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Brown gives State of Student Union address

Speech urges all senators to raise bar of progress, focus working on projects at hand

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

Student body president Liz Brown invoked her campaign slogan — “raising the bar, redefining the standards” — in her second State of the Student Union address Wednesday, urging senators to not become complacent with the progress they have already made and to keep working on initiatives.

“While our progress thus far demonstrates our ability to effectively respond to student concerns, I challenge you to work hard to raise that bar even farther,” Brown said at the Student Senate meeting.

Brown’s speech came two days after the South Bend Common Council passed an

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ordinance that has been a focal point for student government since the end of July.

The ordinance, as it was originally written, would have required residents of boarding houses — defined as residences where more than two unrelated people reside — to register for a permit before hosting a gathering where 25 or more people would have access to alcohol.

Brown, as well as vice president Maris Braun, began meeting with the Common Council and other South Bend and University representatives in August to discuss changing the ordinance. Over the course of several weeks, the proposed ordinance was eventually amended to describe — but not activate — the permit and registration process for gatherings.

The ordinance, which was



Student body president Liz Brown delivers her second State of the Student Union address Wednesday.

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Senate supports Notre Dame divestment initiative

By KAITLYNN RIELY
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Student Senate unanimously passed a resolution Wednesday commending the University for divesting from companies that support the Sudanese government as human rights violations continue in the country’s Darfur region.

The resolution, presented by Social Concerns chair Karen Koski and Lyons senator Kelly Kanavy, urges Notre Dame’s Investment Office to continue divesting from companies that do business with the government of Sudan.

While she was researching the issue, Koski said, Notre Dame’s Chief Investment Officer Scott Malpass informed her that Notre Dame has already divested from companies that are involved in Sudan.

“This was a resolution encouraging

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CSC hosts annual post-graduate service fair

Students meet representatives from volunteer organizations, discuss options to contribute to global community



Students examine different volunteer opportunities at the CSC’s post-graduate service fair Wednesday at the Joyce Center.

IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

By GENE NOONE
News Writer

The Center for Social Concerns (CSC) held its annual post-graduate service fair Wednesday in the Joyce Center to introduce undergraduate students to opportunities available through volunteer programs.

Representatives from 86 organizations, including the Peace Corps and Teach for America, were present to give information and answer questions about their programs.

Liz Mackenzie, director of senior transition programs for the CSC, said between 300 and 400 students usually attend the fair — a figure that she said reflects Notre Dame’s role as a lead contributor to post-graduate service.

According to the Career Center’s latest Future Plans Survey, 11 percent of 2006 Notre Dame graduates went into service.

The 2006 survey found that 80 percent of students participating in service came from the College of Arts and Letters, 13 percent from the

College of Science, five percent from the Mendoza College of Business and two percent from the College of Engineering. None were from the School of Architecture.

“Every year about 10 percent of graduates go into service,” Mackenzie said. “That’s around 200 students, which is pretty large compared to other schools.”

In recent years, most top universities have not seen post-graduate service rates as high as Notre Dame’s. For

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Party bust leads to 57 arrests

Indiana Excise Police ticket minors on Corby Blvd. early Saturday

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

Fifty-seven people were arrested, mostly for underage drinking, after police disrupted a party early Saturday morning at a house owned by Notre Dame students.

Fifty-three people were given arrest tickets for minor consumption of alcohol at the house on the 900-block of Corby Blvd., known locally as Corby Street, said Jennifer Fults, a public relations officer for the Indiana State Excise Police.

Of the 53 minors, two were jailed, Fults said. The first was taken to jail for minor consumption and false informing, the second for minor consumption and also for resisting arrest by fleeing.

Several people fled from the area, Fults said.

Four of the five tenants were given arrest tickets for furnishing alcohol to minors. One of the tenants was not at the house when police came, said a resident of the house who asked to not be named.

Two officers from the Indiana State Excise Police

and four officers from the Indiana State Police Bremen Post arrived at the house at 12:35 a.m. Saturday.

“They were just doing saturation patrols in the campus area and they noticed a larger group of individuals on the front lawn and spilling out into [Corby Street],” Fults said.

The incident was not listed as a noise violation, Fults said. The police report says the large numbers of individuals on the front lawn and overflowing into the street alerted police to the party.

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SMC students benefit from band membership

By MOLLY LAMPING
News Writer

Founded in 1845, the Band of the Fighting Irish was all male until 1970, when it first accepted Saint Mary’s students — two years before the University itself became co-educational.

Today, College students are still full members of the band, commuting to the Notre Dame campus for practice and games.

In 1970, former band director Robert O’Brien wanted more instruments that “women stereotypically

played, like flute and clarinet and, in the concert band, oboe,” said Assistant Director of Bands Larry Dwyer.

The first woman to join the band, however, was a Sousaphone player named Rosemary Crock.

“For two years, Saint Mary’s students were the only women members of the band,” Dwyer said. “Those women were pioneers in a co-educational band two years before the University itself became co-educational.”

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INSIDE COLUMN

A tale of two state schools

Hail to the victors!
Victory for MSU!
We have heard both these phrases under losing circumstances.
I have witnessed the Irish battle Michigan and Michigan State in their respective backyards. I have always regarded our two neighbors to the north as bitter rivals and never knew whom to root for when they played each other.

Andrew Digan

Sports Wire
Editor

Now, I have a team to root for in the annual Michigan-Michigan State game.
Go Wolverines!

Before all Irish fans reading this jump on me like the Oklahoma State coach at a press conference, let me make one thing clear: Notre Dame will always be my favorite team. Always.

Instead of hoping for a tie or nuclear holocaust at a Spartans-Wolverines game, I will be rooting for Michigan for the same reason we go to college: class (right?).

At the Big House last week, I witnessed a terrible blowout loss while surrounded by Michigan fans in an area close to the Michigan student section.

When your team loses 38-0 to one of your bitter rivals in their house, you expect a chorus of taunting and single fingers showing you who really is number one. Yet I did not hear a single negative comment from Michigan fans.

I sat next to a man who did not attend Michigan but made the trip up from St. Louis to cheer on the Wolverines. I ended up talking to him the entire game.

Our conversation transitioned from the ineptitude of the Irish offense to my plans after graduation this May.

At the end of the game, my new Wolverine companion gave me his cell phone number and offered me free hospitality if I ever visited his beloved St. Louis.

Rewind one year, back to Spartan Stadium last September.

As we sat in the second row from the top at Spartan Stadium, my friends and I could barely finish our sentences as we were verbally pelted by taunts, mocking our quarterback's looks, our coach's waistline, and even the mural on our library.

Sailors don't hear as many four-letter words as we did over those three plus hours in the rain. And it wasn't even MSU students digging deep into their dictionaries, bombarding us with locker-room-level language.

They were middle-aged people, senior citizens, and even kids. I think any fan in a diaper discovered their favorite four-letter word that night.

Back to this past Saturday. As I made the trek to Notre Dame Stadium, I walked with three MSU students who began lightheartedly mocking The Shirt.

After a civil discussion about the game with the three Spartan students, I wished them luck. They reciprocated but stated that ND has something that Michigan State lacks: sportsmanship.

The respect I received in the Big House and the utter disrespect I found at Spartan Stadium brought my Great Lakes State football allegiances to Ann Arbor.

Nevertheless, I hope Michigan goes 1-11 every year. Just as long as they beat the Spartans.

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

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CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, the article titled "Book of letters to Hesburgh released" in the Sept. 26 edition of The Observer said the ND Alumni Association sponsored "Thanking Father Ted." The Thanking Father Ted Foundation published the book.
The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD DO A YEAR OF SERVICE, FOR WHOM WOULD YOU WORK AND WHY?



Elaine Amoresano

freshman
PW

"Doctors Without Borders or Peace Corps because I want to see the world while helping the people in it."



Noelle Crooks

junior
Cavanaugh

"Doctors Without Borders because I want to be a doctor."



Michael Gotsch

junior
Keough

"Oxfam or City Year - these organizations represent a commitment to social justice, not just charity."



Sarah Rauenhorst

senior
off campus

"Colorado Vincentian Volunteers because it's in Denver."



Katelyn Lentz

freshman
Howard

"I would do it for the Peace Corps because they are the best."



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Fenced-off construction on the new Law School building on DeBartolo Quad near Main Circle blocks pedestrian traffic on sidewalks.

OFFBEAT

Parents say lab technician bit their son

INDIANAPOLIS — A laboratory technician has been fired after the parents of a 3-year-old boy claimed she bit his shoulder while drawing blood from his arm, a hospital spokesman said.

Faith Buntin took her son Victor to St. Vincent Hospital on Friday for a blood test because of recent recalls of toys involving lead. She said she saw the worker put her mouth on Victor's shoulder.

"I looked at her like that was the craziest thing that I'd ever seen," Faith Buntin

told television station WRTV. "She looked at me and smiled and said, 'Oh, it was just a play bite. He's not hurt.'"

After they returned home, the boy's mother said, she saw teeth marks on his left shoulder, and her husband drove the child back to the hospital, where he was prescribed antibiotics.

Dead? You still have to pay library fine

HARRISON, N.Y. — Even the dead apparently have to pay the fines on their overdue books at one Westchester County library.

Elizabeth Schaper said she was charged a 50-cent late fee while turning in a book that her late mother had checked out of a Harrison Public Library branch.

"I was in shock," Schaper said. "This has rocked me to my core."

Schaper's mother, Ethel Schaper, died at the age of 87 on Sept. 16 after suffering a massive stroke. A few days later, Schaper said she found a library book that her mother had checked out from the library.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Fall intramural fees will start being collected today. Money can be dropped off at Rolfs SportsRec Center. CoRec basketball is \$50 per team and interhall volleyball is \$20. The final deadline is Oct. 4.

The film "El Norte" will be shown today at 7 p.m. in Browning Cinema, in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Director Gregory Nava is scheduled to be present. Tickets are \$3 for students.

Award-winning filmmaker Stephanie Black, a pioneer in documenting migration, will speak about her work in Room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center today at 4:15 p.m.

The men's tennis team will compete in the Tom Fallon Invitational Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion/Courtney Tennis Center. Matches will take place at various times throughout the weekend.

Francois Truffaut's French language film "Jules and Jim" will be shown Friday at 7 and 10 p.m. at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$3 for students.

As part of the "Worldview" film series, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will show "From a Silk Cocoon," a Japanese American renunciation story, Saturday at 7 and 10 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for students.

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

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	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
HIGH	67	53	75	76	78	70
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New York 81 / 70 Philadelphia 83 / 69 Phoenix 98 / 70 Seattle 65 / 49 St. Louis 77 / 58 Tampa 89 / 73 Washington 85 / 69

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passed Monday, also creates a Community/Campus Advisory Coalition.

Brown called the creation of the coalition a "significant" step in improving community relations.

"The Common Council's decision to table the party registration process in order to pursue alternative initiatives is the result of many meetings and unprecedented communication between city officials, university representatives and student representatives," Brown said.

Brown also credited stu-

dents with improving their off campus behavior and acting as respectful neighbors to South Bend residents.

Although the ordinance has been amended and passed, "our work is far from over," Brown said.

"In my address to you last April, I emphasized the importance of moving past the dialogue traditionally associated with student government to produce positive changes for the student body."

Liz Brown
student body president

The recent introduction of Domer Dollars in the Notre Dame Stadium, the creation of a meal exchange program for on campus students and the launch of a student government Web site are the first three of what Brown

said she hopes will be many initiatives to improve student life.

"In my address to you last April, I emphasized the importance of moving past

the dialogue traditionally associated with student government to produce positive changes for the student body," Brown said. "I am encouraged by our progress thus far and look forward to the challenges we have set for ourselves in the coming months."

Brown said to look for progress on the creation of a global studies minor, the usability of Domer Dollars at off-campus locations, the introduction of community-based curriculum and the availability of locally grown food in the dining hall.

Student government will also explore minority faculty recruitment techniques and forums to address the issues of eating disorders and sexual assault that affect Notre Dame students.

"There is no denying that

we have our work cut out for us in the coming year," Brown said.

In the next two weeks, student government will encourage students to participate in the Oct. 8 Notre Dame Forum on Immigration. The forum will bring in experts on immigration matters, and Brown said she looks forward to a "heated and enlightened discussion."

Following the forum, student government will hold the first of its faculty-student debate series, Brown said. The debate, which will feature faculty and students discussing immigration, will take place in the Dooley Room of LaFortune on Oct. 11.

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Arrests

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The police remained at the house until 3:30 a.m., Fults said.

A resident of the house, who asked to not be named, said the police were at the house for three hours because they lined everyone up, gave Breathalyzer tests and checked IDs one by one. They also searched the house and had the exits from the house and the backyard blocked off to prevent anyone from leaving, the resident said.

Fults said she has not worked in her position long enough to say whether 57 arrests is unusual for the area near Notre Dame's campus.

"Statewide, I wouldn't say that it's out of the ordinary," she said.

The officers were on routine patrol when they discovered the party Saturday morning, Fults said.

"We are assigned to St. Joe County, and I cannot tell you for sure that they are there every weekend, but they are assigned to St. Joe County," she said.

Fults advised people to refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages until they are 21 to avoid encounters with the Indiana State Excise Police.

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Senate

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the administration to keep it up, and the Student Senate is recognizing what a great thing this is and that we support it," she said.

Kanavy gave a Powerpoint presentation to the Senate to explain the conflict occurring in Sudan and to show why it was important that Notre Dame removed shares and stocks from companies that pay money to Sudan.

The Sudanese government, Kanavy said, uses more than 70 percent of its income to fund the military, which it uses to attack its own citizens.

"This has been a major problem and a major humanitarian crisis that our world has had to deal with," Kanavy said.

The resolution commending the University for its divestment is important, Kanavy said, so that in the future the Investment Office will avoid working with companies with ties to Sudan. She said the resolution will also remind the University to keep up with the list of companies involved in Sudan as it is updated.

"As a Catholic university, Notre Dame recognizes its obligation to help people in need no matter where they are," Kanavy said.

The Senate passed four additional resolutions during its meeting. Three of the resolutions were amendments to the Student Body Constitution that corrected grammatical errors and made some editing adjustments.

The Senate passed a resolution congratulating the Keenan and Stanford residence halls, erected in 1957, for their 50th anniversary.

The Senate continued discussion of issues raised in past meetings. Carol Hendrickson, the chair of the Academic Affairs committee, said she is making the final steps toward sending out a survey to students about course packets, due to the increase in course packet prices from last year. She expects to present a resolution on the price increase in

the coming weeks.

Residence Life chair Mariana Montes said she had a meeting with Phil Johnson, the director of the Notre Dame Security/Police, regarding the possibility of installing a blue emergency light in the D6 parking lot. Montes said Johnson was receptive to the idea.

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Kelly Kanavy
Lyons senator

Student body vice president Maris Braun said she and student body president Liz Brown met with Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves about a resolution passed in the

Senate last week asking the University to commit to reducing greenhouse gases.

Braun said the meeting was productive and that they brainstormed ways to publicize how Notre Dame is already working to reduce its impact on the environment.

In other Senate news:

♦ Brown announced that University President Father

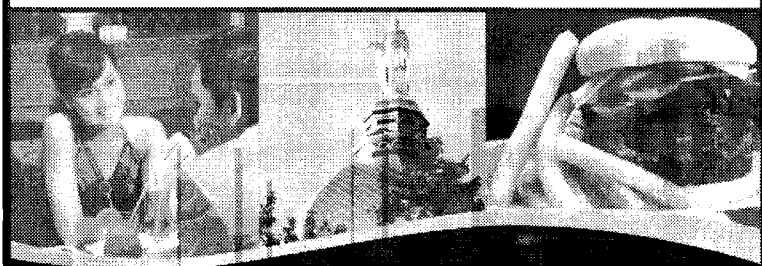
John Jenkins will visit four dorms over the course of the year for informal discussions. Brown randomly chose Siegfried, McGlinn, Lewis and Sorin as the residence halls Jenkins would visit.

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Service

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example, Northwestern University's latest Career Outcomes Survey found that 6.3 percent of graduates go on to "volunteer, do community service, or travel," while Georgetown University's latest Senior Survey Report found that three percent of graduates go into "volunteer service."

A CSC research report compiled in May 2004 said University graduates began a service relationship with the Peace Corps in the 1960s.

Liz Ategu, the Peace Corps representative at Wednesday's fair, said her organization has always had positive experiences with Notre Dame students.

"[Notre Dame] students are hard working, intelligent and, most importantly, they are interested in service programs," she said. "Students here get great volunteer experience as undergrads, and you see that in their participation after graduation."

Notre Dame's participation in post-graduate service has steadily risen over the past 20 years. According to the CSC report, post-graduate service has doubled since 1991.

The majority of University students who go into post-graduate service participate in faith-based programs, according to the Career Center's survey.

Senior Laura Bradley, who is looking at both domestic and international teaching programs, said she plans on doing at least one year of faith-related service.

"I know that a year of service will be a humbling, life-changing year full of learning and growth for me."

Laura Bradley
senior

tional perspective on poverty," she said. "I know that a year of service will be a humbling, life-changing year full of learning and growth for me."

Bradley looked at several programs, including the Alliance for Catholic Education, and others based in Latin America, where she would like to teach.

Like Bradley, most students go into teaching programs. Mackenzie said 40 to 50 percent of Notre Dame students that do post-graduate service

will do some sort of teaching program, but there are many other fields available.

"You can do service in any area, including fields like business and law," Bradley said.

Wednesday's fair offered a dozen organizations with business placements, almost 40 organizations with health care placements, and more than a dozen programs with law placements.

Other placement fields were in communications, construction, peace and justice advocacy and environment.

"Post-graduate service is a great way to get deeper involved in an issue that interests you," Mackenzie said. "It allows you to build skills with people and get your foot in the door no matter what career you want to go into later in life."

Whether students are interested in going to graduate school or getting a job, Bradley said, a year of service "only increases your experience and knowledge."

"It makes you a more appealing candidate for whatever you want to do," she said.

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Liz Ategu
Peace Corps representative

Band

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This year, there are 43 Saint Mary's students in the band, which is more than 10 percent of the band's total size. These members underwent the same audition process as Notre Dame band members.

"They do everything everyone else does," Dwyer said. "It requires a little extra dedication on the part of Saint Mary's women just because they have [a commute] and whatnot. The band building and practice field are about as far away from Saint Mary's as you can get."

College band members, like juniors Jessica Sheehan and Sharon Rhode, use various modes of transportation to get to practice.

"We bike over [to practice] everyday," Sheehan said.

Relying on College-provided transportation takes an time commitment,

Rhode said.

"If you want to ride the trolley, you either have to go incredibly early or risk being late," she said. "I leave Saint Mary's 45 minutes before practice starts."

The commute and extended time commitment do not detract from the experience, Rhode and Sheehan said.

"It's interesting to be on the field," Rhode said. "At halftime, we're standing behind the

"When we have visiting bands and they find out you're from Saint Mary's, they're kind of confused."

Katherine Putz
band member

players and you can hear it when the coaches are yelling at someone or congratulating someone." Sheehan enjoys the close contact the band has with players and coaches.

"Post-game, I stand right behind the players and

coaches while they sing the Alma Mater, which is really cool," she said.

"It requires a little extra dedication on the part of Saint Mary's women."

Larry Dwyer
assistant director of bands

Band member Katherine Putz, a Saint Mary's student, said students from the College and University lose their different school associations at band activities. Students from Holy Cross are also eligible for band membership.

"Once you're part of the section, you're a saxophone, not a Saint Mary's student or a Notre Dame student," she said.

That surprises band members from other colleges, she said.

"When we have visiting bands and they find out you're from Saint Mary's, they're kind of confused," Putz said. "You have to kind of explain that we're sister schools, but that makes us unique."

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Bill O'Reilly denies accusations of racism

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fox News Channel's Bill O'Reilly said Wednesday his critics took remarks he made about a famed Harlem restaurant out of context and "fabricated a racial controversy where none exists."

He criticized the liberal group Media Matters for America as "smear merchants" for publicizing statements he made on his radio show last week.

O'Reilly told his radio audience that he dined with civil rights activist Al Sharpton at Sylvia's recently and "couldn't get over the fact that there was no difference" between the black-run restaurant and others in New York City.

It was just like a suburban Italian restaurant, he said. "There wasn't any kind of craziness at all," he said.

O'Reilly told The Associated Press that Media Matters had "cherry-picked" remarks out of a broader conversation about racial attitudes. He had told listeners that his grandmother — and many other white Americans — feared blacks because they didn't know any

"You and I have gone to dinner before in Harlem, and I've never heard you say anything offensive," said Sharpton, speaking from Baton Rouge, La. "I'm going to listen to the tape and I'm going to give a judgment."

The controversy was similar to one that enveloped presidential candidate Joe Biden last winter. When Biden praised rival Barack Obama as "articulate" and "clean," many saw this as a way of conveying those were unusual characteristics for blacks.

"We didn't call him a racist. We said his comments were ignorant and racially charged, and we stand by that."

Karl Frisch
spokesman
Media Matters

Sylvia's manager Trenness Woods-Black told the New York Daily News that O'Reilly's remarks were "insulting" and showed he has little knowledge of the black community.

At one point on the radio show, Williams mentioned that too many people see little else in black culture beyond profane rap. "That's right," O'Reilly said. "There wasn't one person in Sylvia's who was screaming, 'M.F.-er, I want more iced tea.'"

Karl Frisch, spokesman for Media Matters, said it is typical for O'Reilly to criticize his group for merely reporting what he says.

"Circumstances may be different in their lives but we're all Americans."

Bill O'Reilly
Fox News personality

"We didn't call him a racist," Frisch said. "We said his comments were ignorant and racially charged, and we stand by that."

O'Reilly said that the Williams conversation was carried on more than 400

radio stations and that there wasn't one complaint from a listener.

"This isn't about a racially insensitive remark," he said. "Anybody can listen to the unedited version of the conversation on Billoreilly.com."

You want to think I'm insensitive to race, you go right ahead."

"Anyone who would be offended by that conversation would have to be looking to be offended."

Bill O'Reilly
Fox News personality

The real story, he said, was about the "corrupt media culture" in which outlets like CNN and MSNBC do stories about his remarks "because they're getting killed in the ratings."

"The O'Reilly Factor" is seen by more people — 2.2 million average this year — than its direct competitors on MSNBC and CNN combined. MSNBC's "Countdown" with Keith Olbermann averages 721,000 viewers in the time slot while CNN's 8 p.m. show averages 611,000, according to Nielsen Media Research.

"It's so frustrating," Williams said. "They want to shut you up. They want to shut up anybody who has an honest discussion about race."

Sharpton, appearing on O'Reilly's TV program Wednesday, acknowledged that he found accounts of what O'Reilly said "disturbing and surprising," but added that he had not heard the radio broadcast.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Myanmar attacks monks, kills one

YANGON — Myanmar security forces opened fire on Buddhist monks and other pro-democracy demonstrators for the first time Wednesday, killing at least one man and wounding others in chaotic confrontations across the capital.

