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Students struggle to find on-campus jobs

ND employment still available, but scarce

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

Given the current state of the economy, Notre Dame students are facing more competition in the on-campus job market than they have in previous years.

Managers at popular on-campus locations have noted slight increases in the number of student applications for employment.

"Shifts were filled pretty quickly this year," general manager for the Huddle Jim LaBella said. "Normally, we have more openings at this time in the



Heidi Eckstein, a junior, stands behind the counter at the Huddle Mart, her on-campus job. Employment is scarce on both campuses this school year.

SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

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SMC positions fill fast as economy worsens

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Campus employment provides students the luxury of a job that is willing to work with their schedules and is within walking distance. This year, however, students are finding employment opportunities at the College rather scarce.

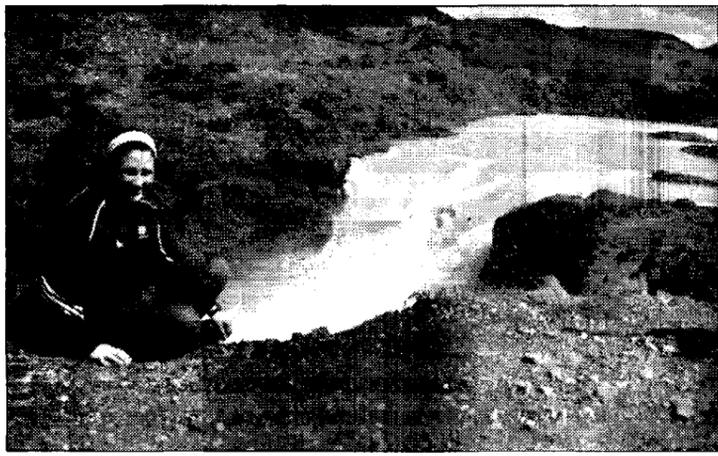
According to Kathleen Brown, director of financial aid, jobs have been much harder come by this year than before.

"I would say the most notable difference is that the students seem to be snapping up the jobs

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Study abroad requires new health care

Students must now use HTH Worldwide insurance for International Studies programs



Senior Nellie Gotebeski poses for a photo while studying abroad in Chile, where she contracted a mild strain of E. Coli.

Photo Courtesy of Nellie Gotebeski

By JOSEPH McMAHON
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While there is much debate about health care reform in town halls across the country, the Office of International Studies (OIS) has taken steps to insure full health care coverage for all program participants.

"We have a standardized system where we know what is covered everywhere," OIS director Kathleen Opel said. "For us we think this is the safest and most comprehensive thing we can do to help our students abroad."

All program participants are now required to have health insurance from HTH Worldwide, which "specializes in study abroad and international networks," Opel said.

In the past, students were allowed to use their own policies.

Opel said HTH Worldwide provides comprehensive coverage, and in most instances students can go to the doctor without having to pay any additional fees.

"With [HTH Worldwide] there is no co-pay, and we

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Suspect in rape case no longer enrolled

Observer Staff Report

The man charged with felony rape associated with a February 2009 on-campus incident is no longer enrolled at Notre Dame, University spokesman Dennis Brown said.

The former student and member of the swim team was charged with felony rape on Aug. 19, according to St. Joseph County court documents.

Sgt. Bill Redman of the St. Joseph County Police said the man was arrested Aug. 20 when he turned himself in to police after the rape charges were filed.

Redman said he was released on \$5,000 bond.

He was not arrested on campus, said Dave Chapman, assistant director for Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP).

The court documents said the woman was found in Knott Hall around 4 p.m. in February 2009 wearing only the man's shirt.

The man told police he had sex with her, but she said she had no recollection of any sexual relations with the man, according to the charges. She told police she would not have consented.

The woman had a blood-alcohol level of 0.13, according to the documents.

Court documents indicate the case is active.

CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

CLC discusses plans for coming year

By ROBERT SINGER
Assistant News Editor

To jump-start their first meeting of the year, members of the Campus Life Council (CLC) reviewed last year's accomplishments and voiced their ideas for 2009 - 2010 school year, including student legal services, a more inclusive orientation experience for transfers and a safety awareness campaign.

"To start this conversation, one of the things that we've

looked into is student legal services on campus. There are some things that are very easy to do," student body president Grant Schmidt said. "We've talked to Captain [Bill] Kirk to make sure students know what they're looking for when they sign a lease. There are certain other things that we want to look into, for example, if a student is given a citation for drinking."

The members emphasized that since the CLC proposes

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Grant Schmidt, student body president, addresses the CLC Monday alongside Cynthia Weber, student body vice president.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Those hot summer days

As the weather has been a frigid 60 to 70 degrees these past few days, I find myself facing the dismal comprehension that summer is finally over. The days of rest and relaxation have officially come to an end, and I am back here at school.

Not that I don't enjoy my college days, because I do. I wouldn't trade them for anything.

Alicia Smith

News Writer

But nothing can compare to the hot summer days I spent outside at the park.

This past summer, I worked as a counselor for a day camp at my local park department. My days at Elmwood Park consisted of entertaining 10 to 25 kids. We would play games, do crafts and run semi-organized sports.

I worked with a great guy, who I had a great time hanging out with. This guy was six-foot-seven. He was lean and athletic, and plays basketball on a scholarship at the local university. Though he was ridiculously tall, he was the nicest, most non-intimidating person on the planet.

I, on the other hand, am five-foot-four-inches tall. And for some reason the kids were scared of me. I had their full respect everyday. Not that I was mean to them; I never yelled at them, even if they did something very wrong. I never really even snapped at them that much. I simply asserted my authority, and even with my small stature, they accepted it.

Two days into the job we had our first fist fight. Luckily, I didn't have to break this one up. This fight was over dodge ball, a game the kids adored and I hated. Every time we played, the kids went nuts. No matter how hard we tried, they wouldn't listen to the rules, and eventually the game was banned.

Day three hosted another round of fighting. This time it was over four square. Apparently, if you are an 11-year-old boy, cheating is not tolerated.

As the weeks went on I faced many other difficulties. One boy decided that he didn't like the restrooms because there were bugs in the toilet (keep in mind we are at a park!). So he proceeded to go to the bathroom on the sidewalk right outside of the bathroom instead. When I caught him in the act, I told him to go inside and go to the bathroom. He did, and continued to pee the whole way there.

We had one girl fight while at the park. This one didn't consist of fists. It was simply a "so-and-so called me this" type of fight. It ended in a frank discussion about respect. A few days later, the girls causing the trouble left the park.

We had another kid who was a runaway. He often would do the craziest things. One day, he climbed all the way on top of the playground equipment. Now I don't mean the legal way you are supposed to climb it. No, he climbed on the outside of the equipment, and was putting his life in danger. He was five. Later, he decided to leave the park, and ran to the road. My co-worker chased him for about half an hour. In the end we called his parents and he wasn't allowed to come back anymore.

After my second summer at the park I have several fond memories. I remember the sweet summer breeze. I remember my kids at the park, and I remember all the magnificent stories that I now have to tell about my awesome kids at my park.

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

CORRECTIONS

The Observer incorrectly reported the former Notre Dame student charged with felony rape was arrested on campus in an Aug. 28 article. The student turned himself in to police and was not arrested on campus. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT SONG BEST DESCRIBES YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW?



Katie Riojas
sophomore
Breen-Phillips

"Baby You Wouldn't Last Another Minute on a Creek."



Leon Zhou
sophomore
Stanford

"Break Even' by the Scripts. Wait, no, that's a lie. I'm not even close to breaking even."



Micaela Telleria
sophomore
Breen-Phillips

"Come As You Are."



Priscilla Choi
sophomore
Breen-Phillips

"There's no song that can describe me right now!"

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com



COLEMAN COLLINS/The Observer

The Duncan interhall football team practices Monday night. Their first contest is in two weeks.

IN BRIEF

An exhibition entitled **Graffiti Art Project** will be held in the **Crossroads Gallery** today at 9 a.m. The collection consists of artwork from a summer program made up of 10 to 17-year-olds with interest in art.

Para la Gente: Art, Politics and Cultural Identity of the Taller de Gráfica Popular is taking place at today at 10 p.m. in the **O'Shaughnessy Galleries** in the **Snite Museum of Art**. The exhibition has selected works of the **Charles Hayes Collection of Twentieth Century Mexican Graphics**. Admission is free.

A photography exhibit entitled **Thin: Photographs by Lauren Greenfield** will be presented in the **O'Shaughnessy West Galleries** in the **Snite Museum of Art**. The collection has 53 color photos of groups of women. The exhibit opens at today at 10 a.m.

Mass will be held in the **Sacred Heart Basilica** today at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

The **Emerging Concepts in Cancer Biology From Molecular Mechanisms to Nanotechnology** lecture will be held in **room 129, DeBartolo Hall** today at 3:30 p.m.

Activities Night will be held in the **Joyce Center Fieldhouse** today at 7 p.m. It will feature many different clubs and organizations offered at the University.

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

OFFBEAT

Largest mariachi band consists of 549 members

GUADALAJARA, Mexico — Ay, ay, ay, ay! Guadalajara finally boasts the worlds biggest mariachi band.

A total of 549 musicians got together to win the record for the birthplace of mariachi Sunday, playing several songs in just over 10 minutes, closing with favorites Cielito Lindo and Guadalajara.

A representative of the Guinness Book of World Records, Stuart Claxton, made it official at the International Mariachi Festival.

The old record belonged to

520 mariachis who performed in San Antonio, Texas, in 2007, said Francisco Beckman, an organizer of the record-breaking attempt.

Record-breaking is all the rage in Mexico.

Florida police promise checks to make arrests

MIAMI — Police in Florida are using the promise of a stimulus check to make some arrests.

Authorities in Fort Lauderdale say they sent letters to fugitives offering them stimulus money. The suspects were asked to call a hot line and set up an appointment to

pickup a check from an auditorium where South Florida Stimulus Coalition banners hung.

When the fugitives arrived, they were identified and arrested on offenses ranging from grand theft to fraud to attempted murder.

Police spokesman Sgt. Frank Sousa says the two-day sting was dubbed Operation Show Me The Money. Sousa says the sting saved man hours and allowed police to make arrests in a controlled environment.

Information compiled from *the Associated Press*.

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Center celebrates 25 years

By BRITTANY VANSNEPSON
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Center for Spirituality has reached its 25th year while battling obstacles, making improvements and focusing on future education based on the interaction between reason and faith.

A special symposium will be held on Oct. 8 and 9, in memorandum of the life of Monika K. Hellwig, the first Madeleva lecturer.

"When the Center started, the first program was quietly established as the Madeleva Lecture Series," director Dr. Kathleen Dolphin said.

Hellwig's career as a theologian brought about advances for the Center by inspiring both the academic study of spirituality as well as implementing it as a way of life. She did so through the Madeleva Lecture Series.

Since the Center has been

in the public eye since 1984, it has moved to a new building, transitioned under the care of a new directors and has seen an endless number of Saint Mary's students pass through its doorways.

With the Center's first funding, donated by the Sisters of Holy Cross, the Center for Spirituality became the first establishment of its kind in the United States. Under the lead of Keith Egan, the first director, spirituality was introduced as having an academic component, Dolphin said.

"What started out on a smaller scale," Dolphin said, "has become very successful."

Evidence of Dolphin's statement can be found in the recently funded Quest Project, a program that sponsors events that stress the importance of a healthy relationship between the spirit and the mind.

The Center's goals for the future are to become less of

an external face to the students and more of a resource to the public. Ultimately, the Center hopes to capture the students' attention and acquaint them with what is going on in the Center.

"We want to ask the students the question," Dolphin said, "can you be a critic and a believer at the same time ... and our answer is yes."

In order to commemorate the Center's beginning, Dolphin will be hosting a series of activities. The first will be an open house on Sept. 10 on the first floor of Spes Unica from 3 to 5 p.m.

A lecture will be held the following Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Vander Venet Theatre, where speaker Kathleen Sprows Cummings, a history professor at Notre Dame, will discuss "Reflections on Catholicism, Feminism, and History."

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ND alumnus piloting NASA space shuttle

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame alumnus Kevin A. Ford is serving as the pilot of Space Shuttle Discovery on the STS-128 mission that launched last night from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

Ford is carrying the jacket of a book titled "Aeronautics to Aerospace at the University of Notre Dame," which was written by Thomas J. Mueller and Robert C. Nelson, professors of aerospace and mechanical engineering, into space.

During a 13-day flight, the crew of seven Discovery astronauts will deliver science and storage racks, a freezer to store research samples, a new sleeping compartment and a treadmill named after comedian Stephen Colbert to the International Space Station. The treadmill is a consolation prize for Colbert, who hoped to have a room in the space station named after him.

Ford, who was born in Portland, Ind., and considers Montpelier, Ind., his hometown, was graduated through Notre Dame's ROTC program in 1982 with a degree in aerospace engineering. In 1989, he earned a master of science degree in international relations from Troy State University and, in 1994, a master of science in aerospace engineering from the University of Florida. He earned his doctorate in astronautical engineering in 1997 at

the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

This is Ford's first flight aboard the space shuttle. He joined NASA as a pilot in 2000 and has had a variety of assignments, including technical duties, advanced exploration issues, and avionics and testing.

In 2004, Ford was director of operations at the Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center in Star City, Russia. Between 2005 and 2008, he was capsule communicator in the mission control center for six shuttle missions.

A retired U.S. Air Force colonel, Ford has 4,300 flying hours and Federal Aviation Administration commercial certificates for planes, helicopters and gliders.

Notre Dame alumnus Michael T. Good flew as a mission specialist on Space Shuttle Atlantis Mission STS-125 in May of this year.

Alumnus and astronaut James D. Wetherbee, who retired from NASA in 2005, flew six times aboard the space shuttle and is the only U.S. astronaut to command five space flights.

W. Michael Hawes, a 1978 graduate, is associate administrator for program analysis and evaluation in NASA's office of the Administrator.

Annette P. Hasbrook, a 1985 graduate, is a lead space station flight director at NASA's Johnson Space Center.

New AgencyND director appointed

Special to The Observer

Don Schindler, a University of Notre Dame graduate and formerly a senior digital strategist for the digital marketing and advertising firm MediaSauce, has been appointed managing director of AgencyND at the University of Notre Dame, effective Monday (Aug. 31).

A seasoned professional in strategic planning and positioning, Schindler will oversee the operations of AgencyND, Notre Dame's integrated marketing communications agency.

"The world of communications is rapidly expanding and changing," said Todd Woodward, associate vice president for marketing communications. "Where once we made phone calls, sent press releases and relied on brochures, we now have social networking, video and digital communications."

"In just the last two to three years we have moved from e-mail, to text messaging, to YouTube, Facebook and Twitter. The fragmentation of our media and the ability for individuals to own their own content and

choose their own sources require new ways of thinking and marketing communications skills. Don has lived in this world and we are excited have him join us and lead the AgencyND team."

Schindler has worked in digital media since 1999 and has led the digital marketing and advertising efforts of international and national clients, including RCA, ParapRO, Keynote.org, Mars, Kimball Office, Riley Children's Foundation and Indiana Tourism.

During his time with MediaSauce, Schindler was instrumental in developing and executing the "Digital Blueprint," a digital strategic marketing plan based on emerg-

ing technologies, social networking and conversational advertising. He formerly served as a product marketing manager for RCA/Thomson and is co-editor of "The Social Media Bible."

After serving for four years in the Navy aboard the U.S.S. Woodrow Wilson, Schindler earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri and his master's degree in creative writing from Notre Dame.

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Todd Woodward
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for marketing
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Confirmation

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Information Sessions:

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Sunday, September 6, 4-5 P.M.

Room 330 Coleman-Morse Center

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John & Sylvia Dillon 631-7163



Campus Ministries

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ND Jobs

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year."

While the Office of Student Financial Services cannot predict what the upswing in student employment will look like this year, on average, 40 percent of the student body is employed each year by the University in an on-campus position.

"It is difficult to know at this point whether or not there will be an increase in students seeking employment," senior student service representative Yolanda Teamor said.

However, Teamor said she is optimistic that students will still have the opportunity to find campus jobs, citing the large number of postings listed on the student job board.

The majority of on-campus

jobs are updated frequently on the online job board provided by the Office of Student Financial Services. While the listings range from tutoring positions to building services jobs, the greatest number of available positions are in food services, specifically the dining halls and the LaFortune restaurants.

"There is still employment available if students are willing to work the late night shifts," LaBella said of the Huddle. "They are not the most desirable shifts but if they want to work, we have shifts available."

Beginning on Aug. 24, the hiring for student jobs at LaFortune was described as "first come, first serve," as students were encouraged to come early to sign up for shifts at the various locations in the student center, junior Karina Galvin said.

"When I signed up on [Aug.

24], the schedule was already pretty full," Galvin, who was hired at Starbucks, said. "I do not know if jobs at Starbucks are in greater demand this year than in other years, but it did seem like a lot of students were interested in applying there at the same time that I was applying."

In addition to the most popular and sought-out locations on campus, the student employment branch of the Office of Student Financial Services is encouraging students to be proactive and creative in their job search, exploring opportunities at various places on campus and within their particular colleges.

"Start early when searching for an on-campus job," Teamor advised. "Check the job board often as it is regularly updated."

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ideas directly to Vice President of Student Affairs Fr. Mark Poorman, the committee can bring about more immediate change.

"This is a much more efficient channel than some of our other boards," Schmidt said.

The members also discussed the possibility of a transportation service that would be freely available to students wanting to travel to popular venues in South Bend.

"Having a free ride off campus is a lot better than walking and possibly getting mugged," senior Brendan McQueeney said.

While discussing ideas for the upcoming year, the members also defined their purpose.

"Essentially it's to speak on behalf of the student body to take on tasks that student government might not feel ready to take on, given the power we have to present certain resolutions to Father Poorman," said Fr. Pete McCormick. "When you think of the printers that are all throughout the dorms, that's a byproduct of

our planning. I think the CLC is a good balance of not just talk, but also action."

Drunk driving could be the focus of an effort to raise student awareness about safety issues, said senior Gustavo Gari, director of external affairs.

"I think that one of the problems that we saw this summer is student drunk driving," Gari said. "I think with Father Pete in the awareness campaign that should be an essential element."

Gari also said it would be important to help the student body adjust to the opening of Eddy Street Commons, as issues could arise with the close proximity of a business development to campus.

With security changes being implemented as part of this year's effort to

improve football game-day weekends, the CLC also plans to address any issues that develop regarding student arrests, Schmidt said.

Next meeting, the CLC plans to propose focus groups to begin addressing these issues for the upcoming year, Schmidt added.

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a lot earlier than in the past," Brown said.

Although there is no definitive answer as to why campus employment has become so popular, Lisa Karle, library assistant as well as supervisor of the collection management department at the Cushwa-Leighton Library, speculated that the current state of the economy might have something to do with it.

"Demand is higher than I've ever seen it since I've been here, since 1997. I believe it's partially the economy and partially tuition levels, and situations that families are in," Karle said.

Although the number of positions at the College has not fluctuated much in recent years, this year more students are looking for employment.

"In past years, we would end the school year with some jobs that were just never filled. Last school year if I recall correctly, all of the student jobs we had available were pretty much taken by January," Brown said.

"This year, even if you look at the number of jobs we have left as of today it is a lot less than we usually have at this time of the year. But there are still jobs available, as of today."

According to the College's Student Employment Database, there are 204 different campus jobs, many of which have more than one position for employees. As of Monday, there were only nine different job types available for student employment on campus. Each of these jobs only had limited positions remaining.

Another cause for concern in campus employment stems from the recent increases in the minimum wage.

Although positions have not been cut, students may find themselves with fewer hours to work in order to compensate for the increase of pay.

"In the library, we have the same amount of positions even though the minimum wage increased. So maybe the number of individual student hours would be lowered, but we're trying to employ as many students as we did in the past," Karle explained. "We're sort of offsetting the number of hours

they would get to compensate for the amount of pay. "In the past two years, the increase of the minimum wage has had a significant impact on student employees' paychecks. Over the past two years the average paycheck for a student worker has increased by about a dollar an hour.

"Of course every year minimum wage increased we had to correspondingly adjust our pay rate," Brown said. "We've got four pay rates. The majority of our jobs are in our second level. Two years ago that pay rate was \$6.35 an hour and this year it's \$7.35. Our other pay rates have also changed in the last two years."

