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University sues former employee for fraud

ND alleges worker inappropriately received \$29,387; Gaspar claims she informed school three times of misappropriation

TIMELINE	Jan 15	Gaspar begins her employment with Catering ... by Design
	Apr 17	Gaspar receives gratuity for \$29,387
	Apr 17, 20, 28	Gaspar claims she attempted to contact University
	May	University discovers the mispayment
	Jun	University contacts Gaspar about mispayment
	Aug 27	University files suit against Gaspar
	Sept 10	Gaspar files letter telling her side of story

MARY CECILIA MITSCH | Observer Graphic

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Associate News Editor

The University filed suit in St. Joseph County Circuit Court against one of its former employees on Aug. 27, alleging that the defendant was wrongfully overcompensated.

According to the court documents, the defendant, Sara Gaspar, who had worked for Catering... by Design since Jan. 15, was paid the inappropriate gratuity of \$29,387 — instead of the \$29.87 to which she was entitled.

"[The] defendant did not notify the University about

the inappropriate gratuity, but instead used the money to purchase a motor vehicle and make other payments," the suit claimed. "The University discovered the mistake in May 2009 and requested repayment but [the] defendant has refused to make any repayment of the inappropriate gratuity."

In a letter filed with the Court on Sep. 10, Gaspar said while she did use the money to buy a car and pay off some debts, she did attempt to contact the University three times after first noticing the inappropriate payment on

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RHA calls for recount due to fraud

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

Although Residence Hall Association (RHA) of Saint Mary's College announced the election results for President and Vice President of each residence hall Sept. 11, the results were eventually recanted on Sept. 14 after it was revealed that some students had voted more than once.

"I can neither confirm nor deny whether or not there were candidates that voted more than once, but I can verify that students voted more than once," Patrick Daniel, Director of Student Involvement, said.

The voting discrepancies were not due to errors in the voting system, Daniel said.

Although PRISM has been used in the past for voting, the "snap" system was used for the elections that took place this academic year. This system is established through Saint Mary's Institutional Research office that is responsible for conducting and reviewing survey information that is not limited to student activities; it reviews survey information for the entire college, Daniel said.

The "snap" system pairs a specific link in the voting survey to a specific student. This is how those who review the votes are able to know the name of the student, the stu-

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Student body relieved after close victory

McCarthy's game-winning interception helps calm campus after MSU almost pulls upset



COLEMAN COLLINS/The Observer

Students celebrate after watching Irish safety Kyle McCarthy snag a crucial interception in the final minutes of Saturday's game.

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

There was a collective sigh of relief across Notre Dame Stadium as the final whistle blew signaling the end of the Irish's 33-30 victory over the Michigan State Spartans on Saturday. It took Irish safety Kyle McCarthy's interception within the final minute of the game to secure the win and save the Irish from another last-minute defeat.

"It was like Michigan all over again, minus us losing," junior Bradley McDonald said.

Sophomore Josh Sandler

agreed the game was much too close for his liking.

"It was ugly," Sandler said. "But I guess there's something to be said about being able to win an ugly game."

With 11 penalties against the Irish costing a total of 99 yards, the officiating was something that many students found fault with.

"It was more balanced than Michigan," junior Kyle Bailey said. "But I thought they made a bad call when they brought back Michael Floyd's touchdown."

Sandler said he very upset with the officiating and thought

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Mahony discusses 'Year of Priests'

By LAUREN JACOBI
News Writer

Cardinal Roger M. Mahony, archbishop of Los Angeles, discussed the importance of the relationship between the Ministerial Priesthood and the Baptismal Priesthood at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies Friday afternoon.

"This 'Year for Priests' is more than a focus on the unique role of the ordained priesthood within the Catholic Church; it is a focus on the priesthood that every baptized member is called to, the Baptismal Priesthood," Mahony said.

In order to understand the role of the Baptismal Priesthood, Mahony said, we

first must come to fully understand the role of the Ministerial or Ordained Priesthood.

Mahony said priests must build up the Church by practicing the three-fold mission of witness, worship and service.

"The role of the Ministerial Priesthood is not one of simply presiding over the sacraments, but is also a role of leadership within a community of co-responsibility," he said.

According to Mahony, the responsibility of the ordained priests is to engage the priesthood within the people and then represent the meaning of priesthood for them. Priests do this best when viewing themselves as a part of the Baptized community, rather than above

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TAYLOR ITSELL/The Observer

Cardinal Roger Mahony, archbishop of Los Angeles, speaks about the 'Year of Priests' at the Hesburgh Center Friday.