Dramatic images of the protests, many transmitted from the secretive Southeast Asian nation by dissidents using cell phones and the Internet, riveted world attention on the escalating faceoff between the junta and its opponents.

Clouds of tear gas and smoke from fires hung over streets, and defiant protesters and even bystanders pelted police with bottles and rocks in some places. Others helped monks escape arrest by bundling them into taxis and other vehicles and shouting "Go, go, go, run!"

The government said one man was killed when police opened fire during the ninth consecutive day of demonstrations, but dissidents outside Myanmar reported receiving news of up to eight deaths.

50 killed as Iraq violence on the upswing

BAGHDAD — A wave of bombings and shootings swept Iraq on Wednesday, killing at least 50 people and raising fears that al-Qaida had launched a promised new offensive. The U.S. military acknowledged that violence was on the upswing and blamed it on the terror movement.

Also Wednesday came the announcement that Iraqi and American troops raided the Iraqi military academy the day before and arrested cadets and instructors allegedly linked to the kidnap-slaying of the former superintendent and the abduction of his replacement, who was later freed.

Police reported at least six car bombings around the country Wednesday, an increase over the pattern of attacks in recent weeks, though U.S. officials insisted that violence was still below levels of last year. Weapons would be an "unacceptable risk to stability in the region and in the world."

NATIONAL NEWS

Spector case ends in deadlocked jury

LOS ANGELES — The murder trial of music producer Phil Spector ended in a mistrial Wednesday because of a deadlocked jury.

The mistrial came on the 12th day of deliberations on whether Spector murdered actress Lana Clarkson more than 4 years ago. The 12-member panel had heard about five months of testimony.

The jury foreman reported the panel was deadlocked 10 to 2 but did not indicate which way it was leaning. The jury reported a 7-5 impasse last week and had resumed deliberations with modified instructions.

"At this time, I will find that the jury is unable to arrive at a verdict and declare a mistrial in this matter," Superior Court Judge Larry Paul Fidler said.

Clinton, Gore reunite for conference

NEW YORK — Global warming, poverty, health and education took center stage at the opening of Clinton Global Initiative conference Wednesday as former President Clinton and his vice president, Al Gore, briefly reunited on a common cause.

Although there has been a chill in their relationship, the two Democrats spoke warmly of each other. Clinton praised Gore for his environmental activism, and Gore plugged Clinton's new book.

Gore, who won an Academy Award for his documentary "An Inconvenient Truth," had appeared at the United Nations across town on Monday, where he cited a lengthening list of global warming's impacts and urged world leaders to act now.

LOCAL NEWS

Indianapolis airport concourse closed

INDIANAPOLIS — Security officials closed one concourse at the Indianapolis International Airport for about an hour Wednesday because of a suspicious package that turned out to be inert explosives used to train federal security personnel.

Transportation Security Administration spokeswoman Lara Uselding said airline passengers were never in danger and the TSA was reviewing procedures to prevent it from happening again.

The evacuation came about two weeks after a flight crew member who's also an air security officer left his government-issued gun at the airport's ground transportation center.

IRAQ

Prime Minister seeks international support

Al-Maliki tells U.N. General Assembly national reconciliation will rid terrorism from Iraq

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki warned the U.N. General Assembly Wednesday that the continued flow of weapons, suicide bombers and terrorism funding into his country would result in "disastrous consequences" for the region and the world.

Al-Maliki, who met with President Bush Tuesday, urged the international community and countries in the region to support Iraq's national reconciliation process to rid terrorism from the country and bring peace to the region.

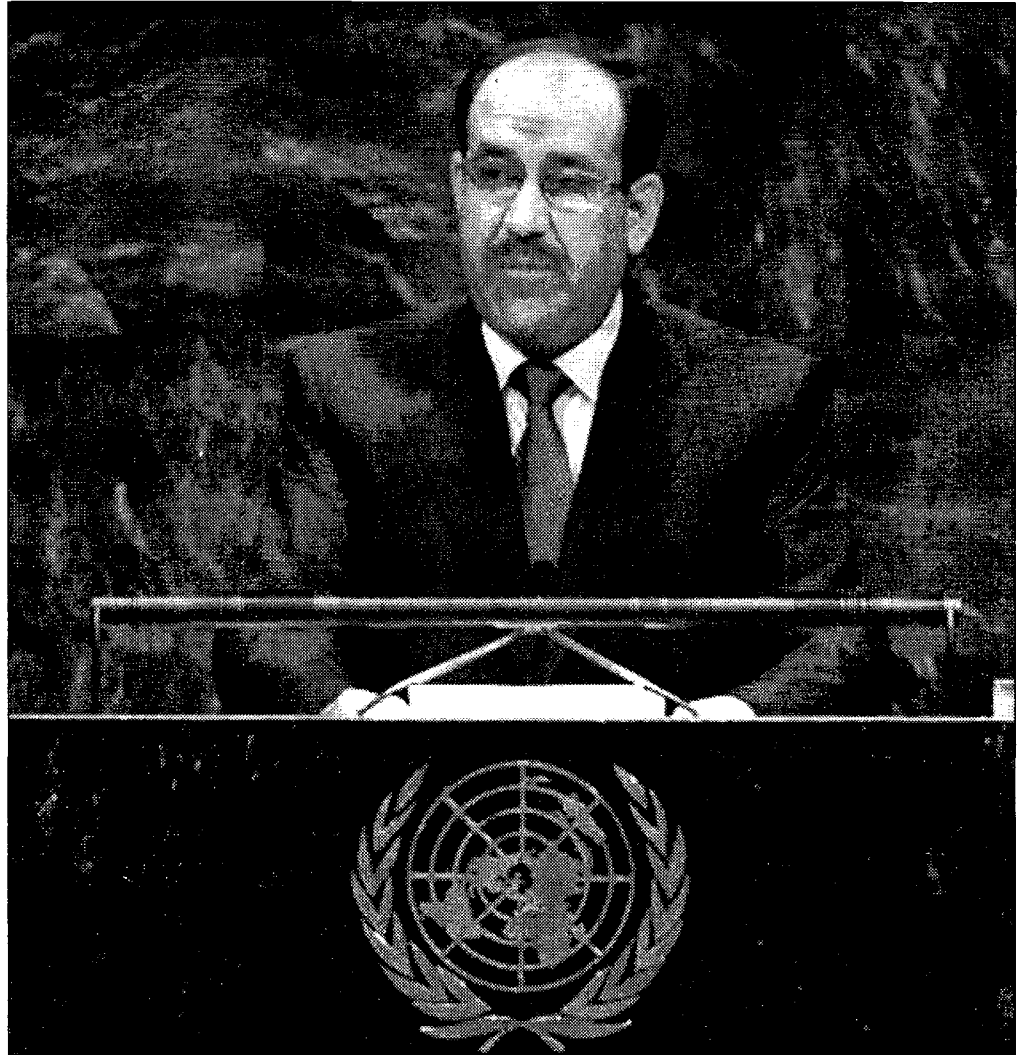
"National reconciliation is stronger than the weapons of terrorism," he said. "Today we feel optimistic that countries of the region realize the danger of the terrorist attacks against Iraq, that it is not in their interest for Iraq to be weak."

Al-Maliki said his country had reduced sectarian killings and brought stability to some regions, such as Anbar province in the west. He said thousands of displaced families have been able to return to their homes.

He said Iraq also has hundreds of political parties active within 20 political alliances; more than 6,000 civil organizations; hundreds of newspapers and magazines and 40 local and satellite TV stations. But terrorists are targeting this "new Iraq," he said.

"Terrorism kills civilians, journalists, actors, thinkers and professionals. It attacks universities, marketplaces and libraries. It blows up mosques and churches and destroys the infrastructure of state institutions," al-Maliki said.

Al-Maliki said he has warned the countries in the region that "the continued overflow of weapons, money, suicide bombers and the spreading of 'fatwas' inciting hatred and murder will only result in disastrous consequences for peoples of the region and the world."



Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki addresses the General Assembly of the United Nations Wednesday. He said national reconciliation is stronger than any weapon of terror.

Washington has long accused Iran of aiding Shiite Muslim militias in Iraq that it says have killed hundreds of American troops with powerfully formed penetrators, or EFPs. The U.S. has also accused Iran of training fighters and sending them into Iraq to attack American and Iraqi troops.

Iran disputes those allegations, saying it does not meddle inside Iraq. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad told world leaders Tuesday that the U.S. government's policy on Iraq was destabilizing the occupied country.

"They even oppose the constitution," National

Assembly and the government established by the vote of the people, while they do not even have the courage to declare their defeat and exit Iraq," he said.

The U.S. delegation walked out of the General Assembly chamber when Ahmadinejad went to the podium, leaving only a low-ranking notetaker to listen to his speech, which also indirectly accused the U.S. and Israel of human rights violations. Gonzalo Gallegos, a State Department spokesman, said the U.S. wanted "to send him a powerful message."

In his meeting with al-Maliki on Tuesday, Bush pressed the Iraqi leader to make progress on measures deemed critical to the reconciliation process. Much-

delayed action on such initiatives as a national oil law have stalled in the Iraqi parliament amid factional bickering and, in some cases, defections.

"Some politicians may be trying to block the law to gain special advantage," Bush said. "And these parties have got to understand that it's in the interests of Iraq to get good law passed."

In his speech to the General Assembly, al-Maliki only briefly noted the proposed oil law, saying his government has completed the work on it and was awaiting its approval by the Iraqi parliament.

He said national reconciliation was not the responsibility of his government alone.

Bush calls for new sanctions against Iran

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Bush administration moved Wednesday to cement international support for new U.N. sanctions on Iran over its nuclear programs and rebuked Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad for declaring the issue "closed."

A day after a defiant Ahmadinejad told the United Nations General Assembly that his country would defy further U.N. Security Council efforts to impose additional penalties, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and her top aides sought to marshal consensus on the move.

"I am sorry to tell President Ahmadinejad that the case is not

closed," said Nicholas Burns, the State Department's No. 3 diplomat. He was to meet with senior diplomats from the five permanent Security Council members and Germany to craft elements of a new sanctions resolution.

"We're going to keep going," Burns told reporters. "If Mr. Ahmadinejad thinks somehow that he has been given a pass, he is mistaken about that."

Burns' talks over dinner with diplomats from Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany will set the stage for a second meeting on Thursday and then one between Rice and the group's other foreign ministers on Friday when the resolution is expected to be further defined.

However, he said it is unlikely that the text of a new resolution will be agreed to this week.

As Burns spoke, Rice was assuring Iran's wary neighbors in the Persian Gulf of U.S. backing to improve their defenses against a "hegemonistic Iran" through proposed multibillion dollar arms sales, a senior State Department official told reporters.

In a meeting with the foreign ministers of the six-member Gulf Cooperation Council — Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates — along with Egypt and Jordan, Rice heard deep fears about Iranian attempts to dominate the region, the official said.

Judge rules two Patriot Act provisions unconstitutional

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Two provisions of the USA Patriot Act are unconstitutional because they allow search warrants to be issued without a showing of probable cause, a federal judge ruled Wednesday.

U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken ruled that the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, as amended by the Patriot Act, "now permits the executive branch of government to conduct surveillance and searches of American citizens without satisfying the probable cause requirements of the Fourth Amendment."

Portland attorney Brandon Mayfield sought the ruling in a lawsuit against the federal government after he was mistakenly linked by the FBI to the Madrid

train bombings that killed 191 people in 2004.

The federal government apologized and settled part of the lawsuit for \$2 million after admitting a fingerprint was misread. But as part of the settlement, Mayfield

retained the right to challenge parts of the Patriot Act, which greatly expanded the authority of law enforcers to investigate suspected acts of terrorism.

Mayfield claimed that secret searches of his house and office

under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act violated the Fourth Amendment's guarantee against unreasonable search and seizure. Aiken agreed with Mayfield, repeatedly criticizing the government.

"For over 200 years, this Nation has adhered to the rule of law — with unparalleled success. A shift

to a Nation based on extra-constitutional authority is prohibited, as well as ill-advised," she wrote.

By asking her to dismiss Mayfield's lawsuit, the judge said, the U.S. attorney general's office was "asking this court to, in essence, amend the Bill of Rights, by giving it an interpretation that would deprive it of any real meaning. This court declines to do so."

Elden Rosenthal, an attorney for Mayfield, issued a statement on his behalf praising the judge, saying she "has upheld both the tradition of judicial independence, and our nation's most cherished principle of the right to be secure in one's own home."

Justice Department spokesman Peter Carr said the agency was reviewing the decision, and he declined to comment further.

Mayfield, a Muslim convert, was taken into custody on May 6, 2004, because of a fingerprint found on a detonator at the scene of the Madrid bombing. The FBI said the print matched Mayfield's. He was released about two weeks later, and the FBI admitted it had erred in saying the fingerprints were his and later apologized to him.

Before his arrest, the FBI put

Mayfield under 24-hour surveillance, listened to his phone calls and surreptitiously searched his home and law office.

The Mayfield case has been an embarrassment for the federal government. Last year, the Justice Department's internal watchdog

faulted the FBI for sloppy work in mistakenly linking Mayfield to the Madrid bombings. That report said federal prosecutors and FBI agents had made inaccurate and ambiguous statements to a federal judge to get arrest and criminal search warrants against Mayfield.

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U.S. District Judge

ITALY

Doctor: Pope violated Church teaching

Vatican denies euthanasia allegations against John Paul II

Associated Press

ROME — A doctor alleged Wednesday that Pope John Paul II violated Catholic teaching against euthanasia by refusing medical care that would have kept him alive longer — a charge immediately dismissed by Vatican officials.

In an article in the Italian journal *Micromega*, Dr. Lina Pavanelli, an anaesthesiologist, questioned why John Paul was only outfitted with a nasal feeding tube on March 30, 2005, three days before he died. She said he clearly was in need of artificial nutrition well before then.

John Paul was rushed to Rome's Gemelli Polyclinic hospital two times in February 2005 with breathing crises related to his Parkinson's disease; he was released for the last time March 13. He died in his Vatican apartment on April 2, from what the Vatican said was septic shock and cardiocirculatory collapse.

The Vatican announced March 30 that John Paul had been outfitted with a nasal feeding straw to improve his nutrition so he could recover strength.

However, Vatican officials said Wednesday that the tube had actually been inserted well before March 30 but that the procedure was only announced on that date — casting doubt on Pavanelli's core argument. They disclosed the information in response to Pavanelli's charges, which they said weren't serious because she had no access to the medical records and based her accusations only on press releases and news reports.

At a news conference Wednesday, Pavanelli acknowledged she didn't have access to John Paul's medical records and acknowledged the likelihood that he may have been outfitted sooner than March 30 with a nasal feeding tube.

But she maintained her main argument that he was not given adequate nutrition soon enough. Confronted with evidence that the nasal tube had been inserted sooner, she then changed her core accusation, charging that John Paul should have been given a stomach feeding tube, since it has been proven to be more effective for longer periods of time.

Catholic teaching holds that it is morally wrong to refuse "proportionate" or ordinary care, which includes water and feeding tubes; refusing such care amounts to euthanasia.

"He was fed neither at the right time, nor in the right way for the correct amount of time," Pavanelli said. That created a situation in which the pope was too weak to fend off the urinary tract infection that led to the septic shock that ultimately killed him, she charged.

In the article, Pavanelli concludes that "when the patient knowingly refuses a lifesaving therapy, his action together with the remissive or ommissive behavior of doctors, must be considered euthanasia, or more precisely, assisted suicide."

The Vatican recently repeated its position on euthanasia and feeding tubes. A document issued Sept. 14 from the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith reaffirmed that it considers the removal of feeding tubes from people in vegetative states to be an immoral act.

The Vatican distinguishes between feeding tubes, which it considers proportionate care, and "aggressive medical treatment" which can be disproportionate to any expected results or pose an excessive burden on the patient.

"In such situations, when death is clearly imminent an inevitable, one can in conscience refuse forms of treatment that would only secure a precarious and burdensome prolongation of life, so long as the normal care due to the

sick person in similar cases is not interrupted," according to John Paul's 1995 encyclical "Evangelium Vitae."

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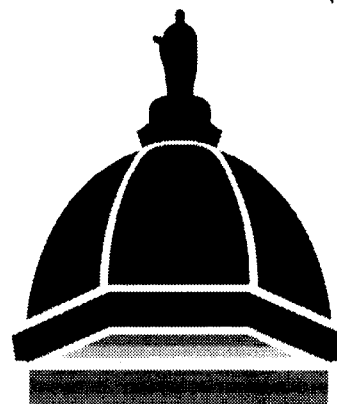
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Drug might slow spread of melanoma

BARCELONA — A very early test of an experimental drug seemed to slow the spread of advanced deadly skin cancer in a small study, the drug's U.S. developer reported in preliminary findings Wednesday.

Synta Pharmaceuticals Corp. of Lexington, Mass., reported that patients with advanced melanoma who got the drug survived an average of 3.7 months without new cancer lesions, compared to 1.8 months for those who got the standard treatment.

The treatment, given as a pill, is so early in development it doesn't have a name. It must pass muster in much more rigorous testing before the company seeks U.S. approval.

Synta's drug is one of several in development by other companies trying a new strategy against cancer — killing tumor cells by overloading them with oxygen.

"We are taking advantage of the Achilles heel of cancer cells," said Dr. Anthony Williams, vice president of clinical research at Synta Pharmaceuticals.

Toyota, Nissan announce safety recalls

WASHINGTON — Toyota Motor Corp. said Wednesday it was recalling optional "all-weather" floor mats in 55,000 Lexus ES 350 and Toyota Camry passenger cars because the mat could interfere with the gas pedal and lead to a crash.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration issued a consumer advisory about the heavy-duty rubber floor mats, noting that if unsecured, the mat could move forward and trap the gas pedal, causing the vehicle to accelerate uncontrollably.

In a separate move, Nissan Motor Co. said it was recalling nearly 420,000 sport utility vehicles because of possible corrosion in the tube where motorists pump gas.

The recall involves Nissan Pathfinder and Infiniti QX4 SUVs from the 1997-2001 model years. More than 370,000 of the vehicles under recall were originally sold or are currently registered in 22 "cold weather" states and the District of Columbia. Another 45,000 vehicles are in Canada.

In the Toyota recall, NHTSA urged drivers of other vehicles, including the Avalon and Prius, to check the driver-side floor mats to ensure they were properly installed. NHTSA spokesman Rae Tyson said it was taking the step "because we believe potentially it is a very serious safety issue."

GM, UAW tentatively reach agreement

Union cancels two-day strike; automotive company guarantees investment in U.S. plants

Associated Press

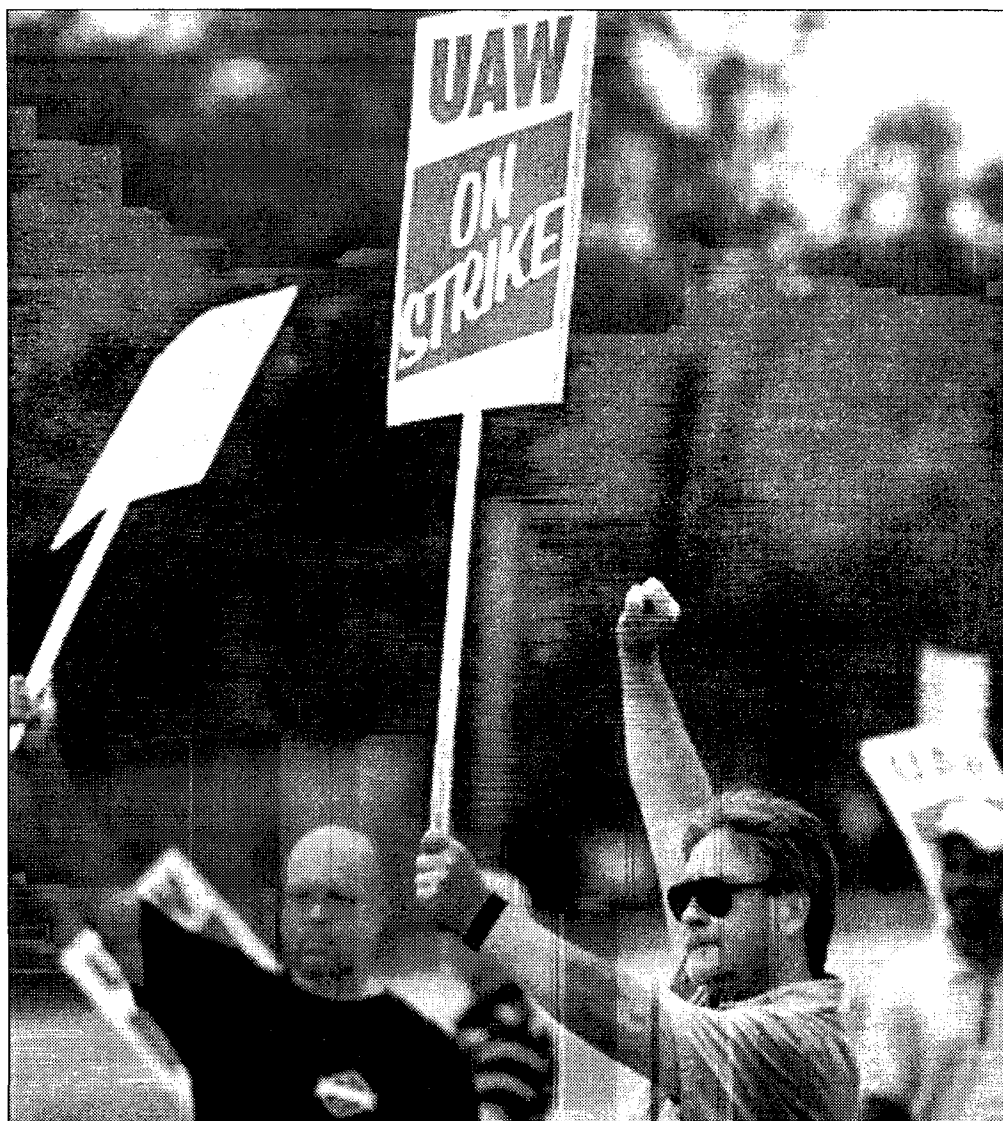
DETROIT — General Motors Corp. won its struggle to unload \$51 billion in retiree health costs and improve competitiveness in the latest round of contract talks with the United Auto Workers, but not without a short-lived strike that wrung promises out of GM to keep jobs at U.S. plants.

The two sides tentatively agreed Wednesday to a groundbreaking agreement that allows GM to move its unfunded retiree health care costs into an independent trust administered by the UAW. The union also agreed to lower wages for some workers. In exchange, the UAW won commitments from GM to invest in U.S. plants, bonuses and an agreement to hire thousands of temporary workers which will boost UAW membership, according to a person who was briefed on the contract. The person requested anonymity because the details haven't been publicly released.

Wall Street applauded news of the deal, sending GM shares up more than 9 percent.

