian Jones stood with his arms out at his side, a stunned look on his face.

Providence's Tuukka Kotti's free-throw shot had rolled off the right side of the rim, but

teammate Ryan Gomes grabbed the ball and banked in a lay-up, pumping his fists as the referee signaled he had been fouled. All Jones could do was stare blankly at

his teammates, wondering how in the heck the Irish had been beaten to that rebound.

With the flat-line performance Notre Dame turned in Tuesday night, Jones didn't have to wonder very long.

Gomes made the free-throw to give the Friars a 16-point lead and to encourage Irish fans to trudge to the exits. If the Irish were in a hospital, a doctor would have looked at the clock and said, "Time of death — 5:31 in the second half."

By the time Donnie McGrath drained a 3-pointer with 14 seconds left in the game, etching a 73-59 win in the media

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Andrew Soukup

Sports Writer

HOCKEY

Poulin inducted to Flyers' Hall

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Irish coach Dave Poulin is just the 18th member to join the Philadelphia Flyers Hall of Fame, a list that includes such greats as current Flyers general manger Bobby Clarke and former NHL superstar goalie Bernie Parent.

He will be named to the hall in an on-ice ceremony at Philadelphia's Wachovia Center, prior to the Flyers' 7 p.m. game against the Nashville Predators March 3.

"It really caught me off-guard," Poulin said. "When I was first contacted, it came as a big surprise. It's not something you really think about or prepare for. Certainly it's a great honor."

Following his graduation from Notre Dame in 1982, Poulin spent a combined 13 seasons in the NHL with the Philadelphia Flyers, Boston Bruins and Washington Capitals. The bulk of his playing career

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish face tough home test

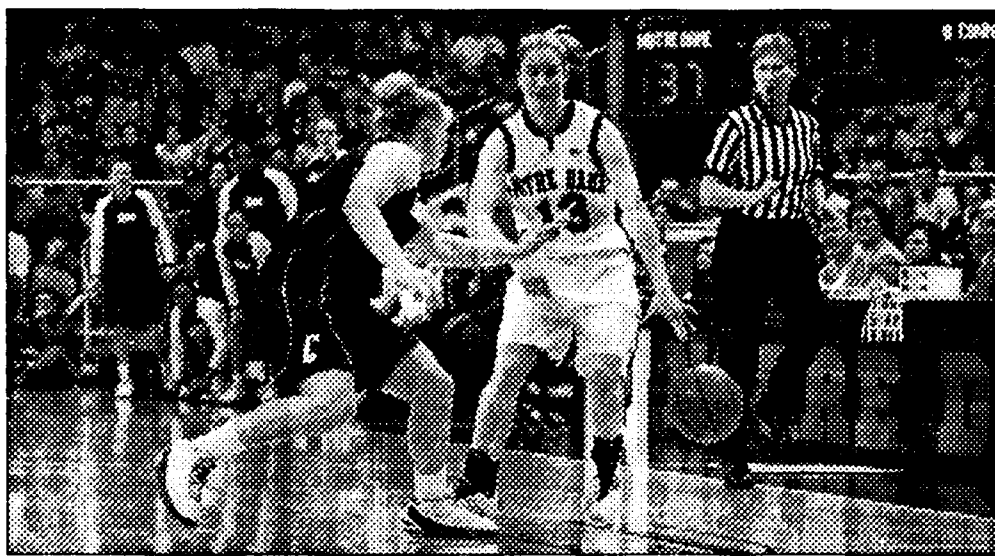
By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

They did it once. Tonight they'll try to do it again.

Notre Dame's defense shut down the high-octane offense of No. 21 Miami when the teams first met Jan. 28 in a 59-50 Irish win in Coral Gables, Fla. The Irish hope for a repeat performance when the Hurricanes visit the Joyce Center at 8 p.m. for a conference matchup.

"They're a great team," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I think the key is transition defense. That's what we really worked hard on, taking away their transition game, and we were very successful at it last time and that limited their points."

Miami has four starters aver-



Megan Duffy dribbles in a victory against Connecticut Jan. 13. The Irish face Big East opponent Miami tonight at home.

aging double figures and a fifth that averages 9.5 points per game. Tamara James leads the team with 16.9 points a contest.

"I'm little concerned because, defensively, we haven't played

that well the last couple of games," McGraw said. "Miami is just a powerhouse offensive team. They really can score. It's

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BENGAL BOUTS

Preliminary rounds of bouts set to start

By LUKE BUSAM
Sports Writer

The 2004 Bengal Bouts Tournament will begin tonight with a quick touch of gloves between George Hay and Marty Curinka. Hay and Curinka are the first fight of the 135-pound weight class, the lightest group of boxers in this year's tournament. Hay, a freshman from St. Edward's meets another first time boxer in Curinka, a sophomore from Zahm. The winner of this fight will move on to face Fisher's Jon Valenzuela, who went the distance in a tough loss last year to three-time champion Shawn

Newburg in the finals of the 125-pound class.

Another pair of first timers squares off in tonight's second bout, which matches sophomores James Larew and Michael Schmitt. Schmitt is a PLS major from Stanford and Larew is from Sorin. Andrew McGill, a freshman from Zahm, awaits the winner of this fight in Monday's quarterfinals. Schmitt fought a number of good fighters in sparring sessions and he will need that experience to move on to Monday's quarterfinals.

Senior Lawrence Hofman will meet Keenan freshman Kenton Villano in the third

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

BASEBALL

Irish lefty Tom Thorton was named Big East Pitcher of the Week after a strong outing against USC.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Pittsburgh 68
Georgetown 58

Pittsburgh holds off a persistent Georgetown team in Big East play.

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MLB

Chicago Cubs right-fielder Sammy Sosa is less focused on steroids and is determined to win a World Series.

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NFL

Tennessee Titans' Jevon Kearse is testing the free agent market.

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NHL

Bob Francis was fired Tuesday after four seasons with the Phoenix Coyotes.

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NBA

Portland 94
Orlando 91

The Blazers defeat the Magic in overtime behind Zack Randolph's 24 points and 12 rebounds.

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