INSIDE COLUMN

Hook ups: Two can play

Naming names in this column is not something that has been previously done, nor something I will begin to do now, but this John Tucker knows who he is, and that is good enough for me.

There is a difference between dating, hooking up and being in a relationship. As many people may be familiar with dating is awkward, hooking up is generally done while under the influence and relationships are messy, but hopefully worth the reward. However, when you attempt to mix the three, there will be trouble.

In my experience, which may be limited but isn't altogether unimportant, women don't generally try to do this. It is often times the guys who, upon arriving at college, feel the need to assert their manhood (among other things) by seeing how many girls they can score. Now personally, I see no harm in this to be honest, as long as the men are up front with their intentions, I don't judge.

In fact, I don't judge people as a rule of thumb. However, when what a certain male has done affects one of your friends, there must be some sort of retribution. In this case, I don't believe in violence, but I do believe in words.

One day, and maybe this is simply my wishful thinking, you will have done to you what you have done to these women and it will give you at least some small twinge of regret. But in reality, we all know this isn't true. So, what I am saying now goes out to all those women who have been scorned.

The Golden Rule no longer applies. The only way to make a guy like this empathize is to make him feel your pain. So, learn how to date like these men date, and maybe you will begin to learn why they are the way they are.

In the end ladies, this isn't to teach them a lesson. More than likely, they don't have the mental capacity to learn it. What this will hopefully accomplish for you is an understanding. In this way, the next time you meet a guy who is simultaneously dating, trying to hook up and nursing a relationship, you will know. His MO will be painfully obvious.

The only goal I have with these words is to prevent those girls who are looking for genuine togetherness to steer as far away from these guys as possible. For those of you who don't mind playing games, I am simply giving you more openings to play with.

In the end, I suppose, all any girl really wants is to have a little fun. So, how about we have a little fun at his expense for once, and not our own.

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Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE BIG 10 REFS IN THIS SATURDAY'S GAME?



Marissa Baun

senior
Lyons

"I just thought they were totally unfair!"



Adam Fonseca

senior
St. Edward's

"Big 10 really isn't that big."



Fritz Schoenhut

junior
St. Edward's

"They can have my big 10."



Brendan Dougherty

freshman
St. Edward's

"Interhall refs are better than Big 10 refs."



Cathy Rivera

freshman
Howard

"It was frustrating watching them make all those calls against us. Just not fair!"



Jackie Bowe

freshman
Pangborn

"I obviously didn't agree with them. It could have turned out bad but luckily it didn't."

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



GRACE KENESEY/The Observer

St. Edward's celebrates a touchdown at an interhall football match against Carroll Hall. Fritz Schoenhut is dressed as Scooby Doo. Carroll Hall went on to win the match, 7 to 6.

OFFBEAT

Naked man, 91, holds drunk intruder at gunpoint

LAKE WORTH, Fla. — Authorities said a naked 91-year-old man was able to hold a drunken intruder at gunpoint until deputies arrived. Robert E. Thompson jumped out of bed early Saturday when his dog started growling and attacking the intruder. He said he got his revolver and went out back to let the guy know how he felt about home invaders.

Thompson, a World War II veteran, said he didn't even notice he was standing outside in the dark

without any clothes on.

Authorities arrived to find a drunk intruder being held outside by a naked homeowner.

The 26-year-old intruder was booked into the Palm Beach County Jail on a burglary charge.

Woman uses \$20 bill from 1934 at local UPS store

DICKINSON, N.D. — What a Dickinson business manager thought was a worthless counterfeit \$20 bill turned out to be worth more than even face value. A woman who came into the UPS Store paid with a \$20 bill that

had been printed in 1934. Store manager Nancy Kostecky said the bill is in pristine condition.

The woman who paid with the bill was unsure where she got it. Kostecky said it's a mystery where it came from and why it had not been in circulation. She ended up buying it from the woman.

Dickinson Police Detective Chris Coates did some checking and says similar bills are selling on eBay for up to \$134.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Free flu shots will be available to Notre Dame faculty, staff and students on Tuesday through Thursday, at Stepan Center from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, and 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday. Current ND ID and short sleeves required.

A lecture, FTT Talks: Douglas Lieblien, will be held Sept. 24 at 160 Mendoza College of Business at 6 p.m. Lieblien, Emmy-nominated writer and Co-Executive Producer of Hannah Montana, will present "Crazy Town Incorporated." This event is free.

A lecture, "Comparative and World Literature Today," will be held Friday at 209 DeBartolo Hall from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Emily Apter, professor of French and Comparative Literature at New York University, will be giving the lecture.