Although jobs may seem scarce this fall, both Brown and Karle encouraged students to continue to search for an employment opportunity.

"I'd like to encourage students to persevere in finding a position, because it will be helpful when they need their resume and when they need references for the future," Karle said.

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have negotiated agreements so that in many of the places students don't have to pay a thing," she said. "The doctor just bills directly to HTH."

HTH will provide coverage in the most extreme situations.

"With the policy we have now, we have emergency evacuation [and] repatriation of remains, if something terrible should happen," Opel said.

According to Opel, the insurance premium is covered by raising the study abroad fee from \$600 to \$750. However, the increased fee also helps pay for rises in airline costs.

"What that covers is the increase in air fare that we've had and it includes insurance coverage for all students," she said.

Opel said plans to extend universal coverage to all abroad participants have been in the works for some time.

"We've been looking to do this for over a year, starting with the fall students. But we announced it last year," she said. "As we did our recruiting session last year, we announced to all students that, beginning with fall 2009,

we would have insurance for everyone."

HTH Worldwide coverage has proven valuable to students in the past. While spending last spring semester in Chile, senior Nellie Gotebeski contracted a mild strain of E. Coli.

"I actually got a strand of E. Coli and went into kidney failure, but luckily I purchased the insurance that Notre Dame had recommended," Gotebeski said. "It actually covered everything. I was in the hospital for over a month."

Gotebeski said she almost did not buy the insurance before she left, but it ended up saving her thousands of dollars and her mother was able to visit her.

OIS administrative assistant Paula Worhatch said the University was planning on mandating insurance before Gotebeski fell ill.

"Even prior to Nellie's experience, OIS determined that many of the coverages offered through HTH Worldwide insurance could prove invaluable to our students and their families in certain situations and decided to provide HTH insurance to all-academic year, fall and spring semester international program participants," she said.

Opel said when she first

heard about Gotebeski's illness, her first thoughts were hoping that she had the proper coverage.

"I feel great relief because I have worried many times," she said. "When I first heard Nellie was sick, I thought, 'I hope she has HTH,' because we just don't know what other insurance companies provide."

Opel said in the past some students have relied on their own insurance policies or bought into national health insurance systems in the countries they visited.

However, Opel said in some cases countries will reject the policy, leaving students with expensive medical bills.

"A lot of countries won't accept your home policy because they don't have time to scour through and see what things are covered by which policies," she said.

Opel added students are often traveling while abroad, and although they might have coverage in one country, they are often not covered when visiting others.

Ultimately, Opel said having everyone on the same coverage will help ensure the safety of all future study abroad participants.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Turkey, Armenia start diplomatic talks

YEREVAN, Armenia — Armenia and Turkey, bitter foes for a century, took a step toward reconciliation Monday by announcing they would launch final talks aimed at establishing diplomatic ties. But they won't discuss the deepest source of their enmity: the World War I-era massacres of Armenians under Ottoman rule.

Both sides said in a joint statement they expected the talks to take six weeks and to end with an agreement setting up and developing ties. The two countries, whose shared border is closed, are U.S. allies and came under American and European pressure to move toward peace.

The talks face pitfalls, and will follow months of inactivity after signs of promise earlier in the year when President Obama appealed for reconciliation during a visit to Turkey.

Hurricane Jimena heads for Mexico

LOS CABOS, Mexico —Extremely dangerous Hurricane Jimena roared toward Mexico's resort-studded Baja California Peninsula on Monday, prompting emergency workers to set up makeshift shelters and chasing away an international finance conference.

Jimena is just short of Category 5 status — the top danger rating for a hurricane — and could rake the harsh desert region fringed with picturesque beaches and fishing villages as a major storm by Tuesday evening, forecasters said. Heavy bands of intermittent rain moved across the resort town of Los Cabos on Monday evening.

Workers at the Cabo San Lucas marina nailed sheets of plywood on storefront windows while fishermen secured their boats ahead of Jimena, which was packing winds near 155 mph (250 kph).

NATIONAL NEWS

Warrant out for Conn. mayor's arrest

HARTFORD, Conn. — Mayor Eddie Perez, already scheduled to go on trial on bribery charges, said Monday a state judge had signed a new arrest warrant accusing him of wrongdoing involving a former state lawmaker.

Perez, one of the state's most powerful political figures, did not go into detail about the allegations other than saying they involved former state Rep. Abraham Giles, whose dealings with the city have been investigated. He said he was innocent and vowed to complete his term, which expires in 2011, and to restore his reputation.

"I will fight for the facts to come out because the truth is on my side," Perez told reporters at his attorney's office.

White mayor a possibility in Atlanta

ATLANTA — The city that became a post-civil rights movement emblem of the political power held by African-Americans could have a white mayor for the first time in a generation — a possibility that has some in the black community scrambling to hold on to City Hall.

Atlanta Councilwoman Mary Norwood, who is white, is one of the front-runners for the Nov. 3 election, along with City Council President Lisa Borders and state Sen. Kasim Reed, both of whom are black.

All three have bristled at a racially charged e-mail circulated by a black leadership group calling for Norwood's defeat before a possible runoff.

LOCAL NEWS

Police crack down on university

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — When Indiana University held Welcome Week, the Indiana Excise Police were ready and waiting.

Excise police issued 84 tickets from Wednesday to Saturday at the Bloomington campus. Officer Travis Thickstun says in a statement that number is up from the 63 tickets issued during Welcome Week 2008, but down from 181 in 2007 and 107 in 2006.

Most of the citations handed out last week were for illegal possession of alcoholic beverages, illegal consumption of alcoholic beverages, possession of false identification and furnishing alcohol to a minor.

JAPAN

Japanese party transitions into power

Conservative newcomers scramble to make good on campaign promises

Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan's newly empowered leader Yukio Hatoyama rushed Monday to select Cabinet ministers and start making good on promises to revive the world's second-largest economy after his party's historic trouncing of the ruling conservatives.

Hatoyama, who also has signaled he wants to redefine Tokyo's diplomacy to make it less reliant on Washington, said in a victory speech late Sunday he would focus on a quick and smooth transition and make a priority of choosing the nation's next finance minister.

Hatoyama spoke only briefly with reporters on Monday before huddling with his party leaders.

Prime Minister Taro Aso, conceding defeat, said he would step down as president of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party.

"I have no plan to run for re-election," Aso said. His successor is expected to be named late next month. "The most important thing is rejuvenating our party."

Although the nation gave the Democrats a landslide win, most voters were seen as venting dissatisfaction with the Liberal Democratic Party and the status quo more than they were endorsing the policies of the opposition.

The Liberal Democrats have governed Japan for virtually all of the past 54 years.

The Democrats will also face next year an election for the less powerful upper house of parliament. They have controlled that chamber with two smaller allies since 2007, but if they fail to deliver quickly on their promises the Liberal Democrats could resurge.

Official results were still being counted, but exit polls by all major media said



Yukio Hatoyama, who leads Japan's main opposition party, the Democratic Party of Japan, inside the party's election center in Tokyo Sunday.

Hatoyama's Democratic Party of Japan had won more than 300 of the 480 seats in the lower house of parliament. That would easily be enough to ensure that he is installed as prime minister in a special session of parliament that is expected to be held in mid-September.

The task ahead for the Democrats is daunting.

Japan managed to climb out of a yearlong recession in the second quarter, but its economy remains weak. Unemployment and anxiety over falling wages threatens to undermine any recovery. The jobless rate has risen to a record 5.7 percent. After a rapid succession of three administrations in three

years, Japan is facing its worst crisis of confidence in decades.

In the long-term it faces a bleak outlook if it isn't able to figure out how to cope with a rapidly aging and shrinking population. Government estimates predict the figure will drop to 115 million in 2030 and fall below 100 million by the middle of the century.

The Democrats' solution is to move Japan away from a corporate-centric economic model to one that focuses on helping people. They have proposed an expensive array of initiatives: cash handouts to families and farmers, toll-free highways, a higher minimum wage and tax cuts. The estimated

bill comes to 16.8 trillion yen (\$179 billion) when fully implemented starting in the 2013 fiscal year.

The party has said it plans to cut waste and rely on untapped financial reserves to fund their programs. But with Japan's public debt heading toward 200 percent of gross domestic product, the Democrats plan has been criticized as a financial fantasy that would worsen Japan's precarious fiscal health.

Japan's stock market surged early in the morning on the news of the election, but then fell back — indicating uncertainty among investors about what the Democratic government will bring.

Eight slain in mobile home killing

Associated Press

BRUNSWICK, Ga. — Guy Heinze Jr. arrived home from a night out to find a gruesome scene — seven people dead, a cousin with Down syndrome clinging to life and another critically injured.

"My dad's dead, my uncle's dead. There's like six. My whole family's dead!" Heinze said, struggling to describe the scene to a dispatcher after his neighbor called 911 and handed him the phone. "It looks like they've been beaten to death. I don't know what to do, man."

Moments later, the 22-year-old went back inside and discovered his cousin Michael still breathing.

"Michael's alive, tell them to hurry!"

Heinze yelled in the background as a maintenance man at the mobile home park stayed on the phone with the dispatcher. "He's beat up! His face is smashed in!"

A 12-minute 911 call released Monday provided some of the only details about a crime — which the county police chief calls the worst murder case in his 25 years on the job — that has this coastal Georgia community on edge.

Heinze's cousin, whom police identified as 19-year-old Michael Toler, died later at a hospital, bringing the total slain to eight. A ninth person remained in critical condition Monday. Police have not named any of the other victims and said they have no suspects.

They have released little information about the case because they do not want

to jeopardize the investigation, frustrating residents who want to know if they should be concerned about their safety.

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation was conducting autopsies, but Glynn County police, who would release results, declined to do so. The FBI is also investigating but referred calls to county officials.

Heinze's neighbor, Margaret Orlinski, told a dispatcher she was half-dressed Saturday morning when Heinze ran to her door at New Hope Plantation, a mobile home park on the grounds of a historic plantation a few miles north of Brunswick, a city of about 16,000 between Savannah and Jacksonville, Fla.

"He sounds hysterical. I can't understand him," Orlinski said on the call. "He's freaking out."

Two firefighters killed in L.A. fire

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — As the roaring wall of flame raged through the Angeles National Forest, firefighters Ted Hall and Arnie Quinones worked feverishly to protect their fire-crew camp, made up mostly of prison inmates.

But all too suddenly, the fire invaded the campsite. Hall and Quinones shepherded 55 inmates and several corrections and fire personnel into a cinderblock dining hall to shelter them from the blaze.

The fire burned through the camp, leaving it in ruins. The dining hall provided adequate shelter for now, but Hall and Quinones knew they had to get everyone to safety. So they jumped in an engine truck and left to search for an escape route down Mount Gleason.

It proved a fatal move.

Smoke blanketed a winding road that is perilous in the best of conditions. The truck careened off the blacktop, tumbling as it plunged 800 feet down the steep mountainside. The vehicle crashed upside down, killing the two men.

The fire they had tried to outrun quickly caught up to them and left the truck a scorched hulk — a reminder that death lives in the shadows of firefighting.

Quinones, 35, leaves behind a pregnant wife who is due to give birth to the couple's first child in the next few weeks. Hall, 47, had a wife and two adult sons.

The deaths, the second and third of firefighters in the line of duty in California this year, have shaken the ranks of men and women battling the 105,000-acre fire. Morale is dim and the mood somber.

"It hits home," said Los Angeles Fire Capt. Sam Padilla. "This morning my daughter hugged me a little tighter than usual."

The department is sending a crisis management team to the camps that worked closely with Hall and Quinones in the Air and Wildland Division, and will hold a memorial service later this week at the firefighters' staging camp.

"They were selfless," said Terry Thornton, spokeswoman for the state Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. "They put others' safety ahead of their own."

Hall was a captain with 26 years in the Los Angeles County fire department, while Quinones, a specialist, had eight years of service. They worked together supervising a state Department of Corrections fire crew, which later was rescued from the fire.

Neighbors and colleagues described both men as devoted to their families and their jobs.

Hall lived with his wife Katherine in Oak Hills, a rural area of San Bernardino County where homes sit on 2.5-acre lots. His sons — Randall, 21, and Steven, 20 — and his parents live nearby, neighbors said.

"Ted was very family-oriented," said next-door neighbor Sandy Nuckolls. "He loved going motorcycle riding with his boys."

Quinones lived in Palmdale with his pregnant wife Loressa.

Los Angeles County firefighter Karen Zakowitz, 46, of Fontana, recalled Quinones as a "gung ho and happy person" who was called "Q."

"I would have taken his place in a heartbeat," she said, choking back tears. "The wildland firefighting family is special, even if you don't like each other, you hang together and we're grieving together. You can feel it all across the camp."

The deaths also hit firefighters who have come from around the state to pitch in.

Fremont Fire Capt. Rick Cory, 41, said he immediately called home to let his family know he was safe. "It was pretty shocking," he said. "But it's part of the job. Bad things happen even if you do everything right."

Wildfires pose particular challenges for firefighters because of the rugged terrain and narrow access roads. Firefighters often have limited access to oxygen tanks, and toil in close proximity to flames that are notoriously unpredictable.

But feeling of being on the edge was one reason firefighters said they loved their jobs. "Pretty much anyone who fights fires likes the excitement of it, the adrenaline rush, the atmosphere of the unknown," said U.S. Forest Service firefighter Angie Bishop, 29, of Mendocino County. "It is really scary, but you don't really process that."

1,000 attend funeral for slain Baptist pastor

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — As many as 1,000 people packed a church Monday for a nearly three-hour service to celebrate the life of a pastor who was found slain inside her church in southwest Oklahoma and to remember her as a sweet, loving woman of God.

More than a dozen speakers, most of whom knew her and some who didn't, told mourners at Greater New Zion Baptist Church that Carol Daniels was not just a victim of a violent crime.

"Rain, sleet and snow — she was faithful to the word. Not very many pastors are that committed to their ministry," Elder Steve Taplin said.

Judge halts work on Gadhafi home

Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, N.J. — A judge on Monday ordered a halt to work being done outside a mansion where Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi wanted to stay during his first U.S. visit and pitch a ceremonial Bedouin-style tent to entertain guests.

Englewood Mayor Michael Wildes had sought to stop all renovations to prevent Gadhafi from staying at the 5-acre estate when he visits the United Nations in September. Bergen County Superior Court Judge Peter Doyne gave the city a partial legal victory, ordering a halt to work on the estate's pool and lengthy driveway.

Wildes said he was happy with the ruling because it leaves the grounds unsuitable for a head of state. He said that's the only way to assure the Libyans keep their promise last week that Gadhafi won't travel to New Jersey, which lost dozens of residents in an airplane bombing widely believed to have been the work of Libyan intelligence.

"This is a victory for the people of New Jersey, because Gadhafi won't come here if he doesn't have the kind of opulent presence worthy of a national leader," Wildes said. "But this is a Band-Aid on a long-term problem for our community because we don't want the Libyans here if they're not going to be good neighbors."

The dispute arose after a Scottish court recently freed a man convicted in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, and let him go back to Libya, where he received a warm welcome. The bombing killed 270 people, including 38 from New Jersey and 59 from New York.

Talk of Gadhafi's possible visit to Englewood sparked angry protests by residents, who said he wasn't welcome.

Englewood attorneys claim the Libyans failed to secure all the construction permits and plans they needed in the upscale community of 28,000 residents about 12 miles north of Manhattan. The judge ruled renovation may continue inside the mansion and a poolhouse.

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AMEX	1,670.65			-15.39
NASDAQ	2,009.06			-19.71
NYSE	6,643.24			-65.80
S&P 500	1,020.62			-8.31
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	10,492.53			0.00
FTSE 100 (London)	4,908.90			+39.55
Companys				
COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE	
CITIGROUP (C)	-4.40	-0.23	5.00	
E*TRADE Fin Corp (ETFC)	+7.32	+0.12	1.76	
FANNIE MAE (FNM)	-5.39	-0.11	1.93	
S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	-0.89	-0.92	102.46	
Treasuries				
10-YEAR NOTE	-1.45	-0.050	3.40	
13-WEEK BILL	0.00	0.000	0.13	
30-YEAR BOND	-0.64	-0.0270	4.18	
5-YEAR NOTE	-2.73	-0.0670	2.39	
Commodities				
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BRITISH POUND			1.6286	

Disney catches Marvel in \$4 billion web

Acquiring Marvel superheroes will lend Disney credibility with men, boys

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Walt Disney Co. is punching its way into the universe of superheroes and their male fans with a deal announced Monday to acquire Marvel Entertainment Inc. for \$4 billion, bringing characters such as Iron Man and Spider-Man into the family of Mickey Mouse and "Toy Story."

The surprise cash-and-stock deal sent Spidey senses tingling in the comic book world. It could lead to new rides, movies, action figures and other outlets for Marvel's 5,000 characters, although Marvel already was aggressively licensing its properties for such uses.

The deal won't have benefits right away, and Disney stock sank on the news. Disney expects a short-term profit hit, and Marvel characters from X-Men to Daredevil are locked up in deals with other movie studios and theme parks. But Disney's CEO, Robert Iger, promised an action-packed future.

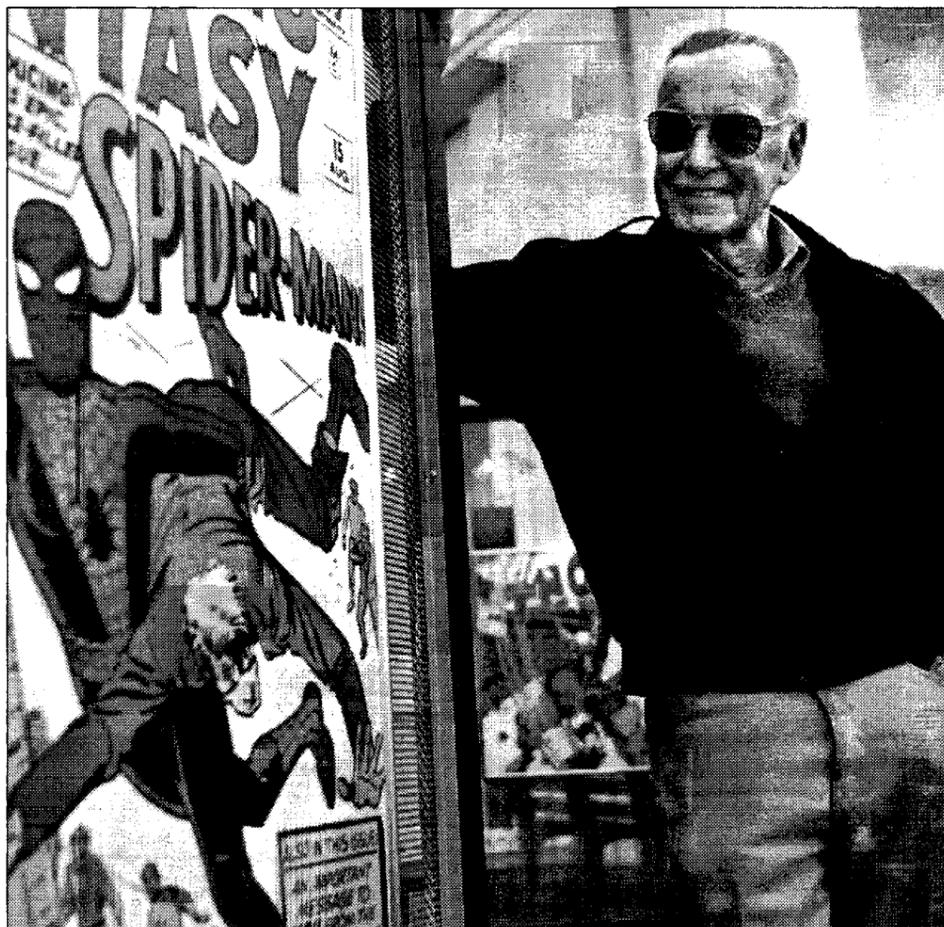
"Sparks will fly" is the expression that comes to mind," Iger told analysts.

Stan Lee, the 86-year-old co-creator of "Spider-Man" and many more of Marvel's most famous characters, said he was thrilled to be informed of the marriage Monday morning.

"I love both companies," he said. "From every point of view, this is a great match."

The deal is expected to close by the end of the year and marks Disney's biggest acquisition since it purchased Pixar Animation Studios Inc., the maker of "Up" and "Cars," for \$7.4 billion in stock in 2006.