The union said the agreement with the nation's largest automaker was reached shortly after 3 a.m. The UAW canceled its two-day strike about an hour later and workers were back in GM's 80 U.S. facilities Wednesday afternoon. GM lost production of around 25,000 vehicles due to the strike, according to CSM Worldwide Inc. Analysts had suggested a short strike could actually improve GM's outlook because it would cut back on inventory levels.

GM shares rose \$3.22, or 9.4 percent, to \$37.64. Standard & Poor's Ratings Services said it may raise



Kurt Bewersdorf, a machinist at the General Motors Powertrain plant in Romulus, Mich., stands with co-workers during a strike at the plant on Tuesday.

GM's long-term debt rating, which is currently below investment grade.

"We view the tentative agreement and its apparent terms as a historic milestone toward the long-term improvement in fundamentals and survival at the North American automakers," KeyBank analyst Brett Hoselton wrote in a note to investors.

The agreement is expected to set a pattern for contracts that now will be

negotiated at Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC. UAW President Ron Gettelfinger said he will decide this week which automaker will go next. The UAW may even conduct negotiations with Ford and Chrysler simultaneously.

Gettelfinger said during an interview on "The Paul W. Smith Show" on WJR-AM. The GM contract will be reviewed by local UAW presidents this week and will be subject to a vote of GM's 74,000 rank-and-file

members. Voting is expected to begin this weekend, Gettelfinger said. If members vote against the agreement they could go back on strike, but Gettelfinger said he's confident it will be ratified.

"We're very comfortable with this agreement and we're happy to be able to recommend it to our membership," Gettelfinger said.

Tom Prune, who works at a GM plant in Wentzville, Mo., said he was happy to go back to work.

Stocks up as large companies stabilize

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks rose soundly Wednesday following word that some of the problems dogging big companies like General Motors Corp. and Bear Stearns Cos. could be on the mend.

GM, one of the 30 stocks that makes up the Dow Jones industrial average, led the market higher from the outset with word it had struck a tentative contract agreement with the United Auto Workers that could allow the company to shed some of its burdensome health care costs.

While stocks held onto gains throughout the session, rumors that Bear Stearns Cos. would sell a stake in the company took on new urgency in the final hour of trading with a report that billionaire investor Warren Buffett was a potential suitor.

"Certainly it's good to have problems that have been overhanging Bear

Stearns off the table, if that can be done. That should help the financials," said William Rutherford, president of Rutherford Investment Management in Portland, Ore., referring to the recent failure of two Bear Stearns hedge funds.

"It takes a lot of risk out of Bear Stearns stock. It doesn't mean that the fears that investors had yesterday were misplaced. It just means there is a new piece of information to be considered," he said of any interest Buffett might show.

The GM and Bear Stearns news lifted investor sentiment, sending the Dow up 99.50, or 0.72 percent, to 13,878.15.

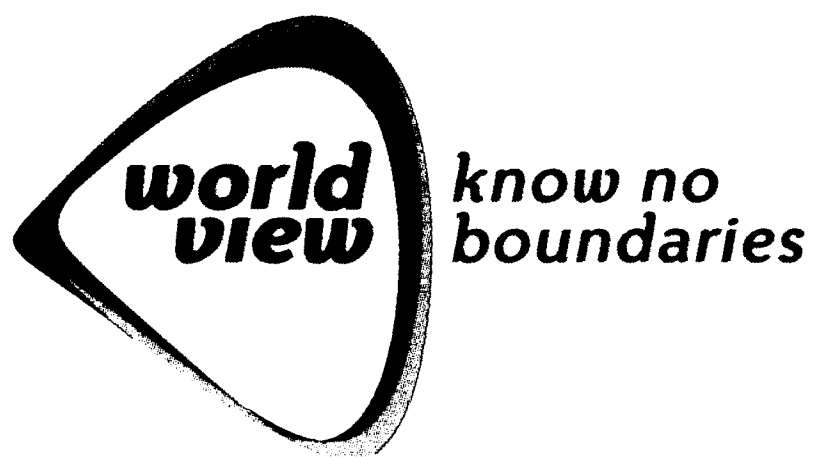
Broader stock indicators also rose. The Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 8.21, or 0.54 percent, to 1,525.42, and the Nasdaq composite index increased 15.58, or 0.58 percent, to 2,699.03.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 6.12, or 0.76 percent, to 809.12.

Treasury prices turned higher Wednesday after there was surprisingly strong investor demand in a government sale of \$18 billion in new 2-year Treasuries. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, fell to 4.62 percent from 4.64 percent late Tuesday.

The dollar recovered slightly against major currencies Wednesday despite lackluster economic data, but not before hitting another record low against the euro. Gold prices fell.

Oil futures ended higher Wednesday, closing above \$80 a barrel as a turbulent day ended with a late rally led by investors who saw an early price dip as a buying opportunity. Light, sweet crude settled at \$80.30 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.



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FBI searches for charter boat

Associated Press

MIAMI — A boat trip that began as a routine charter to the Bahamas turned horribly wrong somewhere on the high seas when four crew members vanished and the two men who hired the vessel were plucked out of a life raft.

Kirby Logan Archer and Guillermo Zarabozo are in custody on federal charges while rescuers conduct a massive search in heavy rain for the crew of the 47-foot fishing charter Joe Cool. Neither Archer, who was a fugitive, nor Zarabozo is charged in the disappearances.

"All I can say at this point is that the investigation is continuing," FBI spokeswoman Judy Orihuela said.

The pair were found in a life

raft Monday about 12 miles from where the fishing boat was drifting. Authorities found no one on board and no mechanical problems with the vessel.

A key to some handcuffs was found on the boat, and a substance appearing to be blood was found on the vessel's stern, according to an FBI affidavit.

Archer and Zarabozo paid \$4,000 cash to charter the Joe Cool on Sunday to Bimini, Bahamas, where they told the boat's operators they had female companions waiting for them. The Coast Guard says that GPS navigation devices on the boat show that it veered sharply south toward Cuba about halfway into the 50-mile trip.

Zarabozo, 19, of Hialeah, is a Cuban immigrant. Archer is a former soldier once stationed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; his ex-

wife has told several media outlets that he met Zarabozo as a boy in that country and may have helped him and his family reach the U.S.

Archer, 35, of Strawberry, Ark., is wanted in his home state on suspicion of stealing more than \$92,000 in January from a Wal-Mart where he was an assistant manager. He also went AWOL from the Army four years ago.

Both men made initial court appearances Wednesday. Archer is charged with fleeing prosecution in Arkansas. Zarabozo is charged with lying to federal agents.

According to the FBI affidavit, Zarabozo initially told his Coast Guard rescuers that "unknown subjects" had hijacked the boat, shot and killed the four crew members and then ordered Zarabozo to throw the bodies into the sea. Zarabozo later told the FBI he had never been on the Joe Cool, even though his state identification card was found on the boat.

The vessel was found "in disarray," according to the affidavit. It said that aside from the apparent blood and the key, investigators found six marijuana cigarettes on the boat, as well as a laptop computer, luggage, clothes and a cell phone.

Archer and Zarabozo were being held without bail at a federal detention center in Miami. Neither the FBI nor the Coast Guard would comment on what they have told investigators.

Meanwhile, Coast Guard ships and aircraft searched hundreds of miles of open ocean in heavy rain for the boat's captain, Jake Branam, 27; his wife, Kelley Branam, 30; his half brother, Scott Campbell, 30; and Samuel Kairy, 27, all of Miami Beach.

"The weather is very, very nasty," said Coast Guard Petty Officer Dana Warr. "It makes searching very difficult, both in the air and the sea."

The search includes a C-130 aircraft and helicopters. It was expanded as far north as Cape Canaveral on Wednesday to account for possible drift caused by the Gulf Stream current. Coast Guard searchers also checked out on foot some of the dozens of small uninhabited islands that dot the Bahamas to the east of Miami.

Archer, a former military police investigator, had been stationed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, during the 1990s, according to court records. He went AWOL in 2003 and received a less-than-honorable discharge as a result, according to Arkansas records from his 2005 divorce.

In court, Archer and Zarabozo were both told they would get court-appointed lawyers. When asked whether he had any assets to pay for a lawyer, Archer said all he had was \$2,200 that investigators confiscated after his arrest.

A bail hearing for both men was set for Friday. Prosecutors said they would seek to keep both in detention.

Several of Zarabozo's relatives attended the hearing. They declined to talk to reporters.

Archer and his ex-wife, Michelle Rowe, have had no recent contact, according to her attorney, Chaney Taylor of Batesville, Ark. Rowe has custody of the couple's two young sons.

"We don't know where he's been since January," Taylor said.

Court records show that Archer has since remarried, to another woman named Michelle. In court Wednesday, Archer said he is now separated.

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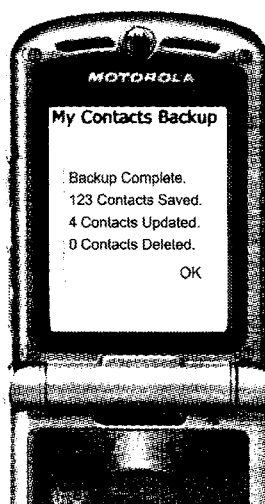
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School responds to suicidal threats

Wisconsin students pleased about being informed of danger ahead of time

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison offered nothing but praise Wednesday for the school's sweeping response a day earlier to threatening calls from a suicidal man who claimed to have a gun.

The university canceled some classes and activities, warned students to stay home and briefly closed the UW Hospital to some patients and visitors as police sought the caller, believed to be a 19-year-old escaped inmate.

Authorities hadn't found the man as of Wednesday evening, but they had no evidence that he was ever on campus or actually had a weapon and were confident he had never been a danger to others.

Still, students said they were glad the school kept them informed, especially in light of the massacre at Virginia Tech.

"If he had been a danger and we decided not to blow it out of proportion, it could have ended ugly," said Martha Saywell, 32, a doctoral student who lives two blocks from the hospital.

In his first call to authorities, about 4:40 p.m. Tuesday, the caller — identified by police as Jesse Miller — claimed he had

a weapon, was on top of a parking ramp at the UW Hospital and wanted police to kill him.

Miller was serving a jail term with work-release privileges after pleading no contest last year to armed robbery with use of force. He left the jail for a medical appointment Sept. 8 and never came back.

About 20 minutes after the first call, police say Miller called to report there were shots fired near the hospital and people fleeing in every direction. Shortly after that, he called again to report a bomb threat at the hospital under a fictitious name. Both of those calls were hoaxes, police believe.

Police searched the parking ramp for Miller and started blocking the entrances to the hospital. As their search extended through the west end of campus, officials canceled night classes and a soccer game and closed academic buildings.

The hospital started diverting some emergency room patients to other hospitals and told visitors to stay away.

About 6 p.m., the university sent the first mass e-mail warning students of a potentially suicidal gunman and to stay indoors. The university sent two other mass e-mails,

updated its Web site throughout the night and posted alerts on Facebook, the popular social networking site.

By late Tuesday, students were told that classes and normal hospital operations would resume Wednesday even as police continued to search for Miller.

Laura Caldwell, 21, said she stayed in her apartment the rest of the night after receiving the e-mail warning. She said she called friends who live near the hospital to tell them to stay home and lock their doors. And she followed the university Web site for updates.

"I really don't know how much better you can handle a situation like that," said Caldwell, a senior.

UW-Madison Police Sgt. Jason Whitney acknowledged that not all students learned of the threat immediately if they did not check their e-mail or watch TV news. But he maintained the university reached many of the 60,000 students, faculty and staff on campus.

"You're not always going to reach everybody, but we reached more of our population than any city would have," he said.

UW-Madison Assistant Police Chief Dale Burke said the university has reviewed its security policies since the Virginia Tech killings.

"I don't think any of us hoped that we would be able to put these things into play quite this soon," he said. "But the fact that we had done the work has certainly helped us in this matter."

"If he had been a danger and we decided not to blow it out of proportion, it could have ended ugly."

Martha Saywell
doctoral student

MOROCCO

Photo misleading in kidnapping case

Associated Press

ZINAT — The parents of missing British 3-year-old Madeleine McCann had their hopes dashed again Wednesday when a girl resembling their daughter who was photographed in Morocco turned out to be the child of an olive farmer.

The excitement over the photo, taken by Spanish tourist Clara Torres in northern Morocco and widely published on the Internet, testified to the international frenzy the McCann case has sparked. Many people have hoped for signs that Madeleine is alive more than four months after she disappeared from a Portuguese resort.

Interpol said Wednesday that investigators have been studying the blurry detail of the photo. Only vague outlines of the girl's face were visible in the picture, which showed a group of people that includes a woman wearing Moroccan-style clothing and carrying a fair-haired girl on her back. It did not suggest any effort by the woman to hide the child's face.

An Associated Press reporter reached the girl and her family Wednesday in Zinat in northern Morocco, the mountain village where the photo was taken and where the family works a modest olive farm.

The girl is 3-year-old Bouchra Ahmed Ben Aissa, and in the photo she was being carried by her mother, Hafida, while her

aunt and father were also pictured, relatives said.

The child, visibly upset by the heated interest in her, clung to her sister Wednesday before retreating to play on a chipped tile landing outside her house.

Interpol said its office in Madrid, Spain, had received "a number of photographs from members of the public of potential Madeleine sightings, including the picture taken in Morocco by a Spanish couple."

The international police organization, based in the southeastern French city of Lyon, said the photos had been forwarded to Portuguese police, who are leading an investigation into Madeleine's disappearance.

Moroccan security officials told the AP that police in the North African kingdom had not received any formal requests to investigate. Portuguese police declined to comment on the grounds that an investigation was continuing.

A spokesman for the McCanns, Clarence Mitchell, said the family experiences an "emotional roller coaster ... each time this sort of information comes in."

"Clearly, if these reports that

the girl in the photograph isn't Madeleine are true, it is disappointing news," said Mitchell. He said the couple has decided not to comment on reported sightings of their daughter.

Madeleine vanished from the Portuguese resort of Praia da Luz on May 3, just days before her fourth birthday. Portuguese police have named the girl's par-

ents, Kate and Gerry McCann, as official suspects in the disappearance.

The couple said they left the girl and their 2-year-old twins asleep in their rented villa while they had dinner nearby. Despite an extensive search and a worldwide

publicity effort led by her parents, no confirmed trace of Madeleine has turned up.

Other alleged sightings of the girl have been reported in Europe and Morocco. The area in which the photograph was taken is known for European influences, and fair-haired children with light-colored eyes are relatively common.

The photo was taken last month through a car windshield at a distance of several dozen yards, and the resemblance to Madeleine was only clear upon zooming in on the image.

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Clarence Mitchell
family spokesman

ISRAEL

Gaza Strip strike bloodiest in years

Israeli-led operation kills 8 Palestinians, wounds 25 others

Associated Press

GAZA CITY — Israeli military forces killed at least eight Palestinians and wounded 25 in an airstrike and a tank-led ground operation Wednesday, the bloodiest day in the Gaza Strip since Israel declared it a "hostile territory."

The Israeli army said the raids were a response to near daily bombardment of Israeli border towns, including 20 mortar shells and 10 rockets fired Wednesday, and Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak warned that "we are

moving closer to a broad and complex operation in Gaza" to stop rocket fire.

Israel's designation of Gaza as a "hostile territory" last week was a precursor to the possible cutoff of electricity and other utilities to the coastal strip, which is ruled by the Islamic militants of Hamas.

In Wednesday's airstrike, missiles hit a jeep as it crossed a crowded intersection in the Zeitoun neighborhood of Gaza City, killing at least four members of the Army of Islam, a small militant group involved in kidnapping a BBC journalist and capturing an Israeli soldier.

The Israeli military said the jeep was carrying rockets ready for firing.

The bodies in the jeep were badly disfigured, prompting different death tolls. Hospital officials said four people died, while the Army of Islam said five of its members were killed.

Dozens of Palestinians surrounded the wrecked jeep, some dipping their hands into the blood of the victims, to underscore their demand for revenge. "God is great," the crowd chanted.

The Army of Islam, a group that broke away from

Hamas, was involved in the March kidnapping of BBC journalist Alan Johnston, who was later freed. The group is also thought to be among those holding Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit, seized in a cross-border raid in June 2006.

In the ground incursion, Israeli tanks and soldiers took control of Beit Hanoun, a town in northern Gaza from which militants had launched rockets.

Witnesses said a tank shell hit between two houses and soldiers fired tank-mounted machine guns. The army's fire killed four Palestinians and wounded 25, including five critically, hospital doctors said.

The army said the tank fired toward a group of militants carrying anti-tank missiles.

A top aide to the head of the Hamas government in Gaza, Ismail Haniyeh, said the Israeli operations would strengthen the resolve of Gazans. "The honorable Palestinian blood shed by this Nazi army will only make us more steadfast," Mohammed Madhoun said.

In the West Bank, meanwhile, Palestinian security officials seized two homemade rockets, a possible sign that the attack techniques of Gaza militants are spreading. The projectiles, not yet fitted with explosives, were discovered

in Bethlehem and handed over to the Israeli army.

The Palestinian government in the West Bank has been cooperating more with Israeli authorities since Hamas gunmen seized control of Gaza in June. It is led by President Mahmoud Abbas, whose Fatah movement is a bitter rival of Hamas.

The Israeli military announced an indefinite closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip ahead of the weeklong Jewish holiday of Succot, which began at sunset Wednesday. Blanket closures, including travel bans within the Palestinian areas, are imposed during Jewish holidays.

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Mohammed Madhoun
top aide to the head of the Hamas government in Gaza

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Engineers: Bridge collapse causing undue alarm

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — State highway officials around the country want the government to stop scaring the public by using dire-sounding phrases such as “structurally deficient” and “fracture critical” to describe bridges in need of repairs.

In interviews and government documents obtained by The Associated Press, some engineers say the terms are making America's bridges sound shakier than they really are, and they would prefer less-alarming phrases, or perhaps a “Health Index” for the nation's spans.

The issue came up after the Minneapolis bridge collapse Aug. 1 that killed 13 people. The span, along with more than 73,000 other U.S. bridges, had been classified as structurally deficient, a term some engineers say sent shudders across the nation because it was widely

misunderstood.

“People seem to think a bridge is within a hair's breadth of collapse when they hear these terms,” Montana's chief transportation engineer Loran Frazier vented in an e-mail survey of his peers after the Interstate 35W disaster. “There seemed to be borderline hysteria regarding the bridges.”

At least one highway-safety watchdog group agreed that the terms are misleading and ought to be changed, and said there is little risk that new terminology would give the public a false sense of security about the nation's bridges.

Control over the labeling system rests with Congress and the Federal Highway Administration, part of the Transportation Department. The department would not comment directly on the terms used to classify bridges' state of repair.

Such terminology is expected to be discussed when the American

Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials holds its annual conference beginning Thursday in Milwaukee. The association conducted the survey, and the AP obtained the results as part of a government records request.

“I don't believe the industry understood how big of a problem it was until they started trying to explain it to the media and to the public,” said Kelley Rehm, the association's program manager for bridges and structures.

About 12 percent of the nation's 607,363 bridges are classified as structurally deficient, according to 2006 figures from the FHA.

The terms date to 1978, when Congress updated guidelines for replacing and rehabilitating bridges. The categories are important because they determine how federal money is doled out to states.

A bridge is typically labeled “structurally deficient” if regular inspections uncover significant deterioration such as advanced cracking in concrete or steel components. The rating often leads to weight restrictions and increased monitoring and maintenance.

The term “functionally obsolete” is applied to bridges that don't meet current design standards, generally because of changing

traffic demands. Bridges built decades ago, for instance, sometimes carry narrower shoulders or lower clearance than today's structures.

“Fracture critical” is applied to bridges without multiple backup features, meaning that if one critical component failed, the entire structure could give way.

The Interstate 35W bridge was rated both structurally deficient and fracture critical. The cause of the disaster is still under investigation.

Within days of the collapse, Rehm's association polled state transportation departments about their feelings toward the labels. Transportation officials from New Hampshire to Wyoming urged adoption of new terminology.

“Car dealers no longer have ‘used’ cars. They instead switched to ‘previously owned.’ Can't we similarly come up with nomenclature that is less of an

issue?” Minnesota said in its response.

Frazier, the Montana engineer, said in an interview that something as simple as “eligible” or “noneligible” for federal dollars would work for him. Utah's representative recommended adding a category like “critically deficient.” A Mississippi official suggested a “Health

Index.”

Gregory Cohen, president of the American Highway Users Alliance, an advocacy group for motorists, said he favors making the terms more understandable

to the public and does not worry that a change would reduce pressure to spend more on bridges.

“Of course if they do that it could always come back and bite them,” said Cohen, an engineer by training. “Say they do start describing things in flowery terms and another bridge falls down, then they'll have egg all over their face.”

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President discusses hostage release

Colombian leader Uribe says he's cautious to negotiate with leftist rebels

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Colombian President Alvaro Uribe said Wednesday he was grateful Venezuela's leader is seeking to win the release of three Americans and other hostages in



Uribe

Colombia, but seemed cautious about raising hopes on the negotiations with leftist rebels. In an interview with The Associated Press, Uribe stressed that a meeting expected next month between President Hugo Chavez and rebel leaders would be only the latest of many efforts to free the captives. He was steadfast in refusing key rebel demands, including a New York City-sized demilitarized zone and the release of two Colombian rebels imprisoned in the U.S.

“It's difficult because everyone wants the release of hostages,” said Uribe, who was in New York for a meeting of the U.N. General Assembly. “I hope the rebels free the hostages at President Chavez's request. But we will express all of our gratitude to President Chavez ... whether or not the effort proves successful.”

Families of the kidnapped are optimistic Chavez could sway the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia because of the rebels' affinity for his leftist ideals. The Venezuelan president met Tuesday with relatives of three

American defense contractors held by the FARC and the mother of former Colombian presidential candidate Ingrid Betancourt, a French-Colombian citizen.

“We're the closest we've ever been to getting our son back,” Lynne Stansell, mother of U.S. hostage Keith Stansell, said in Bogota on Wednesday. “Chavez told us he was doing this as a humanitarian gesture, not for political reasons.”

Chavez faces difficult negotiations.

On Tuesday, he hinted at the idea of a U.S. presidential pardon for a FARC fighter convicted in a U.S. court of exporting cocaine and a second, higher-ranking rebel, convicted of conspiracy in the seizure of the three American contractors after their plane crashed on a surveillance mission.

Uribe has ruled out including the two in any prisoner swap.

He emphasized that his government has made several concessions, including releasing a high-ranking rebel in June at the request of French President Nicolas Sarkozy, who has made securing Betancourt's freedom a priority. A day after being freed, however, Rodrigo Granda said the FARC would only release hostages if government troops withdraw from a large swath of western Colombia.

Uribe said he discussed the hostage situation with Sarkozy this week and was to meet Thursday with relatives of Stansell and the two other U.S. captives, Marc Gonsalves and Tom Howes.

The Colombian leader was ret-

icent when asked if the negotiations between Chavez and the FARC might lead to a wider peace process with the rebels, who have been fighting the government for more than four decades. He insisted that his hardline security policies have significantly reduced murders and kidnappings.

