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Market turmoil affects student job prospects

Despite major economic trouble, Notre Dame diploma still valuable

By JENN METZ
News Editor

The fate of Merrill Lynch and Lehman Brothers, formerly two of the nation's top investment banks, reflects a "scary time" in the investment community, Lee Svete, Director of the Notre Dame Career Center, said.

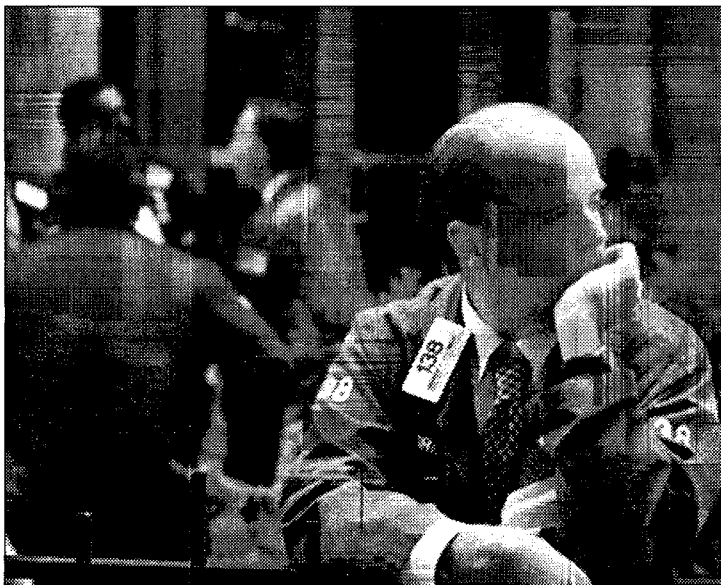
"We don't know yet what the dominant effect will be," he said.

The once-reliable companies' failings affect Notre Dame students of all majors, Svete said, in a volatile job market.

"Right now, it's going to impact our job market for students who want to pursue investment banking but do not have an internship on their résumé," he said.

Lehman Brothers and Merrill Lynch were not present at last Thursday's Fall Career Expo, but both firms have

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A stock broker takes a break from the floor during trading on Wall Street in New York Monday.

Dow Jones loses more than 500 points on Wall St.'s worst day in seven years

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The upheaval in the American financial system sent shock waves through the stock market Monday, producing the worst day on Wall Street in seven years as investors digested the failure of one of its most venerable banks and wondered which domino would be next to fall.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost more than 500 points, more than 4 percent, its steepest point drop since the day the stock market reopened after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. About \$700 billion evaporated from retirement plans, government pension funds and other investment portfolios.

The carnage capped a tumultuous 24 hours that redrew U.S. finance. Lehman Brothers, an investment bank that predates the Civil War and weathered the Great Depression, filed the largest bankruptcy in American histo-

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Gigot Ctr. launches contest

By PUJA PARIKH
News Writer

Dozens of Notre Dame students are brainstorming to come up with their best entrepreneurial ideas after the inaugural Notre Dame Ideas Challenge began Sept. 8 with a kickoff event at Legends.

This Ideas Challenge, which allows students to make their pitch on a variety of concepts, is organized by the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies. This new program supplements The Center's annual Notre Dame Business Plan Competitions.

"The idea can be from any discipline and is designed to encourage students to think outside the box—to stretch their mind as to what is possible," said Karen Slaggert, senior administrative assistant at the Gigot Center. "Our desire is to reach out to all students who really might want to make a difference in the world."

The competition is designed to attract participants from across the University.

"[The] Ideas Challenge is open to all Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students," Slaggert said. "Designed to be less intimidating than our annual Business Plan Competition, the Ideas Challenge is perfect for students in all colleges and all majors on campus."

Students compete in one of five categories. The first category, called Lend a Hand, accepts ideas likely to have a positive impact on the world. The technical category is for concepts likely to be devel-

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Hurricane Ike worries ND Texans



Hurricane Ike evacuees from Galveston, Texas wait for family members to pick them up at a San Antonio bus stop Monday.

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

Hurricane Ike slammed Galveston, Texas, as well as parts of southern Houston early Saturday morning, leaving Notre Dame students concerned about loved ones that may have been affected in its wake.

According to The Weather Channel, Galveston and southern Houston suffered the brunt of Ike's destruction, but the storm's path took it from Louisiana to New York.

Senior Lorna Bath experienced some the effects of Hurricane Ike last weekend

as she flew into Houston Thursday for a family wedding near the Mexico-Texas border.

While in Texas, Bath was able to get a feel for how the state has been handling the effects of the storm.

"People seem to be taking the curfews very seriously," Bath said.

According to CNN, Galveston and Harris counties implemented curfews beginning on Sept. 12, and about 60 percent of Galveston Island residents have evacuated.

Although the hurricane dev-

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29 arrested at Michigan game Saturday

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

One person was arrested during Saturday's Notre Dame-Michigan football game and taken to jail for a felony charge of assaulting a police officer and resisting law enforcement, and 22 others were arrested and transported to jail during the game for alcohol related offenses, Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) assistant director David Chapman said.

Police made 29 total arrests this weekend on the Notre Dame campus. NDSP made the arrests in conjunction with the Indiana State Excise Police, St. Joseph County Police and the South Bend Police Department.

Five people were arrested and transported to jail for public intoxication, one of whom was charged with possession of false identification. One individual was arrested and jailed for trespassing and re-selling tickets on campus.

Two citations were issued inside the stadium for minors consuming alcohol while only two people were asked to leave the stadium, compared to nine ejections last week for "violations of stadium rules," Chapman said in an e-mail to The Observer Monday.

One person was taken to the hospital for intoxication, police said.

Seventeen tickets were issued for alcohol-related

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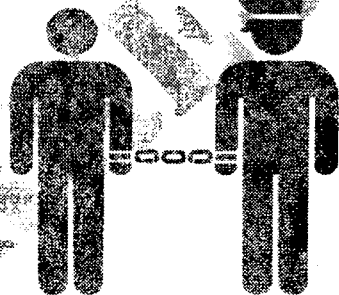
NOTRE DAME—MICHIGAN GAME

22 ALCOHOL-RELATED OFFENSES

5 PUBLIC INTOXICATION

1 TRESPASSING

1 ASSAULTING A POLICE OFFICER



29 TOTAL ARRESTS

Source: NDSP

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INSIDE COLUMN

Facebook etiquette

My fellow Facebookers:
It has come to my attention recently that there are several problems in our favorite social networking land. And no, I'm not referring to the new Facebook. I'm talking about etiquette, people. What has happened to the days of classy Facebooking? There are certain things, my friends, that are acceptable, and certain things that are not.

Kaitlyn Conway

Scene Writer

I feel like this is a large issue, something that can't be fully discussed in one column. So today, I will hold myself to one target of these Facebook faux-pas: the wall.

I think that there are several things you should never do on a Facebook wall. First and foremost: You should never ask someone on a date via Facebook wall.

That's just embarrassing — both for you and the person you're inviting out. Do you really want your humiliation to be public if you get turned down? And honestly, it's just not at all classy. Save that for a Facebook message — then it's acceptable.

There is one exception to this: a completely over-the-top invitation to woo your potential mate. In this case, it's probably not even a potential mate, more like a good friend you can mess around with for the purpose of a Facebook scandal.

Those invites should look something like this: "My dearest, darlingest [insert name here]. My life will be completely lonely and incomplete if you do not join me [tonight/this week-end] at/in [my SYR, formal, the dining hall, my bed, etc.] I cannot live without you. Yours forever, [your name]." Anything but this obvious display of affection is unnecessary for your Facebook wall. Don't make the mistake of having it be serious.

The second faux-pas: Giving people your number via wall. Umm, open invite on stalkers, anyone? Again, keep it to the Facebook message. No one wants creeper phone calls late at night, and that is exactly what you are opening yourself up to. Pass on it.

Then there's always the adventures people get into when they are, hmm, shall we say, not in the right state of mind. It seemed like a perfectly good idea to write on your ex's wall last night, but now that it's morning, your headache, bad spelling, and atrocious grammar say that it wasn't. Not at all. I know that this one is harder to resist: sometimes, you really just want to say: "Heyyyyui!!! WAZUPLK??"

However, the real answer here is not to harass people while you are ... indisposed. Save that for when you're sober, and won't have to wonder why you just wrote on the wall of someone you've never met before, but are friends with anyhow (an entirely different problem).

I leave you with this wisdom: Follow these rules to save everyone else the pain of your awkwardness. Keep Facebook classy, folks — and start with the wall.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Kaitlyn Conway at kconway2@nd.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: How do you feel about the rainy weather so far?



Andrew Diaz
freshman
Keough

"It sucks."



Priscilla Choi
freshman
Breen Philips

"I like it, it's really cool!"



Zak Kapopoulos
freshman
Keenan

"Neutral. Although God hath smote us with this foul weather, He hath punished the Michigan heathens with a far fouler football team."



Andrew Kristiansen
freshman
Keenan

"It's really, really, really, really depressing."



Lei Lei
freshman
Badin

"I feel like I'm in a wet T-shirt contest!"



TOM LA/The Observer

Associate Professor of Mathematics Claudia Polini celebrates her birthday Monday. Polini celebrated with her freshman honors math class.

IN BRIEF

A live video interview with Philip Roth, Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winning author, will take place in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore today at 8 p.m. The interview will celebrate the release of his novel "Indignation" and be conducted by author Benjamin Taylor.

There will be a lecture entitled "How We Can End the Genocide in Sudan" given by John Prendergast in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies Auditorium, on Thursday from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Lunch will be available prior to the lecture. It is sponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, and the Center for Social Concerns. This event is free and open to the public.

In "The Wonderbread Years," Pat Hazell finds humor in the experience of growing up in America. This event will be Thurs., Fri., and Sat. at 7 p.m. in the Decio Mainstage Theater of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$40, \$32 faculty/staff, \$30 seniors, and \$15 students and can be purchased at the Ticket Office.

The annual Forum Film Festival will be held Friday at 7 p.m. in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Films on sustainability will be shown. The event is open to the public. Tickets are free and must be reserved in advance at the Ticket Office.

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

OFFBEAT

Police get call over non-floppy rabbit ears

STIRLING, Scotland — Your rabbit's ears aren't floppy? Sorry, that's not an emergency. So said police in Scotland when a woman rang the emergency 999 number to discuss her concerns about her new pet. She said the newspaper ad promised floppy ears, but flop they would not.

Central Scotland Police said Monday they were equally unimpressed by another caller who complained that a passing car had splashed water on him, and by someone else

inquiring about the postal code for a town's post office.

Woman mistakes skunk for a cat, gets sprayed

MOUNT CARMEL, Pa. — A Pennsylvania woman who thought she was petting a neighbor's cat got a smelly surprise when it turned out to be a skunk. Not only did the skunk spray the woman before dawn Monday, but it ran into her Mount Carmel home.

Police spent hours at the home before leaving the scene, but there was no immediate word if

they were able to remove the animal.

Fla. police use Taser on nude man walking a dog

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — A 40-year-old man walking his dog in the nude was Tasered by police when he refused to follow an officer's commands. David McCranie of the Tallahassee Police Department said an officer on patrol spotted the man shortly after 8 p.m. Friday.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HIGH	68	62	73	75	75	77
LOW	48	53	53	53	52	55

Atlanta 81 / 56 Boston 69 / 54 Chicago 70 / 46 Denver 83 / 57 Houston 83 / 58 Los Angeles 94 / 63 Minneapolis 76 / 48 New York 74 / 60 Philadelphia 76 / 60 Phoenix 100 / 79 Seattle 82 / 54 St. Louis 73 / 51 Tampa 91 / 75 Washington 76 / 60

CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Council selects task force issues

Dorm life, technology, new student integration, security among topics to be addressed

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

After reviewing the topics discussed at the previous Campus Life Council (CLC) meeting and adding a few additional points, CLC members decided Monday on the creation of three task forces.

The task forces will cover a variety of student life issues, but will focus on three general topics: technology and study spaces within the dorms, student safety issues and a final task force on other dorm life issues, including welcoming new students to dorm life at Notre Dame.

Sustainability was also discussed as a possible task force, but council member and assistant vice president for Student Affairs Sr. Sue Dunn suggested that sustainability be an overarching topic of consideration for all the task forces throughout the year, rather than having its own force. The Council agreed with Dunn.

The task force on technology and study space issues within the dorms arose from discussion on a variety of topics.

During the previous CLC meeting, members discussed the lack of an accessible and user-friendly central calendar system. Council member

David Wilbur, who is the off-campus Student Senate representative, said the Student Senate's technology committee, which he sits on, is working with OIT to start using Google Calendars.

Wilbur said that eventually, in addition to dorm, club and other University events, professors would be able to use the system.

"The plan is eventually to put professors' syllabuses up there as well, so homework is up there," Wilbur stated.

Fr. Pete McCormick, rector of Keough Hall, discussed the plan in place to put Pharos printers in all dorms. This plan has not been carried out, although Wilbur stated it was still being worked on.

The second task force, centered on student safety and security issues, will address both on- and off-campus security issues.

Improving relationships with South Bend taxi services, organizing a forum for off-campus students to learn about issues affecting students off campus, addressing the relationship between students and Notre Dame Security Police and finding where specific safety issues may exist on campus are among the topics this task force will address.

"On Mod Quad there is a pathway between the dorms

that is not well lit," Lyons Hall Student Senate representative Catherine Flynn said. "Maybe if we can find a way to light that up a bit, that would help."

Flynn had also mentioned security concerns inside Hesburgh Library at the previous CLC meeting. McCormick said that working to create a bike path or safer environment for bikers around the Notre Dame campus should be a consideration for the task force.

The final task force will encompass the issues affecting both freshman and other new students at Notre Dame and a variety of other dorm life issues.

The task force will review the changes made to Freshman Orientation this past fall, consider ways to better organize and synthesize the information that new students receive upon entering the University, and other dorm issues, including monetary

and funding issues and disparities between dorms.

While the Council considered having more than three task forces or changing the concentration of task forces at the end of the semester, Sr. Mary Lynch, rector of McGlinn Hall, stated it would be wiser to plan to work for the entire year.

"It really does take time to track down all the people you need to connect with, ... have meetings ... and provide feedback," she said. "It really does take close to a year."

However, Fr. Jim Lewis, rector of Carroll Hall, said that the CLC is open to reorganize and restructure the task forces throughout the year, as the group sees fit.

The members will be assigned to the three task forces over the next week, and task force chairs will then be selected.

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offenses such as minor consumption or minor in possession of alcohol outside the stadium.

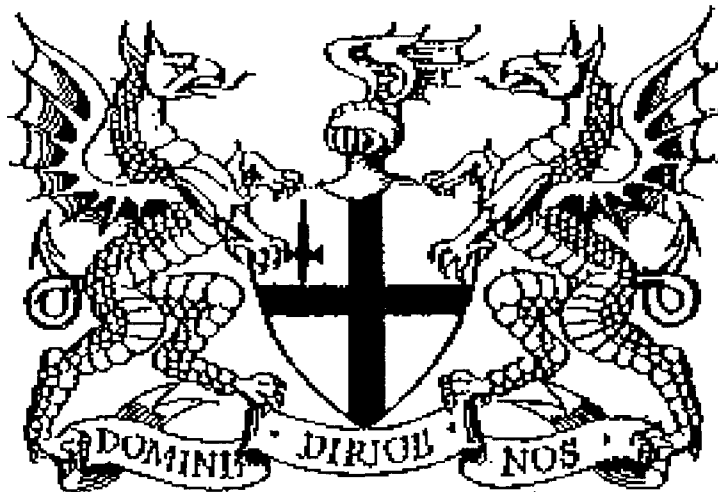
The 17 tickets issued Saturday show a decrease compared to the Notre Dame-Michigan game in 2006, where 40 alcohol-related tickets were issued and 25 people were ejected from the stadium, according to comments made by NDSP director Phil Johnson in a Sept. 19, 2006 Observer article.

Chapman reminded students that "NDSP will continue to work with other area police officials for all home football games," and that "unlawful behavior should be reported to NDSP by calling 574-631-5555" or by using a call box located in the parking area.

"If your football weekend festivities include the use of alcoholic beverages, remember to follow Indiana laws and drink responsibly," Chapman said.

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Wall St.

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ry. A second storied bank, Merrill Lynch, fled into the arms of Bank of America.

It was by far the most stomach-churning single day since a financial crisis began to bubble up from billions of dollars in rotten mortgage loans that have crippled the balance sheets of one bank after another and landed mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac under the control of the federal government.

"We are in the middle of a deep, dark recession, and it won't end soon. Here it is, and it is pretty nasty," said Barry Ritholtz, who writes the popular financial blog The Big Picture and is CEO of research firm FusionIQ.

And the fallout was far from over. American International Group, the world's largest insurer, was fighting for its very survival. New York Gov. David Paterson moved to allow the company to tap one of its subsidiaries for an emer-

gency loan to stay above water.

"AIG still remains financially sound," Paterson said, even as the company's stock tumbled almost 60 percent. Almost \$20 billion was wiped off AIG's balance sheet on Monday.

In Washington, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, who refused to toss a financial lifeline to Lehman, was unapologetic as the Bush administration signaled strongly that Wall Street shouldn't expect more rescues from Washington.

The American people should remain confident in the "soundness and resilience in the American financial system," Paulson told reporters at the White House.

Six months ago, Paulson moved to prevent the collapse of Bear Stearns, brokering a deal for JP Morgan Chase & Co. to buy the firm at a fire-sale price with Federal Reserve backing. Earlier this month, he stepped in to help the government seize Fannie and Freddie in hopes of reversing the housing and credit crises.

But Monday, Paulson said he

"never once" considered it appropriate to put taxpayer money at risk to resolve the problems at Lehman Brothers, which was saddled with \$60 billion worth of soured real estate holdings.

The result was one of the most

momentous days in Wall Street history since legendary banker J. Pierpont Morgan helped broker the rescue of financial markets during the Panic of 1907.

The Dow industrials dropped 504.48 points to close at

10,917.51, the first time since July they have finished under 11,000. It was the sixth-largest point drop ever and the worst since Sept. 17, 2001, when the average fell 684.81 points on the first day of trading after the terror attacks.

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been present in the past. Notre Dame students interned at both companies last summer, he said.

The Career Center does not know if any students had accepted job offers at Lehman Brothers before the investment bank collapsed Monday, but Svete said students had accepted offers at Merrill Lynch, which was acquired by Bank of America.

"We still don't know what's going to happen yet because Bank of America hasn't made a decision," he said.

The two companies' downfall are not necessarily indicative of the investment banking field as a whole, Svete said, as some middle market banks and other financial services and companies are still hiring.

"It's important that the middle market is still here in a big way," he said. "But in this crazy market, with the bigger businesses in trouble, it could change."

Houlihan Lokey - one of the middle market banks Svete mentioned - is coming Tuesday to recruit on campus. Commercial banks, like PNC Bank and Fifth Third Bank, have also recruited at the University.

"To some extent, we knew it was going to be a volatile job market for investment banking," he said.

During the Wall Street Forum last week, 178 firms, including Goldman Sachs and J.P. Morgan, said they would hire interns for summer 2009, but analysis on recruiting in the fall is currently on hold, Svete said. Neither Merrill Lynch nor Lehman Brothers were present.

The Career center is advising that students be "flexible" to adapt to the changing job environment.

He said Houlihan Lokey was an example of a middle market firm where students can employ the same skills they would use in a position at one of the bigger companies.

Other corporations, like Whirlpool and General Electric, are recruiting students of all majors for a number of leadership opportunities.

Students should realize, Svete said, that they can "work for a company like Whirlpool and utilize their skills - these are still leadership positions"

"It might not be an investment bank, but they're getting somewhere with a Notre Dame degree," he said.

In the past few years, Svete said,

Notre Dame has had "more and more students land jobs and internships with investment banks." He said he sees Monday's collapse as more of a market correction.

"This industry's going to bounce back," he said, "and it's going to look differently."

This is Svete's ninth year at the career center and during his tenure he has witnessed the effects of the Enron fraud scandal and 9/11, and has watched students bounce back.

"With Enron, the 40 accounting majors that had jobs going into April, one day they just didn't have jobs. They all found jobs by the end of May," he said. "After 9/11, the Career Fair went from 100 companies to 35."

Svete said that in a tough job market, a Notre Dame diploma becomes even more valuable.

"I think our students are going to be fine," he said. "I'm not saying it's not going to be tough out there, that it's not going to be competitive. Students are going to work a lot harder."

The reasons for the value of a Notre Dame diploma are two-fold, Svete said. The first reason is the strength of the alumni community.