Marvel would follow another storied comic book publisher into the arms of a media conglomerate. DC Comics, the home of Superman, Batman and



Comic book creator Stan Lee stands beside some of his drawings in the Marvel Super Heroes Science Exhibition at the California Science Center in Los Angeles.

Wonder Woman, was bought by Warner Bros. — now part of Time Warner Inc. — in 1969.

Buying Marvel is meant to improve Disney's following among men and boys. Disney acknowledges it lost some of its footing with guys as it poured resources into female favorites such as "Hannah Montana" and the Jonas Brothers.

"Disney will have something guys grew up with and can experience with their kids, especially their sons," said Gareb Shamus, whose company Wizard Entertainment Group runs several of the Comic-Con conventions around the nation.

Marvel TV shows already account for 20 hours per week of programming on

Disney's recently rebranded, boy-focused cable network, Disney XD, and that looks likely to increase, Iger said. The shows are "right in the wheelhouse for boys," he said.

There will be some lag before Marvel's trove of characters are fully developed at Disney, because of licensing deals Marvel has with other studios.

For example, Sony Corp.'s Columbia Pictures is developing the next three "Spider-Man" sequels, starting with "Spider-Man 4" set for a May 2011 release. News Corp.'s 20th Century Fox has the long-term movie rights to the "X-Men," "Fantastic Four," "Silver Surfer" and "Daredevil" franchises.

Both studios maintain

those rights in perpetuity unless they fail to make more movies.

Separately, Viacom Inc.'s Paramount Pictures has a five-picture distribution deal for Marvel-made movies, the first of which will be "Iron Man 2," set for release next May. Paramount said it expects to continue working with Marvel and Disney.

General Electric Co.'s Universal Studios has an attraction called Marvel Super Hero Island in Orlando, Fla., that will stay in existence as long as Universal wants to keep it there and follows the contract terms, Universal said.

Disney said it will honor and re-examine Marvel's licensing deals upon expiration and may extend the profitable ones.

IN BRIEF

Cigarette makers sue over tobacco law

RICHMOND, Va. — Two of the three largest U.S. tobacco companies filed suit Monday to block marketing restrictions in a law that gives the U.S. Food and Drug Administration authority over tobacco, claiming the provisions violate their right to free speech.

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., maker of Camel cigarettes, and Lorillard Inc., which sells the Newport menthol brand, filed the federal lawsuit with several other tobacco companies.

It is the first major challenge of the legislation passed and enacted in June, and a lawyer for tobacco consumers doubted the lawsuit will be successful.

The tobacco makers claim provisions of the law "severely restrict the few remaining channels we have to communicate with adult tobacco consumers," Martin L. Holton III, senior vice president and general counsel for Reynolds, said in a statement.

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Stocks end strong month with selling

NEW YORK — After giving the stock market a big gain during August, investors still worried about the economy backtracked the final day of the month.

Stocks fell in light trading Monday after a 6.7 percent plunge in China's main stock market sent a wave of selling around the world and added to concerns that stocks have rocketed too high, too fast since hitting 12-year lows in March.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 3.4 percent in August for its sixth straight monthly gain, advancing despite some periodic choppy trading as investors fretted about an economic recovery. It is up 50.9 percent since early March, the best six-month run since 1938.

Monday's trading followed a pattern seen several times during August, with U.S. stocks falling alongside other world markets after China's Shanghai exchange slid on uneasiness about country's economy. If China is struggling, its problems could affect the recoveries in other countries including the United States.

Former Miss California sues over firing

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Former Miss California USA Carrie Prejean sued pageant officials Monday for libel, slander and religious discrimination, accusing them of telling her to stop mentioning God even before her controversial remarks against gay marriage.

Prejean sued California pageant executive director Keith Lewis and actress and former Miss USA Shanna Moakler, who served as a co-director before resigning in protest of Prejean.

Prejean was fired in June by pageant officials who said she missed several scheduled appearances.

Her attorney, Chuck LiMandri, said that wasn't true, and Prejean was ousted because of controversial remarks in April during the Miss USA

pageant that marriage should be between a man and a woman.

She was named first runner-up, and many believe she lost her shot at the Miss USA crown because of her answer.

LiMandri said Prejean filed suit only after he sought detailed information on what events Prejean missed.

"I wanted to give them every opportunity to provide the basis for those claims," LiMandri said.

He said he found no proof that Prejean missed events. "There were no contract violations," he said.

The lawsuit claims Lewis and Moakler both told Prejean not to mention God on her Miss USA application or at public events at least two months before she gave her anti-gay marriage answer.

The suit also claims Moakler and Lewis improperly revealed that Miss California USA had paid for Prejean's breast implants.

Moakler's attorney, Mel Avanzado, said in a statement that Prejean's lawsuit was without merit.

"More importantly, as everyone who watched or read her public statements is well aware, Ms. Prejean's unfortunate and bigoted statements are responsible for any public humiliation or damages to her reputation that she has claimed to have suffered," Avanzado wrote. "Ms. Moakler strenuously denies that she did anything wrong and looks forward to proving that in a court of law."

Prejean is also suing publicist Roger Neal, who handles press for Miss California USA and Lewis.

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The companies say in their lawsuit that the law, which takes full effect in three years, prohibits them from using "color lettering, trademarks, logos or any other imagery in most advertise-

ments, including virtually all point-of-sale and direct-mail advertisements." The complaint also says the law prohibits tobacco companies from "making truthful statements about their products in scientific, public policy and political debates."

The tobacco makers say the new mandated health warnings would relegate the companies' branding to the bottom half of the cigarette packaging, making it "difficult, if not impossible, to see."

The lawsuit doesn't challenge the decision to give the FDA authority over tobacco products, and Reynolds spokesman David Howard said the company opposes only portions of the law.

Joining in the suit filed in U.S. District Court in Bowling Green, Ky., are: National Tobacco Co., Discount Tobacco City & Lottery Inc., and Kentucky-based Commonwealth Brands, which is owned by Britain's Imperial Tobacco Group PLC.

"We believe that many of the provisions within the Act violate our constitutional rights and are not reasonably related to the goal of reducing youth access to tobacco products," Jonathan Cox, president and chief executive of Commonwealth Brands said in a statement.

FDA spokeswoman Kathleen Quinn said the agency does not comment on pending litigation.

The tobacco makers name the FDA, the government and individual officials as defendants in the lawsuit, which seeks to put portions of the law on hold while the case is heard. Ultimately, they want

the marketing provisions stripped from the law.

"My expectation is that this lawsuit will be ultimately unsuccessful," said Ed Sweda, a lawyer for the Tobacco Products Liability Project in Boston, pointing to previous laws limiting cigarette advertising and marketing that have been in place for more than 40 years.

Floyd Abrams, a lawyer representing Lorillard in the case, said he was confident the suit would be successful.

"Some of these regulations go so far in the direction of stifling the entirely lawful speech of Lorillard to its customers that it violates the First Amendment," he said.

The law doesn't let the FDA ban nicotine or tobacco, but the agency will be able to regulate what goes into tobacco products, publicize those ingredients and prohibit certain marketing campaigns, especially those geared toward children.

Richmond, Va.-based Altria Group Inc., parent company of the nation's largest tobacco maker, Philip Morris USA, supported the bill, saying the company backs tough but fair regulation.

Altria's chief rivals — No. 2 Reynolds American Inc., parent company of R.J. Reynolds, and No. 3 Lorillard, both based in North Carolina — opposed the bill, saying FDA restrictions on new products would lock in Altria's share of the market. Altria's brands include Marlboro, which held a 41.2 percent share of the U.S. cigarette market in the second quarter, according to data from Information Resources Inc.

Fragment of bone found in backyard

Associated Press

ANTIOCH, Calif. — Police say they have found one small bone fragment on the property next door to the home of a Northern California man charged with kidnapping a little girl and hiding her in his backyard for 18 years.

Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department spokesman Jimmy Lee said Monday authorities do not know if the bone is from a

human or animal.

Authorities have been searching Phillip Garrido's property and the one next door for any possible links to unsolved crimes in the area.

Garrido and his wife, Nancy, were charged last week with kidnapping Jaycee Lee Dugard in 1991. They allegedly kept her captive in a backyard encampment of tents and sheds. They have pleaded not guilty.

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Grassley hopeful for health reform

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Iowa Republican Sen. Charles Grassley said Monday he remains hopeful a limited health care reform measure can be negotiated, but that a small bipartisan group of senators working on the issue agrees a government-run public option won't be part of the package.

Senate Finance Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., meanwhile, said an overhaul measure will be presented this year with or without bipartisan support — though he said a compromise would be far better than any bill pushed through solely by Democrats.

The senators are among a group of three Democrats and three Republicans on the pivotal Finance Committee who are negotiating a proposal to overhaul the nation's health care system. Both said Monday they were hopeful a bipartisan deal could be reached.

"I think the chances are still good," Baucus told The Associated Press. "I talked to (the Republicans) and they all want to do health care reform. But the sad part is a lot of politics have crept in."

Grassley, the GOP's key negotiator, expressed similar determination, but made clear he doesn't expect a public health

care option sought by President Barack Obama to be in a final deal.

"I'm still hopeful, but I'm hopeful based on I think you're talking about something a little less sweeping than what we talked about before," Grassley told the AP in a telephone interview.

Grassley in the past has roundly criticized the public option, but went a step further Monday in saying the core group of senators agreed such a provision would not be in a bill.

"It's pretty clear that's something not on the table," Grassley said. "It's fair to say that not every one of the six is opposed to it, but they realize the reality of it."

The six senators have scheduled a conference call Friday, but Grassley said nothing can be resolved until next week when Congress returns and the affect of nationwide town hall meetings can be assessed.

Grassley reiterated that there are limits on what he can accept in a final health care reform package.

"There are things that for months have been things I have said can't be in a bill," Grassley said. "There are some instructions from my caucus I have tried to take to the table: no public option, no rationing and tort reform."

He declined to be precise

about what he could accept.

"I think that would be negotiating through the press, and I don't think I should do that," he said.

In Monday remarks to the Center for American Progress, a liberal think tank, AFL-CIO secretary-treasurer Richard Trumka — who is expected to become the labor union's next president — said lawmakers would pay a political price if they abandon a government-run option.

Baucus meanwhile promised constituents that health care reform would not increase the deficit, would pay for itself over time and is necessary to rein in costs. Baucus also said he understands criticism is weighing heavily on the minds of Republicans.

"They are in their home states and they are hearing a lot of what I am hearing: concerns," Baucus said. "In some ways it is easy in the short term to vote against it."

During the congressional recess, Grassley has been among the many Congress members who attracted huge crowds at town hall meetings, where many speakers expressed anger about health care proposals they believed were being pushed in Washington. Grassley said it remains unclear how much they have changed the debate.

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New strategy needed for Taliban

Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — The United States and NATO need a new strategy to defeat the Taliban, the top commander in Afghanistan said Monday as he delivered a classified assessment that is widely seen as the groundwork for a fresh request to add more American forces next year.

Gen. Stanley McChrystal said the nearly 8-year-old war is winnable, but his report is expected to be a blunt appraisal of the Taliban's increasing tactical prowess and diminishing popular support in Afghanistan for both the foreign-led war effort and the fragile, corruption-riddled central government.

"The situation in Afghanistan is serious," McChrystal said, and success "demands a revised implementation strategy, commitment and resolve, and increased unity of effort."

McChrystal did not ask for more troops but is expected to do so in a separate request in a couple weeks, two NATO officials said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak on the matter. NATO nations have repeatedly declined U.S. requests to send larger numbers of new troops or to lift restrictions on many of those now fighting in Afghanistan.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Monday that the Obama administration will look closely at the "resources requests" expected to flow from McChrystal's assessment. Gates said the review's hard look at the U.S. military's performance contains bright spots amid "gloom and doom."

"We have been very explicit that General McChrystal should be forthright in telling us what he needs," Gates said following a tour of the Texas factory where next-generation F-35 fighter jets are built and tested.

U.S. officials are bracing for a troop request above the 21,000 new American forces President Barack Obama committed to Afghanistan this year. That would force an unpleasant choice on Obama: Add more troops to Afghanistan just as the strain of the huge force commit-

ments to the Iraq war begins to diminish, or risk losing the war he had argued the United States neglected in favor of Iraq.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said the president has not seen McChrystal's review yet. Gibbs described the review as "an assessment of where we are and what in his assessment needs to change."

"Any resource — specific resource recommendations, I'm told, will be made in the coming weeks, but are not a part of this report," he said.

There is little appetite at the White House and in Congress for further expansion of a war that is backsliding despite nearly eight years of fighting and millions in development money.

U.S. and NATO commanders have said they do not have sufficient troops and support to expand the fight against a resilient and well-organized Taliban insurgency. But Gates noted his oft-repeated worry about placing too many forces in Afghanistan, a strategy that failed for the Soviet Union in the 1980s.

"I think there are larger issues," Gates said. "We will have to look at the availability of forces; we will have to look at costs. There are a lot of different things we will have to look at."

McChrystal's recommendations were being sent up through U.S. Central Command commanders, including Gen. David Petraeus, who would add their comments to it. Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman would not say whether Gates had seen it yet, but said the report would not be made public.

In Brussels, NATO spokesman James Appathurai said the report would also be examined by NATO's political and military leadership. He stressed it was an assessment by the commander of NATO forces in Afghanistan, "not a change of strategy."

McChrystal's report recommends focusing the U.S. and NATO counterinsurgency efforts on the Afghan population and less on militants, one of the NATO officials in Afghanistan said.

Last week, McChrystal said troops "must change the way that we think, act and operate" in newly released counterinsurgency guidance. McChrystal hopes to instill a new approach in troops to make the safety of villagers the top priority.

McChrystal said the supply of fighters in the Afghan insurgency is "essentially endless," the reason violence continues to rise. He called on troops to think of how they would expect a foreign army to operate in their home countries, "among your families and your children, and act accordingly," to try to win over the Afghan population.

Gates requested the report as a gut check following Obama's announcement of a pared-down counterinsurgency strategy and the rare wartime firing of a top general this spring. McChrystal was sent to Afghanistan this summer to oversee the addition of 17,000 U.S. combat forces, part of a record U.S. commitment of 68,000 by the end of this year.

"While there is a lot of gloom and doom going around, I think that General McChrystal's assessment will be a realistic one, and set forth the challenges we have in front of us," Gates said. "At the same time, I think we have some assets in place and some developments that hold promise."

The allied strategy in Afghanistan hinges on increasing the number of Afghan soldiers and police so U.S. forces can one day withdraw. Some 134,000 Afghan troops are to be trained by late 2011, but U.S. officials say that number will need to be greatly increased, an expansion that the U.S. will finance.

The deaths of two U.S. service members Monday in the south — raising the record death toll to 47 in August, the deadliest month of the eight-year war — underscored the escalating violence.

Concerned about the growing use of roadside bombs or "improvised explosive devices," Gates said he wants to send additional armored vehicles and more surveillance equipment.

Wildfire ravages California homes

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A couple sought refuge in their hot tub only to get badly burned by the encroaching flames. Five people who decided to ride out the wildfire threat became trapped at a ranch, leaving firefighters helpless to do anything but wait for the fast-moving blaze to pass.

Other residents managed to flee, but left precious possessions behind, like Adi Ellad, who lamented losing to flames a family heirloom Persian rug and a photo album he put together after his father died.

"One second I'm crying, one second I'm guilty, the next moment I'm angry, and then I just want to drink tequila and forget," said Ellad, who lost his home in Big Tujunga Canyon over the weekend.

The human toll of the fires began to set in Monday as the more than 164-square-mile blaze destroyed at least 21 homes and forced the evacuation of 12,000 more, feasting on tinderbox-like conditions as it swept north, south and east through the rugged foothills northeast of Los Angeles. It was the largest of at least eight wildfires burning across California after days of triple-digit temperatures and low humidity.

On Monday, four men and a woman who refused to evacuate threatened areas reported they were trapped at a ranch near Gold Creek, Los Angeles County sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore said. A sheriff's helicopter was unable to immediately reach them because of intense fire activity. Whitmore said, but would try after the flames passed.

"What this says is, 'Listen, listen, listen,'" Whitmore said. "Those people were told to get out two days ago, and now we are putting our people in danger to get them out."

Already, two firefighters

have died. Their truck drove off the side of a road Sunday on Mount Gleason near Acton, with flames all around them.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger urged people to heed evacuation orders.

"There's so many that think that they have to stay behind and protect their home, but ... they sometimes pay dearly for that," said Schwarzenegger, who on Monday toured remains of a Northern California neighborhood leveled over the weekend by a quickly moving grass fire, marveling at the extent of the devastation and consoling a sobbing resident whose home burned to the ground.

Near Los Angeles, fire crews set backfires and sprayed fire retardant at Mount Wilson, home to at least 20 television transmission towers, radio and cell phone antennas, and the century-old Mount Wilson Observatory. The observatory also houses two giant telescopes and several multimillion-dollar university programs. It is both a landmark for its historic discoveries and a thriving modern center for astronomy.

The fire about a half-mile away was expected to reach the mountaintop eventually, said Los Angeles County fire Capt. Mark Whaling. If the flames hit the mountain, cell phone service and TV and radio transmissions would be disrupted, but the extent was unclear.

The blaze in the Los Angeles foothills is the biggest but not most destructive of California's wildfires. Northeast of Sacramento, a fire destroyed 60 structures over the weekend, many of them homes in the town of Auburn.

The 275-acre blaze was 50 percent contained Monday morning. It wiped out an entire cul-de-sac, leaving only smoldering ruins, a handful of chimneys and burned cars.

Cocaine laced with veterinary drug kills three, more than 100 ill

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Nearly a third of all cocaine seized in the United States is laced with a dangerous veterinary medicine — a livestock de-worming drug that might enhance cocaine's effects but has been blamed in at least three deaths and scores of serious illnesses.

The medication called levamisole has killed at least three people in the U.S. and Canada and sickened more than 100 others. It can be used in humans to treat colorectal cancer, but it severely weakens the body's immune system, leaving patients vulnerable to fatal infections.

Scientific studies suggest levamisole might give cocaine a more intense high, possibly by increasing levels of dopamine, the brain's "feel-good" neurotransmitters.

Drug Enforcement Administration documents reviewed by The Associated Press indicate that 30 percent of all U.S. cocaine seizures are tainted with the drug. And health officials told the AP

that most physicians know virtually nothing about its risks.

"I would think it would be fair to say the vast majority of doctors in the United States have no idea this is going on," said Eric Lavonas, assistant director of the Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center in Denver, where as much as half of the cocaine is believed to contain levamisole. "You can't diagnose a disease you've never heard of."

Authorities believe cocaine manufacturers are adding the levamisole in Colombia, before the cocaine is smuggled into the U.S. and Canada to be sold as white powder or crack.

Economic pressures may play a role. Decreased supply in the U.S. has raised cocaine prices and lowered street-level purity. Cocaine traffickers may believe levamisole adds an extra boost to an otherwise weakened product.

Levamisole started showing up frequently in cocaine from Colombia in January 2008. By late last year, the DEA concluded that the spiked cocaine was in

wide circulation.

At the same time, hospitals around the country began noticing more cocaine users coming in with agranulocytosis, an illness that suppresses white blood cells necessary to fight off infections.

In Spokane, Wash., a woman in her mid-40s who tested positive for cocaine turned up at a hospital suffering from rashes and other maladies. She eventually died, and the doctor who investigated suspected she had used cocaine laced with levamisole. Doctors suspect levamisole in at least three other illnesses in the Spokane area.

"It's hard to know where this contamination (is), in what part of the country it's located, because there's really no systematic testing for it," said Dr. Joel McCullough, health officer for the Spokane area.

"I don't think it's on the radar of a lot of people, so if there are some other symptoms, I don't know if many clinicians would think to consider that."

Other suspected levamisole deaths

occurred in New Mexico and in Alberta, Canada.

Many other people have become gravely ill, including about a dozen patients in Denver and 10 more in Seattle. At least one patient in each city required intensive care or extensive surgery.

In a study published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, researchers suggested that the medication might increase dopamine in the brain, as it has in previous animal experiments.

Levamisole "elevates opiate levels in various brain regions, like codeine and morphine," said Don LeGatt, a clinical toxicologist at the University of Alberta who has studied levamisole in cocaine. "Once you get those elevated, people tend to feel fairly comfortable and not too bad."