Northeast Neighborhood Council's Annual Back to School Picnic will be held Sept. 25 at the Robinson Community Learning Center from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Notre Dame faculty, staff and students are invited for free food and entertainment.

A film, "Earth Days" (2009), will be shown at the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Friday at 9:30 p.m. The film recounts the history of the modern environmental movement. Buy tickets online at performingarts.nd.edu or at the Ticket Office.

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

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CORRECTIONS

In the Sept. 18th issue of The Observer, the front page cutline incorrectly referred to Jordan Prebys as a student viewing the "Thin" exhibit. Prebys is not a student at the University. The Observer regrets this error.

Target chief stresses values

By ROBERT SINGER
Assistant News Editor

A business strategy guided by employee development and steady values can allow a company to compete with the world's largest retailer, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Target Corp. Gregg Steinhafel said during a "Boardroom Insights" lecture Friday in the Mendoza Business College.

In the early 1990s, when Wal-Mart began to implement more aggressive pricing tactics, Target faced a "crossroads" — the retailer could compete with Wal-Mart and Kmart for the same consumer base, or it could develop a new strategy, Steinhafel said.

"That was when Wal-Mart was gaining incredible momentum and they were basically wiping out everybody, and we had to decide, are we going to compete with them?" he said.

Steinhafel said rather than targeting the same market segment as Wal-Mart and Kmart, the executives at Target decided to market their store to wealthier consumers.

"The second decision that we made is that we're going to differentiate ourselves from them. We decided to make a more upscale franchise," he said. "Kmart and Wal-Mart fought for the same demographic. We knew if we didn't attack differently, we wouldn't be around."

From insights gained during Target's business transition, Steinhafel discussed the importance of talent development, a foundation of firm values and balancing the needs of a corporation's constituencies. He said one of the key differences between Target and its biggest competitor is their respective corporate cultures.

"I would tell you this: they are a productivity culture, we are a development culture," he said. "They focus on primarily results. We focus both on what you do and how you do it."

Steinhafel explained Target's development culture, emphasizing its focus on employee cohesion and continuing education as well as "organizational alignment."

"It's not different than what you do as students and faculty for pep rallies," Steinhafel added.

To stimulate excitement and camaraderie among employees for selling consumer products, Target holds a national convention annually with celebrity appearances, well-known music groups and a fashion show.

Steinhafel also discussed the importance of developing effective leaders within a company.

"I spend a lot of time on talent. If they tell you it's strategy or execution, it doesn't matter unless you have the right team in place to get it done," he said. "Eventually, if

you don't have a company that breeds great leaders, it's not a self-sustaining strategy."

According to Steinhafel, Target serves four main groups — guests, communities, team members and shareholders — and none of these constituencies can be neglected.

He said Target seeks to help its customers differentiate themselves from shoppers at other stores, helping them to take on a more appealing identity.

"We call them guests not shoppers, because we want to treat our shoppers' aspirations," he said.

But Steinhafel said a good business treats all its constituencies with equal appreciation.

"If you only focus on your shopper, you're probably not focusing on your shareholders and that's going to limit your growth," he said.

Steinhafel also emphasized that people should have expectations for corporations that go beyond the balance sheet, citing "bad pay practices" and other detrimental behavior from corporations that "can put their enterprises at risk and put the country at risk."

"We were founded in a way that put corporate values right at the center of who we are as an organization," he said.

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TAYLOR ITSELL/The Observer

Cardinal Mahony fields questions from the crowd following his lecture on the importance of the priesthood.

Mahony

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them due to ordination, he said.

"Priests today must know how to draw all members together in communion and service," he said. "Thus, creating a strong community of participation and collaboration."

Mahony said one of the most important parts of a priests' life is teaching.

"In order to foster participation and collaboration among the baptized faithful, a priest's primary duty must become one of teacher," he said.

Mahony said teaching is much more than the delivery of a good homily, however. Teaching involves guiding, leading, enlightening and encouraging the baptized faithful so as to create a community of participation and collaboration.

"The relationship between the Ministerial Priesthood and the

Baptismal Priesthood is that the Ministerial Priesthood is at the service of the Baptismal Priesthood and is the means by which Christ builds up and leads His Church," he said.

For his final point, Mahony drew on the most recent encyclical of Pope Benedict XVI, "Teaching Charity in Truth," arguing how this encyclical reiterates the relationship between the ordained and the baptized.

In "Teaching Charity in Truth," Pope Benedict XVI said the Church is given moral authority to work out the social problems that the world faces today.

"The Ordained Priesthood must begin small. Through the Homily, they must invite their Parishes to be alert of a social order more in line with the Church's Teachings. Yet, at the same time, they cannot simply tell their parishioners what to do," Mahony said.