“For us, the military path is just as valid as the path of negotiation,” Uribe said. “We will not allow anything to break our will to pursue a firm policy of saying ‘no more terrorism.’”

Since Uribe and Chavez announced the mediation effort last month, Washington has been cautiously supportive. The U.S. ambassador to Colombia, William Brownfield, said last week that “we look upon favorably the participation of any leader, public servant, politician or important person” who might help secure the hostages' release.

Success by Chavez in mediating a humanitarian swap could expand his influence. The United States accuses Chavez of being a threat to democracy but many Latin Americans laud him for using Venezuela's oil wealth to help the region's poor.

Uribe, a strong U.S. ally who has cordial ties with neighboring Venezuela, said he was not concerned Chavez would get the credit for any release of prisoners.

“I don't make those calculations,” he said. “What motivates me to make decisions — to support the efforts of President Chavez — is the suffering of kidnap victims, the grief of the families.”

IRELAND

Prime Minister to remain in office

Associated Press

DUBLIN — Prime Minister Bertie Ahern narrowly defeated an attempt Wednesday to oust him from office because he took secret cash payments from businessmen.

Ahern faced his first-ever “no confidence” vote in parliament following his testimony this month to a corruption tribunal, which has unearthed payments to Ahern in the mid-1990s that exceed \$140,000.

After a bitter 3-hour debate, lawmakers in Ahern's three-party coalition voted to keep supporting him even though such payments break current ethics laws — and, according to opposition leaders, Ahern obstructed and told lies to the taxpayer-funded investigation.

“The problem here is we don't believe you. I don't believe your story. I believe your story at the tribunal was a cock-and-bull story. And I think a lot of people in this country agree with me,” Eamon Gilmore, leader of the opposition Labour Party, told a glum-faced Ahern.

The no-confidence vote was the first in Ireland since 1992.

Ahern, who has won popularity for a decade of peacemaking and growing prosperity, prevailed in an 81-76 vote straight down party lines, he faces further damaging months of testimony in the probe.

In his speech opening the debate, Ahern sought to defend his taking money from wealthy

friends and acquaintances on the grounds he was struggling financially in the wake of a marriage breakdown.

The suspicious cash deposits into newly opened bank accounts belonging to him and his girlfriend “started within 30 days of the ending of my matrimonial proceedings,” he said, referring to his court-ordered separation settlement. Divorce was not legalized in Ireland until 1997 and Ahern remains married.

Opposition chiefs derided Ahern's bid for public sympathy, an expressed doubts that the money-taking happened in the circumstances he described to the three-judge tribunal. They noted that Ahern had initially claimed to be broke when friends began offering him cash unsolicited, but later admitted that he had the equivalent of \$100,000 in his office safe in 1994 even before receiving any of the donations.

Enda Kenny, leader of the opposition Fine Gael party, called Ahern's explanations for how he got the money “fairy tales.” He asserted that Ahern's vaguely recalled events of friends offering unsolicited money “never happened.”

Several speakers compared Ahern's money-taking to the sins of former Prime Minister Charles Haughey, whose scandal-plagued career ended in 1992. Haughey, who died last year, was subsequently forced to admit he took \$14 million from Ireland's business elite while in office.

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An inconvenient truth

In true Notre Dame form, I spent one Saturday this summer belting out the resilient melodies of Jon Bon Jovi. For once, though, I wasn't "Livin' on a Prayer" during the throes of Catholic passion that are Morrissey Manor SYRs. No, I was singing along to Bon Jovi live from the very last row of Giants Stadium.

Live Earth was a great show. I spent 10 epic hours of my Saturday at the U.S. version of the 24-hour concert series meant to promote environmental awareness. Global mega-concert events, though, are bound to fail. Simply put, they don't take seriously enough the causes they supposedly promote.

I'll remember the Live Earth concert for years to come. But I'll remember it for the "Live" — not the "Earth." I'll remember Bon Jovi and Roger Waters. I'll remember John Mayer, The Police and, yes, Kanye West all combining for a bring-down-the-house version of "Message in a Bottle" to which I'm still listening on repeat.

Ultimately, though, the showmanship of the concert overshadowed the cause.

Case in point: Midway through the concert, Al Gore came out to announce the "Seven Point pledge" he wanted the audience to make that day. It was easy to confirm your commitment to the pledge. All I had to do was text — yes, text — "SOS" to 82004. Standard text messaging rates apply.

Like the loyal soldier I am, I promptly texted the number. After all, I get 50 free texts a month. Two minutes later, Live Earth texted me back:

"Thx, U have answered the call! U'll get wkly Live Earth news, artist schedules & green tips. More info at www.liveearth.org. Reply STOP 2 end."

How very hip of them.

I can't remember six of the pledges. I do, however, remember that I pledged to "plant a tree."

The text message pledge phenomenon — and the concert in general — demonstrate a fundamental problem with how so many causes try to spread their message today. They try too hard to be "in touch" with our generation. And, in doing so, they couldn't be less in touch. Think about it — pledging to a cause via text message? A cause that gets no more than an hour of publicity in ten hours of concert? By trying to integrate the political messages subtly into everyday college-y things like concert-going and text-messaging, the causes dumb down political dialogue to the point that it becomes useless and forgettable.

It's the same notion that causes the Clinton campaign to think it's essential that Hillary has a MySpace profile that asks you to tell everyone "I am not only voting for Hillary, SHE'S MY FRIEND." Meanwhile, John McCain — yes, 71-year-old John McCain — has a Facebook account. Apparently, he really likes "24" and "Seinfeld."

The political forces behind these causes are saying, "Hey young people: look how cool we are — how well we speak your language." They think we can only process political information if they dress it up in what they perceive as our language. Candidates with Facebooks. Cute txt 4 pledges. Political messages hidden in a ten-hour rock-fest. It all serves to dumb down our political dialogue and, worse, it simply doesn't work.

More revealing than the forgotten pledges was a walk around Giants Stadium post-concert. The ground was littered with Pepsi cans and the plastic from six-packs, notorious for its duck-killing abilities. Fans, probably still drunk or high, pulled out of the chaotic parking lots in their Hummers.

By over-simplifying their messages for the sake of hipness, they promote a disconnect between excitement

about an idea and action based on the idea. LiveEarth made going green a fad. It encouraged young people to think that environmentalism is a worthwhile issue. It may have even created some rebellious self-righteousness.

But the self-righteousness is, by and large, temporary. And the pro-environment feelings and excitement are temporary or, at least, ineffective. They don't turn into action. When a cause hides itself behind a concert, text message, or Facebook account, it can't encourage fans to translate their support for the cause into political or personal change.

Two years ago, the world talked about another global concert for a cause — Live 8, the baby of the anti-poverty movement headlined by Bono. While the concert had some immediate effect — debt relief pledges within the first week — the popularity of the cause has, by and large, slipped among our generation. Like any other fad, the movement to relieve debt slowly faded, lost behind Tom and Katie's wedding and Paris and Nicole's on-again, off-again friendship.

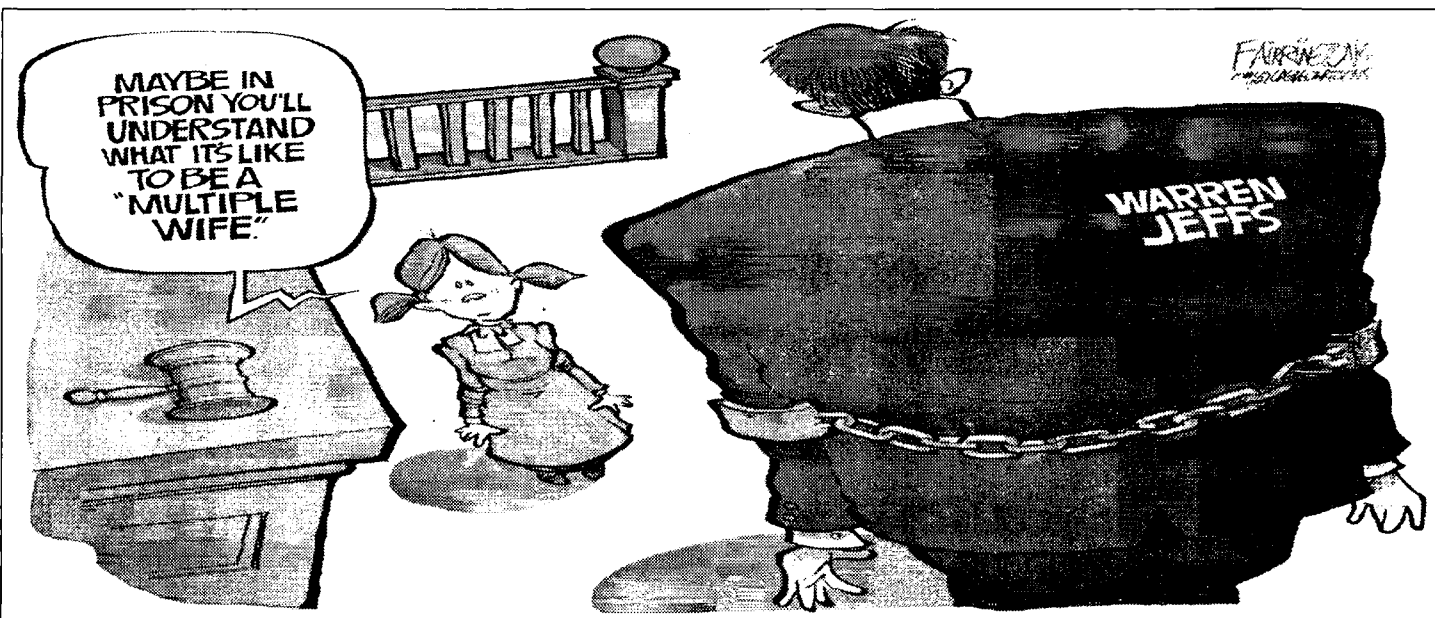
Live Earth is bound to die the same slow death. We're still likely to see political change towards the environment, but it won't be traced back to the impact of the concert. Change will happen when politicians realize the current system is unsustainable because the facts of global warming are undeniable.

The pro-environment side will win because it has the most compelling argument with the most compelling information, not because Kanye West and Kelly Clarkson happen to agree.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Reality is not always
probable or likely."

Jorge Luis Borges
Argentine writer

Saints show how to look beyond ourselves

Amid the local and global interest in the beatification last week of Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C., I enjoyed periodic moments that shook me out of my comfort zone and reminded me that not everyone lived on the "all Moreau, all the time" track that many of us here on campus felt part of for a while.

Kate Barrett

FaithPoint

As my early-morning running partner and I made our way along one of our routes around campus, she asked me, "Who's the guy on all the blue signs?" I found myself trying to explain the story of Blessed Basil to her, a devout non-Catholic Christian, in a way that also made sense out of our church's unique tradition of naming people saints.

Kenneth Woodward wrote in his highly acclaimed "Making Saints: How the Church Decides Who Becomes a Saint, Who Doesn't and Why" that "A saint is always someone through whom we catch a glimpse of what God is like — and of what we are called to be. Only God 'makes' saints, of course. The church merely identifies from time to time a few of these for emulation. The church then tells the story."

We've had a chance to look back and celebrate now for a while, to "catch a glimpse of what God is like" through Basil Moreau, to remember how Moreau fit into the French church and politics of his time, and how clearly the Congregation of Holy Cross, which he founded, has been in the very fabric of Notre Dame ever since he sent Father Sorin and his young helpers on their missionary journey.

So, where do we go from here? Surely we would do an injustice to Blessed Basil, and to our very understanding of holiness, if we let all this fuss drop into mere memory until a final miracle boosts him up over the threshold into official sainthood. It seems to me our next step ought to at least include asking ourselves the question, "How can Moreau's example of holiness help us open our hearts to God's love and our lives to God's activity here on earth?"

Ironically, perhaps, we are surrounded as students, faculty and staff with the temptation to believe that it's all about us: that through our hard work, our strength of character, our devotion, our generosity, we somehow create our holiness through our own efforts. After all, it works in the rest of

our lives, right? We're here, right? As top students, scholars, teachers, administrators, we somehow "made it" to Notre Dame. Why shouldn't God recognize our efforts in the same way, right? Wrong.

And what a relief it is, actually, to be wrong. Saints offer us examples of people who, through whatever the circumstances of their lives, appreciate and cooperate with God's faithful love. We certainly must work at being holy, but even our ability to do so is God's gift. The church recognizes saints as folks particularly adept at knowing that it's not all about them, but about God's love showing forth in their actions and lives. This quotation from Moreau himself seems perfect for bumping us out of our illusions that we should get all the credit or the glory for our successes: "If God has given me a mind, it is so that I may know him. If he has given me a heart free to love, it is so that I may attach myself to him ... If I am all that I am, it is only for him, and I must strive unceasingly towards him as my center."

Maybe Moreau was inspired by the example of St. Vincent de Paul, whose feast day we celebrate today. Vincent lived in France also, about 220 years

before Basil. He organized the wealthy of Paris to serve the poor, and worked zealously to ensure that clergy were well-educated and trained. He established charitable societies in every parish to serve the needs of the poor and sick at the local level, which today are known as Societies of St. Vincent de Paul.

How will we, inspired by the example of Blessed Basil Moreau, change our world? This Sunday's gospel will tell the story of the rich man and Lazarus, who lay at the rich man's gate, starving and covered with sores, while the rich man either didn't notice or chose to ignore him. We are undeniably overflowing with abundance, as was the rich man. We have caught a glimpse of what God is like. We must not fail to respond in love, as Basil did, with lives of whole-hearted attention, gratitude, and service.

This week's FaithPoint is written by Kate Barrett, director of resources and special projects in Campus Ministry. She can be reached at kbarrett@nd.edu

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Irish language hardly dead

As a student of the Irish language, I was quite disturbed after reading Puja Parikh's article: "Expert: Irish Language On Verge of Extinction" on Monday. I was not disturbed, however, by the apparent impending death of the Irish language, but rather by Parikh's grossly inaccurate summary of Professor Ó Tuathaigh's illuminating lecture. It seems as though Parikh completely missed the point of the lecture, which was not intended to be a dirge for the language, but rather an examination of its past, its present, and its future.

Additionally, Parikh took many of Ó Tuathaigh's comments out of context in a manner which skewed their place in the overall lecture. The outlook for the language is not nearly as bleak as Parikh made it seem. True, the language has experienced a decline, due in large part to the Anglicization of the country. But government efforts, Gaelscoileanna (Irish-language schools) and Irish-language media such as TG4 and Raidió na Gaeltachta have combined to preserve the Irish language.

I also take great issue with the statement given by Rachel Witty at the end of the article: "It seems very hard for the Irish to find

a proper balance between preserving their culture and adapting to a modern way of life." Witty's comment implies that Irish is not a modern language, which is an erroneous conclusion given the content of Ó Tuathaigh's lecture. It was stressed in the lecture, for example, that a degree in computer technology can be completed almost entirely in Irish with moderate ease. Indeed, the Irish language is used in many technological and medical fields of study in Ireland. To suggest the language is archaic and has no place in modern Ireland is not only incorrect, but also extremely offensive to the many educated Irish speakers in the country who use the language in their field.

I would like to emphasize to readers of Parikh's article that, in my opinion, Ó Tuathaigh's wonderful lecture was seriously misinterpreted. The Irish language may indeed be experiencing a decline, but the outlook of its future is not hopeless, as Parikh suggests.

Kelsey Robertson
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Regina Hall
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Council ignores serious city issues

I've lived in South Bend since I was six years old, and I feel much safer here at Notre Dame than I do when I am in any other part of South Bend.

During my senior year of high school, a 17-year-old girl stabbed another girl to death because the two liked the same boy. My parents' house is in a fairly affluent neighborhood, but I've witnessed multiple drug busts going on down the street. My high school friends joke about wearing bullet-proof vests to school because guns are such a common occurrence. Thousands of animals are euthanized here every year because people don't care about their pets. People get murdered all the time.

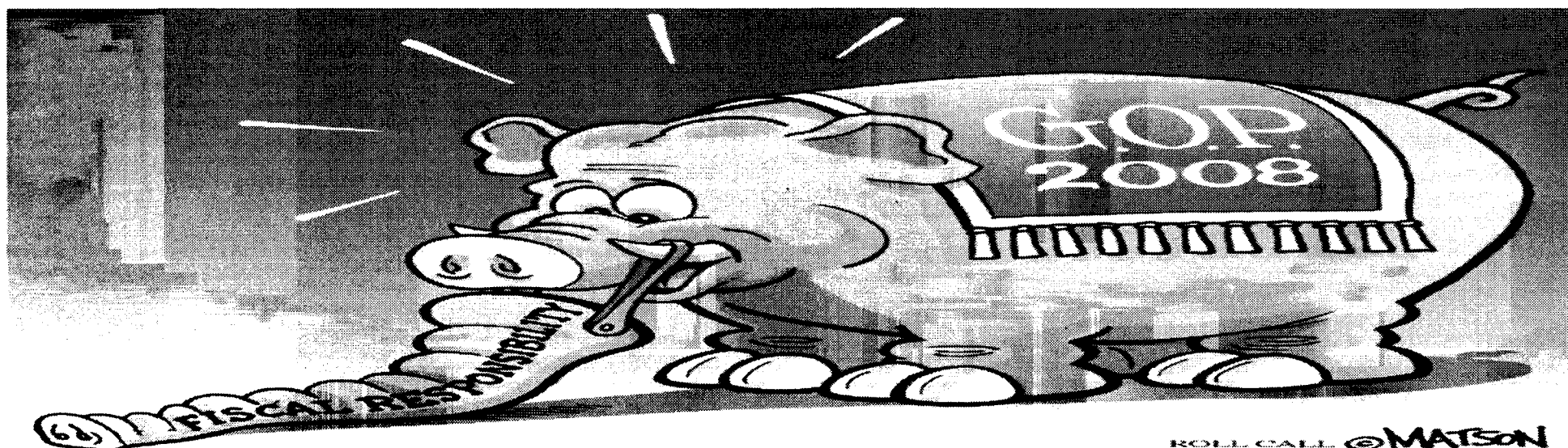
And while all of this is going on, people are debating and rewriting an ordinance designed to combat the "real problem" of life in South

Bend: Student parties.

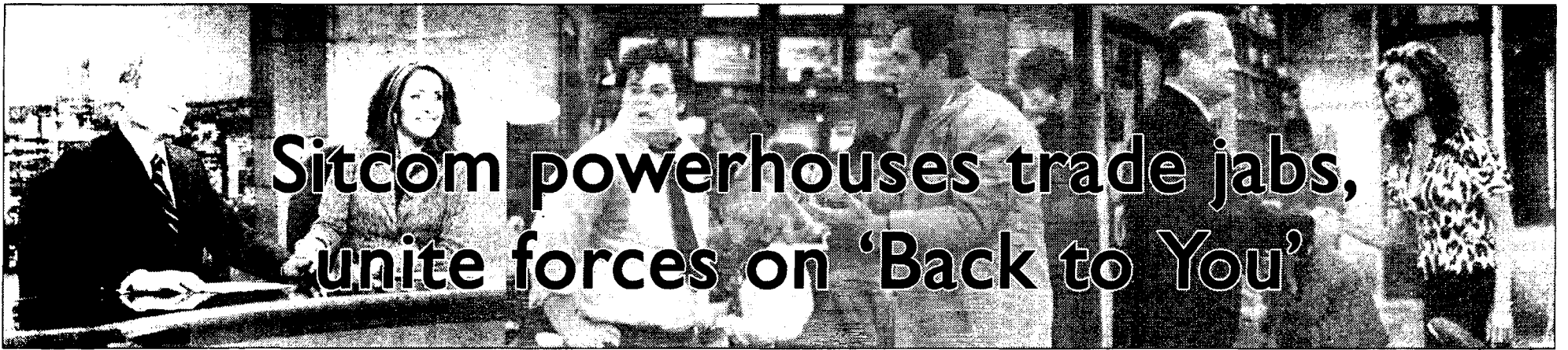
I implore the Common Council to get some perspective and consider what they could accomplish if they stopped wasting time trying to curtail student partying and instead focused on the more serious problems plaguing South Bend. If the raucous parties of college students are the worst things that the South Bend Police Department has to deal with, then I'd say we live in a pretty good town. Unfortunately, teen partying is the least of South Bend's problems, and if the police are busy trying to break up student parties, there will be even less manpower to deal with the "actual" bad things that go on in South Bend.

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Lewis Hall
Sept. 25

EDITORIAL CARTOON



"IT STILL FITS!"



OBSERVER GRAPHIC | Matt Hudson

Sitcom powerhouses trade jabs, unite forces on 'Back to You'

By CHRIS HINE
Scene Writer

When two sitcom superstars — Patricia Heaton ("Everybody Loves Raymond") and Kelsey Grammer ("Cheers," "Frasier") — star in a new sitcom, expectations are high. Unfortunately, the writing and supporting cast of "Back to You" (Wednesdays, 8 p.m., FOX) fails to rise to the talent level of its two stars.

Grammer plays Chuck Darling, a womanizing anchorman whose career began in Pittsburgh and led him to Los Angeles, where he was fired after an on-air outburst of his became a hit on YouTube. Darling

returns to Pittsburgh and reunites with the feisty Kelly Carr (Heaton), his former co-host, to anchor the evening news at WURG 9.

Ryan Church (Josh Gad), a stressed, overweight and profusely sweaty young man runs the newsroom filled with stereotypical, one-dimensional characters. There's the office vixen, weathergirl Montana Diaz Herrera (Ayda Field), the pitiable loser, Gary Crezyzewski (Ty Burrell) and the crazy sports guy, Marsh McGinley (the always hysterical Fred Willard of "Anchorman" and "Best In Show"). Aside from Willard, the supporting cast adds absolutely nothing to the bland and trite material the writers give it.

But "Back to You" finds its heart in five-time Emmy winner Grammer and two-time Emmy winner Heaton. The pair have undeniable chemistry. The funniest and best parts of the show's first two episodes were the times Grammer and Heaton were on camera alone together, infusing their own comedic styles into their characters' prickly interaction.

But there's more to "Back to You" than just newsroom comedy.

Darling's return has more in store for him than

he thinks. Before he left, Darling and Carr had a drunken one-night stand. Nine months later, Carr had Darling's child and tried to phone Darling to tell him the news, but he refused to answer her call. The pilot episode takes a turn to the dramatic when Darling finds out that Carr's child is actually his, but Carr refuses to let Darling have a place in her daughter's life.

Right now, "Back to You" is rigged with problems. It devotes too much time trying to make the newsroom funny and not enough time dealing with the urgent problem that exists between Carr and Darling. Maybe it should focus on the latter issue.

Grammer, playing a character far-removed from Frasier Crane, still manages to make the most predictable farce funny with his facial reactions and tone of voice. Heaton played the unappreciated Debra to perfection on "Raymond," and here she plays the independent Carr with the same voracity and energy. Even in the heavy storyline involving Carr and Darling's daughter, Heaton and Grammer bring laughs.