The tainted cocaine has received only limited attention in the U.S., though federal authorities are monitoring its use, said Paul Knierim, a DEA spokesman in Washington.

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Clever marketing methods can often mask the true quality or effectiveness of what is being sold. Case in point: infomercials. Every day, thousands of otherwise rational people are lured into purchasing products that they might not have bought under normal circumstances because of the employment of certain tried and true techniques by marketing professionals. Some products seem fairly useful (those green bags that prolong the shelf-life of fruits and vegetables). Some are obviously too good to be true (boost your metabolism, control your appetite, and shed body fat just by taking a pill!). Some sound intriguing until you realize how pointless they are (who could say no to a blender that can grind concrete into dust?). Some products are kind of silly (a blanket with sleeves comes to mind...). And some are just plain disturbing (the Tiddy Bear? Honestly?).



Christie Pesavento

Right-Winging It

But what most infomercial products have in common is that despite how utterly fantastic they sound on television, they never quite live up to one's hopes or expectations in real life.

Which brings me to our current state of affairs. It might be hard to believe, but at the end of the school year last April, approximately 65 percent of Americans approved of President Obama's performance. Today, that number is hovering around 50 percent, a full 15-point drop in only four months.

So, besides Michael Jackson's untimely demise and the ever-enthralling Jon and Kate Gosselin separation saga, what happened this summer? Did Americans, who had just elected a man with the most liberal record in the U.S. Senate in a seemingly decisive denunciation of the conser-

Voters beware

vative Bush administration, have a sudden change of heart?

This explanation is highly doubtful. Such a dramatic switch in political philosophy on a societal level cannot happen overnight; that kind of change would take decades, not months.

What is more likely is that a significant portion of the electorate, namely independents, has experienced a collective onset of voter's remorse since the election. On Election Day, Obama carried independents by a margin of 21 points over John McCain. Today, 66 percent of independents now disapprove of Obama's performance as president.

And who can blame them? In 2008, candidate Obama promised not only to overturn the principles of the previous administration, but to fundamentally alter our political discourse. He assured us that we would transcend petty partisan bickering that has dominated Washington as long as anyone can remember. "In this country, we rise or fall as one nation, as one people," Obama declared. "Let's resist the temptation to fall back on the same partisanship and pettiness and immaturity that has poisoned our politics for so long."

On top of that, he deliberately distanced himself from the far left. His campaign set a tone of moderation and compromise, perhaps best summarized by this statement from his keynote speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention:

"There is not a liberal America and a conservative America — there is the United States of America."

In fact, Obama's campaign promises included support for measures like tax cuts, earmark reduction, more troops in Afghanistan, offshore oil drilling, and merit pay for teachers, each of which are traditionally part of the conservative platform. This observation led former Republican National Committee Chairman Mike Duncan to conclude, "Barack Obama just ran the most successful moderate Republican presidential campaign since Dwight Eisenhower."

Yet instead of the bipartisanship and civility candidate Obama promised,

Americans are witnessing the same old partisanship and the same old tax-and-spend liberalism they supposedly rejected on Nov. 4, 2008. Obama continues to blame his predecessor for the state of the economy, months after ramming his \$787 billion stimulus package through Congress. At a political rally in Virginia, the president had this to say: "I don't want the folks who created the mess to do a lot of talking. I want them to get out of the way so we can clean up the mess." Apparently, Obama's version of bipartisanship is more akin to the "my way or the highway" approach for which Bush received criticism.

Moreover, charges of un-Americanism and fear-mongering are becoming commonplace among members of Obama's party, aimed at those rejecting the Democrats' latest efforts to put healthcare in the hands of bureaucrats. While voters may have been willing to rally against the Bush administration, they were hardly ready to endorse the radical left-wing agenda embraced by the likes of Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid, as recent polls on presidential performance indicate.

Thus, many independents are now waking up to find that Obama's campaign promises may have been too good to be true. Of course, unlike those of us who have become the unfortunate victims of infomercials, we cannot send the president back for a full refund. And instead of a mere \$19.95 price tag (plus shipping and handling), the economic cost of the Obama presidency is in the trillions — yes, that's trillions with a T— and counting.

The truth is that compelling rhetoric, complete with a vague yet powerful slogan and an inspiring messenger, says little about the quality of what is being sold, whether it be a consumer good or a presidential candidate. And the same warning still applies to both: voters beware.

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Henry David Thoreau
US Transcendentalist author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A call to arms

Attention all members of ND Nation:

Your nation needs you. Football season is upon us, and a new chapter will soon be added to the greatest tradition in all of sports. The outcome of that chapter is up to you. A great opportunity stands before us, and we must heed the battle call. It is our duty as loyal members of ND nation to defend the honor of Our Lady as we come together this season on the field, in the stands, and at the rallies.

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enthusiasm.

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Invasion of the elders

It's an average Monday night and my family has just finished watching their latest Netflix rental. While we wait for Conan O'Brien to come on, the volume on the television is lowered so my mother can hear herself shoot zombies on her favorite iPhone app.

Still waiting for Conan, mom checks what movie is in her queue, has a conversation with relatives through Facebook Chat, updates her status on Twitter and downloads mp3s from indie music blogs – all via her MacBook.

My mom is cooler than me. As much as we may hate to admit it, our parents are probably having more fun than we are.

The days when mom and dad weren't hip enough to know anything about teenage technology are gone. Here are the days where many parents not only use the technology, but know more about it than we do.

More importantly, kids and young adults alike are not happy about it.

The issue isn't really about technology. If parents want to use computers to pay bills and check stocks, more power to them.

The issue is what they use technology for and why that technology is important in the first place – Web sites like MySpace and Facebook were originally created as a little spot in the World Wide Web to help people define themselves from everyone else.

Before parents' involvement became a concern, kids were already furious that teachers were "invading their privacy," digging into a place as private as their bedrooms. Using photo evidence of students partaking in underage drinking readily available on MySpace,

schools could now keep kids off of football teams and out of school dances.

Next, it was employees notifying employees that they would be checking MySpace profiles to ensure that their new hires weren't misrepresenting the company or discussing confidential information outside of work. Many employers go as far as checking potential employees' profiles before they are hired.

Now that parents are using the same networking sites, younger MySpacers don't have anywhere else to hide. Not that they ever did or could because the Internet is public domain. The Internet was never private and it probably never will be. Many Web sites allow users to enable privacy settings on their pages, but that doesn't stop mom from friend-requesting you 13 times until you finally cave in and accept. Millennials are angry that Facebook has been "invaded" by adults and annoyed that parents try to follow our tweets: The attitude that youth has toward adults is "get out and stay out."

But in a time where we denounce racism and sexism, what makes this discrimination against older people OK?

The fact is, the allure of having your own space that defines who you are is transcendent. This phenomenon is not limited by age — almost everyone enjoys talking about their lives and reminiscing about the past. It is a way of casting memories into stone, like scrapbooking, but on a much larger scale for everyone to see. These Web sites have woven themselves into the fabric of human culture.

And while the youth of today is worried that there won't be any money left for social security when we are old, our parents have the amazing ability to stay young socially even as they age physically. They are "getting

old" in a time when some of the most interesting and fun technology is being invented, and they should have the right to know how to use it. Parents aren't limiting themselves to boring games of cards, bingo and re-runs of "The Price is Right" anymore. Instead, parents are defining themselves on MySpace while making new friends, networking on Facebook while organizing events and speaking their minds on Twitter, just like we are.

As I get older, I'm starting to realize that our personality quirks and characteristics stay with us no matter how old we get. The ability to speak your mind and convey your thoughts to the world in seconds may not have been fathomable when our parents were our age, but the appeal is just as real to them as it is to us.

Most days, I come home to my mom playing table tennis on the Wii she bought for herself. Having already read her latest Twitter update, I ask how yoga went and we end up talking about how our days went and even play a match of virtual golf.

In fact, technology might be bringing us closer. You can run from it or you can embrace it. Either way, the technology we once thought was ours alone is now available to all ages.

Instead of being horrified that your mother added you on Facebook, maybe it's a sign that you really shouldn't have all of those pictures of you doing beer bongs up for the world to see. And what goes on in your parents' lives may be as cool and interesting as your own.

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College is where character is built, not changed

Looking back three years in my life, I was in the same boat as all of you freshmen are in now. I was wide-eyed and looking for adventure, dreaming about making an impact over my college career. I was coming to college to become a "new" person. I had plans of what I was going to do, what I wanted to learn while studying and how I wanted to leverage myself for the future.

As I fast-forward three years, I really haven't changed all that much, and I still have similar plans. I still want to learn, and I'm still trying to leverage myself towards that great career which will give me a great future. The fact is, the person that I was, coming into college, isn't much different than the person I am now. In this fact, I can find security and reservation, because I can look back on my college career and say that I didn't change who I am; I only got better. I say this in all humbleness, because I have truly had shortcomings these last three years, but these shortcomings have contributed to my betterment. It can be said that character is built; it isn't changed or shifted — it is simply built. And that saying gets back to something I learned in my first few weeks here at the University of Toledo as a freshman.

I was in my first Honors Reading Conference, and I had a professor that was a very intelligent man but was very frustrating at the same time. Needless to say, after my first two papers were returned with bad grades, I

really couldn't stand him. I ended up working through the rest of the semester and I got progressively better in my writings and became better because of it. (I even thanked the professor at the end of the semester for challenging me.) This taught me what it means to be persistent, but it was something that he said in one of my classes that has meant the most to me.

It was early on in the semester, and he stopped a discussion on one our readings to say something along these lines, "Over your college career you are going to learn and experience things that will challenge the things you learned as a child. These experiences could change the way you think or believe about issues and could challenge what you thought was right and wrong. But I will give you fair warning: Everything you have learned growing up isn't wrong, and you should not abandon your principles just because you came across something else that has challenged it. It is okay to challenge your beliefs, but don't throw them away easily."

Now, the above quote is not verbatim, but it gets the point across.

You come into college around the young age of 18 (you're more of a child than you are an adult), and you will meet new people who think differently than you. Through meeting new people, you will be exposed to new philosophies and belief systems that are foreign and intriguing to you; and there is great value in this.

However, don't let this exposure change who you are; instead, learn about these beliefs and study them, then see if they align with who you are.

As I stated earlier, character is built, it isn't changed or shifted. You already have a character foundation, so you can only build onto it — you can't move your foundation. You may think you have "changed" your character, but that is just a distraction, and you will soon find that out. In essence, success is found in constant building, not radical changes. So look at these new experiences as ways to build up your character and become a better person, instead of changing who you are.

I took this advice to heart, and I believe I have become better because of it. I have challenged my own beliefs while in college and because of that I am more firm in those beliefs today than I was when I first got here.

College isn't a time or place where you come to change who you are; it is a time to experience exciting new things and become a better person. Take this principle to heart: Success in life is not found in changing who you are; it is found in constantly becoming a better person.

Lastly, to all the freshman out there: Look at these next four to five years as a time where you can grow stronger in what you believe in right now and learn as much as you can, because college isn't about becoming a "new" person, it's about bettering yourself.

Best of luck and have fun!

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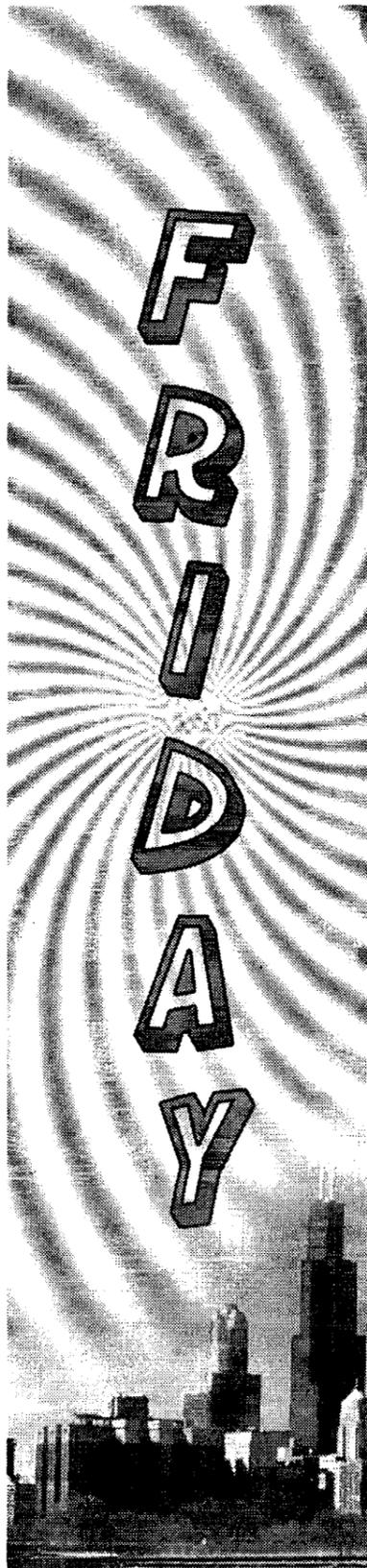
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By MAIJA GUSTIN
Scene Writer

Lollapalooza, the annual alternative music festival, kicked off with an incredible lineup August 7. The festival, which has been held yearly in Grant Park, Chicago, since 2005, featured a slew of today's hottest up and coming artists.

For the indie rock-loving folks at Lollapalooza, Friday was the highlight to an impressive weekend. Acts like Manchester Orchestra, White Lies, Bon Iver, Ben Folds, Fleet Foxes, The Decemberists, Andrew Bird and Kings of Leon thrilled cold crowds on a rainy Chicago day. Rounded out with hip-hop duo The Knux, dance-rockers The Virgins, Nintendo-on-speed electro band Crystal Castles, Asher Roth, Peter Bjorn and John, experimental rockers Of Montreal, and straight-from-the-80s Depeche Mode, Friday proved to be a solid day of good music for anyone and everyone. Even a little rain (actually, a lot of rain) couldn't keep the crowds away.

Manchester Orchestra, an indie-rock band from Atlanta, played early in the day, but they had a huge crowd singing along with every song. Without knowing any of their songs, they were a little hard to get into, but they played a pretty good set anyway. They displayed high energy and were definitely crowd pleasers. All in all, they put on a good show, but not a totally memorable one.

The Knux, a small hip hop/rock outfit from New Orleans, provided a nice change of pace for a festival that didn't feature many hip hop acts. They started off slow with some of their lesser-known stuff, but picked it up quickly with their biggest single, "Cappuccino." They were good entertainers and had the crowd dancing, but they really ruined their set with long ruminations on their post-Lollapalooza plans for the evening and other stories that cannot be repeated here.

Bon Iver, best known for their song "Skinny

Love," usually sound great live, but they really weren't at their best at a festival of this size. Their songs are so wonderfully intimate that a large crowd kind of ruins the effect of the music. That being said, they sounded good, and if you were close enough to the stage you could have had a great experience. Definitely check them out if ever given the chance to see them in a smaller venue.

Fleet Foxes were easily one of the best acts of the weekend. What makes their music great is their really tight harmonies, both



vocal and instrumental. Typically, such precise harmonies are really difficult to pull-off at a live show, but these guys definitely did it.

In fact, they blew their recordings out of the water. Fleet Foxes are best live because their subtle nuances really take center stage. And unlike Bon Iver, the large crowd didn't dwarf the sound or the effect of the music.

The Decemberists put on a great show. Their most recent album, "The Hazards of Love," is something like a rock opera, featuring defined characters and a plot. Rather than play a set featuring hits from both "Hazards"

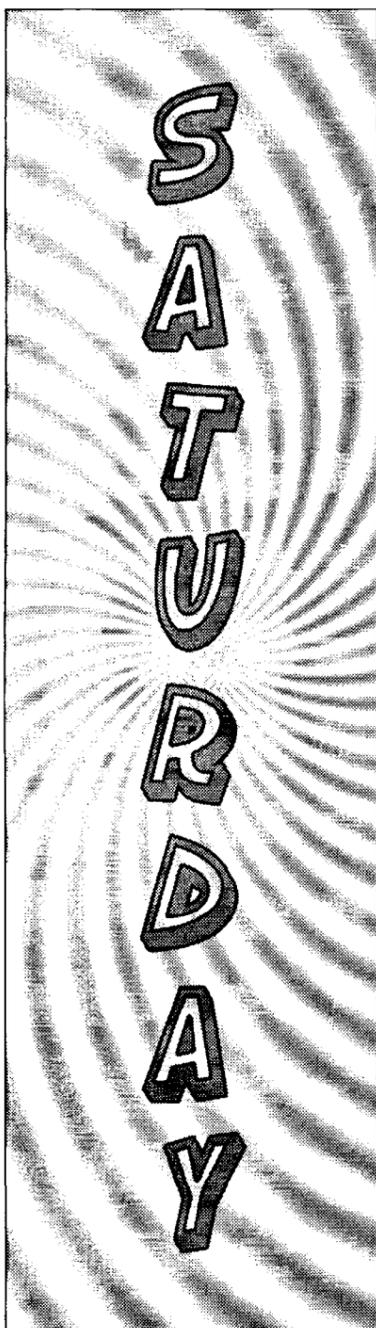
and their previous albums, the Decemberists played "The Hazards of Love" straight through, acting as the characters in costumes. This album was a departure of form for the Decemberists, but playing the album straight through is clearly how it was meant to be heard. When taken as a continuous whole rather than a series of songs, "The Hazards of Love" is really a great piece of music.

Andrew Bird is known for putting on bizarre live shows, particularly because of the way he plays his music live. Rather than have one performer play each different instrumental part, he has only a small band on stage with him. They begin each song by playing various melodies and then electronically loop them so that they will continue playing while Andrew Bird and company play something entirely different.

But for whatever reason, this seems to add to the overall effect of Andrew Bird's music. He clearly envisions his music as multi-layered instrumental pieces, and he has mastered the technology to make possible the layering of music in a live show. It's an incredibly unique experience, enhanced by Bird's amazing overall talent as a musician and showman. He definitely knows how to put on a show. His set was without a doubt another highlight of the weekend.

While most of the younger attendees were watching Kings of Leon Friday night, the crowd for Depeche Mode was having a blast, even though the median age was significantly higher. Everyone was up and dancing to the '80s electronic band. They played all of their biggest hits from back in the day, like "Personal Jesus" and "Enjoy the Silence," along with songs from their newest album, "Sounds of the Universe." Their old hits were definitely the highlights of their set, with most of their new songs falling pretty flat. But they put on a great show and proved that they still have it.

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By **ANDREW SEROFF**
Scene Writer

This year at Lollapalooza, Saturday was widely criticized as the day with the weakest lineup. Its headliners included the psychedelic-metal niche group Tool as well as the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, who received the prestigious invitation as a last-minute substitute for the Beastie Boys.

The bill of acts for the day presented a hodgepodge of foreign artists such as Federico Aubele, British groups like the Arctic Monkeys and Los Campesinos!, and the neo-metal progressive of Rise Against and Coheed and Cambria. For casual music listeners seeking to put faces to the bands they hear on the radio, Saturday was probably not the day to get a one-day pass. For audiophiles seeking a cornucopia of unique acts, however, Saturday was the highlight of the weekend. Unfortunately, because of the scheduling logistics and the size of Grant Park, even the most ambitious festival-goers had to prioritize the groups they wanted to catch.

The first group of the day, and possibly the most pleasant surprise of the entire festival, was an Americana bar-rock quintet from San Diego called Delta Spirit. The youthful group is freshly arrived on the music scene, having made a quiet entrance by signing to an indie label and cutting an EP in 2006. They received national attention for their 2008 full album "Ode to Sunshine," in support of which they performed on late-night television circuits and opened for the Shins.

Delta Spirit's set was exceptional, showcasing the multi-instrumental versatility of the group's musicians. They played their own brand of heavy, bluesy soul-rock, but their sound drifted from the extremes of thrash metal to mellow folk. They even ended their set by venturing into jazz for a thunderous, half-time rock cover of Louis Armstrong's "St. James Infirmary."

The most disappointing performance of the day came from TV on the Radio. Music critics have hailed the band as possessing a "new sound," one of the ultimate compliments musicians can receive. While the members of the Brooklyn-based alternative group struggle to break into the mainstream, they have been in the critically acclaimed indie spotlight since their debut album was released in 2003. Showing progress in this regard, their latest album, "Dear Science," was named Album of the Year for 2008 by several popular music establishments, including "Rolling Stone," "Spin" and MTV.