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Bookstore hosts Snuggie give-away through Facebook

As many as 50 students can win popular blanket-robe as promotion will last throughout 2009 football season

By TESS CIVANTOS
News Writer

Florida State's football team may be ahead of Notre Dame's in the polls, but the Notre Dame bookstore's marketing manager is winning in the friendly rivalry between the two schools' marketing managers — thanks to its "snuggie" give-away.

"We have a bit of a rivalry with Florida State because my friend is the marketing manager there," Kristin Blitch, marketing manager for the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, said. "It's a friendly competition, but I'm determined to prove that Notre Dame rules all."

The Bookstore will give away 50 snuggies, or blankets with sleeves, emblazoned with the Notre Dame logo throughout the football season. Winners are selected from the 1,840 fans of the Facebook page for the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. Florida State's bookstore does not have a Facebook page.

The Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore has previously given away a free copy of The Shirt to every 100th fan, but chose to

give away snuggies this year because of their growing popularity.

"Everyone loves snuggies," Blitch said.

Four snuggies will be given away at each football game. If the winner joined the Facebook page thanks to a friend's suggestion, the friend will also receive a gift.

"Anyone who's a fan of the bookstore can win," Blitch said. "But this is primarily intended for students because students would enjoy it the most."

The exact formula for choosing winners is still a work in progress.

"We're open to suggestions," Blitch said. "We'd like to do something creative, like using the score at the end of each quarter to pick a winner."

The Notre Dame snuggie promotion has a two-fold purpose, Blitch said. It is partly a way to attract students to join the bookstore's Facebook page, so that students can be notified of special discounts and other benefits. It is also a way to create some fun for participating students.

"We know how hard you work and how much studying takes out of you," Blitch said. "It's fun to get things for free."

The snuggies were donated by the bookstore and the variety shops and are also available for sale in the bookstore.

Junior Becky Sharon saw the promotion on her Facebook home page and decided to join, hoping that she would "luck out" and win a snuggie against the odds.

"They look really warm," Sharon said. "And you can never have enough Notre Dame gear."

Sophomore Brian Bettonville enjoyed how easy it was to enter the promotion. His mother has a snuggie at home, so he has first-hand experience with snuggies.

"I have always thought that the snuggie was more of a punch line than a useful blanket," Bettonville said. "But I would definitely use it if I won."

The Notre Dame-branded snuggies hold a particular appeal for students and fans.

"I think the Notre Dame ones look cool," Bettonville said. "If you can say that any snuggies truly look cool."

Although the Bookstore is using the snuggie promotion to convince students to become fans of its Facebook page, Bettonville thinks that the pro-

motion is not entirely necessary.

"I didn't mind being a fan of the bookstore and might have been a fan of it even without the give-away," Bettonville said.

The winners of the Michigan State snuggie give-away will be announced Monday on the bookstore's Facebook page.

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April 17 — once that day, once on April 20 and once on April 28.

"I never heard a word back," Gaspar said in a statement to the court.

However, University spokesman Dennis Brown said Notre Dame did attempt to contact Gaspar to arrange for a mutually beneficial settlement outside of court.

"We made every effort to resolve this matter before litigation, but were unable to do so," Brown said.

Moreover, Brown claimed the stories that sprung up in the national media last week publicizing the lawsuit omitted some key details. However, he would not elaborate any further.

"There's more to this than what has been reported, but we're not going to debate these issues through the media," he said. "We're confident of our position in this matter and we're going to let the legal system take its course."

The University's suit alleges one claim of unjust enrichment, one claim of fraud and one claim of conversion.

"[The] defendant knew the payment was in error and should have notified the University, but instead accepted and used the inappropriate gratuity," the suit said. "The defendant's knowing and intentional acceptance and use of the inappropriate gratuity is an act of fraud."

Ultimately, Notre Dame is

asking for Gaspar to repay the \$29,387 as well as "awarding the University its costs and expenses incurred in this action, including attorney fees, and all other just and proper relief."

Gaspar, however, alleged the University is "not telling the whole truth."

"I am very frightened and I know that no matter what I do I will never win against a power such as this school," she said in her statement.

Gaspar said she believed no one wanted to respond to her three calls because of an incident she claims occurred while she was working at an alumni function.

"A Gentleman (use loosely) who was an Alumni grabbed my private area while I was serving food," she said. "I told [redacted] about this incident

and he laughed. So I thought maybe that was why no one wanted to talk to me."

Gaspar said in June she "received a phone call threatening me that I had to repay this amount [but] by then I had bought a vehicle."