"Back to You" is nowhere near the quality of "Frasier," "Raymond" or other newsroom comedies such as "The Mary Tyler Moore Show." Christopher Lloyd and Steven Levitan, the co-creators of "Back to You," who worked with Grammer on "Frasier," forgot one of the main lessons of "Moore," "Frasier," and "Raymond" — it takes fully-

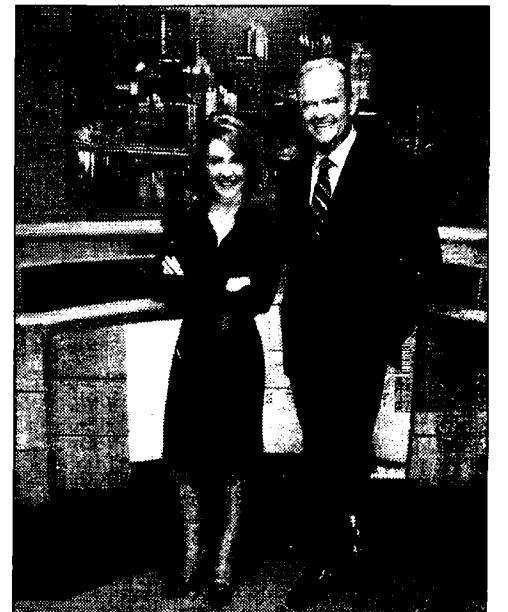


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Patricia Heaton, left, and Kelsey Grammer portray reunited news anchors.

developed, well-cast supporting characters and well-written scripts to make a great show. "Back to You" has none of these elements, but Grammer and Heaton make it watchable.

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Back to You
FOX

Airing: Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Starring: Kelsey Grammer, Patricia Heaton, Fred Willard, Ty Burrell



Devendra Banhart Artist sings revolution in 'freak-folk' album

By JAMES COSTA
Assistant Scene Editor

In 1785, Devendra Banhart would have been leading a Southern Tent Revival meeting by singing sacred music to his congregation. Obviously, the old congregations are gone and the world has changed. Yet Banhart's "Smokey Rolls Down Thunder Canyon" takes us back for a moment to an age still alive in musical traditions, but changed. In the sways of Banhart's music emerges a modern day William Billings, ready to lead our voices back to pitch.

Here's a quick history of William Billings. He lived for 53 years, with his

most creative period right around the time of the American Revolution. The man was quite ugly, crippled and a tanner of leather by trade. Somehow, he got the job as a "singing-school teacher." In the 18th century there were singing-school teachers who lived in the city and traveled to farms to teach people how to sing hymns. People didn't have recordings, so the teachers were necessary. Without them most of the congregations would end up sounding lousy in church on Sunday mornings.

Banhart is like Billings in musical output and style. Billings wrote approximately 120 hymns in a rather short period of time. Banhart is often criticized for being too prolific and putting out albums with far more than the typical 10 or 11 songs. Also, Billings is credited with being one of the first American composers to make an American sound of music. Banhart, like

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Billings is seen most clearly in songs such as Banhart's "Saved," when the other singers calibrate their voices around his. He utilizes the singing method of "lining out" that dates to Billings' time and was very likely used by Billings in his own instruction of rural congregations. Back in Billings' day the idea of lining out and calibrating to the main voice was used to get in tune for performing songs in genres such as the sacred harp song style. Now it's just nice to listen to in Banhart's "Smokey."

In the 18th and 19th centuries, people mainly sang about spiritual topics. Banhart is inclined toward spiritual topics as well, but because it's 2007 and because he is Devendra Banhart, these topics are not as easily identifiable as standard tunes like "Wonder's Love" and "Jacob's Ladder." They are identifiable, however, in the album's jumping "Shabop Shalom." Here, the listener is treated to a thoroughly modernized and radicalized tune with its own complexities building off the original spir-

itual tradition.

One of the underlying themes of Banhart's record is an awareness and reaction to the current American military upheaval — the national opinion of the war in Iraq. Billings shares the same type of awareness in his own work, especially in a song called "Chester." It was sort of like a pop song about the American Revolution. Throughout "Smokey" in both the Spanish tracks and the English tracks, is recognition of divided national opinion towards the government and the war. It takes a few listens to catch hold of the sheer scope of each song, but its well worth the work.

Banhart's choice of genre and subject seem to be a natural progression of young culture and music, especially folk and underground. The tradition that began with a common man like William

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Billings is fittingly being carried into today's turbulent world by Banhart, an extraordinary artist.

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Smokey Rolls Down Thunder Canyon

Devendra Banhart

Released by: Beggars XI Recording

Recommended Tracks: Sea Horse, Saved, My Dearest Friend





OBSERVER GRAPHIC | Matt Hudson

POINT: CRANK THAT SOULJA BOY

To crank or not to crank, that is the question.

Across campus, students have been practicing their steps, and freshmen have been teaching their RAs the dance known only as "Crank That (Soulja Boy)," the latest club craze to sweep the nation, propelling Soulja Boy and his eponymous song to No. 1 on the Billboard Top 100 in mid-September.

Every so often, a signature dance move comes along that defines an era. It all started back in the days of the Electric Slide and continues to manifest itself with songs such as Fat Joe's "Lean Back" a few years ago and more recently, "Lean Wit It Rock Wit It" by Dem Franchise Boyz. And of course, how could we forget last year's smash single "We Fly High" by Jim Jones. The song invited us to join in ubiquitous cries of "Ballin'!" accompanied by a wrist-flicking motion mimicking a basketball jump shot.

Contemporary hip-hop music invites us to engage in lots of shoulder dipping, timed finger snapping and synchronized stepping. We've had people telling us to jump on it (Sugarhill Gang), jump around (House of Pain), pop, lock and drop it (Huey) and gyrate and contort our bodies into unimaginable shapes and positions.

The Soulja Boy encompasses all of this and more. "Crank That" combines a little bit of everything, including the Yung Joc "It's Going Down" "rev the motorcy-

cle" wrist motion combined with a side-to-side hopping motion like that of a boxing kangaroo. For a better and more complete understanding of the Soulja Boy, be sure to check out the instructional video, available on YouTube in which Soulja Boy himself walks any would-be cranker through the various steps of his signature dance.

So as you find yourself panicking at Club Fever or at your next SYR, eschew the bump 'n grind in lieu of the latest dance. Instead of awkwardly stepping on toes and sweating all over your prospective partner, do what feels natural and crank that Soulja Boy.

My esteemed, if misguided colleague Marcela Berrios advocates in the column opposite mine that we all should do the Cupid Shuffle in lieu of the Soulja Boy. I feel bad for her.

The Stupid Cupid is a no-talent travesty of a dance, which requires neither timing nor coordination, and will earn any prospective dancer exactly zero points in street credibility (and exactly zero phone numbers at the end of the night).

The people have spoken. The vox populi has made its presence known, and its song is the Soulja Boy. So as soon as the Caribbean-style drum strains and hard slamming beats of Soulja Boy kick in, you'll know what to do.

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Scene Editor

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COUNTERPOINT: CAN THAT SOULJA BOY

"Crank That (Soulja Boy)" was the number one song in America last week.

And people wonder what's wrong with the music industry today.

At Notre Dame house parties, kids lose all control when the song comes on. Their frenzied attempts to reproduce the Soulja Boy dance only confirm the fear that music listeners — like moviegoers, TV watchers and magazine readers — favor the absurd over anything that may have some substance.

"Laffy Taffy." Point made.

In the meantime, more promising artists — such as Cupid — are relegated. His dance single, "The Cupid Shuffle" — released in February — peaked at No. 66 on the Billboard charts, despite being a refreshingly playful track that blends traditional hip-hop and R&B with a flavor of country.

"They say I'm a rapper and I say no," Cupid says in the song's first verse, in case the listener failed to notice his crossbred style.

And with that, he takes the listener to the chorus — a set of four easy instructions that have people line-dancing to a song that is charming both in the simplicity of its steps and the richness of its musical influences.

To do the Cupid Shuffle, you go to the right, then go to the left. Now kick. Now walk it by yourself. It's as easy as one, two, three or simple as do-re-mi.

But Tae Andrews will have you believe Soulja Boy's more challenging dance routine is superior to Cupid's four-step chorus, and that the popularity of "Crank That" across the country attests to this. A smart consumer, however, knows that though Britney Spears

gets more coverage, Christina Aguilera is the brighter star.

In a similar fashion, "Crank That" may enjoy more airplay than "The Cupid Shuffle" did in its time. That still doesn't mean Cupid's gospel-like vocals won't dwarf Soulja Boy's crude and insipid debut single any day of the week.

But one should be forgiving toward the latter. He is, after all, a 17-year-old who thinks he's a thug because he strikes a Superman-in-midair pose while singing about what he plans to do to his critics' girlfriends.

Children say the darndest things.

So the next time "Soulja Boy" comes on at Club Fever, it may draw to the dance floor people eager to crank it like this schoolboy. That's fine. "Crank That" is catchy. The lyrics are so absurd they become irresistible. Those who initially resist it will likely give in eventually.

It grows on you, like fungus.

But let it be known that if what you seek is a song accompanied by an official choreography and an instructional video on YouTube, there are better choices out there than Soulja Boy.

There are choices that let you keep some of your dignity on the dance floor.

Seriously, that part in "Crank That" where you have to take three jumps to the side will make you look exactly like Ed (from "The Lion King") when he was trying to point out to the other hyenas that Simba and Nala were getting away at the elephant graveyard.

And no, Soulja Boy and Tae, I am not being a hater by saying that.

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'The Office' premieres fourth season, opens new chapter

By CASSIE BELEK
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Last season, "The Office" left us with a whopping three cliffhangers. First, Jim leaves Karen in New York City to ask Pam out on a date. Second, Michael tells a breast-enhanced and recently-fired Jan that she can move into his condo. And third, Ryan gets the branch-supervising job at corporate and dumps Kelly on the spot.

What a way to start a new season.

Season four of "The Office" premieres tonight on NBC at 9 p.m. with "Fun Run," the first of four hour-long episodes to start the season.

"Fun Run" wraps up some of last season's loose ends and answers a few of our burning questions.

Tonight's episode follows the Dunder Mifflin employees after a freak accident in the office prompts Michael to organize a charity "fun run."

But even before tonight's episode, fans

can go to NBC.com for brief clips of what "The Office" characters did this summer. Jim left Karen crying next to a fountain in New York, Pam finally let her hair down and is now 30 percent more unpredictable, Ryan forgot his entire life in Scranton but thinks he dated a black girl, Angela went to the Pocono's with a gentleman friend, and Jan moved in and made Michael watch "Y Tu Mamá También."

"The Office" steers each new season in a particular direction while staying on the cutting edge of comedy. In its first season, the show was just trying to find its legs. "The Office" broke out in its second season and found its comedic direction that was separate from the BBC original. Season three remained excellent and successfully took a huge risk focusing on two different branches.

Season four will focus not only on further developments in the relationships between Jim and Pam and Dwight and Angela, but also on the professional struggles of Dunder Mifflin Scranton as new corporate boss Ryan tries to take the company into the 21st century and into the online age. Ryan unveils his digital



Photo courtesy of sparklies.org

The cast of "The Office" poses in between filming for the fourth season's premiere, "Fun Run." The episode airs tonight at 9 p.m. on NBC.

dreams in the season's second episode "Dunder Mifflin Infinity."

To coincide with the show's launch of Dunder Mifflin Infinity, NBC.com is creating its own interactive Dunder Mifflin Infinity in which fans can join online branches, complete tasks and earn prizes and Schrute Bucks. "The Office" is taking its interaction with fans to a level rarely reached on tele-

vision.

However, for now, the focus is on tonight's revelations. Enjoy the payoff, but first, here's a couple spoilers: Jim takes off his shirt, and Andy takes measures to protect his nipples. Now wait just a few more hours. It's almost here.

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MLB

Bonds likely plays last game in Giants uniform

Slugger misses 10 games due to injured toe; the 43-year-old home run king is still unsure of playing next season

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds stepped in for what probably were his final rounds of batting practice in a Giants uniform Wednesday, cameras clicking at his every move.

Some of the San Diego Padres even came out early to catch a glimpse — with manager Bud Black, a former teammate of the San Francisco slugger, perched on the front of the dugout rail.

Bonds discussed hitting with teammate Dave Roberts outside the cage between rounds, and hollered to greet Black, too.

After missing 10 games because of a sprained big right

toe that is worse than initially thought, Bonds was in the starting lineup and batting in his regular cleanup spot Wednesday.

But he isn't scheduled to play this weekend in Los Angeles.

"This will be the only game I play in, yes," Bonds said.

So, this was it. The end of a history-making era for the 43-year-old home run king, seven-time NL MVP and 14-time All-Star — in the very city where he used to bounce around the clubhouse as his late father, Bobby, and godfather, Hall of Famer Willie Mays, got ready for games.

Manager Bruce Bochy took notice when he wrote Bonds into the lineup for the last time, a special piece of paper set to go into safe keeping in the Giants' archives. Bochy knows Bonds might not ever play again, too, despite the slugger insisting he wants to suit up next year somewhere.

"When you write his name into the lineup for the final time, you realize what you're doing," Bochy said. "I know it's a possibility (he's done). Talking to him, he wants to play some more. He might change his mind and we could be seeing this tremendous tal-

ent play for the last time."

About a dozen fans waited outside the player parking lot for a final chance at the slugger's autograph. Inside the ballpark, a large logo reading "BONDS 25" was painted on the field in black over Bonds' left field spot.

A series of video clips were scheduled to be shown during the game as a tribute to No. 25. Bonds was told last Thursday by owner Peter Magowan, who also watched closely as Bonds took his cuts, he would not be re-signed for a 16th season with the Giants.

"I think there's a lot of sadness," executive vice president Larry Baer said Wednesday.

"When you step back from the

sadness, you challenge yourself to think of any other run — 15 years in one city. ... It's a very simple two words, but thank you. The 15 years run deep for all of us. He's had a lot of fun, we've had a lot of fun. He's had success. We've

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Larry Baer
executive vice president
San Francisco Giants

had success."

On Tuesday night, fans called for Bonds with their familiar chant of "Barry! Barry!" He never was available to pinch hit because of the tender toe, and Bonds had an MRI exam on it Wednesday.

The toe is not broken.

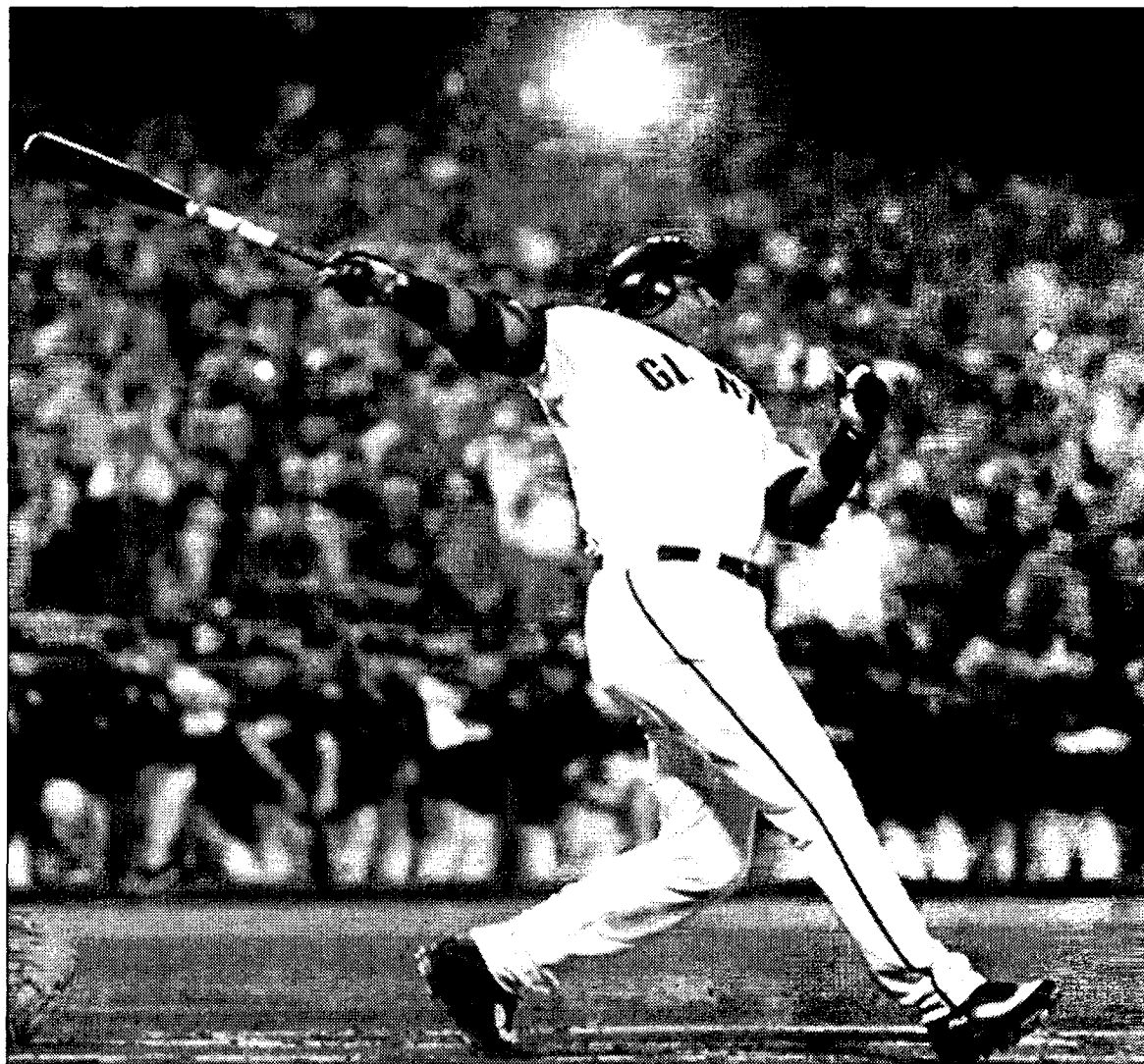
"It's still swollen. I'm serious. It's still sore," Bonds said in a brief back-and-forth with the media at his locker. "It is not broken. That's good."

... No more interviews. This turned into an interview, God forbid."

Bonds was visited by Baer in the clubhouse and the slugger

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Bruce Bochy
Giants manager



Giants outfielder Barry Bonds swings at a pitch thrown by Padres starting pitcher Jake Peavy in the first inning of Wednesday's game.

also shook hands with fans near the San Francisco dugout before he hit.

Bochy said his star player might only get one at-bat, and probably no more than three — all depending on his toe.

Bonds broke Hank Aaron's record with his 756th home run in this very ballpark on Aug. 7. And everyone

seemed to think it was nice this is where Bonds would play his final game for an organization he joined in 1993 after spending his first seven big

league seasons in Pittsburgh.

"I don't think he'd get cheered in L.A. when he came off the field in his last game,"

said teammate Rich Aurilia, who along with Bonds fell short against the wild-card Angels in the 2002 World Series. "I think it's fitting. I'm sure the fans will send him off in a great way."

The large banners commemorating Bonds' home run record still hang from the light posts on either side of the main center-field scoreboard.

Baer said even if Bonds plays

next season in the American League, the club might consider signing him briefly so he could retire as a Giant.

Mays had to leave the Giants late in his career before retiring with the New York Mets. The Say Hey Kid was in the clubhouse for Bonds' farewell in the water-front ball-

park where he helped bring in 3 million fans in all eight years of its existence.

"Whenever the retirement is, we'll talk and see what he wants to do," Baer said.

"I'm sure his fans will send him off in a great way."

Rich Aurilia
Giants shortstop

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	team	record	previous
1	Nebraska	10-0	1
2	Stanford	12-0	2
3	Penn State	10-2	3
4	USC	12-0	4
5	UCLA	12-1	5
6	Florida	11-0	6
7	Texas	6-3	7
8	Washington	13-0	8
9	Wisconsin	10-1	9
10	California	10-2	11
11	Michigan	13-1	10
12	Minnesota	9-3	12
13	Hawaii	10-3	13
14	Duke	8-3	14
15	San Diego	9-4	15
16	Dayton	15-0	18
17	Ohio	10-3	19
18	Kansas State	11-3	16
19	St. John's	17-2	21
20	Cal Poly	8-6	20
21	Oregon	12-2	24
22	LSU	11-2	22
23	BYU	8-4	17
24	New Mexico State	11-3	25
25	Oklahoma	11-2	NR

NCAA Men's Soccer Coaches Poll

	team	record	previous
1	Wake Forest	6-0-0	1
2	NOTRE DAME	5-1-1	4
3	Northwestern	6-0-1	6
4	Virginia	5-1-1	3
5	UConn	7-1-0	2
6	Santa Clara	5-1-2	8
7	Duke	5-2-0	12
8	West Virginia	5-2-0	5
9	SMU	4-2-1	11
10	Michigan	7-0-1	14
11	Harvard	6-1-1	9
12	Virginia Tech	5-1-1	15
13	Creighton	3-1-2	7
14	Brown	6-0-1	21
15	Saint Louis	3-1-2	18
16	USF	6-1-2	17
17	UCLA	3-3-1	13
18	Maryland	3-3-1	16
19	Indiana	3-3-1	10
20	UCSB	3-2-2	20
21	Boston College	5-1-0	NR
22	California	4-2-1	24
23	Tulsa	5-2-0	NR
24	Washington	5-2-1	22
25	Furman	7-1-0	23

MIAA Women's Soccer Standings

team	league	overall
Albion	1-0-1	7-1-2
SAINT MARY'S	1-0-1	5-1-3
Calvin	1-0-0	4-3-1
Hope	1-0-0	5-5-0
Alma	1-1-0	6-3-1
Kalamazoo	1-1-0	5-3-1
Adrian	0-1-0	3-6-1
Tri-State	0-1-0	0-7-2
Olivet	0-2-0	5-4-1

NFL



Billy Martin, Michael Vick's attorney, talks to reporters Wednesday after learning Vick tested positive for marijuana in September. Vick will be sentenced Dec. 10 and faces up to five years in prison for dogfighting charges.

Judge issues tighter restrictions for Vick

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — A federal judge placed tighter restrictions on Michael Vick on Wednesday after the Atlanta Falcons quarterback tested positive for marijuana.

Because of the result, U.S. District Judge Henry Hudson placed special conditions on Vick's release, including restricting him to his home between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. with electronic monitoring and ordering him to submit to random drug testing.

The urine sample was submitted Sept. 13, according to a document

by a federal probation officer that was filed in U.S. District Court on Wednesday.

Vick, who has admitted bankrolling a dogfighting operation on property he owns in Surry County in his written federal plea, is scheduled for sentencing Dec. 10. He faces up to five years in prison.

Because Vick violated the conditions of his release, Hudson could take that into consideration during sentencing, said Linda Malone, a criminal procedure expert and Marshall-Wythe Foundation professor of law at the College of William and Mary.

"Every judge considers

pretty seriously if they feel that the defendant has flaunted the conditions for release," Malone said.