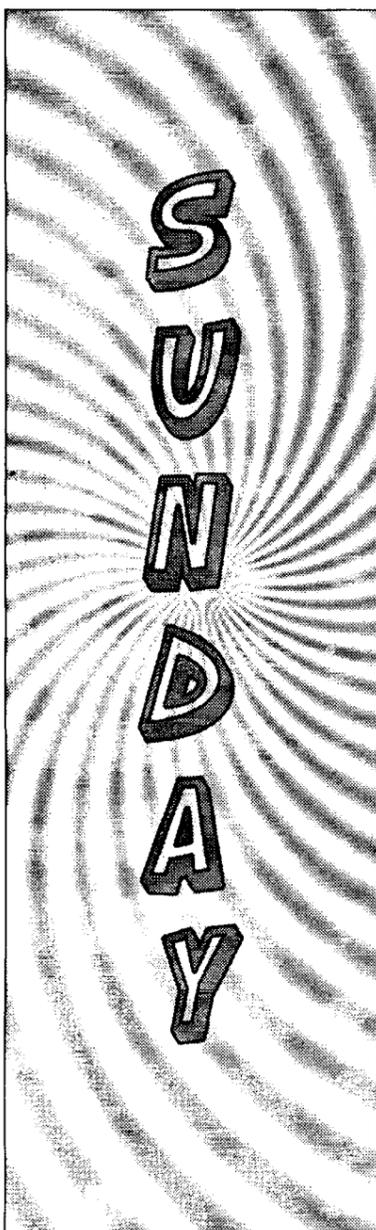
Unfortunately, that "new sound" was horrendously lifeless live. A fan or an attendee who had done her homework would have been anticipating a highly articulate, thoroughly composed, orchestral sound. Instead, listeners were treated to deflated renditions of the melodic ambiguity featured so prominently throughout their recorded works. The charm and ingenuity of their songwriting were lost somewhere between the artificial-sounding sampling and the Lou Reed-esque arrogance of their stage presence.

The highlight of the day came in the Arctic Monkeys' rare trip to the United States. Other than their "Riot Van" tour several years ago, the UK band tends to gratify their extremely loyal British fan base almost exclusively, touring their own stomping grounds and the rest of Europe. They hardly ever venture to this hemisphere, and rarely for more than a few days when they do. The group was in the awkward void of time, between recording and releasing their third

album, "Humbug," but they gave an extraordinary set worthy of their journey across the pond.

The crowd for the Arctic Monkeys was the largest for any non-headliner act over the entire weekend. Every personalized patch of grass within visual range of the Budweiser stage was filled with two to three people eagerly anticipating the band. Alex Turner and his mates came out promptly, filling their hour-long block with the maximum amount of sonic splendor they could manage. The material ranged from the dance rock of "Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I'm Not" to the pulsating power rock of "Favourite Worst Nightmare." They touched upon the new material of "Humbug," performing the single "Crying Lightning" and one or two other songs, but they mostly stuck to their hits, almost completing the impossible task of fitting them all into an hour.

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By **ALEXANDRA KILPATRICK**
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Lollapalooza literally held its own on Sunday, the final day of a relaxing weekend of good music at Chicago's Grant Park. The laid-back summer music festival became more crowded than ever on Sunday, bringing in a total of more than 75,000 people. Many of them were there to see Perry Farrell's band Jane's Addiction, whose farewell tour back in 1991 became the first Lollapalooza festival. In spite of the annoying bottlenecks formed throughout the park because of the large crowds, Sunday went smoothly in terms of the musical quality of the performances and the responses of the audiences.

One of the first acts of the day, Airborne Toxic Event, played at the Chicago 2016 stage to a surprisingly large audience, most of whom were likely there to stake out spots for the well-anticipated, New York-based band Vampire Weekend. The Los Angeles-based Airborne Toxic Event certainly drew in the crowds, and for good reason.

A harmonic distorted violin and slow drumbeat accompanied by entrancing lead vocals seemed to translate well to the dehydrated and sweaty yet enthusiastic audience, especially during the band's angsty hit single "Sometime Around Midnight." The alt rock band certainly seemed well rehearsed and precise during their show, but they inexplicably decided to end the set 10 minutes early.

Vampire Weekend performed an hour later on the same stage. The preppy indie band certainly got the audience dancing to familiar favorites from their debut LP, heard in college dorm rooms throughout the nation last year. An unexpected yet welcomed mosh pit

formed in broad daylight within the hyper-excited crowd when the band members, decked out in bright sunglasses, polos, and shorts, began playing the ever-popular "A-Punk." A few new tunes from the band's upcoming sophomore album were sprinkled throughout the set for everyone's enjoyment as well.

Neko Case was simultaneously playing her rocking set on the Budweiser stage. Her strong lead vocals, backed by the oddly fitting instrumentation of banjo, steel guitar and tenor guitar, soared throughout the park. Case, all dolled up in a black cocktail dress, performed singles from her new album "Middle Cyclone," including the breezy and beautiful new favorite, "This Tornado Loves You."

Back on the south side of the park, happy-go-lucky Passion Pit played an upbeat set on the Citi Stage. The synth-pop indie band from Cambridge, Mass., drew in the gleeful crowd, who backed lead singer Michael Angelakos' signature falsetto vocals on the "higher and higher" chorus of "Little Secrets," a new single from their debut LP, "Manners." The audience also received "The Reeling" well,

dancing exuberantly and again singing along with the chorus.

Los Angeles-based alt-rock band Silversun Pickups, whose spacey, distorted sound has often been compared to that of the Smashing Pumpkins, performed at the Vitamin Water stage. The crowd was small because many were just leaving the Snoop Dogg dance party, which received a very large, enthusiastic audience and excellent reviews on behalf of the polished party jams and covers of club favorites.

In spite of the small crowd, Silversun Pickups lived up to expectations, with catchy driving tunes like the new hit single "Panic Switch" and the ever-popular "Lazy Eye." Lead Singer Brian Aubert's vocals were not quite up to par as he seemed to blow out his voice with his loud, raspy, high-pitched singing. Nonetheless, the fuzzy, distorted guitar riffs and Aubert's outspoken thankfulness for the audience's support certainly charmed the crowd.

It's tough to headline opposite the band whose farewell tour started it all. Nevertheless, the Killers' headlining show Sunday night at the Chicago 2016 stage not only was a wild success, but also proved to their loyal fans and many others that the band is not "losing touch." The Las Vegas-based alternative rock band opened the set with "Human," the first single off their new album "Day & Age."

The show was entirely over-the-top, including a Las Vegas-themed stage setup complete with neons, sequins and plenty of palm trees, but each and every brought enthusiasm from the audience, who danced to the point of exhaustion by the end of the hour and a half show.

Altogether, Lollapalooza came to an end Sunday with a lineup of talented musicians and enthusiastic crowds.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Michigan coach Rodriguez denies any wrongdoing

Statement responds to allegations by current and former players that practice time exceeded NCAA standards

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Michigan coach Rich Rodriguez said Monday that his football program has abided by NCAA rules, despite allegations from anonymous players and former players who say the team has practiced far beyond the time allowed.

"We know the rules," Rodriguez said, "and we follow the rules."

At a news conference in Ann Arbor, Rodriguez became emotional and had to gather himself several times with glassy eyes as he denied any wrongdoing.

"I guess I'm here to tell you that whatever you've heard or want to believe, the truth is that this coaching staff cares very deeply about the young men in our program," he said.

The school on Sunday launched an investigation into allegations that the football program regularly violates NCAA rules limiting how much time players can spend on training and practice.

The announcement came after a Detroit Free Press article in which players from the 2008 and 2009 teams said the amount of time they spend on football during the season and in the offseason greatly exceeds NCAA limits. The players spoke to the newspaper on condition of anonymity because they feared repercussions from coaches.

Big Ten compliance officials arrived on campus Sunday to assist with the investigation, according to two people at the school. One person, who spends a lot of time with the team, said the school's compliance office often makes unannounced visits to make sure the program is following the rules. Both people spoke on the condition of anonymity because the school will not publicly discuss the case until the probe is completed.

"Our office does not conduct investigations in situations such as this," the Big Ten said in a statement. "As that task is undertaken by the institution and — depending the circumstances — the NCAA. To the extent we get involved, it is purely in an advisory capacity."

Rodriguez suggested the complaints were an attempt

to "tear up" the effort to rebuild a program that stumbled to a 3-9 record last season, including a dismal 2-6 in the Big Ten. It was Michigan's first losing season since 1967 and its first without a bowl in 34 years.

"Nobody on my staff would ever tell a player to miss a class ... never have, never will," Rodriguez said.

Michigan athletic director Bill Martin announced the school investigation, saying the allegations were taken seriously.

"We believe we have been compliant with NCAA rules, but nonetheless we have launched a full investigation," Martin said in a statement released by the school Sunday night.

Martin's statement also indicated the school had reached out to both the Big Ten and the NCAA about the allegations, adding the university would have more to say after its inquiry was done.

Like Rodriguez, the university's compliance director, Judy Van Horn, has denied that the football program violated NCAA rules.

Those regulations allow players to spend eight hours a week on mandatory workouts during the offseason. Players told the Free Press that they have spent two to three times that amount on required workouts.

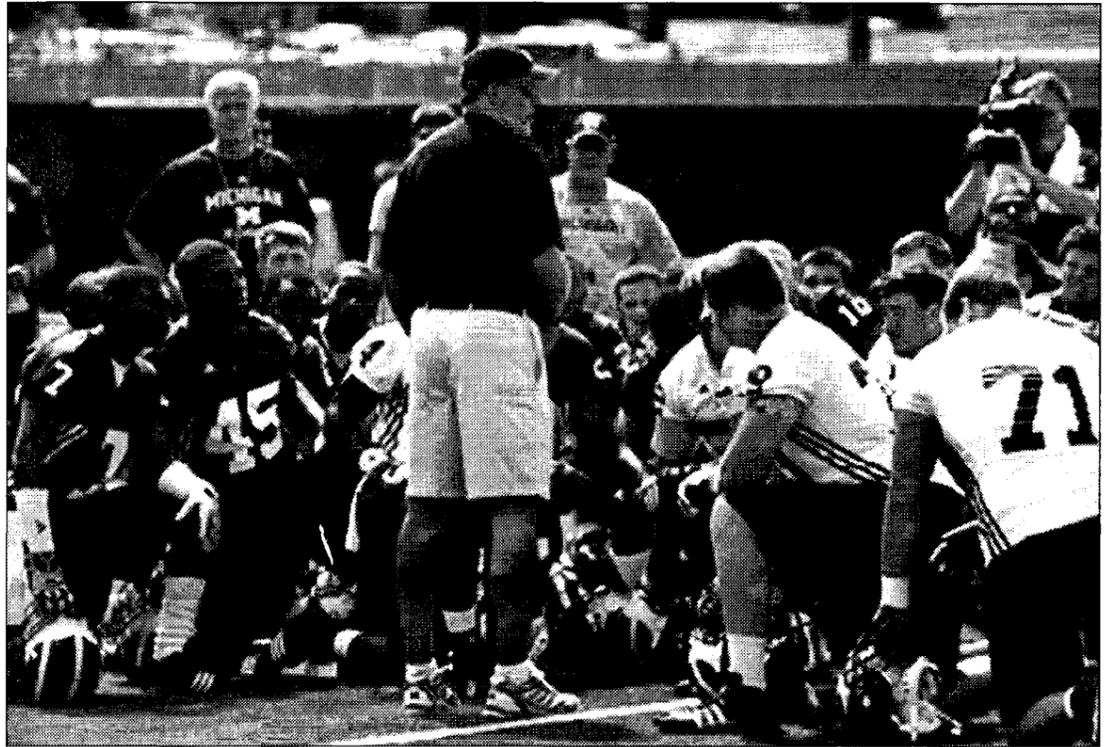
The players said the amount of time they spent on football activities during the season exceeded the weekly limit of 20 hours and often exceeded the daily limit of four hours. They also said quality-control staff often watched seven-on-seven off-season scrimmages that are supposed to be voluntary and that only training staff are allowed to attend.

Rodriguez said what has bothered him the most is the perception that he and his staff do not care about their players.

"That is disheartening," he said.

Rodriguez, who is guiding college football's winningest program after a successful stint as West Virginia's head coach, opens the season Saturday at home against Western Michigan. He said he is not worried about the allegations becoming a distraction.

"Nothing is going to change their focus," Rodriguez said.



University of Michigan head coach Rich Rodriguez talks to his team after an Aug. 10 practice. Rodriguez recently denied charges of exceeding NCAA limits on practice time.

NFL

NFL rules on Twitter usage

Players can update their Twitter pages before, after games

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tweet away, boys. Just save it for before and after the games.

The NFL said Monday it will allow players to use social media networks this season, but not during games. Players, coaches and football operations personnel can use Twitter, Facebook and other social media up to 90 minutes before kickoff, and after the game following traditional media interviews.

During games, no updates will be permitted by the individual himself or anyone representing him on his personal Twitter, Facebook or any other social media account, the league said.

The use of social media by NFL game officials and officiating department personnel will be prohibited at all times. The league, which has always barred play-by-play descriptions of games in progress, also extended that ban to social media platforms.

Earlier this summer, Chargers cornerback Antonio Cromartie was fined \$2,500 by the team for criticizing the food service at training camp on Twitter.

The Miami Dolphins imposed restrictions on players, reporters and even spectators at their training camp, and several other teams also set up some restrictions on practice fields, including the Broncos, Patriots, Bills, Colts, Saints and Lions.

But NFL players have embraced the network to the point that some announce news by tweeting, including Saints rookie cornerback Malcolm Jenkins. He sent out word of his signing with the team on Twitter.

The Cincinnati Bengals sent out first official word of first-round draft pick Andre Smith's signing Sunday on a tweet on their Web site. That came one day after Bengals receiver Chad Ochocinco sent out a tweet saying Smith had signed, which was wrong. So Smith's agent, Alvin Keels, sent out his own

tweet saying the report was incorrect.

The NFL's security department assists players in removing fake sites on Facebook and Twitter.

"The growth of social media platforms such as Twitter and Facebook has created important new ways for the NFL and clubs to communicate and connect with fans," the league said in a statement. "The NFL ... will continue to emphasize innovative and appropriate use of these new forms of communication."

Commissioner Roger Goodell tweeted from the draft in April.

Other leagues have not issued formal policies on social media.

Charlie Villanueva, then with the Milwaukee Bucks, posted a message on Twitter during half-time of a game and got a stern lecture from coach Scott Skiles, who thought it gave the impression that Villanueva wasn't focused. Villanueva also tweeted that he was signing as a free agent with the Pistons earlier this summer.

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Preseason AP Division I Football Top 25

	team	points	previous
1	Florida	1498	1
2	Texas	1424	4
3	Oklahoma	1370	5
4	Southern California	1313	3
5	Alabama	1156	6
6	Ohio State	1113	9
7	Virginia Tech	1054	15
8	Mississippi	1047	14
9	Oklahoma State	989	16
10	Penn State	989	8
11	LSU	914	NR
12	California	746	NR
13	Georgia	714	13
14	Boise State	659	11
15	Georgia Tech	593	22
16	Oregon	587	10
17	TCU	521	7
18	Florida State	307	21
19	Utah	289	2
20	BYU	267	25
21	North Carolina	261	NR
22	Iowa	229	20
23	NOTRE DAME	225	NR
24	Nebraska	207	NR
25	Kansas	134	NR

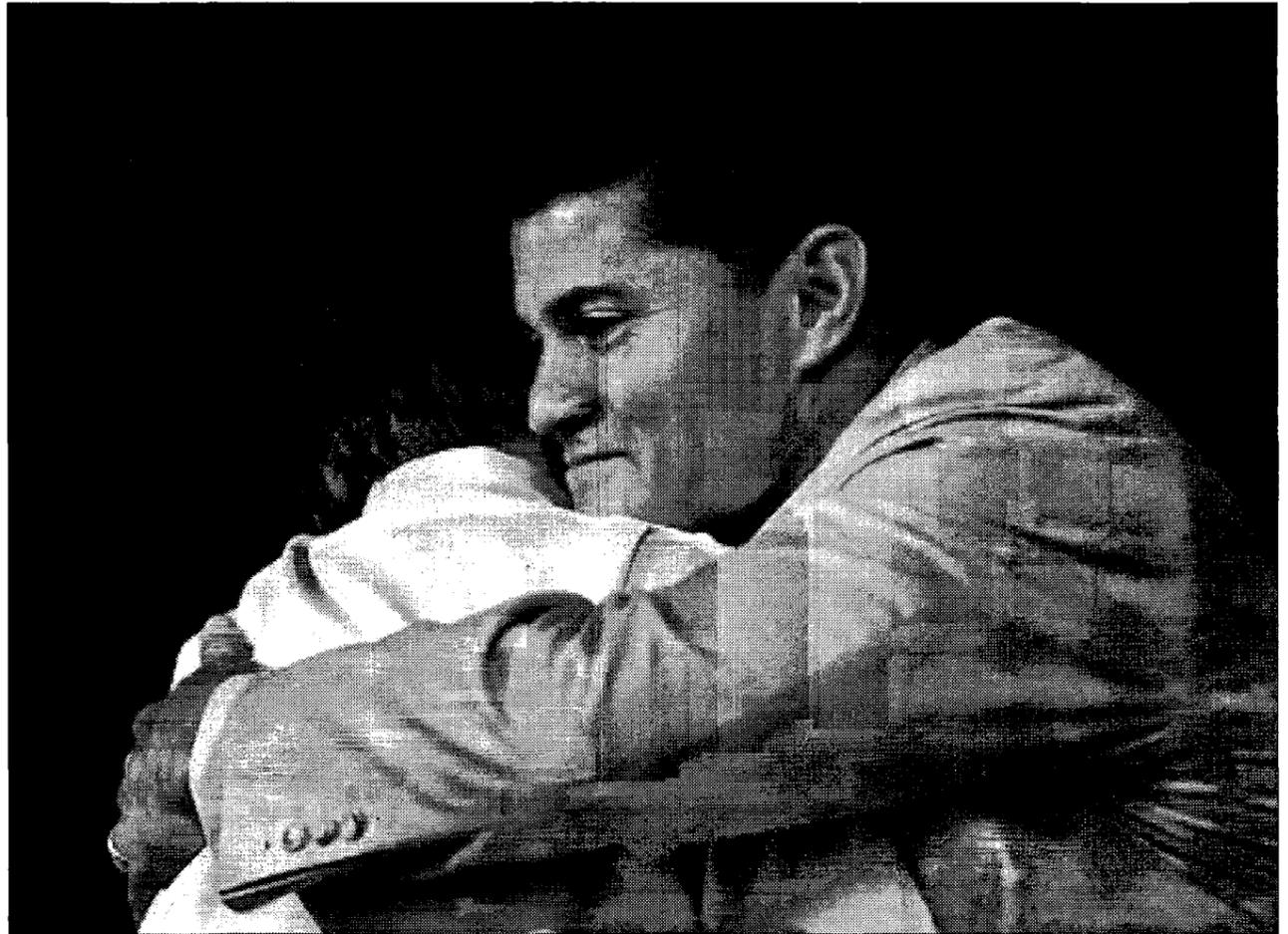
Bison/AVCA Division I Women's Volleyball Top 25

	team	previous
1	Penn State	1
2	Texas	2
3	Washington	4
4	Hawaii	7
5	Florida	8
6	Nebraska	3
7	Michigan	16
8	Illinois	10
9	UCLA	9
10	California	6
11	Stanford	5
12	Iowa State	13
13	Minnesota	11
14	Oregon	14
15	San Diego	15
16	Southern California	12
17	Utah	17
18	Kentucky	21
19	St. Louis	20
20	Michigan State	NR
21	Pepperdine	NR
22	UC Irvine	NR
23	Kansas State	22
24	Purdue	19
25	Wichita State	18

NGCA Women's Golf Division I Coaches Poll

	team	points
1	Arizona State	448
2	UCLA	431
3	Southern California	412
4	Oklahoma State	395
5	Auburn	369
6	Virginia	342
7	Wake Forest	319
8	Alabama	291
9	Purdue	257
10	LSU	254
11	North Carolina	238
12	Duke	193
13	Pepperdine	190
14	Georgia	176
15	Arkansas	171

NFL



Patriots Linebacker Tedy Bruschi, right, hugs New England head coach Bill Belichick before announcing his retirement at a news conference at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Mass., Monday.