Gaspar said she is willing to take a lie detector test to combat the claims that she never attempted to contact the University, and she has been suffering emotional problems since receiving the summons.

"I had told my whole family and I thought finally something wonderful had happened in my life," she said. "Now I am suffering severe anguish and depression over this. I feel frightened enough that I have thought about doing very severe things."

Gaspar said her employment at Catering... by Design has since been terminated

and now she has no money to pay for her own attorney, let alone the University's.

"I have no home, no money, all the money is gone to pay for bills and I still have medical bills," she said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Cubans flock to 'peace concert'

HAVANA — Hundreds of thousands of Cubans flocked to sprawling Revolution Plaza on Sunday for an open-air "peace concert" headlined by Colombian rocker Juanes, an event criticized by some Cuban-Americans who say the performers are lending support to the island's communist government simply by showing up.

Miguel Bose, one of the other singers in the mega-concert, announced the crowd size at 1.15 million. It was impossible to independently verify that number, but Juanes' visit to Cuba was clearly the biggest by an outsider since Pope John Paul II's 1998 tour.

Hundreds of public buses ferried young and old to the concert site, and the government laid on even more transportation, hoping for a large turnout.

Sudan claims more victories in Darfur

KHARTOUM — The Sudanese army said Sunday it has cleared several more areas of rebel control in North Darfur province ahead of peace talks set for October. Rebels denied the government claims.

The state news agency quoted the military saying it had targeted in particular the Sudan Liberation Army of exiled rebel leader Abdelwahid Elnur, the largest rebel movement.

There was no word about casualties, only that the army had "purged the areas of the remnants" of the rebels.

The government claims could not be independently verified. They follow rebel reports of intense fighting in the area starting Thursday. SLA members said at least three of their fighters were killed and many civilians were displaced.

NATIONAL NEWS

Obama sends team to Olympic site

WASHINGTON — The White House is sending an advance team to Copenhagen, Denmark, to make preparations in case President Barack Obama decides to attend the International Olympic Committee's meeting there next month, an administration official says.

The committee will choose a host city for the 2016 summer Olympics during the Oct. 2 meeting. Obama's hometown of Chicago is a finalist, but the president has said he can't commit to attending the meeting because of the health care reform debate in the U.S.

First lady Michelle Obama, a Chicago native, will attend and make a presentation to the committee.

The White House official spoke on background because a final decision has not yet been made on the president's plans.

Army's ROTC ranks increase

NORTHFIELD, Vt. — Burgeoning ranks of Army ROTC students are filling college classrooms around the nation this fall as the Army seeks to beef up its officer corps with its generous scholarship program that pays the college tuition of students who are commissioned as 2nd lieutenants when they graduate.

At the hillside campus of Norwich University, the nation's oldest private military college, more than three times as many Army ROTC students are enrolled this year over last. Most of the nation's 273 colleges and universities with ROTC programs report similar increases as the Army grows its officer corps.

LOCAL NEWS

Indiana ranks 2nd in methlab seizures

WEST LAFAYETTE — Authorities say a 2005 Indiana law limiting cold medicine sales led to a decline in homegrown methamphetamine labs, but abuse of the drug is still a significant problem in the state.

Indiana ranks second in the country for meth lab seizures and incidents reported to the Drug Enforcement Agency. It was one of 16 states recently targeted for an educational campaign by the White House's Office of National Drug Control Policy.

The new educational campaign began Sept. 1 and highlights addiction recovery and meth use prevention.

Marijuana legislation causes chaos

Laws on medicinal uses of drug create confusion and bring lawsuits in Wash.

Associated Press

SEATTLE — In one corner of Washington state, a 62-year-old rheumatoid arthritis patient could face more than eight years in prison for growing marijuana for himself and three others. In Seattle, meanwhile, a collection of grow operations serves 2,000 people with little interference from police.

The discrepancy is typical of the confusion that has reigned since voters passed Washington's medical marijuana law more than a decade ago. Nor have things improved much since the state clarified how much pot patients can have last year.

Unlike some states, Washington requires patients to grow marijuana themselves or designate a caregiver to grow it for them. For many, that's unrealistic: They're too sick to grow cannabis themselves and don't have the thousands of dollars it can cost for a caregiver to set up a proper growing operation.

So they've devised their own schemes, claiming to meet the letter of the law in establishing collective grows or storefront dispensaries — methods that are making police and prosecutors increasingly uncomfortable.

"The spirit of the law would recognize the necessity of having small cooperative ventures," said Dan Satterberg, the prosecutor in King County, where Seattle is. "But if they get past a certain size, become a magnet for neighborhood violence, or you get other people showing up to buy marijuana who are not permitted to under the law, then there's tension."