"It's certainly not a smart thing to do."

On Tuesday, Vick also was indicted on state charges of beating or killing or causing dogs to fight other dogs and engaging in or promoting dogfighting. Each felony is punishable by up to five years in prison.

The 27-year-old former Virginia Tech star was placed under pretrial release supervision by U.S. Magistrate Dennis Dohnal in July. The restrictions included refraining from use or unlawful possession of narcotic drugs or other

controlled substances.

The random drug testing ordered Wednesday could include urine testing, the wearing of a sweat patch, a remote alcohol testing system or any form of prohibited substance screening or testing.

Hudson's order also requires Vick to participate in inpatient or outpatient substance therapy and mental health counseling, if the pretrial services officer or supervising officer deem it appropriate. Vick must pay for the treatment.

Vick's attorney, Billy Martin, also represents Idaho Sen. Larry Craig, who pleaded guilty in an airport sex sting.

IN BRIEF

Record-breaking HR ball to be branded with asterisk

NEW YORK — The ball Barry Bonds hit for his record-breaking 756th home run will be branded with an asterisk and sent to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Fashion designer Marc Ecko, who bought the ball in an online auction, set up a Web site for fans to vote on the ball's fate, and Wednesday announced the decision to brand it won out over the other options — sending it to Cooperstown unblemished or launching it into space.

Ecko said he believed the vote to brand the ball showed people thought "this was shrouded in a chapter of baseball history that wasn't necessarily the clearest it could be."

Ecko, whom Bonds called "an idiot" last week, had the winning bid Sept. 15 in the online auction for the ball that Bonds hit Aug. 7 to break Hank Aaron's record of 755 home runs.

Rex Grossman benched in favor of Griese

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Brian Griese is in. Rex Grossman is out.

Yet, despite numbers indicating the Chicago Bears needed to make a change with their starting quarterback, when it finally happened the news jarred Grossman.

He used words like "surprised" and "frustration" to describe his feelings when he learned Griese would be calling signals Sunday at Detroit.

"The frustrating part is I know this offense is close to getting in a rhythm and clicking, and I just wish I could have been the one pulling the trigger," Grossman said Wednesday afternoon, hours after the Bears announced the change.

At 1-2 and with the league's 30th-ranked offense, the defending NFC champions need to do something different. So they turned to Griese, a Pro Bowl pick with Denver in 2000.

Struggling Cubs drop another to last place Marlins

MIAMI — Panic, Cubs fans. The Cubs' grip on the NL Central lead became shaky Wednesday night, when they were shut out over the final 5.2 innings and lost for the second night in a row to the last-place Florida Marlins, 7-4.

Chicago began the night with a two-game lead over second-place Milwaukee, which played St. Louis. The Cubs' magic number for clinching the division remained at four with four games left in the regular season.

A two-out RBI single in the fifth inning by backup catcher Matt Treanor put the Marlins ahead to stay. Miguel Cabrera added a two-run homer, his 34th.

In the wake of the Cubs' loss Tuesday, players patiently endured a fresh round of questions about the franchise's history of collapses.

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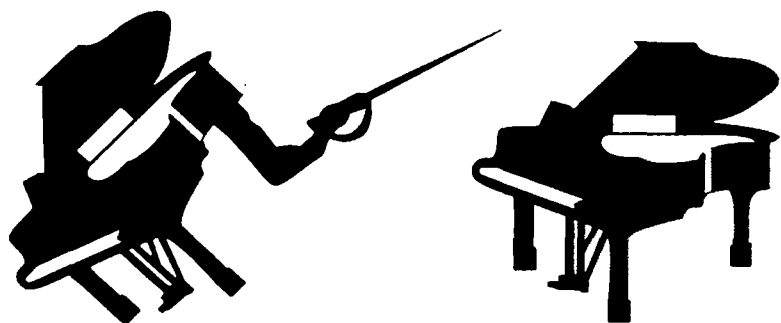
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WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Coach plans new goalie strategy for semifinals

Scurry will start in U.S. match against Brazil, replacing Solo, who hasn't allowed a goal in almost 300 minutes of play



AP
U.S. women's soccer goalkeepers Briana Scurry, left, and Hope Solo practice grabbing shots during a training session Wednesday.

Associated Press

HANGZHOU — Greg Ryan will be seen as a savvy strategist if it works.

If it fails, he'll be blamed for benching goalkeeper Hope Solo — she hasn't yielded a goal in almost 300 minutes in the women's World Cup — and switching 24 hours before the match to veteran Briana Scurry for Thursday's semifinal against Brazil.

The U.S. coach surprised almost everyone on Wednesday, going with the 36-year-old Scurry because her quick reflexes could frustrate the tricky, fast-paced Brazilians led by strikers Marta and Cristiane.

Ryan shrugged off any criticism.

"That's not important to me at all," he said. "From Day 1 I've just tried to make deci-

sions that will help us win the next game."

Unbeaten in 51 straight games, the No. 1-ranked United States is seeking its third World Cup title, but Brazil figures to be its toughest test. A victory puts the U.S. squad into Sunday's final against defending champion Germany in Shanghai. Germany reached the final on Wednesday in Tianjin, overwhelming Norway 3-0. Germany defeated the Americans 3-0 in the World Cup semifinals four years ago.

Solo, 25, has been excellent defending crosses and high balls, but Ryan wants Scurry for her scrambling.

"The way the Brazilians play in terms of creating off the dribble in the penalty box and making a goalkeeper make reaction-type saves, I think Bri is the best goalkeeper in the world in those situations," Ryan said.

The move split opinions.

Scurry is a longtime star. Her decisive penalty-kick save against China in the '99 final in the Rose Bowl captivated the nation. But this switch could be disruptive to a young, close-knit group. The game is expected to be tight, although the United States has lost only once to Brazil in 22 games.

Ryan broke the news to Solo on Tuesday, but she sensed what was coming.

"The moment I got tapped on the shoulder saying I need to meet with you, I had a pit in my stomach and I knew what it was," said Solo, who's given up only two goals in four games — both against North Korea in a 2-2 opening draw.

"I was very taken back, but that's the nature of sports and it happens," Solo said. "He has his reasons."

Ryan said he talked with Scurry several months ago about playing in the World Cup if Brazil were the opponent.

"She (Solo) knew there were certain types of games that I felt like Bri would be the keeper," Ryan said.

Asked if Solo would return in the final if the United States defeats Brazil, Ryan replied: "I don't know."

Scurry acknowledged the move caught many off-guard.

"I think some people might find it to be unusual, but I'm getting my opportunity now and I'm not really concerned about what has happened in

the past."

Scurry caught Ryan's eye in practice.

"I have been playing incredibly well," she said. "I kept myself in shape, kept myself on my toes and sharp. So he just decided it was going to be me."

Former U.S. captain Julie Foudy, a soccer analyst on ESPN, was skeptical of the change after hearing Ryan explain it.

"I think Bri will be fine, and the move will be fine," Foudy said. "But I just think it becomes a distraction when you're too focused on that rather than the game. To me it's a sign of worrying too much about the opponent."

She couldn't recall a similar move in a high-profile tournament — men or women.

"I just think sometimes you can overthink things," she said. "Maybe that was the case, but if he pulls it off maybe it's hailed as a great move."

"I think Bri is fine. But it's more the team chemistry issue and how Hope rebounds if you want her, and the fact that Bri hasn't been playing that much."

Ryan was asked if benching Solo, who has played 52 times internationally for the United States, would hurt her long-term confidence.

"That's not our concern," Ryan said. "We came here trying to win a world championship; put the players on the field that we thought could win each game."

Scurry has played 163 times for the United States, but has been the No. 2 recently, and she hasn't played a full game in three months.

She's been in goal in the last two games against Brazil: a 2-0 victory in June in New York, and the 2004 Olympic final, which the Americans won 2-1 in extra time. It was Scurry's goalkeeping that allowed the U.S. team, outplayed in the game, to take the gold.

"She'll be ready, wait and see," Ryan said.

In Ryan's 3-0 victory, an own-goal by Trine Ronning just before halftime set Germany on its way, and it dominated the second half with goals from Kerstin Stegemann and Martina Mueller. Germany has not been scored on in 529 minutes, dating back to the 2003 tournament. That broke the record of 442 minutes in 1999 and 2003.

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Thomas testifies in harassment trial

Coach denies making degrading remarks about MSG coworker

Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York Knicks coach Isiah Thomas testified Wednesday that he never cursed at a fired team executive who has accused him of sexual harassment.

In his second day on the witness stand at a trial in federal court in Manhattan, Thomas denied allegations in a \$10 million lawsuit that he repeatedly addressed the plaintiff, Anucha Browne Sanders, as "bitch" and "ho" while they worked together at Madison Square Garden.

Degrading a woman that way "is never OK," he told the jury of five women and three men. "It is never appropriate."

Thomas added, "I've never cursed at Anucha. I've cursed around Anucha."

He also calmly played down a videotaped deposition in which he suggested he would be more troubled hearing a white man calling a black woman a "bitch" than if a black man said the same thing.

"It's very offensive for any man — black, white, purple," he said under questioning by one of his lawyers.

Thomas, 46, also contradicted earlier testimony by Browne Sanders that during a conver-

sation about season ticket holders, he snapped: "Bitch, I don't give a (expletive) about these white people."

Season ticket holders "are the backbone of how we all make a living," he said.

The jury was sent home early Wednesday after Thomas concluded his testimony. Closing arguments at the trial, now in its third week, were set for Thursday.

In Browne Sanders' suit, the 44-year-old former Northwestern basketball star says she was dismissed in 2005 because she dared to accuse Thomas of routinely using vulgar language in his first year and of later making unwanted sexual advances toward her. She seeks reinstatement to a job as vice president of marketing, which paid as much as \$260,000 annually.

Thomas testified that in the two years he worked with Browne Sanders, their contact was infrequent — he estimated a total of three hours — and usually friendly and respectful. Sometimes they would greet each other with hugs and kisses on the cheek, but there nothing romantic about it, he said.

"She was a co-worker, and that's the way I treated her," he said.

Asked about an exchange with Browne Sanders following a Knicks game in 2005, Thomas smiled and asked, "Is that the 'No love' hug?"



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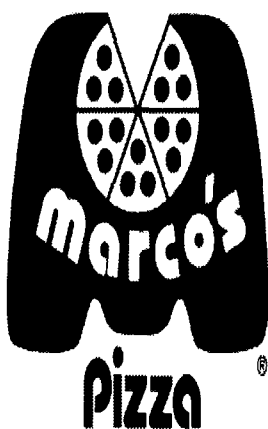
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NHL

Beloved Chicago hockey owner dies

Wirtz passes away at age 77 after 41 years as Blackhawks president

Associated Press

CHICAGO — William W. Wirtz was a philanthropist and family man who owned the Chicago Blackhawks through years of sweeping changes in the NHL and was chairman of the league's board of governors for nearly two decades.

Amassing a fortune in real estate, liquor distribution, banking and other enterprises, he was also a tough bargainer, given the nickname "Dollar Bill" for his tightfisted approach to contracts for big-name players.

Wirtz died Wednesday at age 77. The team's Web site said he lost a battle with cancer in Evanston.

Wirtz was remembered for both his contributions to the sport and charity and for his stubborn management style that included a refusal to televise the team's home games, infuriating fans, many of whom had stopped watching altogether the last several years.

Wirtz's family purchased the team in 1954 and he became team president in 1966, a position he held for 41 years.

Asked in a 2005 TV interview about his legacy, Wirtz said:

"I have been remembered very nicely in the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame and the National Hockey League Hall of Fame. So I don't need any more honors than them. The only way I want to be remembered is not by the public, but just by my family and friends. That I put more back on this earth than I took out. That's my reputation and I'm gonna stick with it."

Wirtz helped negotiate the merger of the NHL and the World Hockey Association in the late 1970's.

"Bill Wirtz was a giant presence in a giant city his beloved Chicago and an even greater presence in the National Hockey League," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said in a statement. "His 41 years as President of the Blackhawks and 18 years as Chairman of the Board leave an incomparable legacy of contributions to the game and to the League."

Together with Chicago Bulls owner Jerry Reinsdorf, Wirtz backed the construction of the United Center, which replaced the Chicago Stadium, the longtime home for Blackhawks.

When Chicago Stadium was knocked down by the wrecking ball, Wirtz came to the parking lot, stood, watched and wept because the building had been a part of his family for so long.

But the move across the street for the 1994-95 season has not been a transition of success for the once perennial playoff team — especially on the ice.

There has been constant shuffling in coaches and gen-

eral managers, but still the Blackhawks have not won a Stanley Cup championship since 1961 and have missed the playoffs eight times in the last nine seasons. Attendance last season was 12,700 in the 20,500-seat United Center.

"In spite of the last decade, he was upbeat, and positive, and caring, the same way he was when we were successful," general manager Dale Tallon said Wednesday. "He never changed, and that tells you what kind of a man he was. I loved him like a father."

At the United Center, the retired numbers of Bobby Hull, Stan Mikita, Tony Esposito, Glenn Hall and Denis Savard hang high above the ice.

One of the NHL's greatest scorers, Hull left in 1972 and went to Winnipeg of the WHA for a big contract when the Blackhawks would not meet his salary demands.

In recent years, Chicago lost such high-caliber players as Jeremy Roenick, Tony Amonte, Ed Belfour and Chris Chelios.

Many fans were livid by his refusal to televise home games and there were anti-Wirtz Web sites. Wirtz once said home games on TV weren't fair to fans who actually went to the games.

"He took a lot of heat here over the years. But people don't know him like I do. He's just a family guy, and he loves his players, and loves the people that work for him," said Savard, the Hall of Famer who is now the team's coach.

Wirtz often said his goal was for the team to win another Stanley Cup, but he was not known to spend lavishly on players.

That image changed somewhat when the club signed goaltender Nikolai Khabibulin to a four-year, \$27 million contract in 2005.

"I think that was a great name, 'Dollar Bill.' But they forgot to put the 100,000 or million in front of it, because that's what he gave out," Mikita said Wednesday. "I can honestly say from my experience, because of the hockey camp that I run, every year I got a nice check from him."

Despite his reputation for paying close attention to the bottom line, Wirtz was known for his philanthropy.

Since its establishment in 1993, Blackhawk Charities has donated millions of dollars to worthy causes in Chicago, including the Boys and Girls Clubs and the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois.

"We have lost a great owner and a great steward of the sport," said Boston Bruins owner Jeremy Jacobs, who is the chairman of the NHL Board of Governors.

"No one did more for hockey on both the professional and amateur levels than he did. He will always be remembered as a dedicated leader in the sport and for the legacy he has left in his community, especially his humanitarian efforts through his foundation."

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MLB — AL

Dye's two-run homer leads White Sox to victory

Yankees claim 15th victory in last 20 games to eliminate Tigers from the playoff race

Associated Press

CHICAGO — It's been awhile since Jon Garland pitched his last shutout, so with a long rest coming, he took advantage of a chance to finish off a game.

Jim Thome hit his 505th home run and Garland pitched his first shutout of the season as the Chicago White Sox defeated the Kansas City Royals 3-0 on Wednesday night.

Jermaine Dye added a two-run homer for the White Sox, who moved out of a tie with the Royals for last place in the AL Central.

Garland (10-13) won for just the second time in 11 starts, allowing just three hits while striking out two and walking two.

"I came out in the eighth inning and I saw him (manager Ozzie Guillen) walking toward me in the dugout and I wasn't sure if he was going to give it to me or not," Garland said. "I didn't know where my pitch count was, but in the same breath, I don't have to pick up a baseball for three months."

He retired his last nine batters and improved to 16-6 in his career against the Royals. It was Garland's sixth career shutout and first since Aug. 24, 2006, against Detroit.

Garland, who has been the subject of trade rumors in the past, didn't want to ponder if this was his last start for the White Sox.

"At this moment, it's not even in my hands," said Garland, who has pitched for the White Sox for eight seasons. "There is nothing I can do about it. I would like to be back here."

After pitching eight scoreless innings on Sept. 20 against the White Sox, Royals starter Zack Greinke gave up a solo home run to Thome in the first inning and was tagged by Dye for a two-run homer in the fourth inning.

It was Thome's 33rd of the season and moved him to 22nd on the all-time list, passing Eddie Murray. Dye's homer was his 28th of the season.

The only hits surrendered by Garland were base hits by David DeJesus, Mark Grudzielanek and Mark Teahen.

Greinke (7-7), who was shuffled between the rotation and the bullpen throughout the season, allowed three runs and seven hits in five innings. He had six strikeouts and walked two.

"I think he was good enough to win. He gave us a chance to

win. He didn't give up much, manager Buddy Bell said.

"He hung the breaking ball to Dye and the home run that Thome hit looked like it was thigh-high and over the middle of the plate. Other than that, he had some innings where he was in a little bit of trouble but he handled that pretty good."

Yankees 12, Devil Rays 4

Champagne flowed. Joe Torre cried. The New York Yankees whooped it up.

Celebrating clinching wins never gets old, even when you've made the postseason for 13 seasons in a row.

Torre shed tears Wednesday night after the Yankees clinched at least a wild-card berth with a victory over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays that capped a comeback from a huge early season deficit.

"Who knows? This could be his last time in," center fielder Johnny Damon. "We're hoping not. You have to savor every moment. Enjoy it. The team we have now, where we came from, being way back, we couldn't be happier. We have a World Series to win, but this thing is really special."

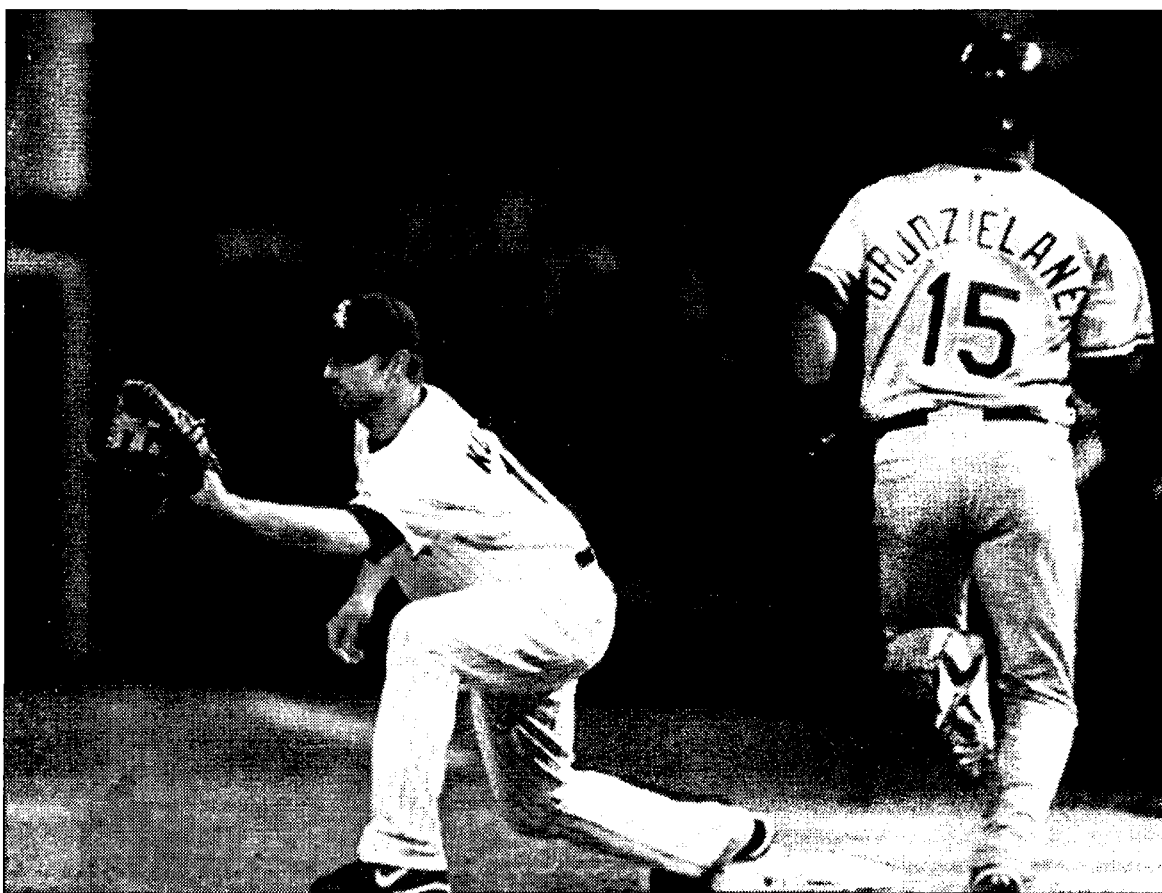
Elated owner George Steinbrenner even got into the act, making a rare ballpark appearance. He kicked off the celebration when he moved to the front row of his private suite, where he could interact with fans while the Yankees were building a big lead.

The victory, New York's 15th in 20 games, eliminated defending AL champion Detroit from postseason contention and set up a probable first-round matchup with Cleveland, the Central champion. The Yankees are three games behind Boston with four games left, so New York's streak of nine consecutive AL East titles is likely to end.

New York, just 21-29 before play on May 30, has gone 70-38 since then. Players, from Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez, to Joba Chamberlain and Mariano Rivera, hugged each other on the field and in the dugout following the final out.

"This is what it was about. It was a lot of unselfishness," Torre said. "There were a lot of guys who played through some injuries, played through some fatigue. And, of course, Alex — we sort of rallied around him."

The Yankees have made the playoffs every year since 1995, and their streak of 13 consecutive trips is one shy of the record set by the Atlanta Braves from



Royals second baseman Mark Grudzielanek grounds out during the third inning of Chicago's 3-0 win over Kansas City Wednesday. AP

1991-2005. They've made the postseason in all 12 seasons under Torre.

"I'm elated," Steinbrenner said in a statement. "After a tough first half of the season when everyone seemed to lose faith except for our players and our fans, the team has really stepped up and shown themselves to be the champions that they are. ... I really like the mix of veterans and younger players who have contributed to this comeback. It has been exciting to watch them play, coalesce and pull together. The fans and I look forward to the team accomplishing our ultimate goal — bringing a world championship back to New York."

The Los Angeles Angels already have clinched the AL West, so all four AL playoff teams were decided before any spot in the NL was clinched.

Tigers 9, Twins 4

A dreary, drizzle-filled sky provided a fitting backdrop for the Detroit Tigers on the night they were eliminated from the playoff race.

Mike Hessman hit a home run and an RBI single to lead Detroit to a rain-shortened victory over the Minnesota Twins on Wednesday night, a five-plus-inning win that came just too late.

"It was kind of a weird ending," Tigers first baseman Sean

Casey said.

The defending American League champions needed help from Tampa Bay to maintain their remote chances of earning a postseason bid. But the New York Yankees beat the Devil Rays 12-4 to guarantee Detroit would be relegated to watching the playoffs.

"We watched it in the beginning, but it was a blowout early," Casey said.

The New York-Tampa Bay game ended just as crew chief Bruce Froemming came onto the field at Comerica Park to declare the game was over.