Patriots' Tedy Bruschi retires after 13 seasons

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tedy Bruschi retired Monday after a 13-year NFL career in which he won three Super Bowl titles with the New England Patriots and made a gallant return from a stroke.

The inside linebacker played for no other team and leaves football with only one unachieved goal — a fourth championship. "I'm 36 years old," Bruschi said at a news conference. "Your body doesn't heal as quickly."

He came back from a mild stroke in February 2005 to play eight months later.

"I was retired," he said.

"I didn't think it was possible" to play again.

Bruschi's performance declined last year. He missed much of training camp with an undisclosed injury but played in two of the team's last three exhibition games.

Coach Bill Belichick, usually stoic, choked up as he discussed Bruschi.

"How do I feel about Tedy Bruschi?" Belichick said. "He's a perfect player."

Bruschi's reaction?

"That's something you'll never hear during your career," he said as he and Belichick laughed. "To have him say that to me is probably the best compliment he could ever give me."

But Bruschi was listed with the second unit this summer behind second-year pros Jerod Mayo and Gary Guyton. Even before Bruschi's retirement, Mayo had taken over the defensive signal-calling. A first-round draft choice out of Tennessee, he was the Defensive Player of the Year last season.

"I wouldn't specifically say the torch has been passed to me, but it's been passed to this whole defense," Mayo said. "It's just going to take a group effort to really pick up the slack for his absence."

Bruschi's retirement leaves running back Kevin Faulk, drafted by the Patriots in 1999, as the

longest tenured member of the team. Quarterback Tom Brady, drafted in 2000, is the second most senior Patriot.

On defense, 2001 first-round pick, defensive end Richard Seymour, has been with the team the longest. In the offseason, the Patriots lost two other defensive leaders — safety Rodney Harrison to retirement and linebacker Mike Vrabel in a trade with Kansas City.

"I don't think you can fill that (leadership) void with one person," outside linebacker Adalius Thomas said. "(Bruschi) has been here. He's seen so much, been through so many things."

IN BRIEF

Favre may have cracked rib, still starts vs. Texans

HOUSTON — Vikings quarterback Brett Favre says he might have a cracked rib, although it didn't prevent him from starting against the Texans.

Favre told ESPN before Monday night's game at Houston that he hasn't received an official diagnosis but that taking a deep breath caused him some discomfort. He also doesn't plan to wear any kind of special padding, saying "the damage is done."

Favre didn't appear to be in any pain when he handed off to Adrian Peterson on the first play of the game, and Peterson scored on a 75-yard run.

Favre was expected to play the entire first half against the Texans. He wasn't listed on the injury report, and none of his teammates mentioned the injury before the game.

The three-time MVP signed a \$25 million deal with the Vikings on Aug. 18.

Chiefs head coach fires offensive coordinator

KANSAS CITY — Rookie head coach Todd Haley fired offensive coordinator Chan Gailey and assumed that role himself Monday, 13 days before he opens the season with a very unsettled quarterback situation.

Matt Cassel was injured in Saturday night's preseason loss to Seattle, limping away with a knee injury. But Haley refused to discuss the injury to Cassel, who signed a six-year contract for a guaranteed \$28 million.

Yahoo! Sports, citing a source in the organization, reported Cassel sprained the medial collateral ligament in his left knee and could miss two to four weeks.

The top candidates to replace Cassel are Tyler Thigpen and Brodie Croyle, who are 1-18 as starting quarterbacks in the NFL. Thigpen took about 80 percent of the snaps with the first team in practice Monday, but a decision could be based on who plays well in the final preseason game at St. Louis on Thursday.

Court limits Delaware sports betting to professional games

DOVER, Del. — A federal appeals court on Monday dealt another body blow to Delaware's plans for a new sports betting lottery, saying it must be limited to parlay bets on professional football games.

A three-judge panel of the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals declared last week that Delaware's sports betting plan, which included single-game bets and wagering on a variety of professional and collegiate sports, violated federal law but it did not expressly say why.

On Monday, the panel outlined its reasoning in a 23-page opinion. The court said it interpreted language that exempted Delaware from a 1992 federal ban on sports gambling — known as the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act — as precluding any type of betting beyond what it had offered in a failed National Football League lottery in 1976.

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Several teams deal with quarterback injuries

Culpepper injury gives Stafford opportunity; Cassell's status still uncertain; Bulger to sit out final preseason game

Associated Press

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — For one day, there was no question that Matt Stafford was the Detroit Lions' first-string quarterback.

Injuries to both Daunte Culpepper (foot) and Drew Stanton (knee) meant Stafford was Detroit's only healthy quarterback at Monday's practice.

"It was fun — it was like being back in college," said Stafford, who took every snap for Detroit on Monday. "I got to do everything — even play Peyton Manning on the show team."

Coach Jim Schwartz, however, cut the session short. He said he doesn't know if he will have either Culpepper or Stanton for Thursday's final preseason game in Buffalo, or if he will have to find an emergency quarterback.

Stafford, the first pick in April's draft, has been battling Culpepper for the starting job, with Stanton solidly entrenched at No. 3. Nothing changed during Saturday's 18-17 win over Indianapolis, but the situation got strange over the weekend.

First, Culpepper cut the top of his foot at home Saturday night. The wound required eight stitches and left him unable to practice on Monday.

"He sort of stubbed his toe, and when the skin stretched, it tore behind his middle toes," Schwartz said. "If you or I had done it and gone to the hospital, they probably would have put in two or three stitches, but they wanted to secure it tightly, so they put in eight. We'll have to wait and see about his status for Thursday."

The situation got worse when Stanton reported on Monday with a badly swollen left knee. The team was awaiting the results of an MRI test.

The lack of quarterbacks led Schwartz to remove about 20 percent of the plan for Monday's practice.

"We advertised for a quarterback on Craigslist, but no one answered, so we just had Matt," he said. "We cut some things, because we didn't want to work him too hard. It isn't just the passing, but all the dropbacks and everything else. He had worked up a pretty good sweat by the time we finished."

Stafford laughed when asked if he had planned to eliminate his competition.

"No — this isn't a situation where I'm pushing people down the stairs," he said. "I knew about Daunte when I got here, but I hadn't heard about Drew. It was a bit of a surprise."

Schwartz could use one of his current players — Nick Harris or Derrick Williams — as an emergency quarterback. Harris seemed startled by the idea of switching from punter to quarterback.

"I've never played quarterback in my life — well, I guess I ran the scout team a few times at Cal, so I could run the option and some sweeps," Harris said. "I do know how to get under center, though, and

I know all three of our plays. I would probably just throw to Calvin Johnson on every play.

"I'm not scared, though. Write that down: Nick Harris is not scared."

Knee injury may sideline Cassell

Brodie Croyle kept getting hurt and Tyler Thigpen seemed ill-suited for an NFL offense, so the Kansas City Chiefs traded for Matt Cassel and gave him a guaranteed \$28 million contract before the first snap.

Now Cassel is hurt, Croyle is healthy and Thigpen is probably still ill-suited. But either he or Croyle could start against the tough defense of the Baltimore Ravens on Sept. 13 in the season opener.

Cassel injured his knee in Saturday night's preseason loss to Seattle and the Chiefs may be down to Croyle and Thigpen, who between them are 1-18 as NFL starters.

The decision will be up to head coach Todd Haley, who stirred his team's murky waters even further on Monday by firing Chan Gailey as offensive coordinator and assuming the role himself, just 13 days before opening his first season as a head coach.

"It's almost unheard of that you have something like that happen right now," Thigpen said. "We've got to take responsibility."

Haley refused to breathe a word about the status of Cassel or any of his other injured starters. But Yahoo! Sports, citing a source in the organization, reported he sprained the medial collateral ligament in his left knee and could miss two to four weeks.

The players indicated they had no inkling how long Cassel might be gone.

"It's unfortunate for Matt," Thigpen said. "Who knows the timetable when he'll be back? If it comes time to go, I'll just have to be ready."

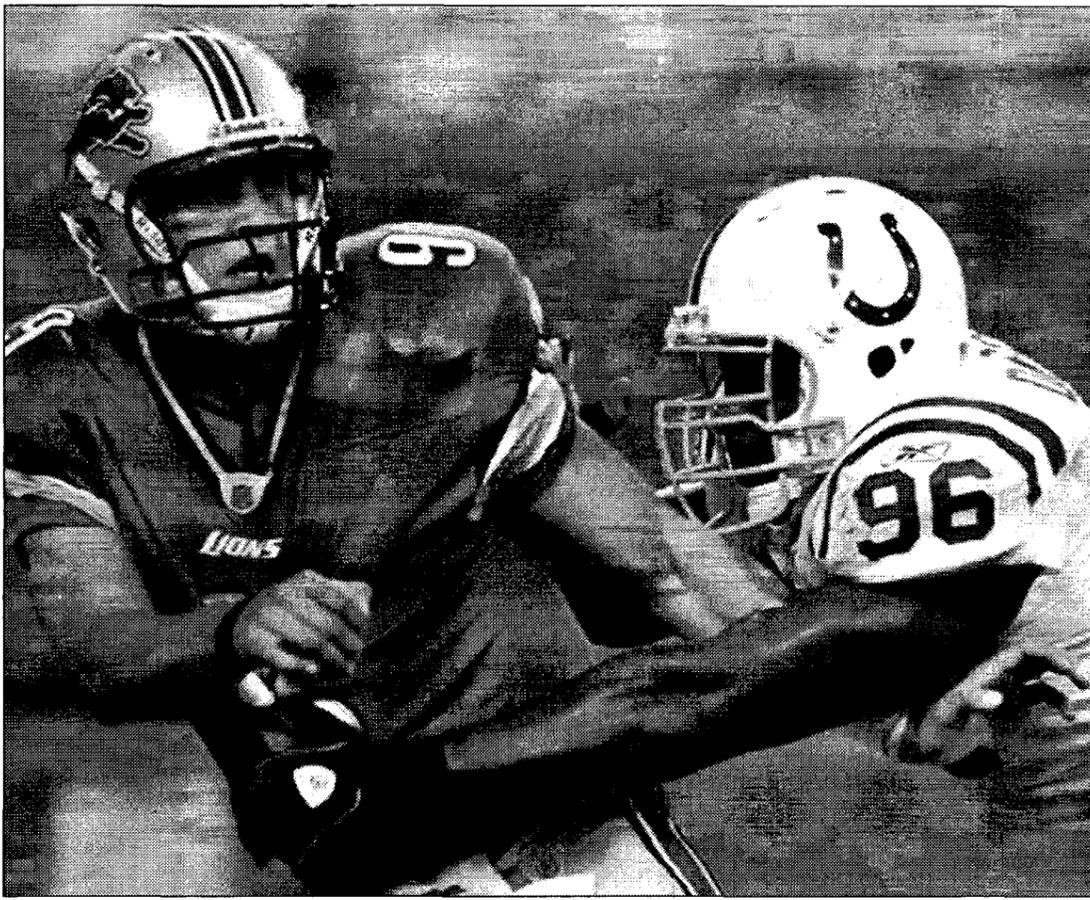
The fourth preseason game, usually little more than a final tryout for rookie free agents and long-of-tooth veterans straining to stretch their career one more year, could be critical for the Kansas City quarterbacks. Whoever shows well against the Rams on Thursday night could find himself calling plays in Baltimore.

"We've got to have our ducks in a row, no doubt," Haley said. "They're going to kick off in 12 days, or 13 days. We've got to have everything lined up and be ready for anything."

Whoever starts and whoever calls plays is likely to have a tough time until the Chiefs get their offensive line straightened out. In just 19 pass plays the first three preseason games, Cassel was sacked four times, including the play when he got hurt.

"Until we get on the field and we're winning games and doing the things we need to do detail-wise, it doesn't matter who calls the plays," running back Larry Johnson said. "We've got to go out and execute and do the things we need to do right."

This time a year ago, Croyle



Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford hurried in Detroit's Aug. 29 preseason game against the Indianapolis Colts. Detroit is one of many teams coping with quarterback injuries.

was designated as the foundation quarterback for Herm Edwards' rebuilding program. But Croyle missed almost the entire season with knee surgery and, when backup Damon Huard was also shelved with an injury, the job fell to Thigpen.

Croyle would certainly welcome the opportunity to win the starting job after spending several months getting over the surgery.

"You've got to be ready for it. This is what I've rehabbed for," he said. "This is what I've tried to get back for."

So far in preseason duty, Croyle has looked the best. In a dismal loss to the Seahawks on Saturday night with Thigpen playing most of the way, the Chiefs were 1 for 10 on third down.

"When you're 1-10 on third down, you're not getting it done at quarterback," Haley said. "There's just no way. Even if there are breakdowns at other places, the quarterback, it's his responsibility to move the chains. At 1-10, there really wasn't much good happening."

Thigpen, a former seventh-round draft choice, started 11 games last year and caused the Chiefs to switch their offense to a spread formation because he had trouble lining up and executing under center. This time last week, Thigpen was also the subject of trade rumors.

"That's the way this business works," said Thigpen, who took most of the snaps with the first team in practice on Monday. "You've got to be ready."

Johnson winces at memories of last year's 2-14 campaign.

"It was tough. We went through three different quarterbacks, then we had to change almost the whole offense to fit one quarterback's strengths. (Gailey) did

well for what he was working with. It's not like we were out there with 11 Pro Bowlers."

Broken right pinkie keeps Bulger out

The St. Louis Rams plan to sit quarterback Marc Bulger in the preseason finale to lessen the chance of him aggravating a broken right pinkie.

Bulger got his arm warmed up for the second straight day Monday, throwing 25-30 passes with the pinkie and right ring finger taped together for stability. That's more throws than on Sunday, and the plan calls for even more on Tuesday in a gradual buildup.

But he's yet to take a snap from center since being injured Aug. 17, routine for a healthy quarterback but potentially jarring for one with Bulger's injury. So backup Kyle Boller will get his third consecutive start on Thursday night against the Kansas City Chiefs in the annual Governor's Cup game in St. Louis.

"Right now we're planning on him not going," coach Steve Spagnuolo said. "He'd have to come in here tomorrow begging to play and say that it's OK."

Spagnuolo said Bulger would have likely played in a regular-season game, along with other players nursing injuries. Defensive end Leonard Little (knee), guard Richie Incognito (knee) and fullback Mike Karney (ankle) also will be held out.

Bulger knows missing the last three games of the preseason is far from ideal, especially for a franchise rebuilding after going 5-27 the previous two seasons. But he reiterated he'd be ready for the regular-season opener Sept. 13 at Seattle, and promised not to blame inactivity if he struggled in the early season.

"You want to get as many reps as you can on the field, but I think I'll be ready," Bulger said. "That won't be an excuse once the season starts."

Spagnuolo said he constantly weighs the benefits of playing in the preseason vs. the downside of aggravating injuries, and has consistently erred on the side of caution.

"If we were playing a regular season game, my guess is probably all those guys would be pushed to play," Spagnuolo said. "They'd probably want to play. But at this point I don't know if it's a smart thing to do."

If the game against the Chiefs counted, Bulger said he'd be in the lineup with the help of an injection that would numb the affected area.

"When it's a pain thing, guys find ways," Bulger said. "There's ways to get around that. But you don't want to do it too much. So when the time comes and if there's still a pain issue, it won't be an issue."

Bulger uses the pinkie mostly for gripping the ball and joked a week ago that if he had to amputate one finger, the pinkie would be the one. He said the swelling is gone and he's able to bend the finger with just "a little pain" when he grips the ball.

The most recent X-rays show there's still a break. Bulger expects more X-rays this weekend but said they'd be more for his "piece of mind."

Boller is 26 for 45 for 212 yards with one touchdown and no interceptions in the preseason. The former Ravens starter signed with St. Louis after missing last season with a shoulder injury and has been getting more comfortable running a low-risk West Coast offense in Bulger's absence.

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TENNIS

U.S. Open begins at Flushing Meadows

Defending champions Federer and Williams advance, along with former winner Clijsters

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former world No. 1 Kim Clijsters marked her return to the U.S. Open with a 6-1, 6-1 victory over 79th-ranked Viktoriya Kutuzova of Ukraine on Monday and a warm welcome from the Flushing Meadows crowd.

Clijsters' lone Grand Slam championship came the last time she played at the U.S. Open in 2005, and her first-round victory was the 26-year-old Belgian's first Grand Slam match since January 2007.

In the intervening years, Clijsters retired, got married and, in May 2008, gave birth to a daughter. She came to the U.S. Open unranked and needed a wild-card invitation from the U.S. Tennis Association.

"Little more nervous than usual. It's a very special court to me, but I really enjoyed it," Clijsters said. "I felt really good out there."

Clijsters came back this month at two hard-court warmup tournaments, winning five of her seven matches.

Defending champions Roger Federer and Serena Williams won, too, and Andre Agassi came back to the site of the final match of his career in 2006, participating in an opening-night ceremony.

By beating 18-year-old American Devin Britton 6-1, 6-3, 7-5, Federer ran his winning streak to 35 matches at the tournament and became the first tennis player to surpass \$50 million in career prize money. Williams also beat an American teenager in straight sets, eliminating Alexa Glatch 6-4, 6-1.

"Tricky match for me, playing a guy who's got absolutely nothing to lose," said Federer, seeking a sixth consecutive U.S. Open title.

No one has won five straight U.S. Opens since Bill Tilden won the American Grand Slam tournament every year from 1920-25.

"That's what I'm here for, trying to equal Bill Tilden's record. But I've never met Bill Tilden. Never saw him play. So it's hard to kind of relate to him in any way, except through records," Federer said. "It's fantastic to be sort of compared to someone who played such a long time ago, I guess."

Other winners included American John Isner, who knocked off No. 28-seeded Victor Hanesco of Romania 6-1, 7-6 (14), 7-6 (5); No. 21 James Blake of the United States; former No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt of Australia and French Open runner-up Robin Soderling of Sweden.

Two-time major champion Amelie Mauresmo of France won easily, as did No. 7 Vera Zvonarev of Russia and No. 8 Victoria Azarenka of Belarus, Italian No. 10 Flavia Pennetta, No. 12 Agnieszka Radwanska

of Poland and No. 14 Marion Bartoli, whose next opponent is Clijsters.

France's Bartoli, the 2007 Wimbledon runner-up, was also the first woman Clijsters played in her comeback. Clijsters beat her.

"I just have to go on court and think I'm still the player with the better ranking, so I'm supposed to win," Bartoli said Monday. "This time I know what to do. I have a plan, so it's going to be different."

That was only one of several impressive wins for Clijsters already, including against Azarenka and French Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova.

"Where I was the most surprised," Clijsters said, "is how comfortable I felt out there from the beginning."

She hit seven aces against Kutuzova, and won 60 of the 88 points to shouts of "Come on, Kim!" from the crowd. There also were some mistakes and some rust, including four double-faults.

Clijsters started thinking about ending her retirement seriously early this year, after being invited to play in exhibition matches to test Wimbledon's new Centre Court roof.

As Clijsters began to get in shape for that, she knew a return to the tour was what she wanted. Maybe even needed.

"I wasn't surprised when Kim told me she wanted to give her tennis career another go. I knew she was young enough, and the more times she picked up the racket, the more the competitive bug bit her," said her husband, Brian Lynch, an American who played professional basketball in Belgium. "I'm excited and happy for her — that our family has a chance to go on this adventure together."

Clijsters looked at times Monday like she never went away: those deep forehands, all-over-the-court movement, the occasional volley.

"Just the match rhythm, I think, is something I have to get used to," Clijsters said. "OK, matches like this today — I didn't really get tested."

Kutuzova explained why afterward: She was bitten by a spider a couple of days ago and had a bad allergic reaction, one that left parts of her arms red and swollen. A doctor gave her some medicine — too much medicine, Kutuzova said.

"I wasn't even sure if I can play, because I was feeling very bad. When it was long points, I couldn't breathe," she said. "I couldn't really see the ball, and everything was twisting."

Still, Kutuzova was impressed by the woman across the net: Kim Clijsters, back on a Grand Slam stage, back at the U.S. Open.

"I didn't see any difference," Kutuzova said, "between how she was playing before and how she's playing now."

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MLB

Pena's home run, four RBIs lead Rays over Tigers

Reds' right fielder McDonald scores on wild pitch in bottom of ninth to lift Reds over Pirates in first game of doubleheader

Associated Press

DETROIT — Carlos Pena and the Tampa Bay Rays headed into September on a high note.