The second is "how diverse and flexible and well-educated our grads are," he said. "If I'm a company that was going to hire 10 college grads ... and I was going to keep one school on my calendar, we're going to be one of those schools."

Svete said that is the reason "why 152 companies and 400-plus recruiters are at our career fairs." The winter Career Fair is scheduled to take place Jan. 28.

"The companies, organizations and grad schools will realize that our degree, our reputation, our integrity - all the things we bring to the table in a highly competitive market will only make us more valuable in the long run," Svete said.

Notre Dame's recent national rankings - 18th overall in the U.S. News and World Report and 3rd best undergraduate business program in BusinessWeek Magazine - indicate that "we'll be the last school to be cut by recruiting," Svete said.

"If we get cut, so will Stanford, Duke and Harvard." The second-tier schools, however, are "going to take a big hit this year," he said.

Advising numbers at the Career Center are up, and a record number of undergrads attended last week's Career Expo, Svete said.

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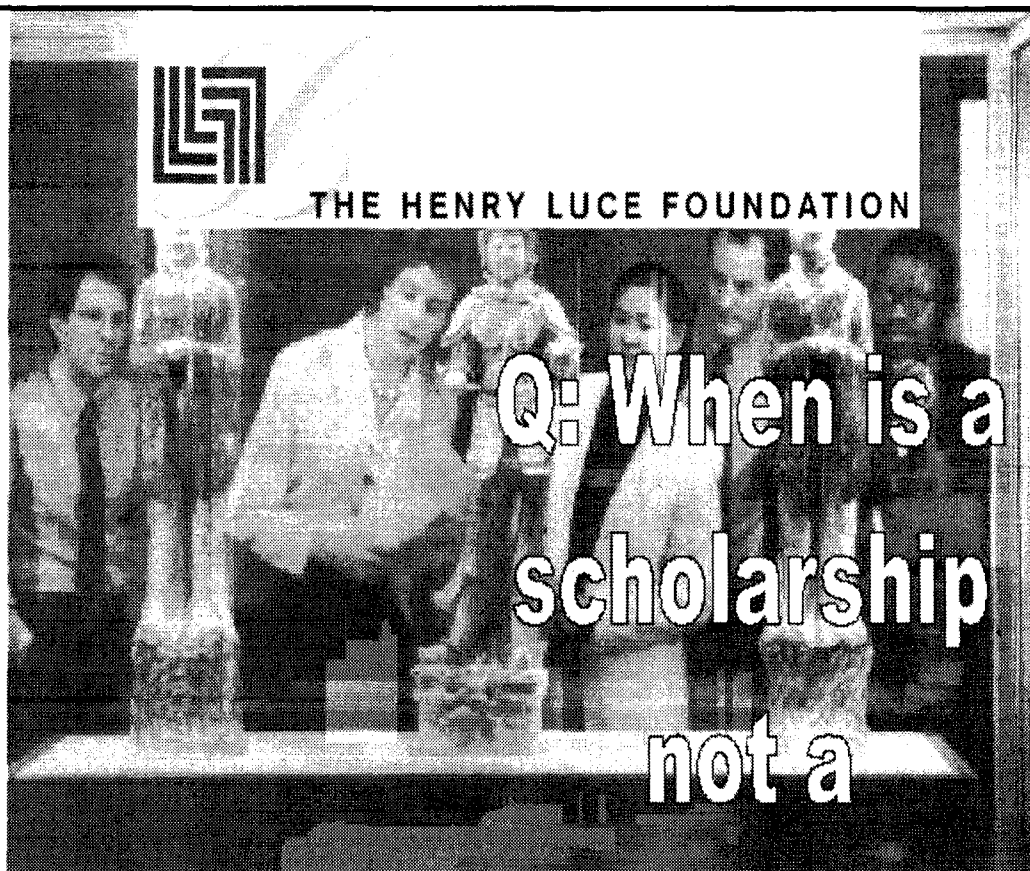
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Female bomber kills 35 in Iraq

BAGHDAD — A suicide bomber blew herself up Monday among police officers who were celebrating the release of a comrade from U.S. custody, killing at least 22 people, Iraqi officials said. Separate bombings in Iraq killed 13 other people.

The suicide attack happened in Diyala, a province northeast of Baghdad where Sunni insurgents have carried out persistent attacks despite security gains elsewhere in the country. The female bomber targeted the home of a police commissioner who had been detained by American troops for allegedly cooperating with the Mahdi Army, a Shiite militia.

Maj. Gen. Abdul-Karim al-Rubaie, the military commander in Diyala, said most of the 22 fatalities were police and that 33 people were wounded in the evening attack in Balad Ruz, 45 miles northeast of Baghdad. Two police captains and three lieutenant colonels were among the dead, said a police officer who requested anonymity because he was not authorized to release the information.

Son of al-Qaida suspect released

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — The 12-year-old son of a woman suspected of links to al-Qaida and facing charges in New York was freed Monday by Afghanistan and sent to his family in Pakistan, two months after he was detained with his mother.

Officials say the boy, Ali Hassan, and his mother, Aafia Siddiqui, were detained outside the governor's house in Afghanistan's Ghazni province in July. The American-educated Pakistani woman was then handed over to U.S. custody and flown to New York where she was accused of trying to kill U.S. personnel.

NATIONAL NEWS

Nebraska 'haven' law sees action

OMAHA, Neb. — Two boys ages 15 and 11 were left at Nebraska hospitals over the weekend, the first youngsters surrendered under the state's new safe-haven law that allows caregivers to abandon children and teens as well as infants, officials said.

A 44-year-old woman dropped off her teenage nephew at Lincoln's BryanLGH Medical Center West on Saturday, saying the boy had behavioral problems that she couldn't handle anymore, Lincoln Police Chief Tom Casady said. The woman is the boy's legal guardian.

The other boy was left at Immanuel Medical Center in Omaha on Saturday, said Alegent Health spokeswoman Kelly Grinnell.

O.J. Simpson trial resumes

LAS VEGAS — O.J. Simpson's Las Vegas robbery-kidnapping trial has resumed after the first prosecution witness became ill on the stand.

Bruce Fromong had been on the witness stand for several hours Monday before he pointed to his chest and indicated he didn't feel well. The sports memorabilia dealer is one of the alleged victims in the case.

He has said he has previous heart attacks. Paramedics examined Fromong at the courthouse but did not take him to a hospital. His attorney, Louis Schneider, says Fromong could resume testifying on Tuesday.

A second witness began testifying Monday afternoon after Fromong left the stand.

LOCAL NEWS

Democrat asks to suspend tax on gas

INDIANAPOLIS — Democrat Jill Long Thompson is repeating her call for Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels to temporarily suspend Indiana's sales tax on gasoline as fuel prices spike in the wake of Hurricane Ike.

But Daniels has said he doesn't have the legal authority to do so.

Long Thompson also wants to cap the gas sales tax once the pump price reaches \$2.75.

AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge Report shows that Hoosiers paid an average of \$4.12 per gallon of regular unleaded on Monday. That's up from \$4 per gallon Sunday.

ZIMBABWE

Mugabe shares power after 28 years

Political rivals sign power-sharing agreement intended to help economy

Associated Press

HARARE — President Robert Mugabe ceded some power in Zimbabwe for the first time in 28 years, signing a power-sharing deal Monday with opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai amid questions on how the fierce enemies will work together to fix the collapsing economy.

Thousands of supporters of the rival parties threw stones at each other as the ceremony got under way and several hundred broke through the gates of the convention center where it took place. Police fired warning shots and set dogs on the crowd, which calmed and cheered as their leaders left after the signing.

Mugabe, Tsvangirai and Arthur Mutambara, leader of a faction that broke away from Tsvangirai's party, all pledged to make the deal work. But long-simmering and bitter differences as well as the nation's economic collapse — inflation is officially running at 11 million percent — have put the deal under intense pressure.

It has already been criticized privately by some opposition leaders, who are unhappy that it leaves Mugabe as president and head of the government. They fear Mugabe will exploit that, especially by playing on tensions between the two opposition groups.

Nine African leaders including mediator President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa witnessed the signing in a show of commitment to the deal, which the African Union is underwriting.

Tanzania's President Jakaya Kikwete, chairman of the African Union, voiced the concern on many minds: "Will it hold or will it not? That is the question," he said.

Aid agencies welcomed the deal as a hopeful sign they will be able to step up food deliveries to millions of people facing hunger.

"The food situation in



Morgan Tsvangirai, the new Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, prepares speak at the power-sharing deal yesterday.

Zimbabwe has reached crisis point," said Matthew Cochrane of the international Red Cross. "There are already more than 2 million people who don't have food, and that number is going to rise to 5 million, which is about half the country's population, by the end of the year."

Mugabe's government restricted the work of aid agencies in June, accusing them of siding with the opposition before a presidential runoff. The ban was lifted last month, but aid agencies say it takes time to gear up.

Mugabe, 84, has been in power since independence in 1980 and went from being praised as a liberator who freed the former

British colony from minority white rule to being vilified as an autocrat. He and Tsvangirai, 56, have been enemies for a decade, and Tsvangirai has been jailed, beaten, tortured and tried for treason — charges that were dismissed in court.

Under a complicated arrangement, Tsvangirai is the prime minister with executive powers to chair a new council of ministers responsible for forming government policies. He is deputy chairman of a Cabinet of ministers that Mugabe will head.

The agreement provides for 31 ministers — down from 50 — 15 nominated by Mugabe's party, 13 by Tsvangirai and three by Mutambara.

The parties began negotiating Monday which ministries they would hold and an announcement was expected later this week. Opposition leaders want the Home Affairs Ministry that would give them charge of the police who have terrorized them and their supporters this year, and Mugabe would retain the Defense Ministry.

Tsvangirai saluted members of parliament for their willingness to work across party lines. "If you were my enemy yesterday, today we are bound by the same patriotic duty," he said, calling on legislators to be "driven by the hope of a new, better, brighter country" and the "hope of a new beginning."

Texting may be cause of train crash

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Federal rail investigators said Monday they would go to court to get an engineer's cell phone records to determine if he was text messaging when his commuter train slammed head-on into a freight locomotive, killing 25 people.

The investigation into Friday's fatal Metrolink crash was also focusing on whether signal lights worked properly and were synchronized with a control center where a dispatcher was warned of a problem apparently only after the collision had occurred.

As workers continued to clear the tracks to restore full service, a smaller number of commuters — many wary and emotional — returned to the rail line, where Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa tried to reassure them the trains are safe.

"I want to dispel any fears about taking the train," he said. "Safety has to be our No. 1 concern, and while accidents can and do happen, taking the train is still one of the safest and fastest options for commuters."

About a dozen bouquets were strung the length of the loading platform at the Simi Valley station as passengers boarded buses and were

shuttled to the Chatsworth station, bypassing the tracks still being cleared of wreckage.

Regular commuters said the train load was much lighter than usual.

The National Transportation and Safety Board said the commuter train, which carried 220 people Friday, rolled past stop signals at 42 mph and forced its way onto a track where a Union Pacific freight was barreling toward it. NTSB board member Kitty Higgins said the commuter train engineer, who was among the 25 dead, had failed to stop at the final red signal. The crash also injured 138 people.

Ideas

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oped into a viable product.

The creative idea category takes ideas that solve a problem. The At Your Service category takes the concept most likely to result in a viable service organization. The final category, Big Bucks, looks for the idea most likely to result in a viable company, generating profits and new jobs.

Judges will determine the top three ideas in each of the five categories. \$500 will be awarded for first place, \$250 for second place, and \$125 for third place in each of the five categories.

The top 20 ideas submitted from all categories will be invited to compete in the Elevator Pitch Competition, where participants will have two minutes to sell their idea to an investor. The top three winners of The Elevator Pitch Competition will receive an additional \$1750 in prize money.

The first training session for the Ideas Challenge is Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Legends. Management Professor Matt Bloom will present a lecture on "How Ideas Change the World."

Slaggert said she is looking forward to the session.

"We expect even more [students] at the session ... Prof. Bloom has consistently won awards for teaching so I'm sure the students will come to hear him," she said.

The Ideas Challenge is currently open for registrations. The deadline for entering the Ideas Challenge and Business Plan Competition is Oct. 6.

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Storm

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astated much of Galveston, it did not hit as strongly as originally expected — it was downgraded to a Category 2 hurricane once it hit Galveston Island, according to CNN.

Leaving Houston on Sunday was more of a challenge than entering the city for Bath, however. Her flight from Houston to Chicago was cancelled, and she eventually had to fly out of San Antonio in order to get back to campus, she said.

Bath also said that she has some friends in eastern Houston who decided to stay as the storm first hit.

"[My family and I] called everyone we know to see how they were," Bath said. "Most people didn't have power or phones lines ... and fences

were destroyed by the storm. There was some flooding [in eastern Houston], but no significant damage."

Bath, who is from western Houston, said that she and her family were thankful the hurricane had not caused any major damage to her home.

"My family was relieved that our house was spared," Bath said.

Bath said she thought Texas residents were better prepared to respond to Ike due to the devastation they saw others endure from Hurricanes Katrina and Gustav.

"If it hadn't been for those storms, the state would not have mobilized as quickly as it did, and it has taken great pains to evacuate the coast as much as possible," she said.

"The level of organization was impressive."

Sophomore Elizabeth Morgan said that Ike has been particularly worrisome

for her because she has experienced first-hand what it is like to have family members caught in a hurricane.

"I was personally affected by Hurricane Katrina because I have a lot of family in New Orleans. It's an emotional experience whenever a hurricane comes and I always get a little scared and nervous about it," Morgan said.

Morgan said she first started keeping up with Ike's progress last week.

"Last week I was watching the news, and I saw that there was a big storm that was going to affect Houston," Morgan said.

Morgan is from Spring, Texas about 30 miles north of Houston — while her town has not been affected as

drastically as other areas like southern Houston and Galveston, she remained fearful for friends and family residing in these areas.

"Spring has not been affected as far as water, but trees have fallen and power has been cut off," she said.

Morgan also said her grandparents who live in southern Houston and friends that attend the University of Houston who

have been under mandatory evacuation.

"It's hard for me to be up at school where everything is normal, while [friends and family] are at home in the midst of destruction with no air conditioning or electricity," Morgan said.

Elizabeth Morgan
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IN BRIEF

Feds give housing relief to Ike victims

WASHINGTON — The federal government will offer a three month moratorium on mortgage foreclosures that are insured by the Federal Housing Authority to residents living in Texas and Louisiana disaster areas.

This is one of several disaster assistance programs the federal department of Housing and Urban Development will offer, according to the administration.

In addition, the federal government plans to give state and local governments federally guaranteed loans to rehabilitate housing, and for public infrastructure repair and economic development.

Ike will cause 'pinch' for consumers

WASHINGTON — President Bush warned Monday that people will face a "pinch" at the pump because of Hurricane Ike's disruption of energy production, as many consumers already grappling with the high price of gasoline have seen costs soar since the storm made landfall.

Bush said the hurricane's toll on refineries and pipelines is creating "an upward pressure on price" on people.

"There's going to be a pinch," Bush said after a briefing on hurricane recovery efforts. "I wish it wasn't the case, but it is."

Gold, silver retain value during crisis

NEW YORK — Gold prices managed a lackluster rally Monday as Lehman Brothers' bankruptcy and the sale of Merrill Lynch battered stocks and boosted the allure of safe-haven assets. Silver also rose.

Other commodities traded mixed, with crude oil plunging more than \$5 a barrel and most agriculture futures trading higher.

After more than a week of sharp declines, gold found a few buyers Monday as investors scrambled for safe places to put their money after Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. filed for bankruptcy protection and Merrill Lynch & Co. was sold to Bank of America Corp — stunning developments that radically altered the U.S. financial world.

ELECTION 2008

Candidates respond to crisis

McCain, Obama attempt to seize control over growing economy issue

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With chaos rocking financial markets, John McCain assailed "greed and corruption" on Wall Street and promised to clean it up, while Barack Obama blamed White House policies and said his opponent would only deliver more of the same.

The presidential candidates struggled on Monday to seize control of the issue voters say is most important — the economy — with Republicans and Democrats alike saying the man who succeeds may well win the election.

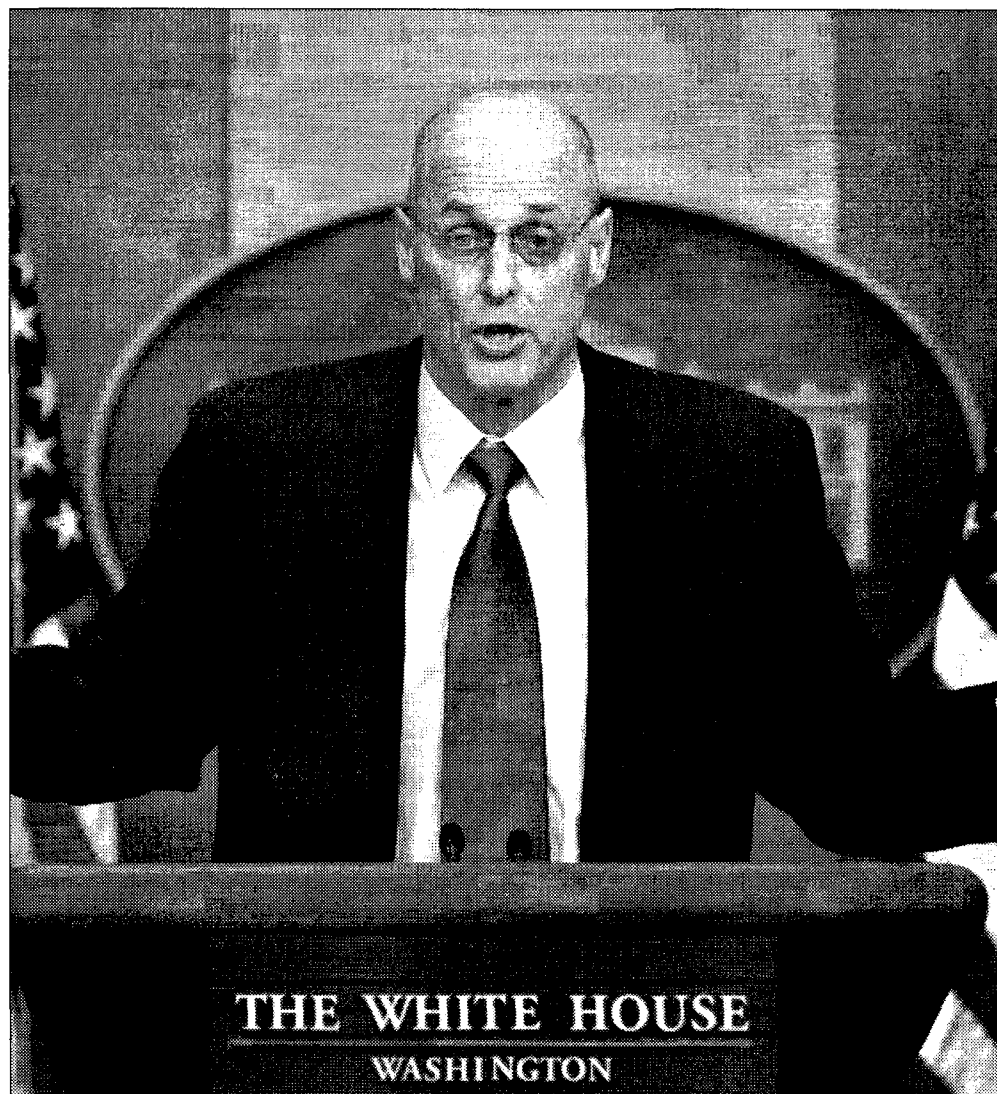
However, in a dizzying day of speeches and statements, neither White House hopeful offered any fresh ideas for turning things around. Instead each relied on the same vague, though vastly different, pitches he has sounded over the past few months for fixing what ails the country.

And they didn't emphasize that they are part of the Congress that has done little to head off the crisis. McCain is a four-term Arizona senator, Obama a first-termer from Illinois.

Bemoaning "the most serious financial crisis since the Great Depression," Democrat Obama faulted Republican McCain's domestic policy agenda as the same as President Bush's — "one that says we should just stick our heads in the sand and ignore economic problems until they spiral into crises."

McCain declared in a new TV ad, "Our economy is in crisis. Only proven reformers John McCain and Sarah Palin can fix it" — though he also told voters in Jacksonville, Fla., "The fundamentals of our economy are strong."

While presidents — and candidates of the party occupying the White House — often take credit for good economies and try to avoid blame for bad ones, financial crises nearly always have



Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson briefs reporters on the troubled economy Monday at the White House in Washington.

multiple causes.

Home loans became more affordable a few years ago when the Federal Reserve kept interest rates low. Politicians of all stripes encouraged home ownership. But lightly regulated financial outfits began slicing and dicing the resulting mortgages into securities and selling them to investors.