Even before it was official, Tigers manager Jim Leyland was resigned to the fact that his ballclub had slim-to-none odds of getting a chance to defend the AL pennant.

But Leyland was proud of the way the Tigers (87-72) overcame a slew of injuries that started hitting them in spring training and kept providing setbacks the rest of the year.

"We had a pretty good year, 15 over with three games left is not bad," Leyland said. "We went through a lot more than we did last year. But that's all part of the game, competition and professional sports."

The Twins led 4-3 in the top of the fourth when rain delayed the game for one hour and 18 minutes.

Detroit's shot at winning its

home finale improved when the game resumed and Minnesota ace Johan Santana did not return to the mound.

"We weren't going to take any chances once it got to be 30 or 40 minutes," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "We aren't going to risk him getting hurt."

That ended his streak of pitching at least five innings in 123 straight starts dating to 2004.

"It had to end sooner or later, but this isn't the way you would want," Santana said. "You just can't control the weather."

In the last 50 years, just Curt Schilling (147) and David Cone (145) had longer streaks.

Santana gave up three runs — two earned — two hits and three walks. He struck out four, giving him an AL-best 235 in his final start of the season.

Nick Blackburn replaced Santana and the Tigers took advantage.

Blackburn (0-1) gave up six runs — four earned — and seven hits in the fourth.

"They just knocked the ball all over the place for that inning, and that ended up being enough with the rain again," Gardenhire said.

On Blackburn's second pitch, Hessman started the scoring barrage with a homer to left-center. Five Tigers followed with one-out hits, ending with Magglio Ordonez's RBI single that ended Blackburn's night.

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MLB — NL

Marlins defeat Cubs for second straight night

Brewers waste chance to cut deficit to one game by falling to Cardinals; Lohse's start earns Phillies a 5-2 win

Associated Press

MIAMI — Alfonso Soriano dressed slowly. Aramis Ramirez hunched over his postgame meal. Mark DeRosa sprawled on a couch. All focused on the TV in the corner of the clubhouse, hoping for help.

The Chicago Cubs need it. Their grip on the NL Central became shaky Wednesday night, when they were shut out over the final 5 2-3 innings and lost for the second night in a row to the last-place Florida Marlins, 7-4.

There was good news an hour later from Milwaukee, where St. Louis beat the second-place Brewers 7-3. That left the Cubs' lead at two games and reduced to three their magic number for clinching the division, with four games left in the regular season.

But the Cubs acknowledged they're not making it easy.

"Maybe we're pressing a little bit," said DeRosa, who committed a throwing error in the Marlins' three-run second inning. "I'd like to think we're not playing tight, but maybe there are some circumstances where we are. We have to realize we're still in first place."

A two-out RBI single in the fifth inning by backup catcher Matt Treanor put the Marlins ahead to stay. Miguel Cabrera added a two-run homer, his 34th.

In the wake of Chicago's loss Tuesday, players patiently endured a fresh round of questions about the franchise's history of collapses. They then failed to build on an early lead against Marlins rookie Daniel Barone, who remained winless in six starts but left with the score 4-all.

"It was a bad ballgame from us," Cubs manager Lou Piniella said. "We've got to play better than that if we want to go forward."

Piniella delivered a brief clubhouse pep talk after the game. The message?

"Relax and have fun," center fielder Jacques Jones said. "We control our own destiny. Just go out and play."

The series is reminiscent of 2003, when Florida rallied from a three-games-to-one deficit and beat the Cubs in the NL championship series. One difference: The 2007 Marlins began the night tied with Pittsburgh for the league's worst record.

"The Cubs are looking to roll over us, and we're not letting them do it," said Lee Gardner, who pitched the ninth. "They came in looking for a couple of easy wins, and we're not giving in."

Florida beat Chicago for the ninth game in a row over the past two seasons. That tied for the longest active streak between two major league clubs.

"We haven't had success against this team," Piniella said. "They've got our number. They feel nice and comfortable against the Cubbies."

The announced crowd was 19,051, with at least two-thirds cheering for the Cubs. They were mostly quietly in the late innings because seven Florida relievers combined for 5 1-3 scoreless innings.

Matt Lindstrom (4-4) pitched a perfect seventh. With closer Kevin Gregg nursing a sore

forearm, Gardner finished for his second save in two chances.

Cardinals 7, Brewers 3

Time is running out on the Milwaukee Brewers.

The Brewers wasted a chance to cut their NL Central deficit to one game, giving up a first-inning home run to Albert Pujols in a testy loss Wednesday night to the St. Louis Cardinals that saw two more hit batters and a pair of ejections.

"We're in a situation where we no longer control our own destiny, so we pretty much are in a must-win every day," said Ryan Braun, who drove in all three of Milwaukee's runs.

Chicago maintained a two-game division lead with four games to play despite a 7-4 loss at the Florida Marlins. Milwaukee starts a season-ending four-game series Thursday at home against San Diego.

Thursday's scheduled starter, 21-year-old Yovani Gallardo, said that will be the most important outing of his life.

"They're all important now," he said.

Reliever Brian Shouse, who came in after Chicago's game had been decided, allowed three inherited runner to score.

"Any time you can see that the Cubs already lost, the game was right there within our reach," Shouse said. "For this to happen, it was very disappointing."

A night after Jeff Suppan threw a high, inside pitch at Pujols, causing St. Louis manager Tony La Russa and Brewers manager Ned Yost to exchange heated words, there was more inside pitching.

Both benches were warned about throwing at each other in the second inning after Brad Thompson (8-6) plunked Prince Fielder on the right shoulder with a high fastball. Fielder got up and stared at the Cardinals dugout while plate umpire Tom Hallion walked him all the way down to first before issuing his warnings.

"I was just trying to throw the ball in to him," Thompson said. "I wasn't trying to hit him."

In the eighth, Pujols was plunked on the elbow by Brewers reliever Seth McClung, who was ejected along with Yost. The Cardinals went on to score four runs with two outs.

"It's not the first guy I've hit, not the first walk. Why do you think Tampa traded me?" McClung said. "It happens sometimes with me. The ball just gets out of my hand and flies away."

La Russa was also diplomatic. "That wasn't intentional," he said. "They were down by one run. It's not a good time to do that."

Pujols' homer, which gave him 100 RBIs for the seventh straight season, set an early tone. He maintained he wasn't motivated by the previous night's events.

"That wasn't even on my mind," he said. "I knew it slipped away from him."

Braun's RBI double put Milwaukee ahead in the second, but St. Louis went ahead to stay in the third when Ryan Ludwick doubled off Carlos Villanueva (8-5) following an intentional walk to Pujols.

Phillies 5, Mets 2

Kyle Lohse gave the Phillies



Cubs leftfielder Cliff Floyd, right, congratulates Derrek Lee after the first baseman hit a solo home run in the third inning during Florida's 7-4 win Wednesday.

something they've sorely lacked down the stretch. Then Washington helped them move closer to first place.

Lohse became the first Phillies starter to pitch seven innings in two weeks, and Philadelphia moved within one game of NL East-leading New York with a 5-2 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Wednesday night.

Several players gathered in the clubhouse and ate their post-game meals while watching the Nationals beat the Mets 9-6. The Phillies and Mets have four games remaining.

"It's a lot of fun," Lohse said. "You have a lot of pressure, but you have to block it out."

The Phillies (86-72) haven't spent a day in first place all season, and were seven games behind the Mets after losing to Colorado on Sept. 12. One game is their closest margin since opening day.

Philadelphia remained one game behind San Diego in the NL wild-card standings. The Padres beat the San Francisco Giants 11-3. Colorado beat Los Angeles 2-0 and remained tied with Philadelphia.

Lohse (9-12) allowed two runs and six hits, striking out five and becoming the first Phillies starter to go seven innings since Jamie Moyer on Sept. 14.

"He pitched a heck of a game and took us exactly where we needed to go," manager Charlie Manuel said.

Pinch-hitter Shane Victorino hit a solo homer, Greg Dobbs had a key two-run single and Philadelphia took advantage of third baseman Chipper Jones' throwing error to score three unearned runs off Tim Hudson (16-10).



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FOOTBALL

California, Oregon meet again in Tedford Bowl

Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. — Brandon Hampton has a grudging respect for the Oregon students who pack Autzen Stadium, even while he grits his teeth at the incessant yelling and the mean jeering — and those confounded, nonstop duck calls.

"Those students are just behind you, all the time, right on your back," the California safety said. "They're great. It's like they're almost on the sideline with you."

Hampton didn't even know that the real Oregon student section is over behind the Ducks' own sideline, near the west end zone of that remarkably boisterous field. Those noisemakers behind the visiting bench are mostly just regular quacks — and they'll be out in force Saturday for a big chapter in one of college football's most underrated rivalries.

When No. 6 Cal (4-0, 1-0 Pac-10) visits 11th-ranked Oregon (4-0, 1-0), it's more than a conference showdown that will set the early tone in the annual race to dethrone USC.

It's another meeting of two strikingly similar programs with intertwined histories, coaching staffs and recruiting pools — and a 2-2 record against each other since former Oregon offensive coordinator Jeff Tedford flew away and went south for the fall.

Though they're separated by 500 miles, the schools feel a lot closer together during football season. It starts with the students,

since Oregon has such a sizable population of Northern California kids — who couldn't get into Cal, the Bears' wisecracking fans say — that some call it the University of California at Eugene.

And the programs' connections are even more labyrinthine. Ducks quarterback Dennis Dixon and receiver Cameron Colvin are East Bay natives, as is Oregon coach Mike Bellotti, who also employed Cal defensive coordinator Bob Gregory before he left with Tedford to revive the Golden Bears' slumbering program with strategies and management skills honed in Eugene.

For example, Tedford immediately redesigned the Bears' uniforms when he arrived in Berkeley. Last season, the Bears debuted their garish yellow jerseys — just like something the fashion-forward Ducks would wear — for their 45-24 win over Oregon.

Most of the key players on both teams were recruited by both schools, with Cal gradually denting Bellotti's long-standing pipeline to the East Bay's richest talent. Tedford's biggest coup was keeping running back Marshawn Lynch home four years ago despite a big push by Oregon, but many others got away.

Tedford and Bellotti are still perfectly friendly, but both would love to gain a decisive edge in a rivalry that's featured two wins apiece for the home team since Tedford defected in 2002 (the schools didn't play that year). All the players that Tedford recruited to Oregon

finally have left the school, making this meeting a bit less personal — but still just as tough in front of the crazy Autzen fans.

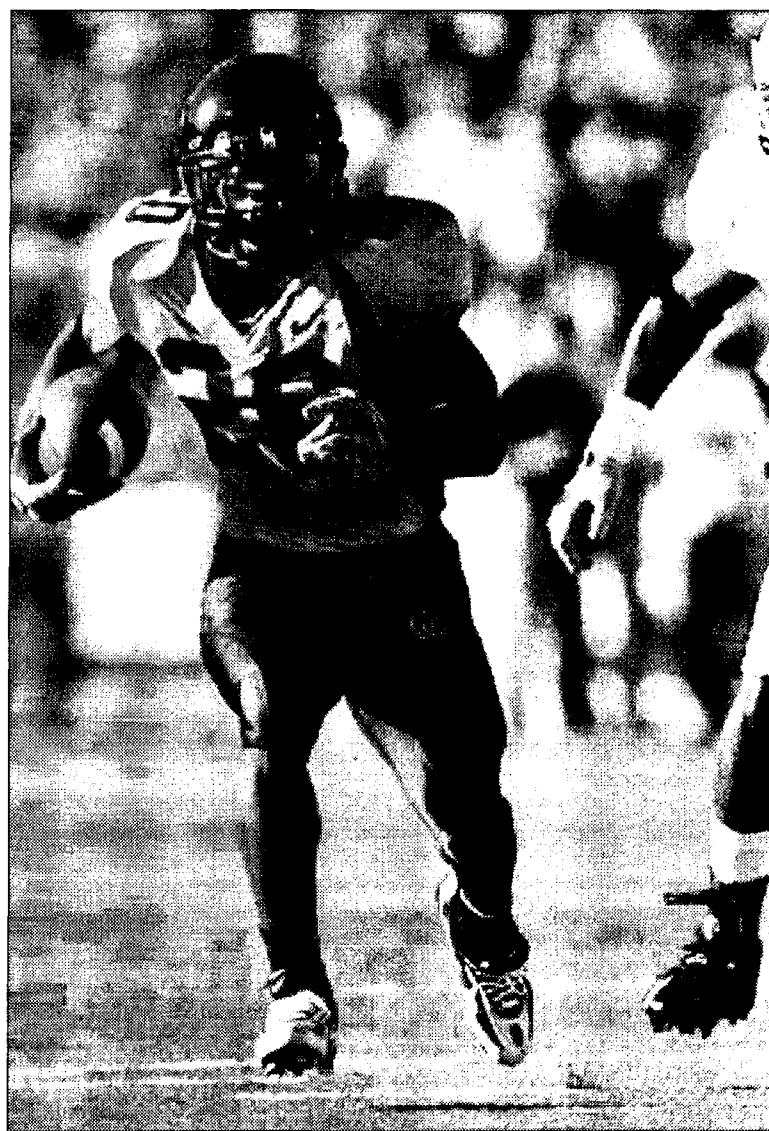
"The crowd there is unbelievably educated about when to be loud and when to calm down when they have the ball," Tedford said. "It's a very, very tough environment with the noise and communicating. It was kind of different my first year back there, to be on the other side."

Tedford lost in his first two trips to Oregon with Cal, but both games were frenetic, high-scoring affairs that went down to the final minute. The Bears haven't won at Autzen since 1987 — a fact that Oregon's fans won't hesitate to cite for them on Saturday.

"Twenty-year streaks have nothing to do with these guys," Tedford said. "Some of them weren't even born 20 years ago, so it has nothing to do with them. It's about this year. That's what counts. That's all that matters."

There's no shortage of motivation this season, however. Oregon could be jealous of the national attention and higher ranking bestowed on Cal, while the Bears were surprised to hear they're a point-spread underdog despite their lofty poll spot.

"We're not really worrying about it," Oregon linebacker Jerome Boyd said. "We're just worrying about ourselves. We like the fact that they're coming to our stadium, and we like the fact that (ESPN) Gameday is coming, but who wouldn't like that, you know?"



California running back Justin Forsett breaks free against Tennessee Sept. 1. The Bears take on Oregon Saturday.

MLB

Umpire out for remainder of season

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Umpire Mike Winters was suspended by Major League Baseball for the remainder of the regular season on Wednesday because of his confrontation with San Diego's Milton Bradley last weekend.

The Padres claimed Winters baited Bradley, who has a history of losing his temper. Bradley tore a knee ligament when his manager spun him to the ground while trying to keep him from going after the umpire during Sunday's 7-3 loss to Colorado in San Diego.

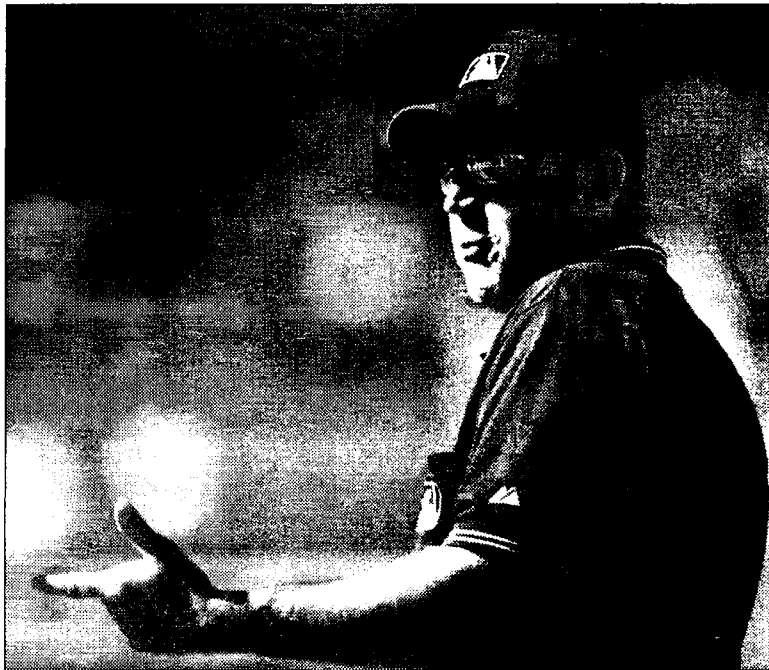
Winters was suspended because the commissioner's office concluded he had used a profanity aimed at Bradley, a baseball official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the reason for the suspension was not announced.

Padres manager Bud Black declined to comment.

"In this case, I think it's best for my position to just stay away from it," he said by phone from San Francisco, where the Padres were to finish a series against the Giants on Wednesday night.

The 48-year-old Winters became a major league umpire in 1990 and worked the World Series in 2002 and last year.

Winters became the first umpire suspended since 2003, when the commissioner's office announced that Bruce Froemming and John Hirschbeck each were receiving 10-day penalties. Froemming made an anti-Semitic slur about an umpiring administrator and baseball said Hirschbeck threatened a



Umpire Mike Winters officiates a game in San Diego Sept. 23. Winters was suspended for the season Wednesday.

senior official in the commissioner's office.

Bob Watson, baseball's vice president in charge of discipline, has not decided whether to penalize Bradley, the commissioner's office said.

John Hirschbeck, president of the World Umpires Association, declined comment.

"I want to wait until I have a chance to talk our attorneys in the morning," Hirschbeck said.

Bradley tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee and will need surgery, which is expected to sideline him for at least six months. His injury was a blow to the Padres, who began Wednesday with a one-game lead

over Colorado and Philadelphia in the NL wild-card race.

Trouble began when plate umpire Brian Runge asked Bradley if he had flipped his bat in the ump's direction after taking a called third strike that ended the fifth inning. Runge indicated that Winters told him that Bradley had.

The dispute escalated after Bradley singled, then asked Winters if he told Runge he threw his bat.

First base coach Bobby Meacham and Black said Winters used profanity. Bradley called it "the most unprofessional and most ridiculous thing I've ever seen."

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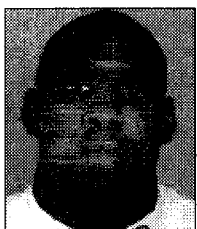
and [tight end-coach Bernie] Parmalee sends the rotations in with all the other substitutions."

Haywood said the rotation allows each back to have a role even though one individual may receive more carries than the rest of the group.

"The other day, [fifth-year senior] Travis Thomas goes in on goal line. He runs a run and runs it in for a touchdown around the left side. How excited is he and he only probably played eight to ten snaps," Haywood said.

"However, the other guys on the team are just as excited for him. [Sophomore] James Aldridge breaks down the left-hand sideline. All the guys on the sideline are excited for James Aldridge because they're buying into their roles and when guys buy into their roles, you can improve as a team."

Haywood, who previously coached at LSU and Texas, said the rotation system differs from what he saw at those two schools.



Aldridge

"There are different philosophies in every organization. We had a main back when we were at LSU; however we rotated backs in, and when one back got hot he stayed in and the other backs understand. At Texas, Cedric Benson carried 95 percent of the load," Haywood said. "Here, at the University of Notre Dame, we have the opportunity to have multiple guys that can do a lot of different things. We have a couple power backs that as you can see from the game we rotated those guys in various situations, and each one of them had some success in their own rights."

Against Michigan State, Notre Dame's more physical running backs, Aldridge and Hughes, combined for 24 of Notre Dame's 35 rushing attempts. Haywood said the number of carries Hughes and Aldridge received is indicative of the direction Notre Dame is trying to go with its running game.

"We're trying to play a little bit more of a physical, downhill game and those guys are running the ball a little bit better downhill at this time," Haywood said.

Aldridge ran for 103 yards while Hughes added 33 yards and a touchdown. Aldridge and Hughes will likely see significant carries against a Purdue team that allowed 232 yards rushing to Minnesota last week.

Aldridge said he did not wear down after carrying the ball 18 times against Michigan State, and the carries allowed him to develop a rhythm running the ball.

"Once you're in the game

for a while, you get used to it and kind of know what the defenders are going to do so you get in some type of flow," Aldridge said. "But that also just comes from watching film and preparing off the field for the game also."

Aldridge said the rotation helps all the running backs maintain that rhythm while getting rest between carries.

"It gives you a chance to kind of get your legs back for a

couple plays, get your wind back," Aldridge said. "And whenever your personnel is called again you get back out there and get back right into the flow that you're in."

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doing anything to actually build it. You can point the finger at offensive line coach John Latina, but his lines at Ole Miss were considered among the best-coached and toughest in the SEC."

Weis took offense and answered Hansen's unrelated question at a news conference the next day with a quick retort and a jab at Hansen.

"Well, would you like for me to answer this in the first person, second person or third person?" Weis asked. "Well, you probably have that answer. So we'll move on. Next question."

The exchange was available for all to see via an on-line video, but the athletic department omitted

the words from the "official" transcript posted on-line. Associate Athletic Director John Heisler said Tuesday that Notre Dame routinely edits its transcripts, provided by a third party, for clarity's sake when specific questions would not make sense for those reading.

While official transcripts should include complete, unedited quotations for honesty's sake — and to retain the legitimacy of the transcript itself — there is a separate, important point raised by the exchange.

Weis is either right or wrong; there's no need to ignore the conflict of opinions.

Such conflicts between coaches and media happen, and they are far from rare. Leaders in pressure-packed jobs get mad all the time. Sometimes their anger is justified; sometimes it's not. Always, however, it's entertaining. As a friend of mine said earlier this week, people love you when you're human. Humans have a tendency to get mad, react stupidly and then repent. That's life.

But there are also times when anger is justified.

Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy screamed at and belittled columnist Jenni Carlson Saturday for reporting that backup quarterback Bobby Reid's mother was feeding the player chicken the previous week after the Cowboys' 41-23 loss to Troy. Carlson's argument was that the episode was just the latest example of Reid being soft.

"Does he have the fire in his belly?" the column read. "Or does he want to be coddled, babied, perhaps even fed chicken?"

"That scene in the parking lot last week had no bearing on the Cowboys changing quarterbacks, and yet, it said so much about Reid. A 21-year-old letting his mother feed him in public? Most college kids, much less college football players, would just as soon be seen running naked across campus."

So Carlson made a claim — she attacked who Reid is, far deeper than only attacking his play. She intertwined the two, and Gundy was none too pleased.

"That article had to have been written by a person that doesn't have a child and has never had a child that's had their heart broken and come home upset," Gundy steamed at Carlson in the post-game news conference. "... Here's all that kid did: He goes to class, he's respectful to the media, he's respectful to the public.

"And he's not a professional

athlete, and he doesn't deserve to be kicked when he's down."

And then Gundy turned and attacked who Carlson is.

"If you have a child some day, you'll understand how it feels, but you obviously don't have a child. I do," he screamed. "... If you want to go after an athlete, one of my athletes, you go after one who doesn't do the right things. You don't downgrade [denigrate] him because he does everything right and may not play as well on Saturday. And you let us make that decision. That's why I don't read the newspaper. Because it's garbage. ...