Next up, a key series against the Boston Red Sox.

Pena hit his AL-best 38th homer and drove in four runs to help the Rays beat the Detroit Tigers 11-7 on Monday for a split of their four-game series.

Tampa Bay scored six times in the first inning against the AL Central leaders, capped by Pena's two-run drive. James Shields remained unbeaten against Detroit, and Jason Bartlett added a solo homer as the Rays moved within five games of idle Boston in the wild-card race.

Tampa Bay hosts the Red Sox on Tuesday night, the start of a three-game set.

"I don't know if it gets any bigger," Evan Longoria said. "Today is a great way to head home. It should be fun."

Tampa Bay is 4-1 against the Red Sox at Tropicana Field this season and has won seven of the first 11 meetings.

Carlos Guillen had four hits for Detroit, including a pair of two-run homers.

Tigers starter Jarrod Washburn (9-8) allowed his first six batters to reach base. The last was Pena, who hit a shot down the right-field line. Pat

Burrell had a two-run double earlier in the inning.

"It was great," said Pena, who finished August with 12 homers and had his seventh game this season with four or more RBIs. "That first inning really put momentum on our side."

Pena added an RBI double in the fifth and Bartlett homered in the sixth off Washburn, who lost for the second time since joining the Tigers in a July 31 trade with Seattle. He left the mound to a chorus of boos after allowing eight runs and nine hits in 5 2-3 innings.

"He certainly didn't have very good success today," Detroit manager Jim Leyland said. "Some of it by his own doing and some of it was that's just the way it is sometimes."

"Sometimes it just isn't your day."

Pena singled in the first of three Tampa Bay runs off reliever Ryan Perry in the seventh and finished a seven-game road trip with four homers and 12 RBIs.

"Carlos is looking extremely sharp," Rays manager Joe Maddon said.

Shields (9-10) allowed both two-run homers by Guillen, one in the first and another in the seventh, but had little trouble in between. The right-hander yielded four earned runs in seven innings and struck out six

to win his second consecutive outing and improve to 3-0 in five career starts against the Tigers.

Guillen had his sixth career multihomer game. Detroit got its last two runs in the ninth off reliever Brian Shouse.

"It feels good," Guillen said. "I hit the ball good. I was just trying to stay short and make good contact."

Reds 4, Pirates 3

CINCINNATI — Shhh!

A tiny crowd finally cheered when Darnell McDonald scored from third base on a wild pitch in the bottom of the ninth inning Monday, giving the Cincinnati Reds a victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates in a makeup game played with tennis-match silence most of the time.

Fewer than 2,000 fans showed up for the first game of a day-night doubleheader at Great American Ball Park, which turned into a red-seat echo chamber. Fans could hear the players' banter. Players could hear the fans' chatter. It didn't take long to take a head count.

"I felt like I was back in the Florida State League," said rookie Drew Stubbs, who led off the Reds' first inning with a homer. "I could hear (announcer) Jeff Brantley's voice from

out on the concourse and the cars on the highway outside."

Foul balls clattered around the 42,000-seat ballpark. There wasn't much competition for the T-shirts shot into the stands between innings.

"You could hear everything," Reds manager Dusty Baker said. "I saw one guy who was missing a finger catch a foul ball, and I could hear him say, 'That hurt like hell,' but he caught it. That's one of those days where everyone could get a foul ball and a T-shirt."

Neither of these teams has been able to get many wins this season, turning it into a matchup of the NL Central's bottom dwellers.

It ended when McDonald scored on Jesse Chavez's wild pitch with two outs in the ninth. McDonald got the first of Cincinnati's two singles off Chavez (0-4), who then skipped a pitch past catcher Jason Jaramillo. Nick Masset (5-1) got the victory with one inning in relief on an eery afternoon.

"You could hear everything," McDonald said. "I think that makes it harder to focus when you can hear individual comments."

The game originally was rained out on April 10. A lot of bad things have happened to both teams since.

The Pirates went on yet

another trading spree, getting rid of most of their starters. Only Ryan Doumit and Adam LaRoche are left from the lineup that manager John Russell wrote out on that rainy April 10 night.

For the Reds, it's been all about injuries. Every starter from that game has been sidelined at some point in the season - 18 players overall have gone on the disabled list. Joey Votto was the only mainstay left in the lineup from April.

The mood matched the moment.

When the game began, 11 fans were scattered in the upper-deck bleachers in left field, attended by two ushers. When Pirates starter Daniel McCutchen - called up before the game and given No. 62 - threw a 92 mph fastball for his first pitch in the majors, a fan behind the Pirates dugout yelled: "There you go!"

The next pitch was gone, a homer by Stubbs into the lower deck in left. Two fans gave chase as the ball bounced up the empty concrete aisle.

After the fourth inning, the video board showed one fan surrounded by empty seats and played Eric Carmen's "All By Myself," drawing a smattering of applause and laughs from the other fans who knew the feeling.



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MLB

Pettitte takes perfect game into seventh in victory

Braves move within three games of NL Wild Card with victory; Lee's homer, four RBIs spark Astros in win

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — After an error ruined Andy Pettitte's bid for perfection, the left-hander's effort to console his dejected teammate was absolutely flawless.

Pettitte retired his first 20 batters before a lamentable seventh-inning sequence spoiled both his perfect game and no-hit bid, and the New York Yankees beat the Baltimore Orioles 5-1 Monday night.

Pettitte (12-6) was poised to finish the seventh without allowing a baserunner, but former Oriole Jerry Hairston Jr. let a two-out grounder by Adam Jones slip through his legs for an error. Hairston was playing in place of Alex Rodriguez, who was given the night off.

Nick Markakis followed with an opposite-field single inside the third-base line, drawing further groans from a crowd of 25,063 filled with Yankees fans.

Hairston felt terrible, but Pettitte eased his pain by giving him a hug in the clubhouse.

"He was kind of funny," Hairston said. "He was like, 'You took the pressure off me.' He goes, 'If I haven't thrown a no-hitter by now, then I'm not going to do it.' He was probably the best. He said he didn't want to throw nine innings anyway. That's what type of attitude he has."

Major leaguers long ago found out what kind of pitcher Pettitte is, and his performance against the Orioles showed that he's still got plenty of talent.

"After the fifth inning, I kind of started thinking about it a little bit. It was cool," Pettitte said. "You can't not with the fans; it seemed almost like we were at home, the fans were getting into it so much."

"It's neat for me to be able to do something like that this late in my career. There's not a whole lot that gets me excited, and I didn't get too, too excited about it yet, because I had a whole lot of outs to get. But it was fun."

After Melvin Mora led off the eighth with a home run, Pettitte completed his masterful effort by getting three straight outs.

The 37-year-old Pettitte took his dominance of the Orioles to a new level with a vintage pitching gem that enabled him to move into sole possession of third place on the Yankees career wins list. He broke a tie with Lefty Gomez with his 190th victory with New York, a number bested by only Hall of Famers Whitey Ford (236) and Red Ruffing (231).

Pettitte allowed one run and two hits, struck out eight and walked none to improve to 4-0 in his last seven starts. He's 26-6 lifetime against the Orioles, including 16-4 in Baltimore.

"I think that's the best I've seen Pettitte since I've been up here," said Markakis, in his fourth season with the Orioles. "He was just mixing up his pitches, going in and out, just putting it where he wanted it. I think his ball-to-strike ratio

speaks for itself. He was on tonight and he was tough."

Pettitte threw 104 pitches, 73 for strikes. It was the first time he went eight innings since July 20, 2008.

After retiring his first 15 batters, Pettitte began thinking he just might pull off the perfect.

"I went out there feeling like I've had such good stuff before and gone a few innings, two or three. ... It never comes about, ever," he said. "Like I said, after the fifth inning I really felt good, and I was throwing everything for strikes, putting it right where I wanted to. So it's like, hey, it could happen."

Then, after Hairston botched the grounder, he sheepishly returned the ball to Pettitte.

"I didn't look at him. Nobody feels worse than I do. It's kind of tough to swallow," Hairston said. "It's unfortunate. I really wanted him to do it. All of us did. It's just a shame. But what can you do? I just missed it."

Brian Bruney gave up a walk and a single in the ninth before Mariano Rivera got two outs for his 37th save — and career-best 33rd in a row.

The only thing resembling a close call against Pettitte over the first six innings came when Matt Wieters topped a slow grounder to third with one out in the sixth. Hairston picked up the ball barehanded, and his off-balance throw got Wieters by a step.

Nick Swisher homered and had three hits for the AL East-leading Yankees, who have won four straight and 21 of 27. New York is 10-3 against the Orioles this season.

Baltimore starter Jeremy Guthrie (9-13) allowed two runs and four hits in six innings. The right-hander was good, but on this night he needed to be near perfect to outpitch Pettitte.

Guthrie matched Pettitte for two innings, retiring the first six batters before Swisher led off the third with his 22nd homer and fourth against Baltimore. Melky Cabrera followed with a one-out double but did not advance.

New York used successive doubles by Robinson Cano and Swisher to make it 2-0 in the fourth.

The Yankees pulled away with a three-run eighth that featured an RBI single by Johnny Damon and a two-run double by Cano.

Braves 5, Marlins 2

Six innings in, Chipper Jones and the Braves didn't feel too good about their chances against the Marlins.

Then they figured out Josh Johnson.

Omar Infante hit a two-run triple in the seventh and Kenshin Kawakami pitched six effective innings to carry the Atlanta Braves past the Florida Marlins on Monday night, 5-2 in a matchup between NL wild-card contenders.

Johnson did not allow a hit until the sixth inning, when Matt Diaz lined a 2-2 slider to center field with two outs after Kawakami had a 10-pitch at-bat.

"It's a huge win, probably the biggest one of the year

especially sitting back and watching how the first six innings went," Braves third baseman Chipper Jones said.

David Ross, Adam LaRoche, and Yunel Escobar each drove in a run for the Braves in the opener of a four-game series.

With the win, Atlanta (69-62) moved within three games of wild-card co-leaders San Francisco (72-59) and Colorado (72-59), both of which were idle on Monday. Florida (68-63) has lost four of five to fall four games back.

"We are very fortunate we have played some really good baseball since the All-Star break," Jones said. "Pretty much all of September we are going against teams in our division so there won't be any surprises. We have two big series with Florida and I'm sure it's going to be tooth and nail the whole way."

In the seventh, Chipper Jones and Escobar singled off Johnson (13-4) ahead of Infante's triple to deep center field with two outs. Ross then made it 3-1 with a base hit up the middle, forcing Johnson out of the game.

"Just one bad pitch," Johnson said. "The other pitches were a broken bat and a jam shot. They hit one hard ball. It's just one of those days when things don't go your way."

Johnson allowed three runs and five hits in 6 2/3 innings. He struck out eight and walked three.

"Johnson is one of the top guys in baseball," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "You have to put him in the top five anyway, for me, in all of baseball and that's with some really good ones. He's that good. The kid is that good."

Kawakami (7-10) quietly kept the Braves in the game as he allowed one run and six hits in six innings. He threw 51 of his 75 pitches for strikes and struck out five without walking a batter.

"After giving up that one run, I knew I couldn't give up any more runs with how (Johnson) was pitching," Kawakami said through a translator.

LaRoche and Escobar each drove in a run with back-to-back base hits to right field off Dan Meyer in the eighth to stretch Atlanta's lead to 5-1.

"Anytime your best pitcher is on the mound, you want to win those games," Marlins manager Fredi Gonzalez said. "We didn't add on runs."

The Marlins took a 1-0 lead in the second inning when Jorge Cantu led off with a double down the left-field line and scored on a sacrifice fly to center by Dan Uggla.

Uggla added an RBI double in the ninth.

"There's no sense of urgency," Uggla said. "There's still time, there's still a lot of games left. We're all calm and relaxed and I'm pretty sure we're going to stay that way."

Astros 5, Cubs 3

Carlos Lee has a simple reason for putting up big numbers at Wrigley Field.

"I just think that I see the ball real good here," Lee said. "If you take a ballpark that you

see the ball real good, for me it's here. I hit a lot here - I got places I don't see the ball good and it's the other way around. It's funny how it works."

Sure is. Lee hit a two-run home run and drove in four runs Monday night, leading the Houston Astros to a 5-3 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

Lee has hit 20 of his 31 homers against the Cubs at the "Friendly Confines." He also had a two-run single to give him 85 RBIs against the NL Central division rival.

Lee came into the series after going 1 for 12 in a three-game series at Arizona.

"Guys have places that they swing the bat well they see the ball good in and Carlos swung the bat pretty good just in Arizona but he didn't get a whole lot of luck. Most guys usually have a ballpark where they're pretty comfortable," said Astros manager Cecil Cooper. "Maybe it's because he was a White Sox or something."

Roy Oswalt pitched seven strong innings for Houston, who won for just the second time in eight games.

Oswalt (8-5) bounced back after giving up a season high-tying 10 hits in six innings of a 3-2 loss to St. Louis on Wednesday. Oswalt is 5-1 since June 29 and the Astros have nine wins in Oswalt's last 11 starts. He allowed two runs on six hits, striking out three and walking one.

"Didn't really have my good stuff, though," Oswalt said. "I was able to locate some pitches but as far as feeling 100 percent I didn't really feel 100 percent."

Astros reliever LaTroy Hawkins allowed a solo shot to Derrek Lee in the eighth inning and Jose Valverde pitched a scoreless ninth for his 20th save in 24 opportunities. Michael Bourn made a diving catch in center on Koyie Hill's ball to end the game.

The Cubs fell six games behind Colorado and San Francisco in the NL wild-card race.

Chris Coste led off the fourth inning with a walk and advanced to second on a Oswalt's sacrifice bunt. Bourn followed with an RBI double off the ivy in center against Rich Harden. Harden walked Jeff Keppinger and Lance Berkman to load the bases. Then Lee lined a single to left, scoring Bourn and Keppinger.

In the fifth inning, Keppinger led off with a single and, one out later, Lee homered to left-center to put the Astros up 5-0. It was Lee's 22nd of the season.

Harden (8-8) allowed five runs on five hits in five innings. He struck out nine but walked six.

"It was one of those nights where I felt really good, maybe too good. I just had trouble getting a feel and getting into a rhythm and obviously walks killed me, I had a lot of those," Harden said. "It was either strikeout, a hit or a walk, not what the team needed tonight."

Harden was reportedly claimed on the waivers by the Twins, but Cubs general man-

ager Jim Hendry said there was no serious trade discussions between the Cubs and the Twins.

Harden said the reports were on his mind throughout the week.

"It was. You just can't ignore it," Harden said. "The whole thing was ridiculous. It had nothing to do with my performance today. Can't make excuses."

With one out in the fifth, Jeff Baker singled and scored from first on Hill's double. With two outs, Ryan Theriot hit an RBI single.

Milton Bradley was 0 for 4 for the Cubs and was booed after every out he made.

Twins 4, White Sox 1

Home runs by Joe Mauer and Jason Kubel in the third inning lifted Nick Blackburn and the Minnesota Twins to yet another Metrodome victory over the collapsing Chicago White Sox, 4-1 on Monday night.

The Twins crept within 3 1/2 games of first-place Detroit in the AL Central, leaving the White Sox six games back. Minnesota has won 15 of 17 against Chicago in its soon-to-be-vacated domed home.

The White Sox have lost eight of nine overall. They were so bad last week that manager Ozzie Guillen joked he was stealing money from owner Jerry Reinsdorf, and they finished August at 11-17.

Blackburn (9-9) matched his career high with seven strikeouts in seven strong innings, a big boost for his confidence and the team's struggling staff. Joe Nathan pitched a perfect ninth for his 35th save.

After giving up consecutive singles to start the first, Gavin Floyd struck out Mauer and finished unscathed, and shortstop Alexei Ramirez made two sharp, off-balance throws for outs from deep in the hole after snagging grounders in the second and fourth.

The Twins built their lead, though, with the defense-proof offense: the long ball. Mauer crushed the first pitch of his at-bat in the third into the upper deck for his 26th homer, and after Justin Morneau smacked a single, Kubel took Floyd's fastball into the football seats behind center field for a 3-0 lead.

That was all Blackburn needed. With the rotation decimated by injuries and a lack of minor league depth, the Twins are desperate for Blackburn to help stabilize the staff the way he did in the first half.

As the deadline to finalize postseason rosters arrived without any further action by the front office, the Twins are taking a rotation with two rookies into the September stretch drive after recently acquiring Carl Pavano to support their best starter, Scott Baker.

The third inning was a good sign Blackburn had his swagger back. With speedy Scott Podsednik at second base, the right-hander battled through a pesky at-bat by A.J. Pierzynski and struck out the scrappy catcher with a low fastball the stadium radar flashed at 93 mph.

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D-Line

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Hawaii Bowl win.

Irish head coach Charlie Weis said he expects a more physically mature Johnson to take another step forward this season.

"Ethan Johnson played a whole bunch last year, but he wasn't 285 [pounds] like he is right now," Weis said in a press conference. "There's a big difference. You look at him right now, he looks like a big muchacho."

The Irish will have their most experienced defensive lineman starting up the middle in junior nose tackle Ian Williams, who has played in all 25 games of his Notre Dame career. Last year, Williams totaled 40 tackles, including two for a loss. Weis said Williams also added a great deal of strength in the off-sea-

son, and could now power clean close to 400 pounds.

"Ian is probably in the best shape he's ever been in," Weis said. "It isn't just the power clean numbers, he's in really good shape."

Rounding out the starting line is sophomore Kapron Lewis-Moore, who may just be the biggest question mark. Even though he has yet to play a down for Notre Dame, Weis said he was confident in Lewis-Moore's ability to contribute in 2009.

"He came here at 220 [pounds], he's 265 [now]," Weis said. "He's a lot more ready for prime time than he was a year ago, without a drop off in his athleticism as well."

The Irish have several other players who will contribute in the defensive trenches in 2009 as well, most notably junior defensive end Kerry Neal and sophomore defensive tackle Hafis Williams.

"We're excited about our youth, our athleticism," Weis said. "I think with youth and athleticism comes some uncertainty as you go in."

The Irish also have a new face coaching the defensive line in Randy Hart, who was hired after Jappy Oliver resigned. Hart had coached at Washington for the previous 21 seasons, and said he was excited about taking over a line full of potential.

"Because we don't have the experience, the guys are excited and working hard," Hart said.

At the end of the day, Hafis Williams said what the Irish defensive line lacks in experience, they'd make up for in intensity.

"Our opponents are going to see a team that's like really hungry dogs and get after the ball every time," he said.

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Dealy

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"It was fun to play," Dealy said. "The team played really well, especially against Stanford."

Although young, Dealy is no stranger to contributing to the team. She was one of only two players to start every match in 2008, her first season. However, she said it was nothing special to be starting so much as a freshman.

"You have to make sure [you're] working hard, because it is a big responsibility," she said. "But I didn't really think about it."

Dealy put up several big numbers in her freshman season. She led the team in service aces (30), digs (325) and service receptions (30), and

was second in kills (324) and points (390.5).

"As a freshman it was hard," Dealy said. "But now I feel I can back up my spot better. I feel like I've earned my position on the team."

By starting every game, Dealy learned by doing as a freshman. She said she hopes those lessons will carry into her sophomore year.

"It helps knowing how the season goes," she said. "As a freshman you don't understand that every game is so crucial. This year I'm going to push as hard as I can in every game."

The Irish finished 2-1 in the Shamrock Invitational, defeating No. 5 Stanford Saturday but losing to LSU the next day.

"It was a wake-up call," Dealy said of the loss to LSU. "It let us know how hard we have to work. The Shamrock

is definitely indicative of the rest of the season, I think, if we play as well as we did against Stanford."

Dealy credited the older girls with helping her to feel comfortable right away.

"They definitely gave me advice," she said. "They didn't treat me like I was younger. They show you the way, but not too much, which was nice."

It can only mean good things for a team when even the sophomores are veterans, and Dealy said she thinks the Irish are going far.

"Obviously beating Stanford showed what we can do, but I think we can do even better," she said. "This is a really special year for Notre Dame volleyball."

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Five freshmen could start for Vols in opener

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Five true freshmen are among the possible starters for the Tennessee Volunteers when they open Sept. 5 against Western Kentucky.

Tennessee released a depth chart for the game on Friday that listed running back Bryce Brown, wide receiver Nu'Keese Richardson, defensive tackle Montori Hughes, cornerback Mike Edwards and free safety Janzen Jackson as freshmen who may start.