Eventually, it all began collapsing, prices dropped, people started losing their homes and Wall Street went into a spin.

This is the backdrop with some seven weeks left in the campaign, and both Obama and McCain are trying to

find a message that resonates with anxious voters who are fretting about their retirement nest eggs, home mortgages and job security.

As different as their policies are, they were united in their message to voters: It's not your fault.

Courting working class voters who gave him grief in the Democratic primary, Obama sounded an I-feel-your-pain note.

Obama lamented Republican policies over eight years that he said "encouraged outsized bonuses to CEOs while ignoring middle-class Americans" and said: "Instead of prosperity trickling down, the

pain has trickled up — from the struggles of hardworking Americans on Main Street to the largest firms of Wall Street."

McCain's words were sympathetic as well.

"America is in a crisis today," he said — then added: "The economic crisis is not the fault of the American people. Our workers are the most innovative, the hardest working, the best skilled, the most productive, the most competitive in the world. ... But they are being threatened today ... because of greed and corruption that some engaged in on Wall Street and we have got to fix it."

Lehman Brothers files bankruptcy

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Lehman Brothers, a 158-year-old investment bank choked by the credit crisis and falling real estate values, filed for Chapter 11 protection in the biggest bankruptcy filing ever on Monday and said it was trying to sell off key business units.

The filing was made in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Southern District of New York by Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., the bank's holding company. The case had been assigned to Judge James M. Peck.

Lehman fell under the weight of \$60 billion in soured real estate holdings, and the credit market's dislocation ultimately forced it to

seek court protection. The credit crisis has caused global banks to write down more than \$300 billion in asset value since last year, and caused the shotgun sales of Merrill Lynch & Co. and Bear Stearns Cos.

Lehman's bankruptcy filing marks the end of a Wall Street firm that started the U.S. cotton trade before the Civil War and financed the railroads that built a nation.

The company's roots began in 1844 when Henry Lehman immigrated from Rimpark, Germany, to Alabama, where he established a dry goods store that catered to local cotton farmers in Montgomery. Lehman Brothers evolved from merchandising to a commodities broker, and then later into underwriting where

the firm helped finance construction of the Pennsylvania Railroad, among others.

Chairman and Chief Executive Richard S. Fuld, who joined Lehman as a college student in 1969 and was the longest serving CEO on Wall Street, now has the dubious task of winding down the company's \$639 billion of assets. It has about 25,000 employees worldwide, joining the swell of unemployed bankers and traders hurt by the credit crisis.

Many Lehman employees seen entering its headquarters in midtown Manhattan tucked their chins down to avoid talking to the media and others who had lined up behind metal barriers in front of the building.

Crumble sparks int'l reactions

Associated Press

TOKYO — Asian stock markets tumbled Tuesday amid growing fears of a global financial crisis as investors reacted to the demise of two of Wall Street's biggest names, Lehman Brothers and Merrill Lynch.

Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index was down 5.3 percent to 11,560.66 in mid-afternoon trading, while Hong Kong's blue-chip Hang Seng Index shed 5.7 percent. Both markets — Asia's two biggest — had been closed for holidays on Monday, when news first broke about the dramatic events on Wall Street.

Across the region, markets were all deep in the red. South Korea's Kospi was down 5.4 percent, Taiwan's benchmark was off 4.7 percent and China's Shanghai index was down 3.2 percent.

Japan's central bank on Tuesday injected 2.5 trillion yen (\$24 billion) into money markets and issued a statement vowing to take measures to maintain stability in the country's financial markets. Cabinet ministers, along with the central bank chief, were also holding an emergency meeting.

"The Bank of Japan will carefully monitor recent situations surrounding the U.S. financial institutions and their influences, and will continue to strive to ensure smooth settlement of funds and maintain stability in financial markets through measures such as appropriate money market operations," central bank Gov. Masaaki Shirakawa said.

The dollar also got hit, falling to 104.43 yen early Tuesday afternoon in Asia from mid-107 yen levels before the weekend.

In Tokyo, the Japanese unit of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. requested bankruptcy

protection at a Tokyo court after the 158-year-old firm filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in New York on Monday.

The storied New York investment bank, crippled by \$60 billion in soured real-estate holdings, was unable to find an investment partner to throw it a lifeline despite a flurry of last-minute negotiations over the weekend.

Investors were further shaken by the equally stunning news that Merrill Lynch, one of the world's most famous brokerages, sought to avoid a similar fate with a \$50 billion transaction to become part of Bank of America Corp.

The crisis appeared to be far from over. American Insurance Group, the world's largest insurer, was fighting for its survival after downgrades from major credit rating firms, adding pressure to AIG as it seeks billions of dollars to strengthen its balance sheet.

Seichi Miura, strategist at Mitsubishi UFJ Securities in Tokyo, said already weak investor sentiment has been badly shaken by Lehman. He predicted extremely volatile markets ahead.

"The market just hasn't been able to shake off an overall downward trend," he said.

On Wall Street Monday, the Dow Jones industrial average fell more than 500 points, or 4.4 percent, to 10,917.51 — its worst point drop since after the September 11, 2001, terror attacks.

European markets also sank Monday, with Britain's FTSE-100 share index falling 3.9 percent and France's CAC-40 down 3.7 percent.

The Tokyo Stock Exchange halted securities and derivatives trading by Lehman Brothers a day after Japan's financial watchdog ordered

its local unit to suspend operations.

South Korea's financial regulator also said it had suspended some operations of two local units of Lehman Brothers.

Share prices in Tokyo fell across the board, with banking issues taking a particularly hard hit in the wake of Lehman's collapse. Investors unloaded shares in major Japanese banks listed as some of the biggest lenders, including Aozora Bank, Mizuho Financial Group and Shinsei Bank.

Aozora, a midsize Tokyo-based bank, lost more than 19 percent, even as the company in a statement sought to reassure markets that its net exposure could be reduced to less than \$25 million compared with the widely reported figure of \$463 million.

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc., with a \$289 million loan to Lehman, fell more than 10 percent. Shinsei was down almost 16 percent.

Australia's banks, including Commonwealth Bank of Australia, ANZ Banking Group and National Australia Bank Ltd., were all hit hard.

In Seoul, South Korean banks extended losses. Top lender Kookmin Bank shares declined 8 percent while Hana Financial Group shares fell 10 percent.

In Hong Kong, major bank HSBC lost 4.4 percent, and leading mainland Chinese lender ICBC plummeted 7.7 percent.

Hong Kong government officials said they were keeping a close eye on the markets.

"We know Hong Kong has a good monitoring system in place. I believe all monitoring agencies will make sure trading is conducted smoothly today," said Chan Ka-keung, secretary for financial services and treasury.

Race for Israeli P.M. spot ongoing

Olmert's replacement as top Kadima party leader to be chosen in Wednesday elections

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — A popular foreign minister hoping to become Israel's first female leader in more than three decades squares off against a tough-talking military man Wednesday when the ruling party picks a new chief to replace Prime Minister Ehud Olmert.

The Kadima Party called the election as Olmert is being forced from office by a corruption scandal.

Whoever is chosen as party leader has a good chance of becoming the next prime minister, charged with dealing with Iran's nuclear ambitions, overseeing peace talks and shaping relations with Israel's most important ally, the United States.

The race pits Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni — a rising political star hoping to become the second female prime minister in Israel's history after Golda Meir — against Shaul Mofaz, a former military chief and defense minister who says he is the perfect choice to lead this security-obsessed country.

The differences are as much about substance as style.

As Israel's lead negotiator in peace talks with the Palestinians, Livni, a lawyer and former agent in the Mossad spy agency, is eager to continue the low-decibel diplomatic efforts. She says she hopes diplomatic efforts to halt Iran's nuclear program prevail, though she says all options are on the table. And she has forged a warm working relationship with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

"In the political arena, the lower the profile you maintain, the less you are perceived as a threat," Livni said in a recent interview with Israeli daily Yediot Achronot. "It is accepted as being more in the national interest, less politically motivated, and therefore you are capable of moving processes forward."

Mofaz takes a much tougher line in negotiations, demanding the Palestinians fulfill a series of conditions before final peace talks can take place. He also is more willing to order military action in times of crisis.

"The Arab states know that when I am prime minister, my determination, my tenacity, my assertiveness in the face of threats will be very significant," Mofaz told Yediot. "Along with that, I will be able to achieve peace with them and also begin a dialogue of give and take. For this you need strong leadership that is able to make decisions and that has decisions in the past. I was there. I led soldiers."

In June, Mofaz roiled world oil markets when he reportedly said Israel would have "no choice" but to attack Iran if diplomatic efforts to end Tehran's nuclear program fail. During the current campaign, he has said Israel should resume its practice of assassinating Hamas leaders in the Gaza Strip.

"The choice between Mofaz and Tzipi Livni is for the Israeli public really a choice between opting from the use of military force in dealing with the conflict, as against the use of diplomacy," said Yaron Ezrahi, a political scientist at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Pope: Accept death 'at the hour chosen by God'

Benedict XVI speaks to disabled, sick and dying at visit to Lourdes

Associated Press

LOURDES, France — People must accept death at "the hour chosen by God," Pope Benedict XVI told ailing pilgrims Monday in an anti-euthanasia message at Lourdes, the shrine that draws the desperate, sick and dying.

At the chilly open-air service outside the sanctuary reputed for its curative spring water, some faithful lay on gurneys, tucked into quilts and comforters. A few breathed with oxygen tanks. The 81-year-old pontiff administered the sacrament of the sick to 10 people, most in wheelchairs, gently anointing their foreheads and palms with oil.

While several European countries permit euthanasia, the Vatican vehemently maintains that life must continue to its natural end. The pope said in his homily that the ill should pray to find "the grace to accept, without fear or bitterness, to leave this world at the hour chosen by God."

The Mass closed the pope's four-day trip to France, his first to the country since becoming pontiff in 2005. Benedict used

the trip to lay out the church's opposition to rampant materialism in modern life and recognition of divorced Catholics' new marriages.

The pontiff also urged more room for religion in society, a topic that renewed long-simmering debate in France about its historic separation of church and state — so staunch that schoolchildren cannot wear Muslim head scarves or large crosses around their necks in public schools.

In a traditionally Roman Catholic country with a dwindling churchgoing population and a growing Muslim community, conservative President Nicolas Sarkozy has argued that dialogue with religious groups should play a greater role in national decisions and debate — a subject on which he and Benedict found common ground.

Julien Dray, the spokesman of the opposition Socialists, complained that the stances that Benedict repeated in Lourdes were "fundamentalist" and "closed to the evolutions taking place in the church." During the visit, he said, Sarkozy "did not put enough

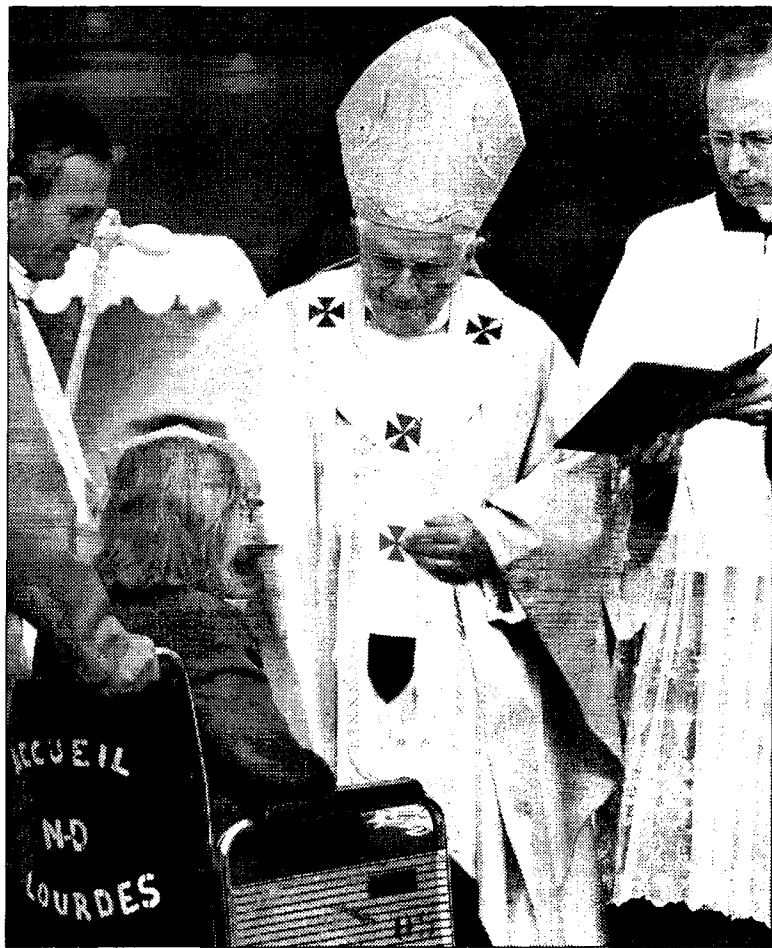
distance between religious practice and the public sphere."

Francois Bayrou, a centrist politician, has said he had reservations about Sarkozy inviting the pope to the presidential Elysee Palace because it is a symbol of the French Republic. Bayrou is a Catholic who showed up for Sunday Mass at Lourdes.

Despite the political debate that erupted during the trip, the main purpose of Benedict's visit was to mark the 150th anniversary of visions of the Virgin Mary to a Lourdes peasant girl, 14-year-old Bernadette Soubirous, who was later named a saint.

The shrine in the foothills of the French Pyrenees draws 6 million pilgrims a year, many of whom believe that Lourdes' spring water has the power to heal and even work miracles.

Maryse Bargain, a 48-year-old woman from the Brittany region of northwest France, was among those praying for healing. She expressed hope that the pope, "someone else or the Virgin" might help cure the blindness she has suffered from since birth.



Pope Benedict XVI gives communion during a special Mass for the sick in front of the Basilica of the Rosary, in Lourdes, France, Monday.

ELECTION 2008

Palin unlikely to cooperate

McCain spokesman says Palin won't speak with investigators

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Gov. Sarah Palin is unlikely to speak with an independent counsel hired by Alaska lawmakers to review the firing of her public safety commissioner, a spokesman for Republican presidential candidate John McCain said Monday.

Spokesman Ed O'Callaghan said he has not spoken with Palin, but she was "unlikely to cooperate" with the inquiry "as long as it remains tainted."

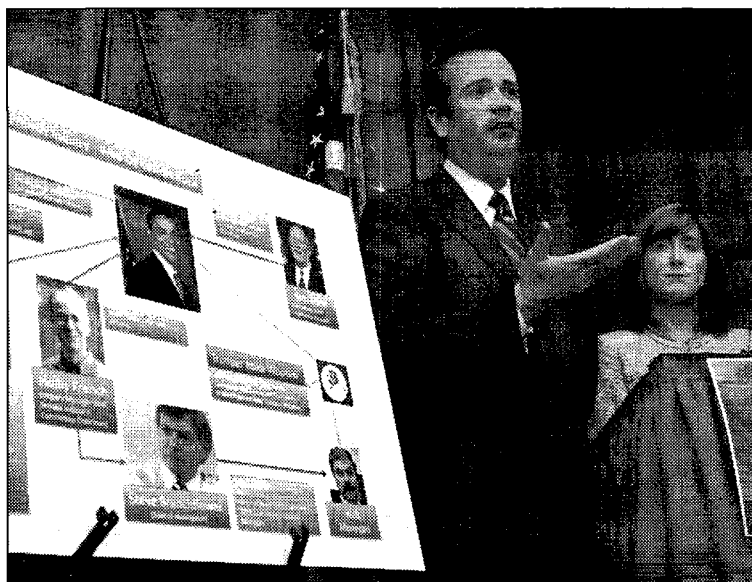
Democrats charged that the McCain campaign was trying to stall the investigation.

"The partisan presidential campaign of McCain/Palin has interfered and is picking partisan targets to smear in order to make this investigation look like something it isn't," said Patti Higgins, chairwoman of the Alaska Democratic Party. "Rather than cooperating with the investigation, the Republican presidential campaign is doing everything it can to stall and smear."

O'Callaghan also said he did not know whether Palin's husband, Todd, would challenge a subpoena issued Friday to compel his cooperation. Thomas Van Flein, the Palins' lawyer, who has accepted service of the subpoena, did not return messages seeking comment. The governor herself has not been subpoenaed, but the Legislature's investigator, Steve Branchflower, has said he hopes to speak with her about the firing of Public Safety Commissioner Walt Monegan.

Palin and her husband campaigned Monday in Colorado and Ohio. Palin also planned appearances Tuesday in Ohio.

Palin initially said she welcomed the inquiry. But after she became McCain's running mate on Aug. 29 her lawyer sought to have the three-member state Personnel Board take over the investi-



Edward O'Callaghan, left, and Megan Stapleton, spokespersons with the McCain campaign, answer questions during a news conference in Anchorage, Alaska, Monday.

gation, alleging that public statements by the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Democratic state Sen. Hollis French, indicated the probe was politically motivated.

French said Sept. 2 that the results of the investigation could constitute an "October surprise" for the McCain campaign. He later apologized for the remark, but Palin's lawyer has said the biased impression it created can't be undone.

The McCain campaign says it can prove Monegan was fired in July because of insubordination on budget issues, and not because he refused to fire a state trooper who went through a nasty divorce from Palin's sister.

Monegan said Monday that Palin never complained to him about his performance.

"In my time as a commissioner, the governor has never talked to me about complaints about my efforts," Monegan said.

To that end, the campaign released a series of e-mails detailing the frustration several Palin administration officials experienced in dealing with Monegan. The "last straw," the campaign said,

was a trip Monegan planned to Washington in July to seek federal money for investigating and prosecuting sexual assault cases.

In a July 7 e-mail, John Katz, the governor's special counsel, noted two problems with the trip: the governor hadn't agreed the money should be sought, and the request "is out of sequence with our other appropriations requests and could put a strain on the evolving relationship between the Governor and Sen. Stevens."

Monegan was fired four days later.

In the weeks since, it has emerged that the Palins and her staff repeatedly had contacted Monegan expressing their dismay at the continued employment of Trooper Mike Wooten, who divorced Palin's sister in 2005. The following year, Wooten was suspended for five days based on complaints filed by the Palins, including that he drank in his patrol car, used a Taser on his 10-year-old stepson and illegally shot a moose.

A bipartisan panel of the Legislature voted unanimously to authorize an investigation into the circumstances of Monegan's firing.

Ceremony planned for new Minn. bridge

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — State troopers will lead a slow, somber procession of motorists across the Mississippi River early Thursday to mark the opening of the new bridge replacing one that collapsed and killed 13 people last year.

With the hum of construction equipment behind them, government officials gathered Monday to announce the opening and unveil the design of a permanent memorial to the dead and 145 injured.

"Getting this bridge built and getting it built quickly will help heal a wound, but it will never heal the pain from last August," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Mary Peters. "These lanes will forever be sacred because of the 13 people who lost their lives here."

The new concrete span for Interstate 35W includes high-tech sensors and backup features lacking in the 40-year-old steel truss bridge it replaces. The \$234 million bridge was fast-tracked to restore the major Minneapolis artery, a traffic route that accounted for 140,000 trips a day.

"Out of mind-numbing tragedy has come an engineering marvel," said Rep. Jim Oberstar, a Minnesota Democrat and head of the House Transportation Committee. "Out of the rubble of the failing of a bridge has come a lesson for the future of bridge engineering and construction."

The builders are in line for a bonus of up to \$27 million for completing the project more than three months early.

Minnesota Transportation Commissioner Tom Sorel said the contractor must complete some minor work before the award size is determined.

The new bridge was completed 11 months after work began and about 13 months after the collapse. In contrast, work on the original bridge began in 1964 and

wasn't finished until 1967.

When the new span opens at 5 a.m. Thursday, the troopers will line up across the lanes at each end, allowing traffic to line up behind them. Once construction barricades are removed, the troopers will slowly drive across the bridge, allowing commuters to follow them.

Gov. Tim Pawlenty said the arrangement is meant more for safety than ceremony.

"We're not going to have a race or a rush for people to be the first to drive across the bridge," he said.

Andy Gannon, whose car plunged 42 feet when the old I-35W bridge fell into the river, said he wants to be among the first to cross. He recently found the crumpled directions from his trip that tragic day — a route that was to take him to a wake for a friend's father. He will follow those directions Thursday.

"For me, I have to complete where I was going," he said.

The memorial to the collapse will be in a nearby park. A fountain will be surrounded by 13 steel I-beams, each engraved with the name of one of the dead. Mayor R.T. Rybak said a \$1 million fundraising campaign will finance the construction and upkeep of the memorial.