"Come after me. I'm a man, I'm forty. I'm not a kid. Write something about me or our coaches. Don't write about a kid that does everything right, whose heart's broken, and then say the coaches said he was scared. That ain't true."

The fallout has been a national mocking of Gundy for his over-the-top response, but isn't that a bit self-serving?

A writer communicates with printed words. When they are vitriolic and petty, should a coach, who communicates with the spoken word, be able to respond in kind?

If we extol the virtues of an unhindered freedom of speech, shouldn't we also support the freedom to mock, lambaste, ostracize and berate you for voicing an ignorant, intellectually dishonest, mind-numbing and poorly argued opinion?

When asked about what is acceptable criticism of athletes and coaches Wednesday, Weis tried to strip away the argument over journalism's ethics. He took a simpler approach to Gundy's response.

"I know all the coaches of America will go, 'Yeah, yeah, yeah.' And the journalists of America will go, 'No, no, no,'" Weis said. "But in reality, as a dad, that would really bother me."

Weis was wrong for his reaction to Hansen's piece, but he's right here.

Whether or not it's ethical to censor columnists or criticize the integrity of student-athletes, the words have an effect. But the debate over what is fair to print is just as important.

The question is, are we ready to make an honest debate?

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6 defensive struggle with Badin. Junior captain and quarterback Melissa Meagher was the sparkplug for the Babes offense, scoring the only touchdown of the game. Junior receiver Tara McCarron was a valuable member of the offense as well, and tonight's outcome will depend upon the chemistry of the two juniors.

"We have really improved as a whole with each game, especially the defense, which is getting a lot better," Meagher said. "We are going to win out and go 4-2, starting with a win Thursday night."

In their opener, the Lions looked very impressive on both sides of the ball. The tandem of sophomore quarterback Claire Connell and freshman running-back Neva Lundy ran and passed their way to 20 points.

The next week, however, they were blanked by a tough Pangborn defense. To succeed, the young Lyons offense will have to bounce back from the shutout loss and rekindle the explosive offense it showcased opening weekend.

Badin vs. Lewis

Lewis will battle Badin tonight at 9 on Riehle Field in a game between two teams with disappointing seasons so far.

Badin is fresh off an intense

7-6 loss to Breen-Phillips, which dropped the Bullfrogs to a record of 0-2-1. The Chicks are not faring any better after losing to Welsh Family 26-13, although they managed two late scores to make the final tally more respectable.

Both teams are lead by their seniors, but several of them have had tough seasons.

Badin senior wide receiver Kristen Sobolewski did not make it into the end zone against Breen-Phillips, since her co-captain, junior quarterback Katie Rose Hackney,

was unable to lead an offensive scoring drive.

Lewis will look to senior captain Alexandra Persley to rally the Chicks to their first victory of the season.

Both teams have had defensive problems in the past. Badin seems to have cured last season's defensive

woes, holding both of its last two opponents to one touchdown each with the help of

junior Kelsey Young, the team's free safety. Lewis must do the same, or it runs the risk of allowing Hackney to find Sobolewski or junior Courtney Rains — two talented offensive threats.

Likewise, Badin must keep sophomore quarterback Katherine Guarnieri from staging another offensive onslaught like she did against Welsh Family in the second half.

Both teams look to tonight's game to put them back into the running for the playoffs.

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"We have really improved as a whole with each game, especially the defense. We are going to win out and go 4-2..."

Melissa Meagher
Breen-Phillips quarterback

Hanks

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having the greatest competitive impact in the USYSA National Championships that year and again when the Texans were the 2005 runner-up.

"[Hanks] played for a great youth club, so she's definitely not used to being on the losing side," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "This is a first for her, like most of our players."

After graduating from the youth soccer ranks, Hanks continued her winning ways at Notre Dame. As a freshman, she won the Hermann Trophy as the Division 1 national player of the year for the 22-3-0 Irish squad that made the national quarterfinals.

"For me, I knew it would be difficult after winning the trophy," Hanks said. "I've worked very hard."

But neither double teams nor a sophomore jinx slowed her down last season as she won the Big East offensive player of the year award with 22 goals and 22 assists. The Irish finished as the national runner-up with a record of 25-1-1.

But the team has struggled this season, outplaying teams but rarely getting the results they hope for.

"This year has been frustrating because we've outshot teams and outplayed them," Hanks said. "We've just been giving some careless mistakes on the back end and not finishing up front."

Hanks said that the team is not struggling because of a lack of skill.

"You shouldn't compare us to [the 2006 team]," said Hanks. "But we have plenty of talent and know we're capa-



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Irish forward Kerri Hanks fights for the ball in Notre Dame's 2-1 loss to Oklahoma State on Sept. 16.

ble of playing a lot better than this."

Hanks, for one, has scored in each of Notre Dame's last four contests and Waldrum said that she has played even better than she did in her two award-winning seasons.

"Her energy level is incredible," said Waldrum. "The last few seasons she hasn't had to carry us but, this year, she's certainly elevated her game."

While she has scored 56 goals in more than two collegiate seasons, Hanks and Waldrum both cited defense as the area in which she has improved most.

"She's made big strides chasing and defending," Waldrum said. "When everyone else sees a forward track-

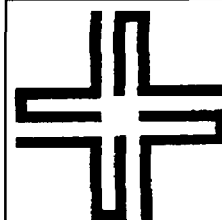
ing back, it's a huge lift for them. And Kerri has shown that commitment to fighting."

The rest of the Irish will need to imitate that dogged attitude if they hope to play deep into the NCAA Tournament. For now, the team will focus on building on its 4-0 win over DePaul Friday in its Big East opener.

"We've just been playing our hearts out [in practice]," Hanks said. "We're just looking at Friday [against Louisville] and trying to start picking up wins."

Luckily for the Irish, their star forward has proved that she knows how to do just that.

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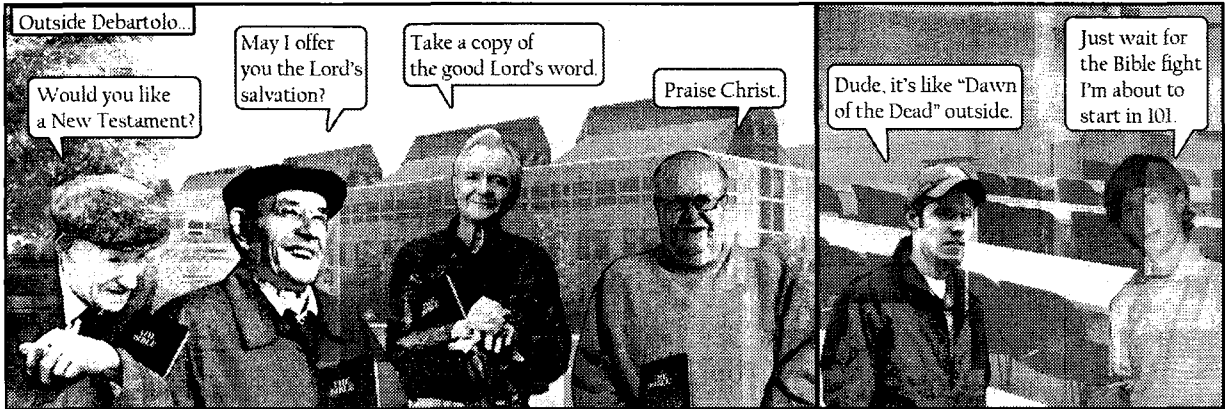
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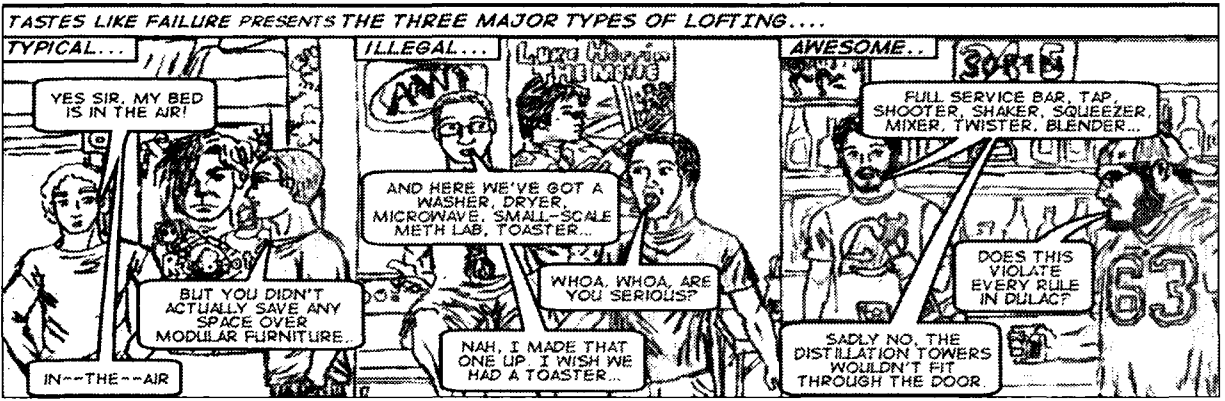
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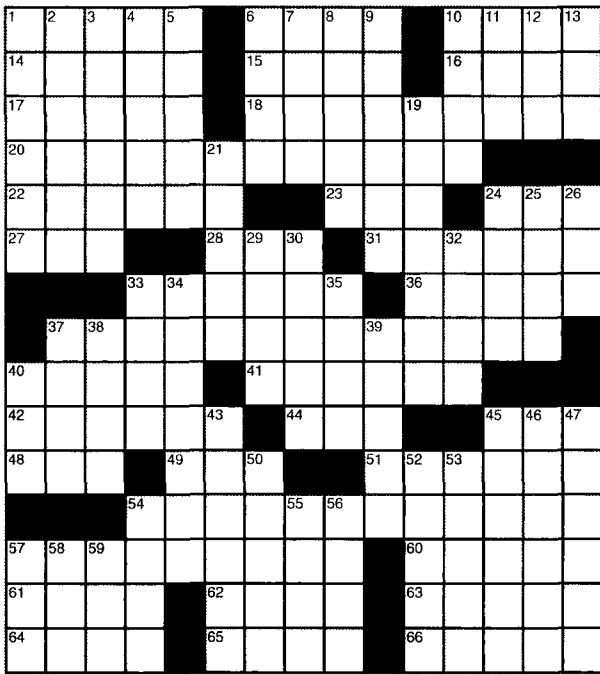
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Puzzle by Alan Arbestfeld

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- 53 Steakhouse selection
- 54 Bring in
- 55 Word with house or Carolina
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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: NEWSY CRACK HARDLY SCORCH
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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Christina Milian, 26; Serena Williams, 26; Shawn Stockman, 35; James Caviezel, 39

Happy Birthday: Don't make an impulsive move on hearsay. Be sure this year that you don't fall into a series of mistakes. Overspending, overindulging and overdoing are all in the stars if you aren't careful. Know your limitations, initiate discipline and you will come out on top. Your numbers are 3, 16, 24, 35, 40, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take another look at your location, your personal life and future possibilities. An opportunity to advance by picking up some additional skills or information is prevalent. Romance is in the stars so put some time aside to have fun. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't be so sure that everyone is on your side. Protect information regarding your plans or a financial secret. Take a serious approach and prepare to make your moves when least expected. The element of surprise will help you get ahead. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You should get involved in any organization that can make a difference to your community, environment or lifestyle. Be a forerunner not a passive onlooker and you will open up avenues to a better position, a proposal or even a new friendship. 4 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let your emotions push you in the wrong direction. Getting angry or upset about what others are doing will not get you what you want. Observe and make a subtle strategic move. 2 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Put more effort into yourself and your ideas. Love is on the rise and a chance to impress someone is in the stars but don't let it leave you cash poor. You can make headway by being imaginative. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Look long and hard at the way you've been living. If you are in turmoil or feel anxious, consider what or who is causing you grief. Only you can make the necessary changes. Take control. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Love, travel, adventure are all in the stars. You can talk your way in and out of anything today, so don't hesitate to push your ideas. Someone unusual will take you seriously and help you. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Look for something or someone unique with whom to fulfill your dreams. You have great ideas and the need to build something solid and profitable. Your dedication and your ability to adapt to change will pay off. Use your talent. 5 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make a few changes at home and it will make all the difference in the world to your emotional well-being. Focus on love, your personal life and your surroundings. All can be enhanced with a little tweaking on your part. 5 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone will probably oppose you for emotional reasons. Keep your ideas and thoughts to yourself and proceed in secret if you want to make a profit. It's interference that will hold you back or cause you to miss out on a deal. 2 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll understand your feelings and what you want to do in the future. Don't be afraid to make a promise. Doing something a little different will prove to others that you have a handle on things and are capable of so much more. 4 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Love, travel and getting away from home and the drudgery you deal with day to day will do you some good. Make plans with someone special or take time out to pamper yourself. This is a great day to re-evaluate, double-check your motives and put plans on paper. 3 stars

Birthday Baby: You are aggressive, determined to get your way and impulsive. You have a passion to discover and try new things. You are unpredictable, whimsical and entertaining.

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FOOTBALL

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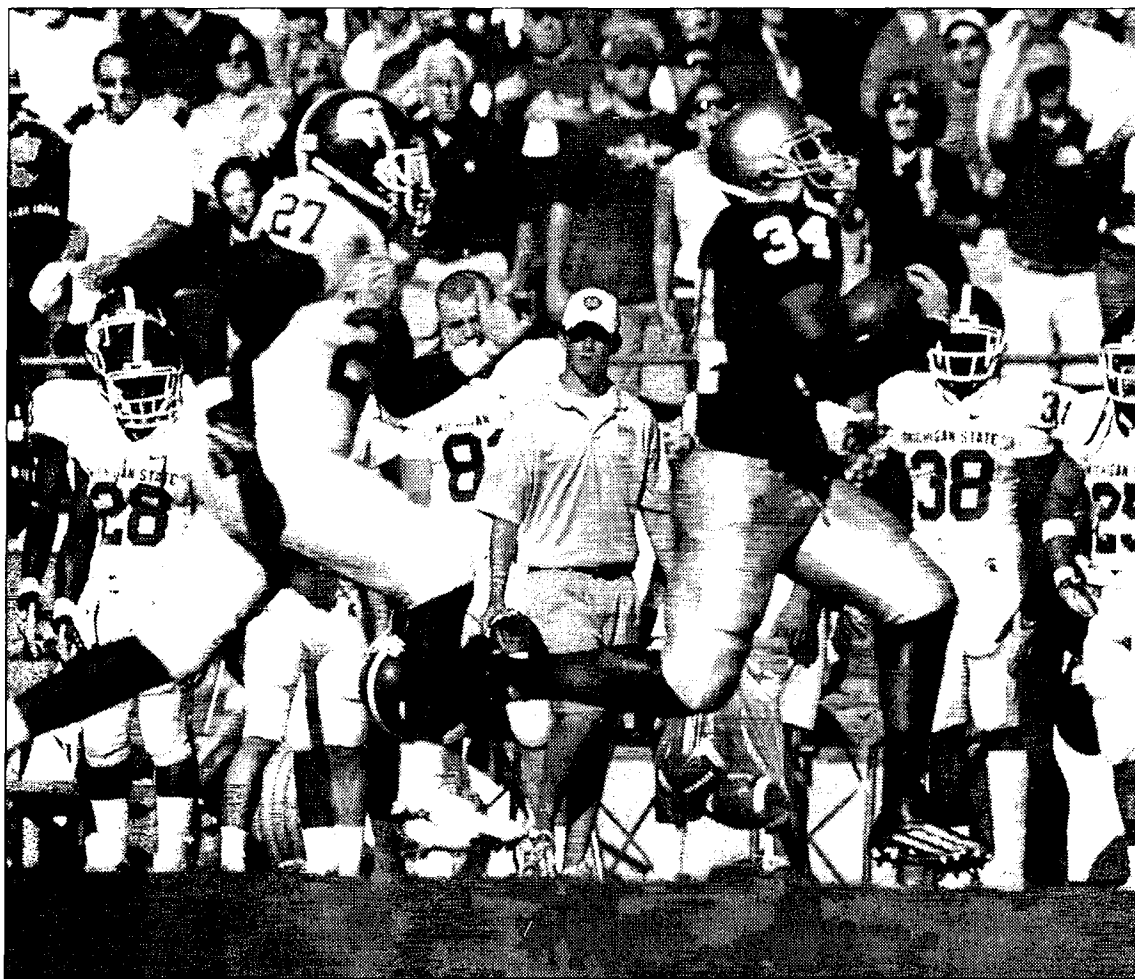
ND tailbacks rotate for improved yardage in rushing attack

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Notre Dame gained 117 yards on the ground Saturday against Michigan State by employing a situational rotation of running backs — and this week, offensive coordinator Michael Haywood said to expect more of the same against Purdue.

Haywood said the rotation calls for different backs to come in during situations that would maximize their strengths in the running game.

"All of those decisions are made prior to the game. We get into a situation and their rotation is already set," Haywood said. "In the game the other day, there was a big run, and understanding the individual who made the big run, I just turned to the sideline and said, '33 [freshman Robert Hughes], you're in.' The rotation is already set



Irish sophomore running back James Aldridge runs away from Michigan State linebacker Sir Daraan Adams in Notre Dame's 31-14 loss to the Spartans Saturday.

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FOOTBALL COMMENTARY

Coaches argue with press corps

Should teams be able to regulate coverage?

Charlie Weis had a bit of a moment last week. Eric Hansen of the South Bend Tribune wrote a lengthy "analysis" in last Thursday's paper, which asked the reader to imagine he were Charlie Weis and explored what Weis was thinking going into the Michigan State game.



Ken Fowler

Sports Writer

In reality, it was a column — which is fine. Its toughest words went like this: "You talked a good game about nasty, but until now you weren't

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Undefeated Welsh Fam and PW meet at Riehle

Breen-Phillips looks for 2nd straight win; Badin takes on Lewis

By ERIC PRISTER,
PAT STYNES and
ANTHONY CONKLIN
Sports Writers

Pasquerilla West vs. Welsh Family

Two undefeated teams meet tonight at 8 on Riehle Field as Pasquerilla West takes on Welsh Family.

The last time the two teams met, in last year's semifinal, the Purple Weasels defeated the Whirlwinds.

Welsh Family, though, is trying not to think about the past.

"We remember that PW ended our season last year, but we're more concerned with this year's playoffs rather than with what happened last year," Welsh Family senior captain Kelly Bushelle said.

Both teams have experienced great offensive success so far this season, outscoring their opponents by a combined 81 points in five games.

"Our offense has been successful because of the combination of good coaching and

the chemistry we have on offense this year," Bushelle said. "I think our defense deserves credit too for consistently giving us great field position to work with."

Whirlwinds junior quarterback Jenni Gargula, who has scored 12 touchdowns in three games, and Pasquerilla West's Grace Orians, with seven touchdowns of her own, lead their respective offenses.

Bushelle called tonight's matchup "the toughest regular season game we play this year."

Pasquerilla West captain Tina Martinek could not be reached for comment.

Breen-Phillips vs. Lyons

Trying to keep its momentum going, Breen-Phillips (1-2) takes on reeling Lyons (1-1) tonight at 7 on Riehle Field.

Breen-Phillips had a rough start to the season, losing to defending champions Pasquerilla West 33-18. Breen started off with a strong 20-6 win over Badin but was shut out by Pangborn 16-0 last Sunday.

Last weekend, however, the Babes improved significantly, nabbing their first win in a 7-

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Hanks not used to losing

Irish forward determined to get squad back to winning ways

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

In the first game of her collegiate career, Kerri Hanks racked up three goals and an assist in an 11-1 win over New Hampshire.

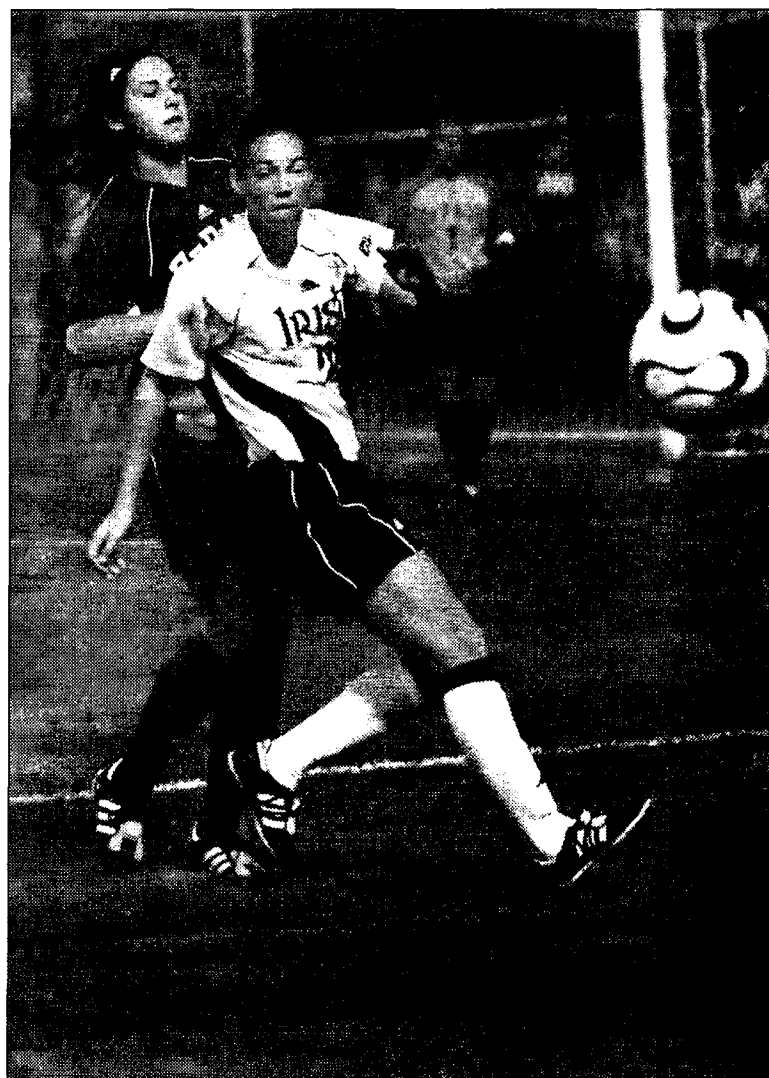
For most of her freshman and sophomore seasons, Hanks and the Irish continued rolling over opponents in a similar fashion.

This year has not been so easy for Hanks and her teammates. Despite notching six goals in her team's first eight games, the junior has lost as many games this season as she had in her first two seasons combined.

The Irish stand at 3-4-1 as they begin the meaty part of their Big East schedule Friday at Louisville.

"It is hard for me because I've never been on a team with a losing record before," Hanks said.

Before arriving at Notre Dame, Hanks starred for the Dallas Texans, the 2003 United States Youth Soccer Association national champion. Hanks received the Golden Boot Award for



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Irish forward Kerri Hanks passes the ball ahead in Notre Dame's 4-0 win over DePaul on Sept. 21.

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