Coach Lane Kiffin has repeatedly said all players would have a chance to win a starting job.

"These coaches, they stuck to that so much, and I respect them so much for that," said junior Nick Stephens who is listed as backup to starting quarterback Jonathan Crompton. "I couldn't have asked anything more of coach Kiffin and these other coaches. It was a great opportunity."

Kiffin did not address the media after the depth chart was released on Friday afternoon.

The depth chart lists Brown or senior Montario Hardesty as the starting tailback with freshman David Oku behind them, though all three could see playing time in a game.

Projected to start with Richardson from a wide receiver corps depleted by injuries is senior Quintin Hancock, who did not catch a single pass last season.

Kiffin had already announced Crompton would start at quarterback and senior center Cody Sullins would start as Josh McNeil recovers from knee surgery. Junior Luke Stocker is projected

to start at tight end and junior Kevin Cooper at fullback.

Also listed as offensive starters are: senior tackle Chris Scott, senior guards Vladimir Richard and Jacques McClendon and either redshirt freshman Aaron Douglas or junior Jarrod Shaw at tackle.

All-American safety Eric Berry was the only Vol with a guaranteed starting position at the start of fall camp. He will be joined in the secondary by sophomore right cornerback Art Evans, sophomore Anthony Anderson or Edwards at left cornerback and Jackson or junior Dennis Rogan at free safety.

At defensive line is junior ends Gerald Williams and Chris Walker, senior tackle Wes Brown and either senior tackle Dan Williams or Hughes. Junior LaMarcus Thompson, junior Nick Reveiz and senior Rico McCoy will start at linebacker.

Richardson is listed to return punts and Oku and Rogan to return kickoffs. Junior Daniel Lincoln will start at place-kicker and junior Chad Cunningham will handle punts and kickoffs.

The Vols completed one last tough practice on Friday and were scheduled to do light scrimmaging work on Saturday before beginning their Western Kentucky game week preparations.

"Everything is getting ready for Western Kentucky now. After that big scrimmage (on Aug. 15), practice is a little toned down and all of that, but it's still high-tempo. Right now, a lot of us are basically still just fighting and battling, and the coaches are still pushing us hard, and we're just trying to come out here and deliver," Richard said.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Sophomore Smith named Vandy QB

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson went with youth over experience for his starting quarterback Monday.

Johnson announced redshirt sophomore Larry Smith is his starter, beating out senior Mackenzi Adams and redshirt junior Jared Funk. Smith started the Commodores' historic Music City Bowl win last December and is a former Alabama Mr. Football who led his high school team to a state title.

"All the time you do think of the future, but your big charge now is to win Saturday's game," Johnson said at his weekly news conference. "That's all we're concerned about. We're not playing for 2010, 2011. We're trying to have a big year this year. So our top charge is to try to get the player in there who's going to help us win games this year."

The Commodores love Smith's strong arm and his poise under pressure. Smith appeared in two games last season and was 19-of-34 for 167 yards with one touchdown

and one interception. That arm is what Johnson wants for an offense that must improve on 2008 when the Dores ranked 117th out of 119 Football Bowl Subdivision teams in total offense.

"We're going to try to move the ball, throw the ball downfield a little bit more than we have the last couple years. Larry also has a presence in the pocket. I think he sees the field very well and knows what we're trying to do with the offense. He's also used to winning a bunch of games," Johnson said.

Smith led Prattville High to a state title as a senior when he was Alabama's Mr. Football in all classes. A three-year starter, Smith led Prattville to a 39-2 record and set school records by throwing for 6,011 yards and 54 touchdowns. Better still, Smith never lost a regular-season game in high school.

"The best way to develop it is to get him in the game," Johnson said.

The Commodores open the season Saturday night at home against Western Carolina, eager to pick up where they left off 2008.

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Mierzwa

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play for Saint Mary's. Even as one of the newest additions to the team, Mierzwa has definitely stood out.

"It's a little early, but things have been going very well so far," Hamilton said. "She's been learning a lot from the other girls, and vice versa."

Mierzwa isn't new to the competitive golf scene, however. She has already made her mark in Poland on the golf course as a two-time national women's amateur champion.

"No doubt she is a great player, and definitely has that competitive drive," Hamilton said. "I think she'll learn how to play college golf from our team. She's a great addi-

tion to a good squad we already have."

The Belles have been showing their strength the last few years on the conference and national stage. Finishing second in the MIAA last fall, they came out strong in the spring and finished 10th at the NCAA Championships. However, for Hamilton and his Belles team, second in the conference isn't good enough.

"Our fall goal is always to win the MIAA championship which has eluded us the last three years," Hamilton said. "We want to position ourselves well again for the National Championship in the spring."

"We want to learn not how to just be a good team, but a great team."

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Belles

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tions," Crabbe said. "I'd like to see us get off to a positive start; however, I do expect some nervous energy and there will be mistakes."

The team has seven freshmen on the roster to open the season and Crabbe will look to them along with 17 returning players to help improve.

"They have done quite well so far," Crabbe said. "There are two in particular that will be called on to start and contribute. We have added depth at goalkeeper as well which was by far for our biggest priority coming into the 2009 season."

The Belles are returning eight players this fall that scored at least two goals last season to provide some offensive support.

Senior Micki Hedinger will be a major offensive weapon for the Belles this season again. She scored eight goals last season and, along with senior Sam Smogor and sophomore Katelyn Tondo-Steele, will look to provide a strong attack.

"From an attacking perspective I have high expectations from Micki Hedinger, Sam Smogor, and Katelyn Tondo-Steele," Crabbe said. "In addition, Colleen Ferguson, Jess Slean and Keely Noonan bring a full season of playing together in the midfield this year."

Crabbe also said he believes the defense has enough returning starters and depth to improve dramatically from last season.

"On our backline sees two new faces, Corissa Hart and Taylor Paton joining Bridget Ronanyne and Michelle Marshall," Crabbe said. "Also, we get Katie Wehrli back in 2009 after she missed much of 2008. I expect every player on our roster to contribute this fall."

Hedinger, and Tondo-Steele were second and third on the team respectively in scoring last season.

With last season's centralized scoring attacks, Crabbe hopes for everyone to contribute this season.

"I am looking for a good competitive attitude from all of our players, regardless of their role on the field," Crabbe said. "Our energy level when we defend will be important. Finally, we need our attacking players to take greater responsibility in front of goal this year. In 2008 we spent too much time waiting for one player to score all of our goals. This year we have quite a few players capable of contributing on the score-sheet."

After taking on Holy Cross today, the Belles will travel to Danville, Ky. this weekend to take part in the Centre College Tournament where they will face teams from Centre and Transylvania College.

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Michigan

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points in the season, and perhaps knock a chip off of the Big Ten, one of the top soccer conferences in the country.

"The Big Ten is a great conference, but you would always like to see more teams from your own conference in the postseason," Clark said. "This is a good opportunity to get some early points, both for us and for the Big East."

The Irish are glad to finally be out of preseason play and actually play some games that really count. The Irish swept the preseason, beating Northern Illinois twice and

shutting out Northwestern 1-0 in their last game at old Alumni Field.

"We are all looking forward to the Wolverines," Clark said. "Scrimmages are great, but there is no substitute for real action."

Now that the players have gotten into the rhythm of studying and playing, Clark believes the team is ready to step out on the pitch and make a statement.

"We are ready to start the season," Clark said. "We like this group and they have worked extremely hard all offseason. I am optimistic about what we can do this season."

Clark said he believes the team is well-served by facing the best teams in the country

every year, and playing a strong Michigan team right off the bat is a good way to test the waters immediately.

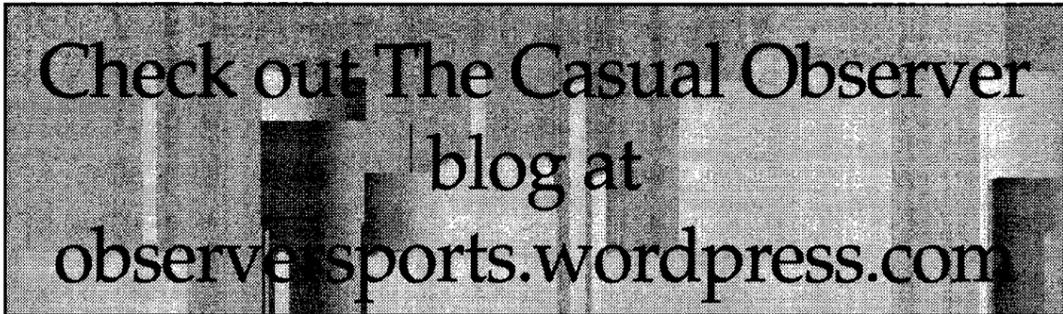
"This is a great opportunity to get off to a good start this season," Clark said. "This first game can set the tempo."

This Irish team has a chance to rebound from its early postseason exit last year and have a very strong showing this season.

"We have a good group. We have a very focused group. They are ready," Clark said.

The Irish will have a chance to prove they are ready at 7 this evening in Alumni Stadium.

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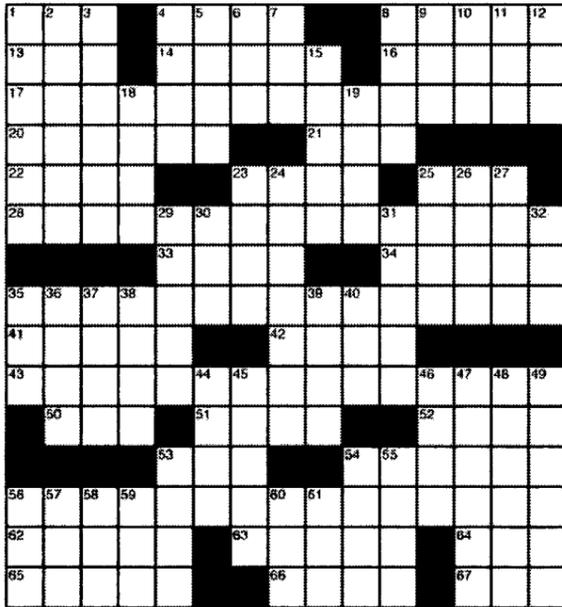
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 - 4 "Stat!"
 - 8 Seven-up and crazy eights
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 - 14 Jane of "Monster-in-Law"
 - 16 Disco-era suffix
 - 17 "Sure thing"
 - 20 Note in an E major scale
 - 21 Word before sheet or music
 - 22 Loughlin of "90210"
 - 23 Bygone despot
 - 25 Outfielder's asset
 - 28 "Chances are good"
 - 33 "_____ Said" (Neil Diamond hit)
 - 34 _____ Lama
 - 35 "It could go either way"
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- 1 "The Jungle Book" hero
 - 2 Oneness
 - 3 Insect monster of Japanese film
 - 4 Get an _____ effort
 - 5 Borscht, e.g.
 - 6 Amazon _____ (aggressive insect)
 - 7 "Stat!"
 - 8 Shocked reaction
 - 9 F.B.I. worker: Abbr.
 - 10 "You don't mean ME?!"
 - 11 Self-esteem
 - 12 Sequel title starter, sometimes
 - 15 Surrounding glows
 - 18 Precipitation that may be the size of golf balls
 - 19 Banjoist Scruggs
 - 23 The so-called fourth dimension
 - 24 Attire on the slopes
 - 25 Melville's obsessed captain
 - 26 Thing to play
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 - 35 AOL alternative
 - 36 Whom an M.P. hunts
 - 37 Hulking Himalayan of legend



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- 39 Range units: Abbr.
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- 46 "Movin' _____" ("The Jeffersons" theme)
- 47 Cheech or Chong persona
- 48 Gawking sorts
- 49 Where one might see "OMG" or "TTYL"
- 53 Hideous
- 54 Dojo blow
- 55 Brewery dryer
- 56 Deadeye's skill
- 57 Words said after "... so help you God?"
- 58 Keanu's "The Matrix" role
- 59 Wee bit
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Chad Brannon, 30; Jeff Hardy, 32; Chris Tucker, 37; Richard Gere, 60

Happy Birthday: Get ready to put all the ideas you've been mulling over the past couple of years to work for you. You'll require patience to make the right choices and get the best deals. There will be plenty of places to put your knowledge and experience to good use. Focus on making things happen, not just talking about it. Your numbers are 3, 8, 10, 22, 25, 37, 43

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The faster you put whatever isn't working properly behind you, the sooner you can move on to more important and lucrative ventures. Now is the time to catch up and progress. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your confidence should lead you into a professional or personal opportunity. Rely on your own abilities and foresight. Don't bend to criticism when you feel comfortable with the plans you have. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Give more thought before committing to something you will have trouble finishing. Even if you find something easy to do, it doesn't mean you should give your time and talent away without charging. Fight for your rights. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You know how much you are capable of doing; to call it quits too soon will work against you. Set your sights on bigger goals and you end up in a position of power. An argument is likely to occur; don't back down. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You have to show whoever you are dealing with that you mean business. All that's required is a little action and fair play. Love and romance should be penciled in for the evening hours. A little celebration will reinforce your goals. ★★★

VERGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You have to go about your business and make the best of what you've got going. If you are quick to react, you can parley something you come across into a financial gain. A change will help you see how many choices and options you have. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Avoid negative people or anyone trying to get you to do things you don't want to do. Don't take risks, especially when doing something physical. Fair play will win in the end. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take your turn but don't do the same thing everyone else is doing. It's your uniqueness that will make people take notice. Travel will do you good and help you realize what you should be doing next. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Sometimes taking a back seat or letting others have a chance to go first pays off. Waiting to see how people react before you make a decision will spare you a costly mistake. Patience isn't one of your strong points but, for now, wait your turn. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your ability to make concessions to accommodate others will give you the upper hand. Knowing the people you are dealing with will help you make the right choices when negotiating. Getting angry or pushing your will on others will work against you. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do not confide in anyone for the time being. The less attention you give others, the better. Make your choices based on familiarity and good common sense. Trying to be someone or something you are not will lead to loss. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You need to be in control if you want to get your plans off the ground. Don't allow anyone else to take over. You can make headway by partnering with someone trying to accomplish the same results. ★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You are persistent, competitive and demanding. You are well-spoken, flexible and strong and will do whatever is necessary to reach your goals.

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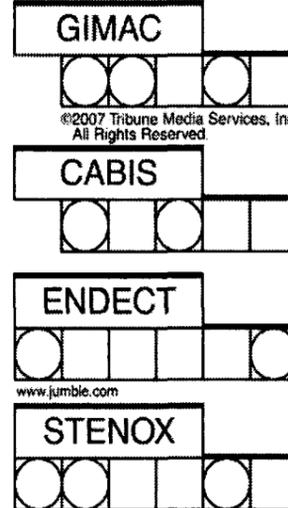
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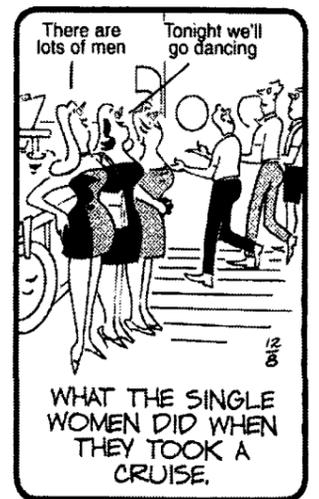
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



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

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish open season, Alumni Stadium against Wolverines

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The No. 10 Irish look to kick off the regular season with a win this evening at newly constructed Alumni Stadium against a No. 21 Michigan team that defeated Notre Dame 3-1 last year.

"There is huge excitement to be playing in the new stadium," Irish coach Bobby Clark

said. "It must be one of the finest college venues in the country."

The new \$5.7 million stadium was the generous gift of the alumni and in particular of former Irish soccer players Tom Crotty and Rob Snyder.

"We would really like to thank the former players for coming back and doing this for us," Clark said.

Taking the pitch opposite the Irish is No. 21 Michigan,

who were able to best the Irish last year by scoring three goals, a rarity in that season.

"They were able to put three on us, which you did not see much last year," Clark said. "I do not want to say we are out for revenge this year, but we will definitely take them seriously."

The main issue for the Irish will be containing the Wolverines' potent attack.

Michigan brings back five starters and 17 letter-winners from last season's squad, representing a team that knows how to score.

"Michigan is a good team with some very good players," Clark said. "They are a good attacking team that gets players forward."

Clark believes Notre Dame has an answer for the Wolverines attack as long as they stay within their game

and play balanced soccer.

"I believe a team always needs to take what the other team is giving them, and then use whatever is appropriate," Clark said. "We are a well-rounded team. We have good speed, good technical ability, and a good idea of how to play together."

This game also marks a good opportunity to get early

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FOOTBALL

Young and restless

Defensive line filled with youth and talent

By SAM WERNER
Associate Sports Editor

Heading into the 2009 season, the Irish defensive line may be one of Notre Dame's most talented, if least experienced, position units.

"I think we've got a lot of young guys who've got a lot of potential," sophomore defensive tackle Ethan Johnson said. "We've got a lot of team speed."

Johnson appears to have the most potential of any Irish defensive lineman. As a freshman in 2008, the Portland, Ore. native appeared in all 13 games, racking up 18 tackles and 3.5 sacks, including two in Notre Dame's

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Junior noseguard Ian Williams starts off the line against North Carolina in a 29-24 loss in Chapel Hill on Oct. 11. Williams will anchor the middle of the Irish defense alongside sophomore Ethan Johnson.

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SMC SOCCER

Hopeful Belles face Holy Cross

By KATELYN GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The Belles hope to rebound from a disastrous 2008 campaign when they host Holy Cross in their home opener at 4 p.m. Saint Mary's went 2-13-1 last season and 1-7 in the MIAA.

The players have been training for two weeks, and second-year head coach Ryan Crabbe wants to see how the team responds to a more competitive atmosphere.

"There are some new faces in the lineup along with some returning players in new posi-

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SMC GOLF

Polish freshman leads Belles in tourney debut

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Freshman Martyna Mierzwa may be a long way from home, but nothing could stop her as she led the Saint Mary's golf team to a second place finish in their first invitational last weekend.

The Ponzan, Poland, native tore up the course last Saturday and Sunday to start off the season with a two-day finish of 155, tying her for third place.

Shooting a 76 the first day and coming back with a 79 the second, Mierzwa stood out as the lead

freshman in the four-team tournament. Mierzwa tied University of Indianapolis individuals Megan Kiley and Lauren Vogt for the third place title, only two strokes behind Indianapolis's Sarah Prascsak's second place finish. Greyhound junior and 2009 D-II Individual Champion Lyndsay McBride was only seven strokes ahead of the freshman Belle to win the invitational overall.

Saint Mary's coach Mark Hamilton heard about Mierzwa through a friend of a friend on the golfing scene, and brought her to

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ND VOLLEYBALL

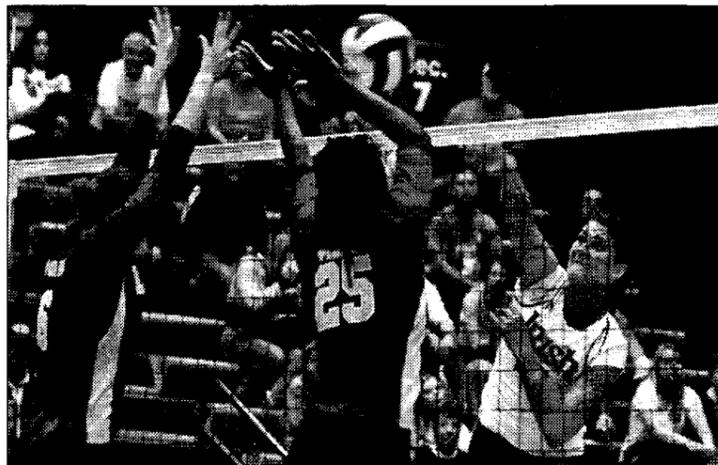
Dealy shines at Shamrock

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

It seems Notre Dame's six seniors have dominated the storylines in the early part of the new season — but don't tell Kristen Dealy.

The sophomore outside hitter is already distinguishing herself after posting 33 kills, 25 digs and 34 total points at this weekend's Shamrock Invitational. The performance earned her recognition as part of the all-tournament team.

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Notre Dame sophomore Kristen Dealy follows through on a spike against LSU on Sunday in a 3-0 victory for the Tigers.

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