The National Transportation Safety Board plans to discuss its findings on what caused the bridge collapse at a public hearing in Washington in November.

In January, NTSB Chairman Mark Rosenker said a design error was "the critical factor" in the collapse, pointing to too-thin gusset plates that helped connect the bridge's steel beams.

The NTSB has also focused on the weight of construction materials that were on the bridge for a resurfacing project.

Gannon said he has full confidence in the new bridge's safety.

"There will be a lot of eyes on this bridge," he said. "For something to go wrong, I just don't see it."

Ike blamed for Midwest deaths, blackout

Hurricane remnants leave millions without power over weekend

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Midwest residents cleared debris from their yards Monday as crews worked to restore electricity to millions of customers left without power by a weekend of violent storms caused by the remnants of Hurricane Ike.

The storms, the latest in a brutal summer that has slammed parts of the region with severe flooding, brought Ike's total death toll to at least 39 in 10 states from the Gulf Coast to the Ohio Valley.

As Ike faded and headed off toward the northeast, combining with a weather system that arrived from the west, it dumped as much as 6 to 8 inches of rain on parts of Indiana, Illinois and Missouri. It spawned a tornado in Arkansas that damaged several buildings, and delivered hurricane-force wind to Ohio, tem-

porarily shutting down Cincinnati's main airport during the weekend.

Flooding was expected this week in several towns in Missouri, which experienced widespread flooding in March. High water on the Mississippi River was expected to close a riverfront street later this week in front of St. Louis' famed Gateway Arch.

In Arnold, Mo., sandbag walls erected to protect several homes from the March flooding were never taken down, and should withstand a new round, City Manager Matthew Unrein said.

"The old-timers knew it was wise to leave the sandbags," he said.

The Missouri River is likely to reach more than 11 feet above flood stage in Missouri's St. Charles County, threatening seven private levees, officials said.

About 40 Indiana National Guard troops were activated Sunday to assist with the evacuation of about 5,000 residents from flooded parts of Munster, a town along the Illinois border.

"We've never had flooding like this," town manager Tom DeGiulio said.

Evacuees who spent the night in a shelter at a Munster school said Monday that the water rose quickly.

"The water was nothing but a trickle in the middle of the street and by the time we decided what to do it was too late," said George Polvich, who was rescued by boat. "There was, like, three feet of water."

About 2 million homes and businesses across Ohio, and thousands more in Indiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Pennsylvania and New York were without power Monday.



Lorain firefighters and EMT personnel work to free a woman trapped inside a car underneath storm debris in Lorain, Ohio, Sunday. The rescue crews worked at the scene for more than an hour.

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Since 1982, Kennesaw, an Atlanta suburb, has required every head of a household to own a gun and ammunition, with an exemption for those who conscientiously object. One effect of the enactment was the appearance of yard signs: "Never Mind the Dog-Beware of Owner." Another was that the Kennesaw crime rate dropped and remains well below the national average.

What brings Kennesaw to mind is District of Columbia v. Heller, decided last June, the Supreme Court's first in-depth examination of the Second Amendment. That amendment provides: "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." The Court held, 5-4, that the District of Columbia's "ban on handgun possession in the home violates the Second Amendment, as does its prohibition against rendering any lawful firearm in the home operable for the purpose of immediate self-defense." The Heller ruling was hailed by many as a decisive victory for "gun rights." First impressions, however, can be misleading.

One lesson here is that saying too much can get you into trouble. The Second Amendment is the only one in the Bill of Rights with a prefatory clause stating its purpose. That "militia" clause, over the years, gave rise to endless debate, which the Court settled in Heller. In the majority opinion, written by Justice Antonin Scalia, the Court held that the amendment "protects an individual's right to possess a firearm unconnected with service in a militia, and to use that firearm for traditionally



Dr. Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home." The dissenters argued that the Amendment protects only the right to possess and carry a firearm in connection with militia service. The ruling, however, did not settle much beyond that point.

"[T]he Second Amendment," said the Court, "codified a pre-existing right" which developed in England as a protection against government. "[T]he Stuart Kings Charles II and James II," said Scalia, suppressed political dissent "in part by disarming their opponents. ... [T]he Catholic James II had ordered... disarmaments of [Protestant] regions." The English Bill of Rights of 1689, the predecessor of the Second Amendment, reacted by providing "That the subjects which are Protestants may have arms for their defense suitable to their conditions and as allowed by law." This was, said the Court, "clearly an individual right, having nothing whatever to do with service in a militia."

When the Second Amendment was adopted, the "militia," said the Court, consisted of "those who were male, able-bodied, and within a certain age range." The Amendment, wrote Scalia, "helped to secure the ideal of a citizen militia, which might be necessary to oppose an oppressive military force if the constitutional order broke down... [T]he... prefatory clause announces the purpose for which the right was codified: to prevent elimination of the militia. [I]t does not suggest that preserving the militia was the only reason Americans valued the ancient right; most undoubtedly thought it even more important for self-defense and hunting. But the threat that the new Federal Government would destroy the citizens' militia by taking away their arms was the reason that right-unlike some other English rights-was codified in a written Constitution."

The law struck down in Heller totally forbade handgun possession in the home. It also required that any lawful

firearm in the home be disassembled, or disabled by a trigger lock, at all times. But the ruling left the door open for restrictive regulation rather than prohibition. The Court said the Second Amendment "does not protect those weapons not typically possessed by law-abiding citizens for lawful purposes, such as short-barreled shotguns." The Court also noted approvingly the "longstanding prohibitions on the possession of firearms by felons and the mentally ill, or laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings, or laws imposing conditions and qualifications on the commercial sale of arms."

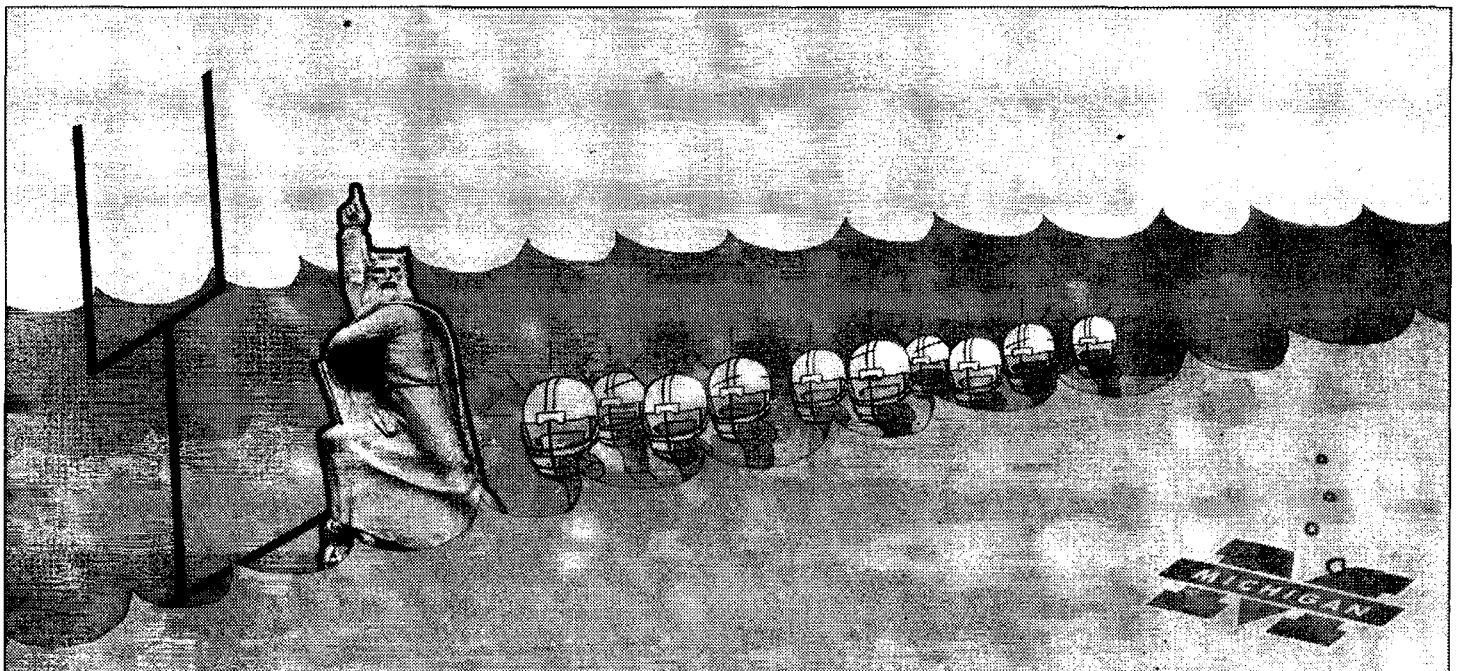
The gun issue is far from settled. The District of Columbia reacted to Heller by imposing a regulation practically as restrictive as the one the Court struck down. A new appeal is underway. The Supreme Court has held that most of the protections in the Bill of Rights are binding on the states and local governments as well as on the federal government. But in Heller the Court interpreted earlier cases to establish that "the Second Amendment applies only to the Federal Government." Future litigation may turn on provisions in state constitutions comparable to that amendment. Justice Breyer's dissent in Heller highlighted also the uncertainty that still surrounds the level of judicial scrutiny that must be applied in Second Amendment cases.

So what can we learn from Heller? It is far from a mandate that every American community become a Dodge City or even a Kennesaw. On Supreme Court decisions, and everything else, don't jump to conclusions without reading the fine print.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The pleasure of love is in loving."

Francois de La Rochefoucauld
author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The clamp down on football games

Our Dearest Gus,

We wholeheartedly support your stance on the soul-endangering occurrences, which surface around the festivities of Notre Dame football. We, too, have a few suggestions to refocus our festivals towards Catholic values of chastity and fortitude. First, students should not be able to paint themselves. Painting leaves skin uncovered enticing us into lusting after the flesh. Enough with scantily clad girls! Habits for all girls attending the game! It's not only classy but very slimming. As for the boys, only University-approved shirts should be allowed within the festival. Nobody should be allowed to go up for pushups after a score. Boys shouldn't touch girls and girls shouldn't touch boys until the holy vows of matrimony are recited. And guys touching guys and girls touching girls? Abominable! Before entering the stadium, every spectator should be breathalyzed; after all

alcohol only makes people louder and more debauchorous, thus preventing God from hearing those who are praying in the Stadium.

As always, we wish to thank all the alumni for reading The Observer and providing feedback as how not to "get it up" but instead to lift our souls upwards to heaven.

Liz Crosby

senior

off campus

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Sept. 15

Glory of tradition still alive

I must say that after reading Gus Zuehlke's article ("Bad game day behavior disgraces football tradition," Sept. 15), I am a little confused about which university he attended back in the late 1970's that was such a virtuous utopia compared to the University of Notre Dame and its students today. No, I wasn't alive when Mr. Zuehlke attended the university, but my father graduated in '75, and the parents of my friends were in attendance at the same time as Zuehlke — so I've heard the stories.

Zuehlke comments on the "degeneration of what was once a festival we could celebrate without endangering our souls". He implores that the student body to "drink but not get drunk," and yet, while he attended the University, kegs made their way into the Stadium via ropes pulled along the outer walls. I am sure that the virtuous student body, which he implies attended the University at the time, was not drinking to get drunk. After all, people who do not want to get drunk usually cannot wait until after a game to resume drinking. I am afraid I cannot comment on how lewd people were at games; I'll be honest — I have no idea. But combing through the yearbooks of the late 1970's for a project I recently worked on, I came across the following photographs in those yearbooks: 1. A snow "sculpture" created on campus in the shape of a middle finger aimed at the golden dome. 2. A sign at a local movie theater showing the movie title "Deep Throat XXX". (On a side note, it is a funny picture since there is a trash can in front of the theater bearing the sign "Keep it Clean.") There were other photos as well, but I'll leave them to your imagination.

Do these images portray a student body devoid of lewdness? Now I hope you won't get the picture that I am berating the student body during the late 1970's. Actually, I applaud them for having what seems to be a fun-loving attitude while remaining serious enough in their studies to prepare themselves to make a difference in the world. Nor am I condoning the behavior of those current students who "cross the line." Just don't claim that today's students are "prostituting" the Notre Dame Football tradition because a few students act out. Today's student body embodies the same Notre Dame spirit which has characterized previous student bodies at this university over the past 166 years — the same Notre Dame spirit which impressed ESPN magazine enough to name us the No. 1 "Most Spirited Student Body" in college football in an August 2008 issue. When it comes down to it, Mr. Zuehlke, the student body hasn't changed — only your perception has.

Kevin J. Gleason

alumnus

Class of 2008

Sept. 15

Revelry, not vulgarity

"Therefore let no one judge you in matters of food and drink or with respect to a festival, a new moon, or Sabbath days," Colossians 2:16. I write this piece in reference to the Viewpoint article published in The Observer on Sept. 15, titled "Bad Game Day Behavior a Disgrace to Football Tradition." While I do respect your opinion, I disagree with various critiques you made in regards to my actions and my character.

First, in defense of a few well respected ladies with whom I associate: these ladies were simply enjoying the commencement of the 2008 Notre Dame Football season. While they may have been dressed in slightly less clothing than average females, it would have been unfortunate if they stained their clothing with blue, green, or gold paint. It is a college football tradition to apply paint of a school's colors on game day and should be no different at an institution like Notre Dame.

In addition, I am personally offended at the comment regarding the writing on my back. It seems wrong to single out one student for advertising the words roughly paraphrased as "Suck This," when our entire student body can be heard chanting "Suck it (Insert team name)" on any given home football weekend. I feel that if you choose to criticize me for my body art, you must also criticize the thousands of fans participating in this popular chant. While you state that alumni greeted me with a nervous reaction, I bring to light the plethora of guests of our beautiful campus who requested pictures of me with themselves or their children, as well as those greeting me with friendly smiles and high-fives.

You also referenced my use of the phrase "Get it up," which a number of my fellow students have brought to my attention has certain vile connotations. In no way was this phrase used as a sexual reference or anything of the sort. The phrase is a common request of fans to raise their voices and emotions (and nothing else) for the team that they support. Any other interpretation of what I meant by this statement is both far-fetched and incorrect. To me, Notre Dame football transcends ordinary, earthly festivals, and I would like to enjoy each of these blessed days to the fullest extent.

While I do apologize for "endangering others' souls," as you contend, I believe myself and those around me were simply enjoying ourselves while getting excited for a promising season of Fighting Irish Football. Rather than intruding on others' weekends, I believe I was simply motivating others around me to cheer as loud as possible on opening day for our beloved Irish.

Respectfully,

Rameez Tase

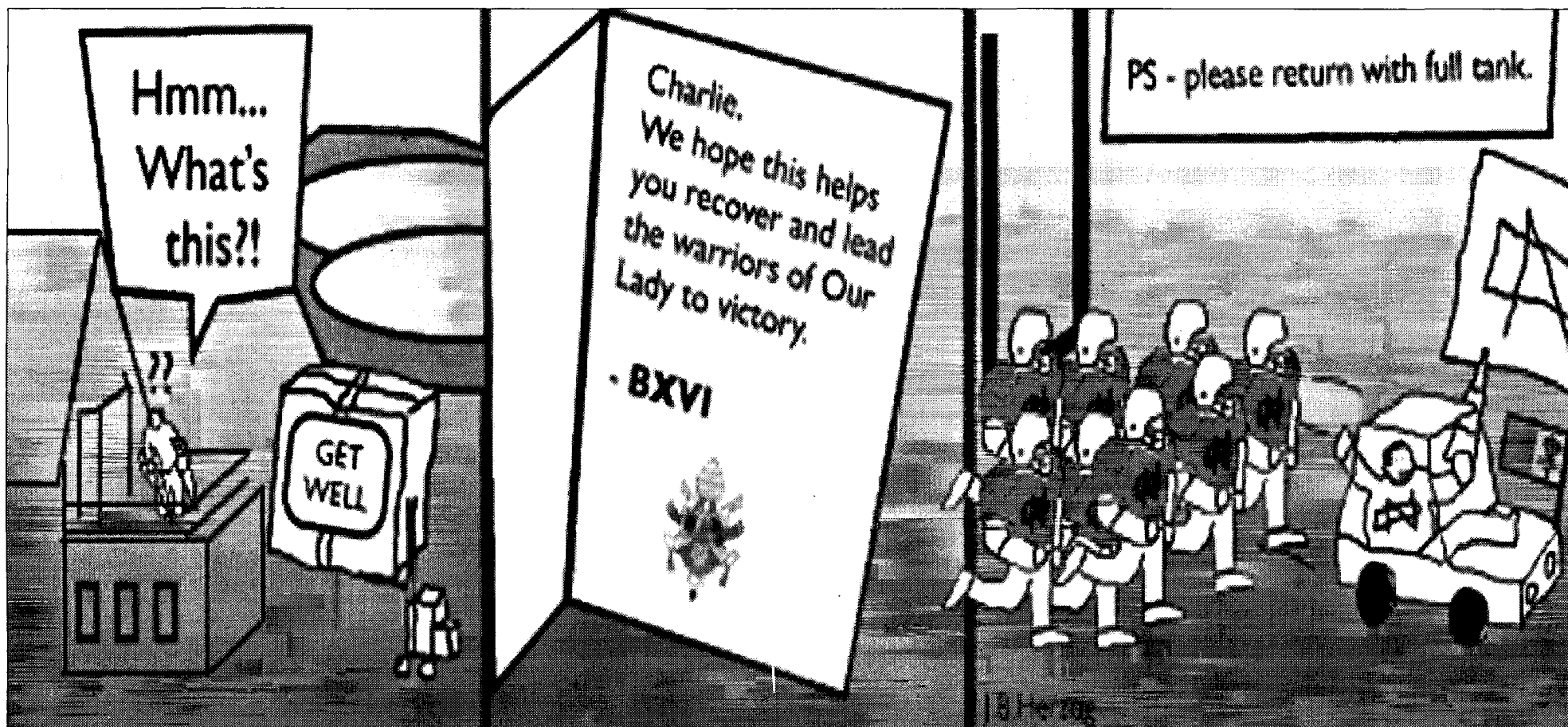
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JOEY HERZOG





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By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Editor

I can't lie — I feel kind of like a celebrity right now.

No, it's not because I'm being stalked by paparazzi lurking in the shrubberies outside my dorm. Nor do I suddenly have the desire to start adopting children from as-yet-unnamed developing nations. Or to give those children names like "Pilot Inspektor." (Really, Jason Lee from "My Name is Earl?" Really?)

No, I'm feeling slightly — to sort of quote one of my favorite "Project Runway" contestants, Blayne Walsh — "celeb-u-licious" because of the sweet celebrity swag that I've been getting since I took this Scene Editor gig last month.

Swag, for those of you who aren't addicted to watching awards shows on television, is commonly defined as "sweet stuff." Lots and lots of sweet stuff, in fact, is often tucked into cute little baskets for presenters at banquets and award ceremonies in the Hollywood hills. You might notice that I'm not handing anyone a Best Supporting Actor Oscar, so what gives?

To the studios/networks/record labels, it's marketing. In a recent letter I received from none other than the Fox Network, J.J. Abrams personally drafted this greeting: "Dear funny, intelligent, attractive college journalist." I was sold immediately.

(Hey — his name's on the letter, so he obviously wrote the text. Okay, it was stamped on the letter. And that letter was most likely printed by an intern. Details, details.)

The point, though, is that the folks at Fox want me, Editor of Scene, to plug their new lineup of shows. In particular, they've been sending me box after box of gear for their new sci-fi, J.J. Abrams-produced series, "Fringe."

Admittedly, I hadn't given the show much thought prior to the onslaught of publicity materials. I have a high tolerance for science fiction, but a low tolerance for Fox. I also have a high tolerance for Joshua Jackson, also known as Pacey Witter from "Dawson's Creek," one of the stars of "Fringe."

My decision was made, however, when I found two humble cardboard boxes sitting next to the Scene desk. In the first box were four different promotional posters. In the other, I found a hodge-podge collection of gear including notepads, t-shirts, nylon backpacks, and even an Mp3 recorder.

Shameless and capitalistic marketing? Perhaps.

Awesome? Absolutely.

I'll see you guys later — my nylon backpack and I are going to watch the latest episode of "Fringe."

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By SZYMON RYZNER
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Like at least one other J.J. Abrams television program, this one's pilot episode begins in a plane — a plane in a storm — a plane in a storm with lots screaming passengers. This other show, of course, is the spectacularly popular and consistently disappointing "Lost."

The plot for "Fringe" starts with a mysterious disease that has killed every single passenger on a transatlantic flight. The FBI and the CIA are sent to clear up the mess.