Three years ago, Satterberg's office declined to prosecute a man who was growing 130 plants for 40 people. But a case this year may be testing his tolerance: He hasn't decided whether to charge a hepatitis patient caught with 200 plants, which he claimed supplied more than 100 other patients.



Marijuana plants, as shown on Sept. 15 in Seattle, are distributed to medical patients who have received doctor's authorization to use the drug to treat their illnesses.

Some activists and the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington recently began discussions with Seattle police over whether to limit the size of cooperative grows.

In Spokane this month, police shut down a medical marijuana dispensary — the first such bust in the state — and arrested the two owners. They warned a half-dozen other dispensaries to close as well, and the raid quickly drew protests from patients. The raid has set up a high-profile court fight.

Approved by voters in 1998, it allows doctors to recommend cannabis as a treatment for a series of debilitating or terminal conditions — a smaller range of illnesses than California's law. A year ago, the state

issued guidelines to give police and patients alike an idea of how much pot was OK: Up to 15 plants and 24 ounces of dried marijuana per patient. People can have more if they demonstrate need.

Police in some jurisdictions have applied the guidelines strictly, arresting people simply for having more than 15 plants, even if they possessed no usable marijuana. In Seattle, Satterberg issued a memo to law enforcement saying he wasn't interested in dragging sick people to court. Some other counties have also adopted a lenient view.

Washington's law says that a caregiver can only provide marijuana to one patient at any one time. In Spokane this year, medical marijuana

activists focused on that language in setting up a for-profit dispensary called Change.

Lawyer Frank Cikutovich said the business met legal requirements: A lone patient would enter the store, sign a document designating the shop as his or her caregiver, and buy marijuana. The agreement expired when the patient left and the next customer came in.

The business, raided on Sept. 10, rendered the "one patient, one caregiver" rule meaningless, Spokane police spokeswoman Jennifer DeRuwe said. She said there was peripheral crime associated with the dispensary, including robberies at grow sites and street sales from people who had purchased pot there.

RUSSIA

Russia will not deploy missiles near Poland

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia said Saturday it will scrap a plan to deploy missiles near Poland since Washington has dumped a planned missile shield in Eastern Europe. It also harshly criticized Iran's president for new comments denying the Holocaust.

Neither move, however, represented any significant ground. A plan to place Iskander missiles close to the Polish border was merely a threat. And while the Kremlin has previously criticized Tehran for questioning the reality of the Holocaust, Russian leaders have refused to back Western push for tougher sanctions against Iran.

It still remains unclear whether

Moscow will make any significant concessions on Iran and other issues in response to President Barack Obama's move to scrap the Bush-era plan for U.S. missile defense in Poland and the Czech Republic.

Russia's Deputy Defense Minister Vladimir Popovkin told Ekho Moskvy radio Saturday that Obama's move has made the deployment of Iskander short-range missiles in the Kaliningrad region unnecessary.

He described Obama's move as "victory of reason over ambitions."

"Naturally, we will cancel countermeasures which Russia has planned in response, one of which was the deployment of Iskander missiles in the Kaliningrad region," Popovkin said.

Popovkin's statement was the most explicit declaration yet of Russia's intention to scrap the plan after Obama's decision, which was announced Thursday.

Popovkin later added, however, that the final decision on the subject can only be made by Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, Russian news agencies reported. Medvedev hasn't yet spoken on the issue.

Russia staunchly opposed the plan by the former administration of George W. Bush to deploy 10 missile interceptors in Poland and a related radar in the Czech Republic and said if the project went ahead it would respond by deploying the Iskander missiles in its westernmost Baltic Sea region.



Notre Dame fans cheer on the Irish against the Spartans Friday. Michigan State almost upset the Irish.



Cornerback Raeshon McNeil, center, celebrates with fans after McCarthy's interception had sealed the Irish victory.

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that it really hindered the Irish.

"To me, it's mind-blowing that another Big 10 crew comes to our game and reviews as many plays as they did," he said.

Most Notre Dame fans were incredibly thankful for McCarthy's interception on the four-yard line with 57 seconds left in the game, in the middle of a Michigan State drive that was poised to score.

"If he hadn't made that interception I think MSU would have scored at least a field goal which would have put us into overtime," junior Eddie Corrigan said. "But I have faith that we would have won overtime and the defense would have been able to make at least one stop."

McDonald said that he thinks the Irish would have won regardless of McCarthy's interception.

"There's always a chance of anything happening but I think that we would have only allowed MSU a field goal and

that we would have won in overtime," he said.