Through this we are introduced to the main character, Olivia Dunham, portrayed by relative newcomer to American television, Anna Torv. Though she has mostly worked outside of America, she landed a lead role in the biggest show of Fox's fall lineup. So there must be something about Anna Torv that J.J. Abrams liked.

Some fans may remember other Abrams female leads such as Kerri Russell in "Felicity" and Jennifer Garner in a fairly popular show titled "Alias." Another welcome addition to this cast is "Dawson's Creek" alum Joshua Jackson, and the mad Steward of Gondor, John Noble, from "The Return of the King." The three work well together and will most likely be what keeps the show afloat for the weaker portions of the first season.

The first few minutes of the show were the most disappointing. The characters seem almost unaffected by the bizarre occurrences surrounding them and are more interesting in exploring a love connection, a weak story line that for some reason was deemed necessary in this premier episode.

Cliché upon cliché include mad geniuses, and their sarcastic, bitter, troubled, yet charming and lovable sons. Then we finally get into what the show

intends to concentrate on, fringe science. That is the study of mind control, the existence of UFO's, human resurrection, and various other strange events are planned to form the backbone of the series. It also appears that an overarching story featuring an evil corporation will take precedence every few episodes.

Most of the series action will take place in Boston, though the pilot episode also traveled to Iraq and the depths of the human dream state.

With ominous floating letters at every location, J.J. Abrams once again proclaimed his fascination with CGI block text.

The savior of this premier episode was both the series potential, and the humor which was very welcome and thoroughly enjoyable.

The quick-witted characters always had a wise crack about the strange events they were experiencing. The casting choices, albeit very traditional, seemed compelling and worth taking a risk on. The massive cast of "Lost" successfully developed chemistry and "Fringe" should be no different.

Though delightfully creepy, and filled to the brink with fantastic potential, the inconsistent acting, sloppy fake beards, and oddly chosen effects might take away from the shows potential success and longevity. J.J. Abrams knows how to create a hit show and "Fringe" no doubt will be a new series to watch.

Despite a weak \$10,000,000 pilot, the show should return with a strong second episode. Fox has not been known for giving its shows a second chance, but through word of mouth and hopefully minor improvements, "Fringe" could be the "X-Files" for a new generation of those seeking the weird and the fantastical.

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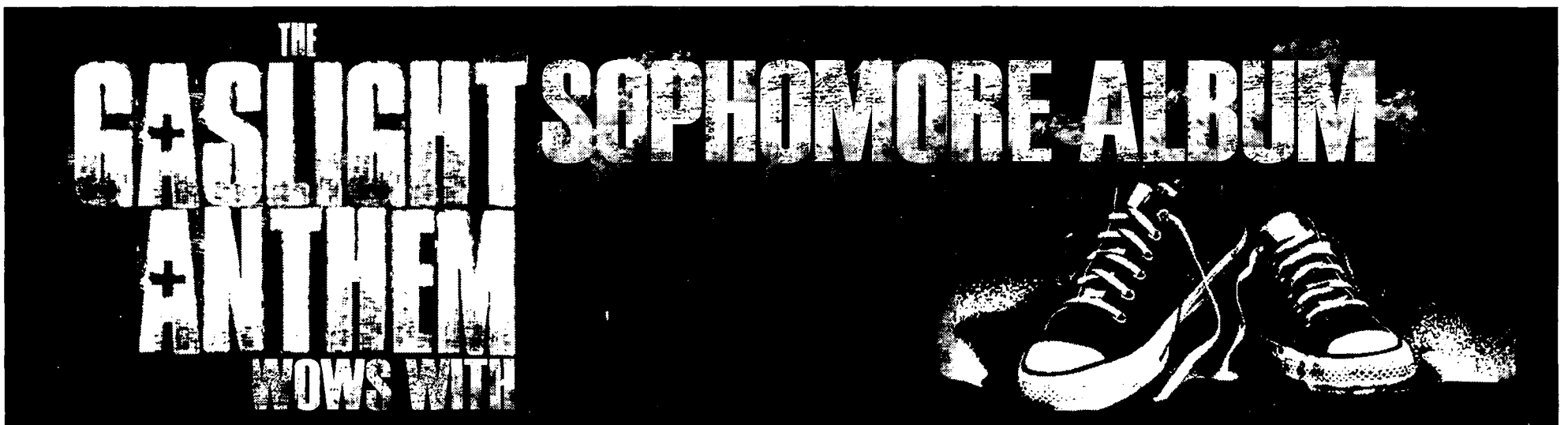


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By RYAN RAFFIN
Scene Writer

Has any band in recent memory put out as much quality music in as little a time as the Gaslight Anthem?

In the last 16 months, they've produced two full-length albums and an EP, with not one bad song to be found in their catalogue. While the online hype is starting to build around the group, they remain completely unknown to the mainstream. This is an utter shame. Their spectacular sophomore album, entitled "The '59 Sound," is a debut for new label SideOneDummy (also home to the ever-popular Celtic-punks Flogging Molly).

Their fusion of the classic rock of yesteryear with the modern punk of today is what makes the album so successful. Check the lyrical references to Tom Petty, Bob Seger, Tom Waits and Thin Lizzy. Listen to the obvious Springsteen influence in front man Brian Fallon's vocals (album closer "The Backstreets" could literally be a Springsteen cover, it's that similar). The album is so much more than worship of late-70s radio though. The streamlined drive to the music adds a punch that accents the group's punk rock roots. The songs rarely eclipse the four-minute mark, avoiding the possible pitfalls of long, elaborate mini-rock operas that so often bog down albums. No, "The '59 Sound"

is a modern punk album in the vein of contemporary groups like Against Me!, who have found both critical and commercial success.

The album kicks off with the one-two punch of "Great Expectations" and the title track. If there were any doubts about the accessibility of the music, they should be shattered here. Catchy and immediate, they are straightforward rockers with massive, radio-ready choruses. The larger production budget that comes with signing to a bigger independent label, such as SideOneDummy, gives the songs a sheen they didn't have on prior efforts. Though some fans may be quick to launch into cries of "Sell outs!" the poppier sound works perfectly for choruses as catchy as these.

Though the next few songs are great (especially "Film Noir"), "Miles Davis and the Cool" stands heads and shoulders above the pack. Mid-tempo and laid back, it's a stupendous summer song that salutes a jazz great. The next song, "The Patient Ferris Wheel" notably features Dicky Barrett of Mighty Mighty Bosstones fame. The true stunner of the album, "Here's Looking at You, Kid" is a slow ballad, where Fallon recalls ex-girlfriends. Sounding utterly resigned, he describes how the relationships turned sour. As the song fades out to guitar, vaguely recalling Green Day's "Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)", it's

almost impossible to resist the urge to replay the song.

One of the most appealing aspects of the Gaslight Anthem is their lyrical continuity — the repeated mentions of cars, girls named Mary or Maria, and dancing. This doesn't let up on "The '59 Sound", and though it's not overbearing, fans will notice and appreciate these lyrical Easter eggs. Also, astute listeners will notice references to Audrey Hepburn and Marilyn Monroe, more examples of the rich songwriting talent Brian Fallon possesses. His lyrics reflect the blue-collar rock that the band plays, and it never seems contrived.

There's been lavish praise given to "The '59 Sound", both in this review and elsewhere, but it deserves every word of it. It's a fantastically consistent album in terms of overall quality; from song to song there is no filler. It's unpretentious, but not unchallenging, and totally catchy. There isn't much more you can ask of a band than this. It is absolutely one of the finest, if not the finest, releases this year. Talk about avoiding the sophomore slump. The Gaslight Anthem should be proud of making such a thoroughly solid album.

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The '59 Sound The Gaslight Anthem

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Recommended Tracks: "Great expectations," "Miles Davis and the Cool," and "Here's Looking at You, Kid"

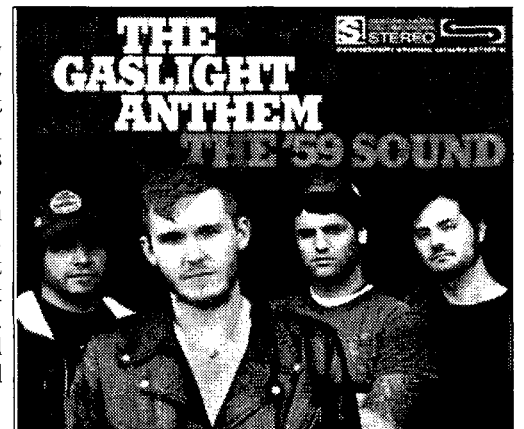
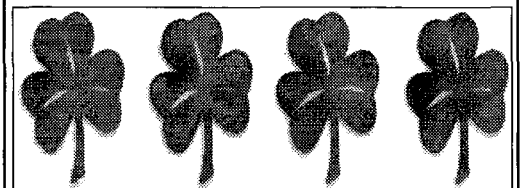


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weezer lives up to reputation in the red album

By JOSEF KUHN
Scene Writer

Listening to Weezer's newest album is like reconnecting with an old childhood friend. You may have forgotten how much you liked them, or thought they (or you) had changed too much for things to ever be the same. But then you run into your old friend, start talking, and it's like he/she never left.

Weezer's latest release, which is self-titled but nicknamed the Red Album, hearkens back to the good old days when Weezer was one of the best alternative rock bands around. It draws from several different eras of Weezer's past, giving the album a diverse and eclectic feel.

Many of the songs, including the first single "Pork and Beans," feature a trademark Weezer power-pop sound, à la the Green Album. "Pork and Beans" could function as the album's mission statement, boldly declaring: "I'm a do the things that I want to do/I ain't got a thing to prove to you." If anything, this album is meant to transcend all expectations. Weezer proves that they're out to make music however they see fit; no matter what that critics

and overly demanding fans might want.

One of the best examples of this "in your face" attitude is the song "The Greatest Man That Ever Lived." River Cuomo, the band's front man and chief songwriter, supposedly wrote the song and then later realized that he had subconsciously plagiarized the old Quaker hymn "Simple Gifts." Nevertheless, he puts so many different spins on the melody over the course of the song that he truly makes it his own. The song shifts styles maniacally from hip-hop to punk to falsetto over piano to choral singing and back to power-pop, never letting you get bored. The song's unpredictability and over-the-top self-promotion (with a good dose of irony) makes it one of the album's best tracks, declaring that Weezer is through with messing around.

Even on the crunchy power chord fare, the band shows a slightly more hostile edge, as in the songs "Get Dangerous" and "Troublemaker." They still make good use of their nerdy, endearing sense of humor, but many of the songs also display a sort of aggressive energy that is mostly alien to Weezer. Though past hits "Buddy Holly" and "Hash Pipe" did hint at this rawer

edge, Weezer maintains an ironic element of self-mockery, being the nerd rock kings that they are.

Leaving the power-pop aside, the band also revives a slower, more heartfelt sound that has been conspicuously missing since Pinkerton. "Heart Songs" is a nostalgic tribute from Rivers Cuomo to his favorite artists from childhood, including a few surprises (ABBA?). The final track on the regular version of the album, "The Angel and the One," starts with one low acoustic riff and repeats this theme over and over again, gradually building into a climactic and beautiful melody.

The regular version of the album contains only 10 tracks, but the deluxe version, which is \$3 more on iTunes, includes five more tracks. If you buy this album, definitely get the deluxe version as some of the best music on the album can be found in the bonus tracks. "Miss Sweeney" is a delightfully quirky yet moving song about a white-collar office yuppie falling in love with his secretary. It is one of the few times when Rivers Cuomo writes lyrics from another person's viewpoint, although he most likely identifies himself with the man in the

song. Several of the other bonus tracks feature more emotional, personal moments from Cuomo, which is when his talent as a songwriter shines forth the most.

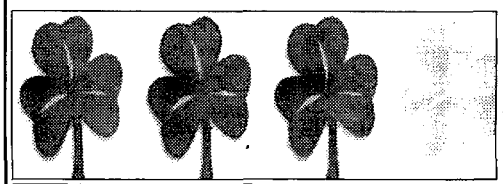
So don't write Weezer off just yet as another 90s novelty band that will never make good music again. The Red Album gives us reason to hope.

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Weezer Weezer

Label: Geffen

Recommended Tracks: "Pork and Beans," "Get Dangerous," and "Heart Songs"



MLB

Yankees start final week at stadium with win

Cubs' Lilly almost matches Zambrano's no-hitter as hurler throws six no-hit innings, helping Chicago sweep Houston

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mariano Rivera moved into second place on the career saves list and the New York Yankees put a small crimp in Chicago's postseason plans, beating the White Sox 4-2 on Monday night.

Beginning its final week at Yankee Stadium — barring an incredible playoff surge — New York got a two-run homer from Xavier Nady in the second inning and a tiebreaking double by pinch-hitter Wilson Betemit in the seventh.

The White Sox, who still lead the AL Central by 1½ games over Minnesota, wasted six strong innings by Mark Buehrle and DeWayne Wise's two-run shot off Alfredo Aceves. They arrived at their New York hotel about 4 a.m. following a doubleheader sweep of Detroit on Sunday night.

The Twins lost 3-1 Monday night at Cleveland.

Joba Chamberlain struck out two in a scoreless eighth after Phil Coke (1-0) pitched a perfect seventh to win his first major league decision.

Rivera got three quick outs for his 36th save in 37 chances this season and No. 479 of his career, passing Lee Smith for second place.

San Diego closer Trevor Hoffman has the record. He beat the night with 552.

Derek Jeter went 0-for-4 with two strikeouts, remaining tied

with Lou Gehrig for the most hits at Yankee Stadium (1,269). Cameras flashed all around the ballpark before virtually every pitch to Jeter.

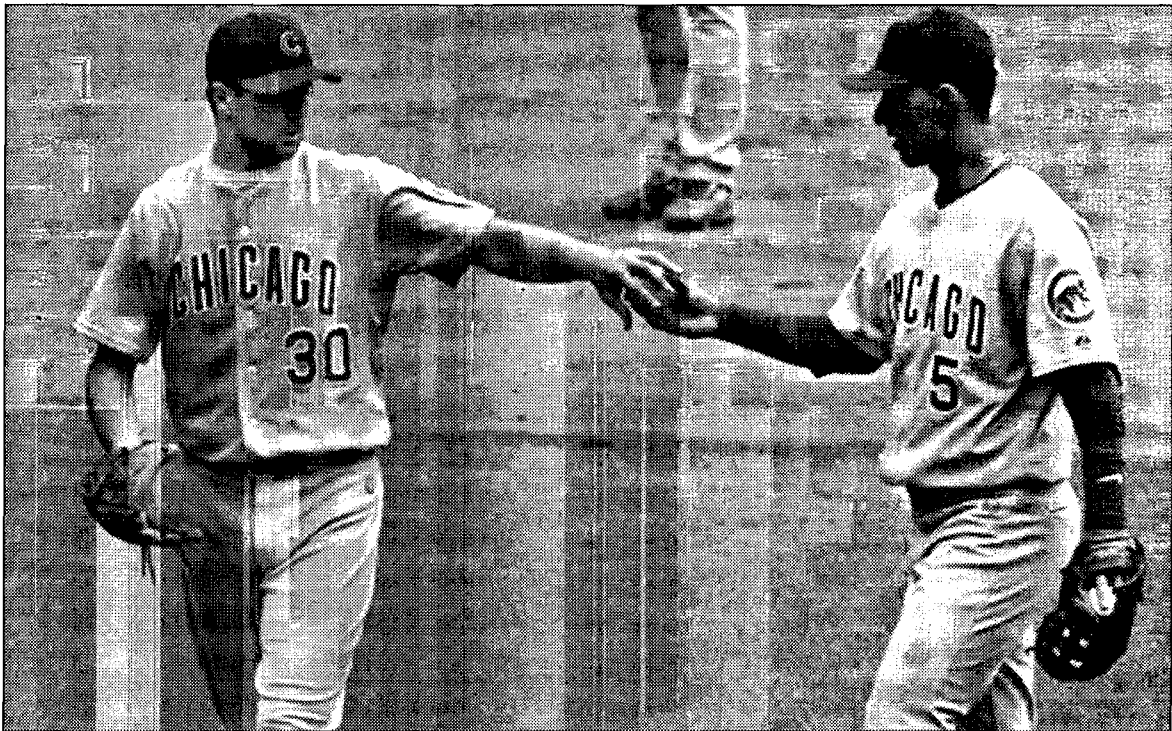
The crowd even included St. Louis manager Tony La Russa, who sat next to the third base dugout with White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf. La Russa took advantage of an opportunity to see Yankee Stadium one last time. The Cardinals were off Monday and play in Cincinnati on Tuesday night.

Yankees manager Joe Girardi benched second baseman Robinson Cano again for not hustling after a ball Sunday against Tampa Bay. He was lifted from that game in the fifth and replaced in Monday night's starting lineup by Cody Ransom.

Cano entered as a pinch runner in the eighth and stayed in the game at second base, making a fine, barehanded play on Jim Thome's grounder to start the ninth.

With the score tied at 2, Nady drew a leadoff walk from Ehren Wassermann (1-2) in the seventh and advanced to second on Ransom's sacrifice. Betemit doubled to left off Horacio Ramirez and scored on Johnny Damon's two-out single.

Wise connected in the fourth off Aceves, who tossed six solid innings in his second major league start after beating the Los Angeles Angels 7-1 last week in the first one.



Cubs' shortstop Ronny Cedeno, right, hands the ball back to pitcher Ted Lilly after his no-hit bid was broken up in the seventh inning. Lilly threw seven shutout innings in Chicago's 6-1 win over Houston Monday.

Cubs 6, Astros 1

Everyone from Chicago Cubs manager Lou Piniella to fellow starter Ryan Dempster needed Ted Lilly about having to follow up Carlos Zambrano's no-hitter.

Lilly sure came close to one of his own.

Lilly pitched no-hit ball until Mark Loretta's seventh-inning single and the Cubs beat the Astros on Monday to sweep a two-game series moved from Houston by Hurricane Ike.

"There were a couple of guys before the game that let me know I had a lot of work to do to try and follow up Z," Lilly said. "There's so many things that it takes to go into a no-hitter for it to take place and so my expectations were just to go out there and try and make good pitches and be aggressive."

With Milwaukee abuzz over the Brewers' decision to fire manager Ned Yost, the Cubs finished off the two-game stand at Miller Park, filled with Cubs fans who made the 90-mile trek from Chicago.

"We'll be here soon enough for the end of the season," said Piniella, whose team improved to 6-0 in Milwaukee. The Cubs face the Brewers Sept. 26-28.

Hard-charging Houston had won 14 of 15 coming into the series, but the Cubs left the Astros 2½ games back of Milwaukee and Philadelphia, which share the NL wild-card lead.

"We need to move on," said Astros owner Drayton McLane, one of the few people in Miller Park wearing an orange shirt. "We've got a wonderful opportunity to win the wild card. We need to win games."

On Sunday, Zambrano pitched the Cubs' first no-hitter since Milt Pappas in 1972, leading Chicago to a 5-0 win. And until the seventh, Lilly appeared headed to a repeat.

"After what Z did last night, it would have been fun to do something I'm not sure has been done — yet," Lilly said. "You don't know if you'll ever have that opportunity again, but I'll take tonight the way it was."

Aramis Ramirez's first-inning sacrifice fly and Jim Edmonds' homer off Brian Moehler (11-7) in the fifth built a 2-0 lead, and Derrek Lee and Geovany Soto hit two-run homers in the sixth.

Lilly (15-9) faced the minimum through six innings, allowing only a leadoff walk in the second to Lance Berkman, who was caught leaning off first and thrown out at second.

"All I was thinking was no way it could happen again," Soto said.

Reggie Abercrombie's hard grounder leading off the seventh was booted by third baseman Ramirez, who was charged with an error by official scorer Tim O'Driscoll.

"In all honesty, it probably could have gone either way,"

O'Driscoll said. "It's one of those decisions where you're the loneliest guy in town because everybody else's opinion really doesn't matter because somebody has to make that decision."

Loretta followed with a clean single to right.

"It was a real small moral victory there," Loretta said. "We couldn't muster up much energy these last two days."

Lilly, who has won at least 15 games in each of the last three seasons, was given a standing ovation by the crowd of 15,158. He allowed the one hit in seven innings, struck out nine and walked one.

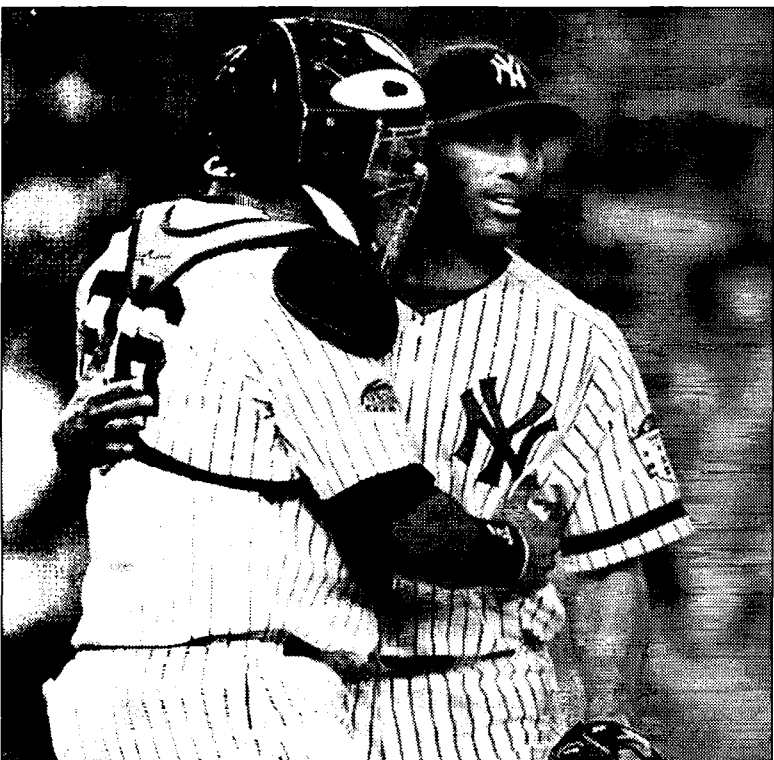
"You know, when I leave him in, I get asked why I leave him in, when I take him out, I get asked why I take him out. I flipped a coin and it came 'out,'" Piniella deadpanned.

Lilly said he began thinking about the no-hit bid after the sixth.

"I knew even at that point there was still a lot of work to do," Lilly said. "It doesn't get easier the closer you get."

Astros manager Cecil Cooper thought Hurricane Ike may still be weighing on the minds of his players.

"It might have had an effect — I still don't have power at my house — but we're paid very well to play baseball so we have it a lot easier than most people back in Houston," Cooper said.



Yankees' catcher Jose Molina, left, congratulates closer Mariano Rivera after his save of New York's 4-2 win over Chicago Monday.

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	team	record	previous
1	Wake Forest	5-0-0	1
2	SMU	5-0-1	5
3	NOTRE DAME	4-1-0	7
4	Connecticut	2-0-3	4
5	California	3-0-2	6
6	Maryland	4-1-0	8
7	St. Louis	2-0-3	9
8	North Carolina	4-0-1	11
9	St. John's	5-0-1	12
10	UIC	4-0-1	14
11	Creighton	3-1-0	2
12	Akron	3-1-2	3
13	Indiana	3-1-2	15
14	South Florida	2-1-1	17
15	Northwestern	5-0-1	18
16	Louisville	5-0-1	20
17	Providence	3-0-1	25
18	Dartmouth	3-1-0	25
19	Drake	6-0-0	NR
20	Rutgers	3-1-1	NR
21	Duke	3-2-0	NR
22	Coll. of Charleston	4-2-0	NR
23	Ohio State	4-1-1	NR
24	Boston College	2-2-1	16
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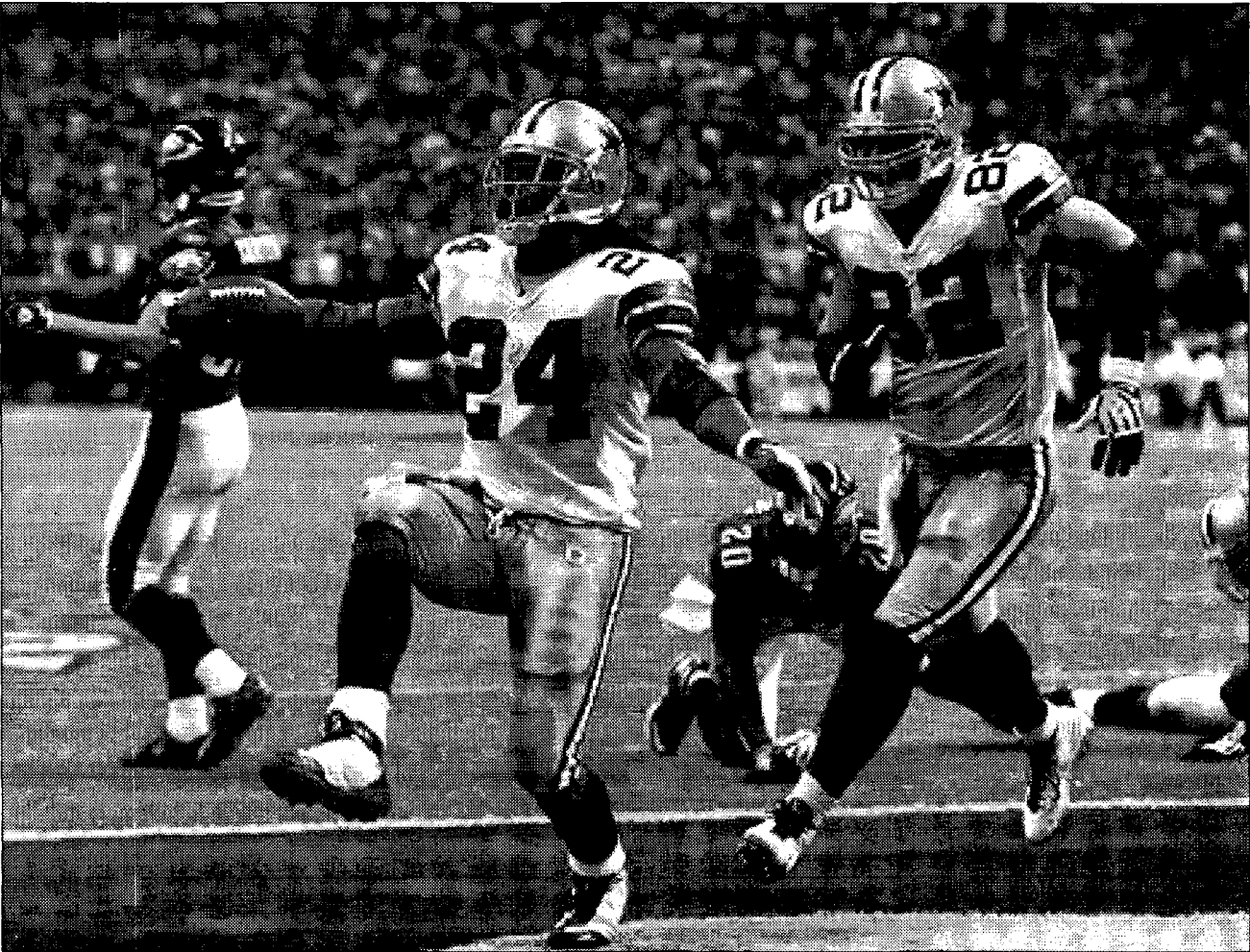
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3	Stanford	6-0-1	3
4	Portland	6-1-0	5
5	USC	6-1-0	6
6	North Carolina	5-1-1	7
7	Texas	5-0-1	4
8	Florida State	5-1-1	8
9	Virginia	6-0-1	9
10	Boston College	6-1-0	11
11	LSU	5-0-0	12
12	Texas A&M	5-1-0	13
13	Duke	6-1-0	14
14	Wake Forest	6-1-0	16
15	West Virginia	4-1-2	17
16	Penn State	5-2-0	10
17	Oklahoma State	5-0-0	18
18	UCF	5-1-1	NR
19	Florida	4-1-1	21
20	South Carolina	5-0-2	NR
21	Brown	2-1-1	NR
22	California	5-1-0	NR
23	Colorado College	6-0-1	NR
24	UC Santa Barbara	5-2-0	NR
25	UNLV	6-1-1	NR

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7	Kalamazoo	1-3
8	Trine	0-4
9	Olivet	0-4

NFL



Cowboys running back Marion Barber, left, and tight end Jason Witten celebrate in the end zone after Barber's fourth quarter touchdown. Dallas went on to win the high-scoring game 41-37.

Cowboys win old-fashioned shootout

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Terrell Owens caught the long pass in stride, cruised into the end zone and began showing off.

With a shimmy in the direction of the Philadelphia Eagles, then some arm-flapping like he used to do when he scored for them, the final Monday night game at Texas Stadium was off to a wild start.

And it kept going from there.

After seven lead changes, the game fittingly came to a close with a pass that included two laterals. Dallas stopped it, then walked

away with a memorable 41-37 victory.

"We kept believing in each other," Cowboys coach Wade Phillips said. "Everyone said 'Hey, hang in there, we're going to come out on top,' and we did!"

The wackiness included Tony Romo following one flub with another, leading to Philadelphia touchdowns 14 seconds apart; Eagles receiver DeSean Jackson losing an apparent touchdown because he flicked the ball away in celebration before he actually scored; and, ultimately, there was Donovan McNabb and Brian Westbrook wasting great

performances by fumbling a fourth-quarter handoff exchange.

The game was decided cleanly after that turnover—a crisp Romo-led drive capped by Marion Barber's 1-yard touchdown run, lifting the Cowboys to a victory that certainly will be remembered by anyone who saw it.

For anyone who didn't, think back to Romo's big comeback in Buffalo on a Monday night last year, or to Romo's playoff goof in Seattle two years ago, or McNabb's great escape on a scramble three years ago or even Leon Lett's premature touchdown celebration

in the January 1993 Super Bowl. This game had plays reminiscent of all those, most in the first half.

Philadelphia led 30-24 at halftime, then Dallas moved in front on a 17-yard touchdown catch by Barber midway through the third quarter. The Eagles came right back, with McNabb overcoming a second-and-21 by scooting out of two near collisions, avoiding an ankle tackle and zipping the football like a fast-pitch softball to Westbrook. The drive ended with Westbrook churning into the end zone for his third touchdown and a 37-31 lead.

IN BRIEF

Smith 'ready to roll' after two game suspension ends

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Steve Smith is back with the Carolina Panthers, just in time to join a team full of confidence after a surprising 2-0 start.

The receiver's two-game suspension for breaking teammate Ken Lucas' nose in a training camp fight ended Monday morning. He was seen leaving Bank of America Stadium around noon carrying two cardboard boxes and joking with defensive tackle Damione Lewis.

Smith did not speak to reporters. "He's ready to roll," coach John Fox said. "Obviously he's excited to be back and excited that we're 2-0."

The Panthers insist they have gotten over the hard feelings created by Smith's sucker punch in camp. Smith slugged Lucas during a break in practice Aug. 1 while Lucas was on one knee with his helmet off.

Cooley apologizes for nude photos on website

ASHBURN, Va. — Washington Redskins tight end Chris Cooley apologized Monday for posting an explicit photo of himself on his Web site.

Cooley accidentally revealed more of himself than he wanted when he took a picture Sunday morning while preparing for the game against the New Orleans Saints. Cooley wanted to show the readers of his popular blog some of the study materials the players were given by coach Jim Zorn.

Cooley, however, was studying in the nude, and he didn't examine his photo closely before posting it.

"All apologies from the website. ... We did not want to offend anyone," Cooley said in a posting Monday afternoon after the photo was removed. "The picture wouldn't have been up for so long, but we were in the middle of winning a big game."

Lawyer charged with DUI, speeding outside Atlanta

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — Falcons safety Lawyer Milloy was arrested on DUI and speeding charges in suburban Atlanta early Monday, just hours after Atlanta lost to Tampa Bay.

At his Monday news conference, Atlanta coach Mike Smith would not offer details on any potential discipline Milloy could face.

"Any time any of our players are in this type of situation, we are extremely disappointed, myself and our organization," Smith said. "It's something that is completely unacceptable."

Gwinnett County police charged the 34-year-old Milloy with driving under the influence of alcohol and speeding. Milloy, who lives in nearby Buford, was booked into the suburban Atlanta jail at 4:35 a.m. and posted a bond of more than \$1,600.

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NFL

Chiefs now playing musical quarterbacks

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Who says the Kansas City Chiefs don't have a quarterback?

They have one with an injured shoulder and one with a sore neck, one with low expectations and one with high hopes.

The one with low expectations is probably headed back to reserve wide receiver status.

Or is he?

Nobody, including head coach Herm Edwards, seemed to know on Monday what might happen next on Kansas City's chaotic quarterback carousel.

One thing does seem certain — Brodie Croyle, the projected season starter, will be out a second straight week with a shoulder injury he sustained in the opener at New England. Damon Huard, the reliable 35-year-old backup, came in and almost engineered an upset over the Patriots, and then started on Sunday against the Oakland Raiders.

But Huard came out in the first half of the 23-8 loss with what the team called "mild head trauma" and what he calls a stiff neck. Edwards said Monday he did not know whether Huard or No. 3 QB Tyler Thigpen would start at Atlanta on Sunday.

Neither is anyone saying if Marques Hagans, a backup wide receiver and former college quarterback, will ever get back under center after taking five surprise snaps against Oakland.

"I don't know yet," Edwards said when asked who would start against the Falcons. "We haven't decided. We're going to make a decision on that probably Wednesday."

Huard, the only one of the four who's ever won a game in the NFL, was lifted after throwing an interception. Tyler Thigpen, who had only six passes in the NFL on his brief resume, came in and wound up completing 14 of 33 throws for 151 yards, including a short touchdown pass to Tony Gonzalez.

Hagans, a quarterback at Virginia who's never been anything but a backup wide receiver in the NFL, completed the only pass he threw, for 5 yards. His other plays resulted in one penalty and several short, ineffective runs.

"We haven't talked about it. We're going to sit down and talk about it today," Edwards said.

Even Huard's injury seemed mysterious. He did not appear hurt when he came out. Then in the fourth quarter the Chiefs announced he had mild head trauma. Thigpen, who's hoping to get valuable playing time the next couple of weeks while Croyle rests his shoulder, admitted even he didn't know that Huard was hurt.

"I went up to him at the end and I was like, 'Why haven't you gone back in? What's going on?'" he said. "He was like, 'I ended up hurting my neck,' or whatever it was."

Thigpen and Huard both said they had no idea who might play, or for how long, this week.

"I thought Tyler was getting a series in there. But on the sideline, my neck stiffened up on me pretty good," Huard said. "When you're in the heat of the battle you don't really think about it. But it really kind of caught up with me there on the sideline."

Huard, who has had a concussion during his career, said the symptoms seemed suspicious.

"Everybody responds to head trauma a little different. I think there may have been a little bit of that," he said. "There were a few symptoms. But to sit here and elaborate on that, it's not going to get us anywhere."

Hagans said he'll be ready if called upon for quarterback duty again.

"I think if we continue with it, it will be a good package for us," he said. "But if coach puts it down, then I've just got to be a third receiver and (on) special teams, and I'm all for that as well. Any time I get to play quarterback in the NFL, you've got to be excited about that."

NFL

Rams reeling after blowout

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Normally a soft-spoken type in news conferences, St. Louis Rams coach Scott Linehan could barely contain his emotions during a postgame diatribe Sunday describing the team's shortcomings.

Having vented all that frustration, he opted to think positive a day later and somewhat weakly forecast success for this weekend as 10-point underdogs at Seattle.

"In my mind, we're going to beat Seattle,"

Linehan said Monday. "I'm not making any guarantees. In my mind we're going to beat Seattle and we're going to right this ship, OK, because we don't have a choice."

"I don't have a choice and neither does anybody else around here."

The Rams (0-2) have lost five in a row by an average score of 40-15 dating to last season and have yet to run a play inside the opponent's 20 this year.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch columnist Bernie Miklasz called for the resignations of Linehan and general manager Jay Zygmunt after Sunday's fourth-quarter collapse in a 41-13 loss to the New York Giants. The opening 38-3 loss at Philadelphia was a start-to-finish mismatch.

"When you don't win games, people are going to want the head coach's head. That's the way it works," Linehan said. "I've accepted that only as part of the job, but not as part of where we're going."

Jokingly, Linehan said he thought about radically altering the schedule in search of a positive result, perhaps by holding practice at midnight and having players sleep during the day. Seriously, he noted it was pointless to worry about practicing the red zone offense until the Rams get there.

"We could eat baloney sandwiches on Wednesday, penalize the team for not playing very good," Linehan said. "We could try all that stuff. The bottom line is it's how we play on Sunday and what we do when we get in those moments that's going to decide our fate."

Linehan did, however, hint at personnel changes this week. The list of potential candidates could include safety Corey Chavous, cornerback Tye Hill, wide receiver Dane Looker and offensive linemen Richie Incognito and Nick Leckey.

Winning coaches compliment their fallen foes all the time, so such plaudits should be kept in context, but Giants coach Tom Coughlin on Monday saw potential in the Rams.

"They played tough, they played hard," Coughlin said. "They were in position in the fourth quarter to win the game, so I think that they have many talented players. I realize they're 0-2 but they have a talented group."

Those words are unlikely to soothe players' wounded pride. "Certainly nobody takes any satisfaction from hanging in

there for three quarters with those guys," said rookie defensive end Chris Long, who got his first career sack. "We can't be satisfied with any facet of the game."

Linehan was 8-8 in 2006, his first season as a head coach at any level. But the Rams are in the midst of a sorry 3-15 skid dating to last season, and echoes of their 0-8 start last year are lingering with an increasingly hostile fan base. Thus far the addition of offensive coordinator Al Saunders is an early-season flop — they scored their only touchdown of the season on a fluke play against the Giants.

The offense is 3-for-26 on third-down conversions; quarterback Marc Bulger has been sacked 10 times and Steven Jackson is still rounding into form after a 27-day contract holdout. Bulger limped away after Jackson bumped knees with him on one handoff, and Jackson tripped on the turf on what could have been a 66-yard touchdown run.

"I think it's a fragile group and we've got to stay the course," Saunders said. "I'm disappointed, certainly. I'm not discouraged about these guys, because I know what we can do down the road."

The defense has been every bit as shaky, surrendering 963 total yards. The Giants had six gains of 28 yards or more while foiling the Rams' pregame strategy of controlling the run and stopping Plaxico Burress.

"I think there are some individuals lacking confidence," defensive coordinator Jim Haslett said. "They just need to go out and play."

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Brewers fire Yost in effort to save season

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — In an unprecedented move, the Milwaukee Brewers fired manager Ned Yost on Monday, hoping to pull out of another late-season slump that has jeopardized the team's chance of making the playoffs for the first time since 1982.

Third-base coach Dale Sveum will take over as interim manager for the remainder of the season. The Brewers have lost seven of eight and fallen into a tie with Philadelphia for the NL wild-card lead.

It marked the first time in major league history — except the strike-split 1981 season — that a manager was fired in August or later with his team in playoff position, the Elias Sports Bureau said.

At 83-67, the Brewers have just 12 games to rebound.

Milwaukee came into this month with a 57-game lead in the wild card, but since has lost 11 of 14 — including a four-game sweep completed by the Phillies over the weekend.

The Brewers were idle Monday, and was scheduled to begin a three-game series with the Central-leading Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field on Tuesday.

"This was a very difficult move to make, and we appreciate all of the work that Ned has done to develop this team into a contender," general manager Doug Melvin said in a statement. "In the end, this was a collaborative decision made to put our club in the best position for the final two weeks of the season."

The team scheduled a news conference Monday night in Chicago. Yost did not immediately return a message left on his cell phone by The Associated Press.

Members of NL Central rivals Chicago and Houston, who played another neutral-site game in Milwaukee on Monday after Hurricane Ike made it too difficult to play their scheduled series in Houston over the weekend, expressed surprise at the move.

"That was a shocker," Astros owner Drayton McLane said. "Has a team ever done that at this point of the season this close to the playoffs?"

During the rejiggered 1981 season, the Montreal Expos fired future Hall of Fame manager Dick Williams in early September. The Expos went 16-11 under Jim Fanning to win the second-half title and make the playoffs.

In 1983, Philadelphia fired Pat Corrales in early July when it was in first place with a 43-42 record. Under Paul Owens, the Phillies reached the World Series.

In 1982, the Brewers fired manager Buck Rodgers after a 23-24 start. Popular Harvey Kuenn took over and his "Harvey's Wallbangers" went to the World Series.

"It was a big surprise to me," said Astros infielder Mark Loretta, formerly of the Brewers. "It makes you wonder who really made that decision."

Cubs manager Lou Piniella said Yost was a "good man."

"I don't know the situation here with the Brewers, but I've got a lot of respect for Ned and it's not easy when you get fired," Piniella said. "But I hope everything goes well for him. He's a good baseball man and he'll be back."

Bench coach Ted Simmons, once considered a potential successor should Yost be fired, has been reassigned to an "advisory role," making his long-term status with the team unclear.