One thing that is a concern for Irish football fans is the injuries from yesterday's game.

Quarterback Jimmy Clausen missed two plays after sustaining an injury he received to his right foot when he was sacked in the second quarter.

"If he's really hurt it's particularly unfortunate because he's gotten really accurate," Sandler said.

Other students don't think that there is little cause for concern in regards to Clausen's injury.

"It was like Michigan all over again, minus us losing."

Bradley McDonald
junior

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Eddie Corrigan
junior

"He's still a pocket quarterback," McDonald said. "Hurting his foot won't really affect his arm so I don't think it will affect his playing much overall."

Bailey agrees that Clausen will be healthy.

"He played through whatever happened yesterday," Bailey said. "He's a football player; it's just the typical bumps and bruises."

Despite playing with an

injury, Clausen still threw for a total of 301 yards. This is the fourth consecutive game that Clausen has passed for over 300 yards.

"That's typical Jimmy Clausen," Corrigan said. "He's so good he can get away with things like that."

While Clausen's injury does not appear to be serious, sophomore wide receiver Michael Floyd's injury from yesterday could be detrimental.

Floyd was taken out of the game in the first half and it was later reported that he had broken his collarbone. Floyd had surgery on Sunday morning but it appears that he might be out for the rest of the season.

Prior to Saturday's game, Floyd was second in the nation in receiving yards per game and was first in yards per catch.

"I have one word that describes Michael Floyd's injury — devastating," Corrigan said. "It's a huge loss and really hurts our offense."

Bailey agrees that Floyd's absence from the game will be damaging to the Irish's season.

"It really is heartbreaking," he said. "Now we really need some new receivers to step up."

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dent's vote and what time the student voted. The set-up of the system enables the voting reviewers to identify which students voted more than once.

"The system is not set-up to prevent students from voting more than once because we believe our students should be able to do what is right instead of being prevented from doing something wrong," Daniel said.

The instructions stated students were to vote only once, and if they voted more than once, only one vote would be counted.

"Our voting is based on a fact that students understand that you vote only once as stated in the directions," Daniel said. "People should understand that there is only one vote per person, without even having to read the directions."

While there is no error in the system, the language of the voting directions will be more explicitly clear for future elections to make sure that people understand they should only vote once, Daniel said.

The hall council directors informed candidates of the voting discrepancies Friday via e-mail.

First year student London Lamar, who ran and won for McCandless Hall Council in the initial election, is disappointed with the manner in which the situation was handled.

"I feel that the decisions that were made were not fair nor was it handled in a way that all the candidates could of been pleased," Lamar said. "It is also unfair to the candidates

that won already. They now have to run again, moreover, with possible new candidates who were not a part of the election process in the first place."

Lamar will not be running for re-election. Her previous running mate, first year student Cara O'Connor, will be running in the new election for president of McCandless hall council.

"I would like to run again but unfortunately I cannot because of issues beyond my control," Lamar said. "If I could run again, I definitely would. Hopefully this new election goes more smoothly and the 'discrepancies' will never have to happen again. I wish the future candidates my best luck and wishes."

Hall Council elections are not the only elections for which students have to re-vote. Due to different reasons, the Class of 2013 is also

holding re-elections; however, unlike the hall council elections, all of the candidates who ran in the first election are eligible for re-election.

The initial Class of 2013 election was ruled invalid because a link

identified with one student of the Class of 2013 was copied from the email and sent to an undisclosed off-campus Web site. This means that people not affiliated with or a part of Saint Mary's College could have voted in the election, Daniel said.

Although Daniel confirmed that this was not done intentionally, the results of the election were ruled invalid.

In order to prevent either situation from occurring in the future, directions for voting will be that each link sent is specific to an individual and should

not be copied and sent to anyone else or any off-campus sites.

The Class of 2013 will be able to re-vote for president and vice president today 8 a.m. through Sept. 22 at 8 a.m.

The Hall Council elections for Holy Cross, Le Mans and McCandless Halls will take

place Sept. 24 beginning at 8 a.m. through 8 a.m. Sept. 25. Students will be notified of the results on Friday.

"It is important to know that an overwhelming majority of our students in the Hall Council and Class of 2013 elections only voted one time in their respective elections," Daniel

said. "Unfortunately, because of the few that did not follow this in the Hall council elections and the unintentional mistake of sending out the link in the Class of 2013 elections, both elections must be held again."

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13-WEEK BILL	-15.79	-0.02	0.08
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IN BRIEF

GM-Suzuki workers OK new contract

NEW YORK — Nearly two-thirds of union workers at a Canadian auto plant jointly owned by General Motors and Suzuki have approved a new contract that would freeze wages and pensions, trim benefits, introduce a monthly health care contribution and reduce break times.