By shaking up its on-field leadership, Milwaukee is hoping to avoid a repeat of last year's collapse. In 2007, the Brewers held an 87-game division lead in late June but slid to 83-79 and missed the playoffs.

The Brewers came into 2008 with even higher hopes for the playoffs, and received a major boost when they made a trade with Cleveland for ace CC Sabathia on July 7. That acquisition certainly has

worked out, as the reigning AL Cy Young winner is 9-0 in 13 starts with six complete games and a 1.59 ERA.

But little else — not the other starters, the shaky bullpen or a home run-happy offense that has gone colder than a Wisconsin winter — is working for Milwaukee these days.

Now Yost has paid the price. Yost became a lightning rod for fan criticism in Milwaukee in recent years as he stubbornly stuck by players mired in slumps and refused to criticize them in public — even when they get in shoving matches in the dugout during games.

And the Brewers haven't looked like contenders in some of their biggest series this season, including a three-game sweep by Boston in May, a four-game sweep by Chicago at home in July and the just-completed four-game sweep by Philadelphia.

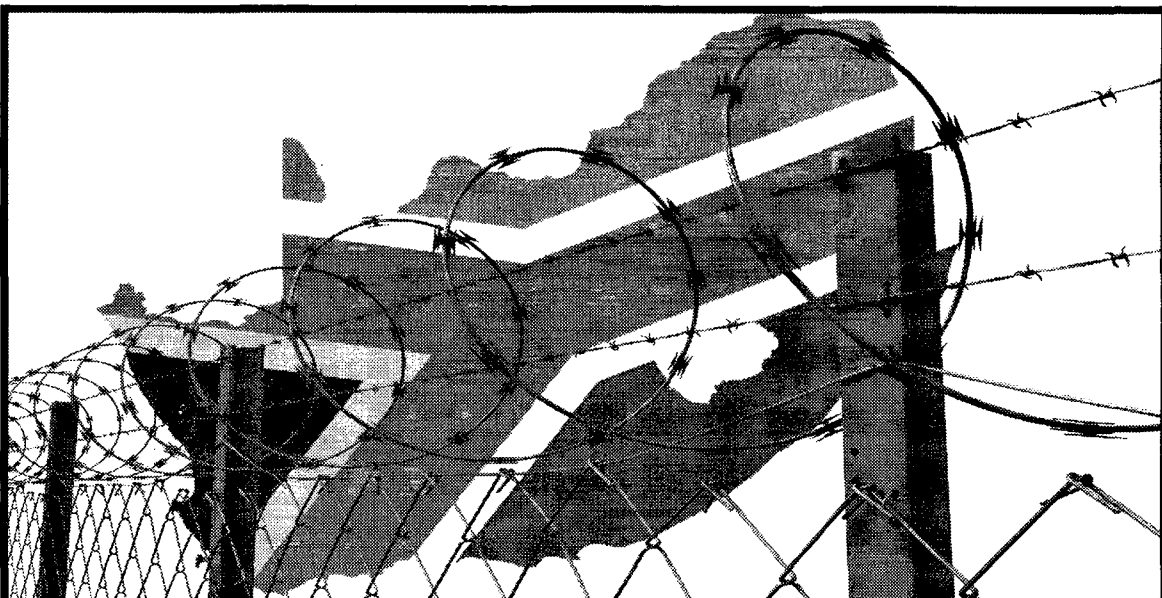
Yost was in his sixth season as the Brewers' manager. When Milwaukee hired him from Atlanta after the 2002 season, the team was in the midst of four straight seasons with 94 losses or more.

Under Yost, the young Brewers improved to records of 81-81, 75-87 and 83-79 in the past three seasons — a significant improvement for a franchise that hadn't had a winning record since 1992. But Yost seemingly couldn't get the Brewers to take the next step.

Yost spent 12 years on the Braves' coaching staff with Bobby Cox, and Atlanta won division titles every year Yost was there except the strike-shortened 1994 season.

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NFL

Jets rue missed opportunities in loss to Pats

Lousy field position, conservative play-calling, penalties keep New York from sending message in division

Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — The New York Jets huddled into the film room a day after a loss to the New England Patriots and could only shake their heads at what they watched on the screen.

"We let things get away," center Nick Mangold said Monday.

"We were doing some good things and there's little mistakes and penalties that really hurt us."

The Jets were slight favorites entering the game, and for good reason. They were facing untested Matt Cassel instead of Tom Brady and had the excitement of Brett Favre making his regular-season home debut in front of 78,000 raucous fans.

Talk about a letdown.

Instead of sending a message that the balance of power in the AFC East might be shifting, the Jets reverted to their old, mistake-filled ways in a 19-10 loss Sunday.

"It's the disappointment of a lost opportunity," right guard Brandon Moore said. "When

you see the proof in the film and see individual performance, a couple plays here and a couple plays there, you see that we really didn't put it all together."

"It's the disappointment of a lost opportunity."

Brandon Moore
Jets right guard

There was certainly plenty of blame to go around. There was conservative play calling on offense, a lack of big plays on defense and an inability by the special-teams unit to give New York

any advantage in field position. Throw in a missed field goal and six penalties that cost them 60 yards, and it's no wonder the Jets felt downright frustrated.

"Even without the Tom Brady factor, there was a chance for us to come out and be 2-0 in the division and we didn't get it done," safety Kerry Rhodes said. "We're 1-1 and we've still got a chance and there's a long season to go, but this was a game we thought we had a chance to win and we thought we could've won and we couldn't get it done."

While Cassel's performance was hardly eye-popping, he was efficient and benefited

from consistently outstanding field position. Of the Patriots' nine series, five began in Jets territory, with an average start at the New England 42.

"Doesn't matter who you're playing, when the opponent has that type of field position, there's going to be issues," coach Eric Mangini said. "It's tough to consistently prevent the other team from scoring points when they're starting in plus territory like New England was most of the day."

A large part of the problem was the poor punting of Ben Graham, whose net average was 27.3 yards. Graham, in his fourth year with the Jets, has struggled with consistency since last season.

"It's a situation we'll look at," Mangini said. "We'll look at it very closely, then we'll move forward here, see where the different opportunities are and evaluate them."

Still, the Jets were very much in the game. Favre led an impressive drive, featuring a 54-yard pass to Laveranues Coles, midway through the second quarter — only to have it stall at the goal line with three failed running plays.

On first-and-goal from the 3, Thomas Jones went off

right guard for a yard. He went up the middle for another yard on the next play, and then lost 2 yards went Richard Seymour plowed into him off left guard. Instead of taking a lead, the Jets settled for a field goal that left them three points down.

"That four-point swing is difficult to lose," Mangold said, "but I'm a running guy and I like to pound it in and I thought if we were able to clean it up just a little more, we would've been in there."

Mangini further defended the calls, saying he liked what the line and the running backs had been doing to that point. He also addressed

the criticism that Favre was somewhat handcuffed by the play calling.

"We're not calling plays in a vacuum," he said. "It wasn't a function of not realizing that Brett was here. It was a function of what we thought was going to work at that point."

The Jets also had an ugly series on their first possession of the second half. Damien Woody was called for

holding, negating a big run by Jones, and Favre followed with an illegal forward pass. Three plays later came an offensive pass interference on Jericho Cotchery, who made a terrific catch on a 40-yard pass down the sideline that was overturned when he was called for pushing defensive back Deltha O'Neal.

On the next play, Bubba Franks caught a pass for minus-5 yards, and then

Favre was picked off by Brandon Meriweather on a poor throw. The Patriots turned the turnover into a touchdown and a 10-point lead.

New England was able to eat up the clock down the

stretch by running all over the Jets, led by LaMont Jordan's 62 second-half yards.

"When we needed to make big stops, we didn't make them," linebacker Eric Barton said. "It's as simple as that. We didn't force any turnovers, we didn't get the ball back in our offense's hands more. We didn't do that."

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Eric Barton
Jets linebacker

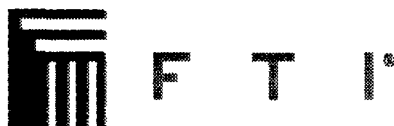
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MLB

Posada says Joba should return to bullpen

During 'Centerstage' session, Yankees catcher says Chamberlain will reinjure himself if he throws 200 innings

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jorge Posada reignited the debate over Joba Chamberlain's future Monday, recommending the young pitcher be kept in the bullpen and predicting more injuries if the New York Yankees put him back in their starting rotation.

"I think if you start him and he pitches 200 innings in one year, you're going to lose him. He's going to get hurt. I don't see him as a starter," Posada said Monday during a session of "CenterStage," scheduled to air on the team's YES Network starting Sept. 28.

Chamberlain, the hard-throwing righty who turns 23 next week, began the season in the Yankees bullpen, then moved to the rotation in June. The plan was to limit his innings early, then make him a full-time starter.

"He's been around the game and that's his opinion. I'm not going to fault the guy for having an opinion. We all have opinions," Chamberlain said. "We have to sit down. It's going to be what's best for the team in the long run. It's your career and you have to be a part of it. You do what's best for yourself, also, but the end goal is to win a championship. Whether that's in the bullpen or as a starter, time will tell."

He was sidelined from Aug. 4 to Sept. 2 because of rotator cuff tendinitis and went back to the bullpen when he returned.

"A little tendinitis, it just tells you a lot," Posada said after the TV interview. "I think his body is made up for a reliever."

Chamberlain was 3-1 with a 2.76 ERA in 12 starts, striking out 74 in 65 1-3 innings. He's 1-2 with a 2.29 ERA in 24 relief appearances, fanning 34 in 28 2-3 innings.

New York hasn't decided its future plans for Chamberlain.

"We'll discuss whether Chamberlain will be a starter or a reliever, along with everything else, during the winter," co-chairman Hank Steinbrenner said.

Manager Joe Girardi didn't mind Posada voicing his opinion, saying "some players feel more freely to discuss them openly than others." He also said the decision could depend on offseason developments.

"For right now, we still envision him as a starter. We just didn't have a chance to build him up," Girardi said.

He did reject the notion that starting makes Chamberlain more susceptible to injury.

"You can't put your head inside a guy's arm," he said. "People will argue it's better to start every five days from a

physical standpoint, where you get four days' rest. Other people say it's better to throw in the bullpen, but what if you have to throw three days in a row? I mean, I think it just depends on the individual."

Chamberlain would like the debate to end at some point.

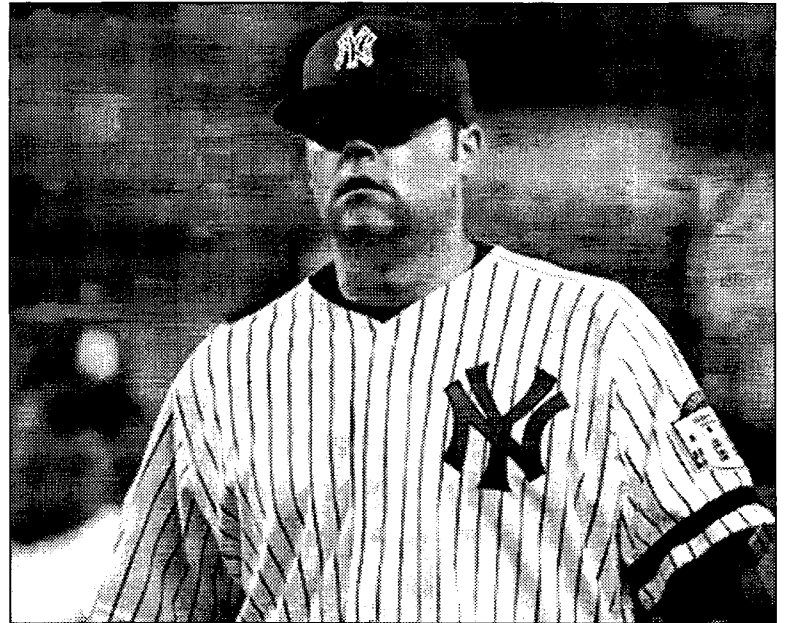
"At the beginning of the year, we're just going to have to say, this is it," he said. "Then I never want to answer another question about it again."

Posada had season-ending shoulder surgery June 30 and expects to return behind the plate for New York next season, anticipating he can catch 120-130 games.

With the Yankees almost certain to miss the playoffs for the first time since 1993, the 37-year-old says the team must go into the free-agent market to repair its starting rotation. CC Sabathia, Ben Sheets and A.J. Burnett are their chief targets.

"We're pretty much going to be in it, but you don't know if those guys are going to want to come here," Posada said. "I hope they do."

New York figures to have tens of millions of dollars available: Jason Giambi (\$21 million), Andy Pettitte (\$16 million), Bobby Abreu (\$16 million), Mike Mussina (\$11 million) and Carl Pavano (\$11 million) are all potentially eligible



Yankees pitcher Joba Chamberlain walks to the dugout during New York's 6-5 win over Tampa Bay Sept. 13.

for free agency.

"We're going to do whatever we can to improve, whether it's free agency or trades," Steinbrenner said.

On another topic, Posada voiced anger toward Pedro Martinez for the 2003 brawl between the Yankees and the Red Sox during the AL championship series.

"I thought he was going to hit me in the head with a bat, after we had the fight and he

pushed Don Zimmer. It was ridiculous. I mean, he throws at Karim Garcia because he's losing the game. I mean, there's no class," Posada said.

It might have been an uncomfortable situation had Posada signed with the New York Mets after the 2007 season. He would have had to catch Martinez.

"You try to forget about the past and look forward," Posada said.

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NFL

Hochuli's grade suffers from call

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ed Hochuli's acknowledgement that he erred on a call late in Sunday's San Diego-Denver game will mean lower grades for one of the NFL's highest profile referees.

"Officials are held accountable for their calls. They are graded on every play of every game," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Monday. "Ed has been an outstanding official for many years, but he will be marked down for this call. Under our evaluation system, an official's grades impact his status for potentially working the playoffs and ultimately whether or not he is retained."

The play occurred with the Broncos at the Chargers 1-yard-line in the final minute. Denver quarterback Jay Cutler dropped back to pass, the ball slipped out of his hands, bounced off the grass and into the arms of San Diego linebacker Tim Dobbins.

Hochuli ruled it an incomplete pass. Replay ruled it a fumble, but it was spotted at the 10-yard line, where the ball hit the ground, and given to Denver because the rules did not permit possession to be awarded to San Diego because the whistle had blown.

Denver went on to score, convert a 2-point conversion and win 39-38.

The play also is likely to be reviewed in the offseason by the league's competition committee, which normally reviews all controversial plays.

"It's going to require a great deal of discussion," said Titans coach Jeff Fisher, the chairman of the competition committee. "It's happened at times. It happened in a game against us at Indianapolis years ago. ... When the whistle blows and the pass is ruled incomplete, there's just no way currently that you can award possession."

For example, until March 2007, down by contact plays were not reviewable. That rule was changed so that they were reviewable, and if a fumble occurred even after the whistle blew, the team recovering it got possession.

San Diego coach Norv Turner said he spoke with NFL officials Monday and that the Chargers sent in video of the plays in question.

"As for things that occurred during the game, in my mind, they're done," Turner said. "We sent the plays in to the league that we had in question. We expect to get a response back. Anything that we talk about or anything that is discussed in terms of any of the rules or any of the calls isn't going to change the outcome of that game. That game is going to be 39-38, forever."

Denver coach Mike Shanahan said honest mistakes always happen in the NFL.

"This was the best crew that we have had in the last

20 crews I have graded," Shanahan said. "They did a heck of a job. Every game that you see that is within a point or a field goal over the last couple years, it may be a call or a non-call that wasn't right, but that is the nature of this game. You have to find a way to win."

"We still had the ball at third-and-10 and had to get it into the end zone. Third-and-10 and then fourth-and-4. We still had to make a 2-point conversion," Shanahan said. "It wasn't like somebody gave us the touchdown. You have to go out there and still get it done."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones wasn't surprised that Hochuli was involved.

Donohue

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starting spot, and I'm really trying to focus on getting more crosses in and getting to the back post and picking up goals there."

Donohue's sudden scoring surge is a welcome surprise for the Irish, who entered the season with the tough task of replacing Joe Lapira, the 2006 Hermann Trophy winner who left Notre Dame with 42 career goals.

The Irish, however, weren't concerned, even after being shutout 3-0 in their opener against Akron.

"As a team coming in, we had no concern about who's going to score goals," Donohue said. "We believe in each other, and we know if we do the little things and win our individual battles, it will turn into a team win."

That formula has proved to be a winning one thus far for the Irish, who have outscored their opponents 15-3 in their four wins.

But it hasn't just been Donohue. Junior midfielder Michael Thomas and senior forward Bright Dike each have three goals, and junior midfielder Justin Morrow has scored twice.

Sophomore midfielder Jeb Brovsky, sophomore forward/midfielder Josh Thiermann and sophomore forward Steven Perry each have broken onto the score sheet once, as well.

"There's quite a few other guys who have got the potential," Clark said.

"Morrow's scoring nicely, and a couple of other guys haven't gotten in there yet but have it in them, too. Thiermann should get some goals, and [freshman midfielder/forward] Brendan King's someone who has terrific ability to score — his time will come."

The time appears to be now, though, for Donohue and his Notre Dame teammates. The

team has become a tighter, balanced unit through just a few weeks, and the Irish appear to be only picking up steam as the Big East slate heats up with a home match Friday against St. John's.

"The team has learned a lot about each other through the first five games," Donohue said.

"As a team coming in, we had no concern about who's going to score goals."

Dave Donohue
Irish junior

"We've really developed the team mentality, and we know we can score goals and win games. Each game has just been learning more and more about each other."

As for Donohue? Clark just wants him

to keep the ball rolling — into the net.

"We're just hoping he can beat [his career highs] again and keep scoring goals," Clark said. "Three goals is quite an achievement — you don't do it every day."

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Garnham

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coach," Piane said. "We're very excited to have him."

Garnham graduated from Kent State University with a bachelor's in history in 1998. He earned his master's degree in secondary education from D'Youville College in Buffalo.

Garnham then spent five years as an assistant track-and-field coach at the University of Buffalo, where he was in charge of multi-event athletes, hurdlers, and javelin throwers. There, he coached a Canadian Olympic Trial quali-

fier in the women's heptathlon, two NCAA qualifiers, and five Mid-American Conference Champions. His athletes also set 14 new school records.

His most recent job was a three-year stint as assistant coach at the University of Tulsa, which he left to join the Irish. During this time, he coached an NCAA qualifier in the shot put, 17 NCAA Mid-West Regional qualifiers, four Conference USA champions and 20 all-Conference athletes. He was also a party to 18 new school records at Tulsa.

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Junior

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ed to make sure he had all the right information he needed to do his job.

And I'm sure Charlie Jr. feels similarly.

I'm sure there's no one on the Notre Dame sideline who is working harder than Charlie Jr. is at his job to make sure Notre Dame has a successful football team, and I'm sure Charlie Jr. is excellent at what he does — otherwise I'm just as sure that his father would take the head-set off of him.

And what exactly does Charlie Jr. do?

According to Notre Dame's director of football media relations Brian Hardin, he relays the opposing offense's personnel groups to the defensive huddle. Charlie Jr. wears the headset so he can hear the assistant coaches in the press box when they tell him how many running backs, tight ends and wide receivers are in the game. Then Charlie Jr. relays that information to the huddle.

Hardin said it's a job someone on the staff would normally

have to do anyway, but since Charlie Jr. does it, it frees up a member of the staff to focus on something else during the game.

But to listen to some people, you would think Weis had handed over play-calling duties to his son. Charlie Jr. is not a distraction, he just facilitates communication between the players and the assistants.

Does the job carry a lot of responsibility? Yes it does.

But it's a job that a smart kid could handle — especially one that's a coach's son.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily The Observer.

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Irish coach Charlie Weis watches from the sidelines during Notre Dame's 35-17 over Michigan on Saturday.

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ENERGY WEEK T-SHIRT SALES

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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9:00 p.m. - 12:00 Midnight

Montgomery Theatre, LaFortune

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 18

QUAD DISPLAY

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

South Quad (between Cushing and Hayes-Healy. Rain location: Jordan Hall of Science Galleria)

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12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Lower Level Dining Room, McKenna Hall

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7:00 p.m.

Browning Cinema

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

SCREENING: "WHO KILLED THE ELECTRIC CAR"

3:00 p.m.

Browning Cinema

- PG, 92 minutes, with an introduction and post-screening Q&A session hosted by Lourdes Long, president of GreeND and ND Energy Center Student Advisory Board member. This film chronicles the life and mysterious death of the GM EV1, one of the fastest and most efficient cars ever built. It examines the cultural and economical ripple effects and how they reverberated through the halls of government and big business.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21, cont.

GREEN PRAYER SERVICE

5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

The Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes

(Rain Location: Zahm Chapel)

- Presided by Rev. Paul Kollman, C.S.C. All students, faculty, staff, and guests are welcome.

MONDAY, SEPT. 22

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1:00 - 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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7:00 p.m.

Declo Mainstage Theatre

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no explanation, her toe began to move. After six weeks in the hospital re-learning how to walk, Scott DeMaria returned to school.

Years later, she learned of a possible reason for her recovery. After the bus flipped, Scott DeMaria crawled out onto the ground and spent over an hour with her back in direct contact with the snow, so much so that her body temperature dropped to 94 degrees.

"We always traveled very well-dressed. None of us had jackets on. It was freezing," she said.

The snow may have controlled the swelling around the spine, allowing the surgery performed that night to save the integrity of her spinal chord. Years later, a similar, medically-induced treatment would be used on Buffalo Bills' tight end Kevin Everett, who suffered a broken spine in a collision in the first week of the 2007 season. Hypothermic saline is injected into the body to keep swelling in check, but the treatment is somewhat controversial because an overdose can shut down organs.

"My good friend who's an M.D. said, 'It's nice to have God doing the dosing,'" Scott DeMaria said.

Scott DeMaria didn't learn what happened to Beeler and Hopp until a day after her surgery. Besides shock, she said, her initial reaction was one of resolve. She told herself she would recover and swim for them.

"It was something I can do for them, it was something for me to focus on, and really from then on

they never left my mind," she said. "It was, at the time, the only way I knew to honor them."

In the wake of the accident, Scott DeMaria said, the school mourned as one.

"It was really a very celebratory time," she said. "For all that we were mourning, for all that we lost, it was a real time of healing."

To honor her teammates, Scott DeMaria first had to teach herself to walk, and the way to do so was to mimic an infant. She rolled over, crawled and kneeled during the learning process, which at 18 years old seemed backwards and unnecessary to her.

"Why do I need to know how to crawl? I don't wanna crawl, I wanna walk," she said. "I was a stubborn patient, but it served me well."

The toughest thing about rehab wasn't the physical motions, she said; it was the bizarre lack of sensation in her lower body. Even when standing with the assistance of doctors, Scott DeMaria said she couldn't tell if she was upright or sitting when her eyes were closed.

That summer, back in Phoenix, Scott DeMaria's spine collapsed, and she had three more surgeries. This time, instead of going through her back, surgeons attacked the spine from the front of her body. She compared the surgeries to righting a fallen tree:

"It was something I can do for them, it was something for me to focus on, and really from then on they never left my mind."

Haley Scott DeMaria
Former Irish swimmer

It's much easier to push it back upright from the front than pulling it from behind. However, these surgeries meant a collapsed lung, heart failure and moving her stomach aside to reach the spine.

But she prevailed and returned to school in the fall. She didn't swim her sophomore year, and instead covered the swim team for The Observer.

Her junior year, she was back in the pool, where she said swimming was like riding a bike: It came right back. She felt like she was out of shape after a break at the end of a season, but didn't have to relearn the strokes. Her first meet back, she said, was a surreal experience

and an average weekend at the same time. She had the same pre-race routine as before: Fiddle with her goggles, shake out her arms, splash water on herself.

Her first race after the accident was the 50 freestyle. She won her heat.

"I think other people celebrated it more than I did," she said. "I thought it was something that I knew I was going to do."

Scott DeMaria had to stay an extra semester to finish her degree, but that extra semester helped her meet her husband through — of all things — e-mail.

Scott DeMaria had a business class and had to set up an e-mail account. No one used computers, much less e-mail, in those days,

she said, but Jamie DeMaria, a fellow Notre Dame grad who used to be the swim team's manager, did. He was a chronic e-mail forwarder, and Scott DeMaria loved e-mail, so they became friends via cyberspace. "That's how we reconnected, was through e-mail," she laughed.

Scott DeMaria accepted a job as a teacher and swim coach at her high school alma mater, Xavier College Preparatory in Phoenix, and asked Jamie to go with her when she chaperoned the school's junior-senior prom.

When a Xavier student died after an accident with a drunk driver, Scott DeMaria said, Jamie understood the effect it had on her and supported her so she could help the students.

"What I saw in Jamie was someone who understood how something like that affected me," she said. "And when I saw that quality in him, I knew this was someone who could spend my life with."

The two are now married (Notre Dame history professor Thomas Blantz married them) and live in Annapolis, Md., with their two sons, James and Edward. Scott DeMaria has won the Notre Dame Spirit Award, the Executive Journal Comeback of the Year Award and the Honda Award for Inspiration. The National Women's Leadership Conference named her Woman of the Year, and the Institute for International Sport made her a Fellow.

Scott DeMaria said going back and writing a book about the incident wasn't tough in itself, but she found certain quirks in her research both frightening and funny.

"I think I was clearly so naïve

and young at 18 that I don't think I fully appreciated how horrible physically it was for me," she said. "I suffered collapsed lungs and heart failure, and at times was lucky to come out of these surgeries at all."

The research was at times comical as well. The minutiae of details she recorded in her journals at the time seemed ridiculous 16 years later.

"[I was] worrying about how the steroids gave me acne and what the guys were going to think," she said. "It was meaningless, but it was a huge deal at the time when you're 18."

The book allowed her to express her understanding to others who have been in similar accidents. She said a girl whose brother suffered a similar injury was in tears at the book signing, saying she wanted her brother to read it.

"I turned to my husband and I said, 'That's the reason I did this, really just to say to someone I understand,'" she said.

She stressed the importance of the University, both at the time and to this day, in her successful recovery. When her parents, wanted to move her to a renowned rehab facility, she resisted. It was important for her to be here, she told them, and they got it. She had friends visit from other schools who were amazed at the level of care and support.

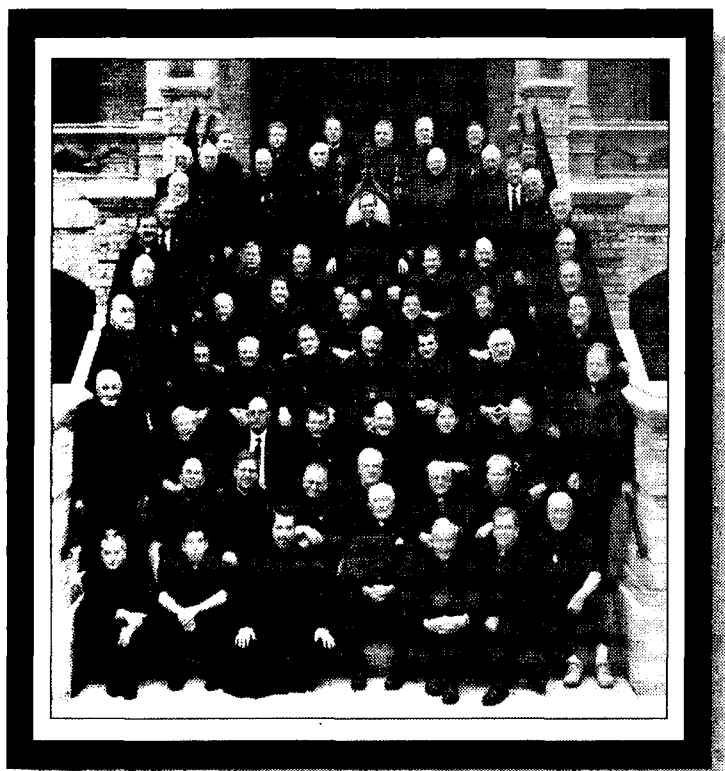
"[My friends said] 'If this were our school, it would happen, people would say, Geez that sucks, and they would forget about me,'" she said. "And this school has never forgotten."

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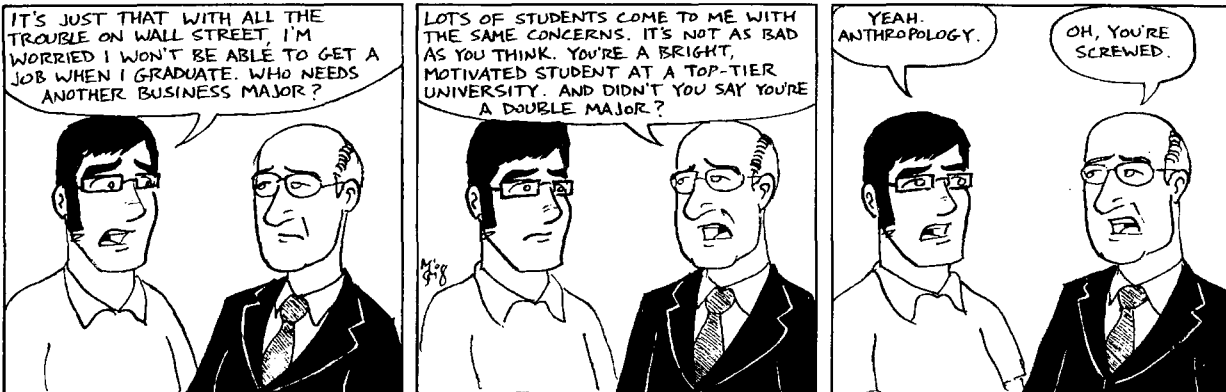
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JUMBLE

HENRI ARNOLD
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JUMBLE

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

ROFAL

DORAH

LESUNS

MEHRIT

www.jumble.com

MEHRIT

MEHRIT

MEHRIT

Answer: MEHRIT TO MEHRIT

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: AXIOM APRON IMPUGN MOSQUE
Answer: What she is in an English class? — A PRONOUN

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



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

CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

HOROSCOPE

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Prince Harry, 24; Dave Annable, 29; Tommy Lee Jones, 62; Oliver Stone, 62

Happy Birthday: Take care of personal situations and partnerships that need a little tender loving care. Get out and socialize more. Attend functions that will stimulate your creative side. Your numbers are 4, 12, 14, 23, 30, 37, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Things are hopping—the way you like it—but your inclination to take on too much will probably lead to falling short of your expectations. Choose wisely so you don't miss the full benefit of doing what you truly want to do. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): There will be hidden agendas going on all around you. Keep your antenna up and fine tuned for any possible slip of the tongue from one of your friends or colleagues. Keep an open mind and ear. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Someone observing you will catch on quickly to ulterior motives. Act fast and include this person in such a way that he or she becomes an ally, not an enemy. 4 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Think it, believe it, become it. Don't let emotional matters stand in the way. Focus on business enterprises or improving your reputation or status. You will parlay your way into a cushy position that will bring plenty of benefits. 5 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Stick close to home where you can get the most done. Love, home improvement or just about anything personal will work for you. If you try to change your professional game plan, expect to face opposition. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If you let your emotions dictate you will end up saying and doing things you'll regret. You don't have to let your personal objectives interfere with your financial accomplishments. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't trust anyone with whom you are dealing at work, school, in corporate organizations or hospitals, banks or government offices. They will play on your emotions and stand in the way of your progress. Focus on accomplishing your plans. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your changing attitude and flippant way of jumping from one thing to another will keep everyone guessing. Use your ingenuity. You can now unleash your creative ideas and receive the recognition you've worked so hard for. 5 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't think you are putting one over on anyone. Emotional ups and downs will put you in a precarious position before the day is over. You may get ahead but, if it's at someone else's expense, there will be no gratification. 2 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't get talked into joining a group or making a lifestyle change that really doesn't suit your personality or your future goals. You can't put your life on hold for someone else. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are ready to get serious about love, money and your future. Look at what's available to you. Start to work toward your goals. Money is in the stars and will come to you through an unusual source. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't let anyone stand in your way. Push hard and consider only partnerships that are beneficial. Choose carefully with whom you confide and stick to your convictions. 3 stars

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive and compassionate but practical. You are a gifted speaker and a creative thinker. You are responsible, intense and strong-minded.

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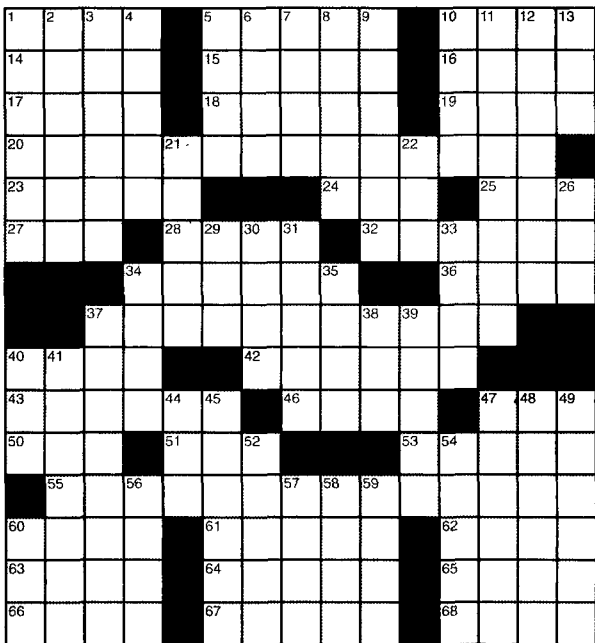
Across

- 1 Just for guys
- 5 Rice dish
- 10 Colleague of Clark at the Daily Planet
- 14 Oscar winner Kedrova
- 15 Amorphous critter
- 16 Ultimatum's end
- 17 State firmly
- 18 Musical genre for Destiny's Child
- 19 Concert halls of old
- 20 TV game show that places spouses at risk?
- 23 "Crocodile Rock" singer John
- 24 Fresh talk
- 25 Chemical in Drano
- 27 Belittle, slangily
- 28 Toe the line
- 32 Chocolate trees

- 34 Red Bordeaux
- 36 Outback avians
- 37 TV game show that quizzes oenophiles?
- 40 Morales of "N.Y.P.D. Blue"
- 42 Lease signer
- 43 Winter topper
- 46 Hawaii's state bird
- 47 Hood's pistol
- 50 Do-over at Wimbledon
- 51 Pint-size
- 53 Reads closely, with "over"
- 55 TV game show that eliminates coy contestants?
- 60 Super server
- 61 ___ to (in on)
- 62 Nair competitor
- 63 "Comin' ___ the Rye"
- 64 First name in TV talk

Down

- 1 Left rolling in the aisles, as an audience
- 2 Copenhagen's ___ Gardens
- 3 Native Alaskans
- 4 Reclusive Greta
- 5 A comb makes one
- 6 "If ___ suggest ..."
- 7 Last name in TV talk
- 8 Co-panelist of Cowell
- 9 It's sold by the yard
- 10 Sainted fifth-century pope
- 11 Former inamorato or inamorata
- 12 "Peekaboo" follower
- 13 Neptune's realm
- 21 ___ Gay (W.W. II bomber)
- 22 New Deal org.
- 26 Pothook shape
- 29 Lawman Masterson
- 30 Once, once
- 31 Aden's land
- 33 Coin whose front was last redesigned in 1909



Puzzle by Ray Fontenot

- 34 In vogue
- 35 Newcastle's river
- 37 "Don't move — I'll go for help"
- 38 Hardly ruddy
- 39 All thumbs
- 40 Night school subj.
- 41 Lacking details
- 44 "How cute"
- 45 Espied Godiva, e.g.
- 47 Show sorrow
- 48 Trojan War hero
- 49 "You should have known better"
- 52 Country rocker Steve
- 54 Had title to
- 56 Cupid's Greek counterpart
- 57 Ceramist's oven
- 58 Times to revel
- 59 January 1 song word
- 60 Broke bread

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

On top again

ND ranked No. 1 by pollsters on Monday

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame head coach Randy Waldrum has put together five No. 1 teams in his ten years coaching for the Irish, four of them in the past five years.

Waldrum and the Irish were ranked No. 1 by three polls released Monday — *Soccer America*, *Soccer Buzz* and *Top Drawer Soccer*. The NSCAA poll and the *Soccer Times* poll will be released today.

Notre Dame (6-0-0) jumped UCLA with a 5-0 win over SMU this week. The Bruins played to a 0-0 draw with Brown on Sunday.

The week before the Irish jumped to No. 2 with wins over three ranked teams including previous No. 2 North Carolina and No. 12 Duke.

They will take on DePaul, Penn State and Louisville this week for their first chance to defend the No. 1 ranking in 2008.



JESS LEE/The Observer

Senior forward Brittany Bock fights for a loose ball during Notre Dame's 5-0 win over SMU on Friday. The win helped the Irish jump UCLA to become No. 1 in the country.

TRACK & FIELD

Irish hire new jump instructor

Garnham added to track staff Monday

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Former Kent State decathlete Jim Garnham will join the Irish as an assistant coach, head coach Joe Piane said Monday.

Garnham will be the horizontal and vertical jump coach. His predecessor, Scott Winsor, left the Irish to take up a head coaching job at Fresno State University.



Jim Garnham

"Jim is a young, energetic

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ND SWIMMING

Former swimmer writes book about miracle comeback

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

It took Haley Scott DeMaria three tries, but she finally wrote and published the story of an event that changed her life.

Scott DeMaria was a freshman swimmer at Notre Dame in 1992. On Jan. 24, she was on the team bus coming back from a meet against Northwestern. Driving through a blinding blizzard, the bus was four miles from campus

when it hit a patch of ice, skidded and flipped off the Toll Road.

Scott DeMaria suffered three crushed vertebrae and was paralyzed by the time she reached the hospital. Two other freshmen, Meghan Beeler and Colleen Hipp, died in the crash.

Scott DeMaria's life after the crash is an inspiration to accident victims, their family members or anyone who's ever had a goal in life.

Her book about the accident, "What Though The Odds —

Haley Scott's Journey of Faith and Triumph," came out this June, following two previous attempts to write it. Scott DeMaria said she's in a place now where she can tell the story.

"What I've realized is that I needed to be at a very healthy and stable point in my life to go back and relive a very unhealthy and unstable part of my life," said Scott DeMaria, who was on campus this weekend for a book signing.

Usually, she said, the men and

women traveled together to meets, but this was the first occasion where the women traveled by themselves. The team lost, but swam well, Scott DeMaria, a Phoenix native, said, and was excited to contend with such a good team.

Next thing she knew the bus was upside down in a ditch next to the road, and Scott DeMaria was on her back in the snow.

Scott DeMaria had two operations that night. She said doctors looked for any signs of hope that

she may regain feeling in her legs and walk again, but after two days, they told her to begin accepting the reality of life in a wheelchair. She would have none of it.

"Some of it was shock and some of it was being overwhelmed with what's going on but for the most part it wasn't acceptable to me," she said.

As it turns out, her instincts were right. A few days later, with

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FOOTBALL FIRST-PERSON COMMENTARY

Charlie Jr. earns his keep

There was a lot to harp on during last year's 3-9 season, but there was one criticism of Charlie Weis that still persists now, even despite a 2-0 start, that I never could understand — why it makes certain Notre Dame fans so mad



Chris Hine

Sports Writer

that Charlie Weis Jr. is on the sidelines assisting the coaching staff. My befuddlement stems from

a similar experience I had in high school with my father. He was the basketball coach at my high school near Scranton, Pa., for 33 years, so I grew up with basketball. When I was in grade school, I went to every game and somewhere along the way, I began taking stats for my dad.

At first, it was just for fun; he didn't actually rely on them. But then he realized that my stats were just as accurate as the ones his assistants were taking.

Taking stats distracted him from watching the game and giving him advice concerning strategy. So, when I became about 11 years old, I was about the statistician for the team and did it up until the

time I was on the varsity squad. It freed my dad's assistants to focus on the game.

And there was nothing I took more seriously than making sure those stats were correct.

I didn't want to let my dad down.

When you're a coach's son, there's nothing that gives you more pride than to see your father be a successful coach and you'll do everything you can to pitch in. You'll work as hard as you can, obsess over the smallest of things, just so you can help out your dad in any way.

Dad looked at those stats at halftime and periodically throughout games and I want-

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ND MEN'S SOCCER

Donohue gets weekly honors after big game

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

In 24 games as a sophomore, Dave Donohue tallied three goals and an assist.

In Thursday's 4-1 win over Marquette, Donohue tallied three goals and an assist.

The Irish junior midfielder earned Big East offensive player of the week honors and a spot on the College Soccer News' national team of the week — not bad for a guy whose goals are "just a bonus," Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

"The goals are great and he'll have his special days, but it's

what he does when the other team's got possession that's most important to our team," Clark said. "He's a great example to the team because of his work ethic and his ability work when we don't have the ball, pressing the other team."

Donohue leads No. 3 Notre Dame (4-1, 1-0 Big East) in goals (four), assists (three) and points (11) — all of which are new career highs after he played in every game last year.

"I came off the bench more last year, trying to come in and raise the tempo," Donohue said. "This year, I earned a

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