However, the new contract at the CAMI Automotive Inc. assembly plant puts base wages on par with General Motors for the first time ever. The agreement also provides for the production of a new model to replace the Chevrolet Equinox and the GMC Terrain in 2014, a crucial element, Canadian Auto Workers President Ken Lewenza said in a statement Sunday.

"While these contract changes are difficult for our members, I hope they will help usher in a decade of prosperity for the CAMI facility, which will guarantee good jobs well into the future," Lewenza said. *labore et dolore magna aliqua.*

Canadian Auto Workers Local 88 members approved changes that make their new three-year agreement similar to those reached at both Chrysler and General Motors earlier this spring. Much of the agreement will be effective in September 2010, when the existing contract expires.

Lawsuit against Big Poultry looms

SCRAPER, Okla. — David Overbey is no scientist, but he says a person doesn't have to be to see how much the Illinois River has improved in recent years.

Overbey, a 67-year-old retired laborer who spends his days fishing the river in the foothills of the Ozarks in eastern Oklahoma, said the water is clearer now than it was 30 or 40 years ago, and the drum and channel catfish he catches are bigger. And other locals, too, say the river is slowly beginning to heal after decades of deterioration.

Some trace the roots of the recovery to 2005, when Oklahoma brought a pollution lawsuit against the Arkansas poultry industry, suggesting the threat of legal action may have spurred the companies to do better at policing themselves.

"The water quality is getting better, and this year, especially, we had very little algae," said Archie "Trey" Peyton III, 35, a former environmental consultant who now runs the Peyton's Place float company.

Youth hunt for jobs in China

Young foreigners seek employment in Beijing's thriving economy

Associated Press

BEIJING — When the best job Mikala Reasbeck could find after college in Boston was counting pills part-time in a drugstore for \$7 an hour, she took the drastic step of jumping on a plane to Beijing in February to look for work.

A week after she started looking, the 23-year-old from Wheeling, West Virginia, had a full-time job teaching English.

"I applied for jobs all over the U.S. There just weren't any," said Reasbeck, who speaks no Chinese but had volunteered at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. In China, she said, "the jobs are so easy to find. And there are so many."

Young foreigners like Reasbeck are coming to China to look for work in its unfamiliar but less bleak economy, driven by the worst job markets in decades in the United States, Europe and some Asian countries.

Many do basic work such as teaching English, a service in demand from Chinese businesspeople and students. But a growing number are arriving with skills and experience in computers, finance and other fields.

"China is really the land of opportunity now, compared to their home countries," said Chris Watkins, manager for China and Hong Kong of MRI China Group, a headhunting firm. "This includes college graduates as well as maybe more established businesspeople, entrepreneurs and executives from companies around the world."

Watkins said the number of resumes his company receives from abroad has tripled over the past 18 months.

China's job market has been propped up by Beijing's 4 trillion yuan (\$586 billion) stimulus, which helped to boost



On Tuesday, Aug. 25, young people participate in job training in Beijing after being driven from the United States, Europe and other Asian countries by poor job markets.

growth to 7.9 percent from a year earlier in the quarter that ended June 30, up from 6.1 percent the previous quarter. The government says millions of jobs will be created this year, though as many as 12 million job-seekers still will be unable to find work.

Andrew Carr, a 23-year-old Cornell University graduate, saw China as a safer alternative after classmates' offers of Wall Street jobs were withdrawn due to the economic turmoil.

Passing up opportunities in New York, San Francisco and Boston, Carr started work in August at bangyibang.com, a Web site in the southern Chinese city of Shenzhen that lets the public or companies advertise

and pay for help in carrying out business research, getting into schools, finding people and other tasks.

"I noticed the turn the economy was taking, and decided it would be best to go directly to China," said Carr, who studied Chinese for eight years.

Most of his classmates stayed in the United States and have taken some unusual jobs — one as a fishing guide in Alaska.

China can be more accessible to job hunters than economies where getting work permits is harder, such as Russia and some European Union countries.

Employers need government permission to hire foreigners, but authorities promise an answer within

15 working days, compared with a wait of months or longer that might be required in some other countries. An employer has to explain why it needs to hire a foreigner instead of a Chinese national, but the government says it gives special consideration to people with technical or management skills.

Rules were tightened ahead of the 2008 Beijing Olympics, apparently to keep out possible protesters. That forced some foreign workers to leave as their visas expired.

Some 217,000 foreigners held work permits at the end of 2008, up from 210,000 a year earlier, according to the National Bureau of Statistics.

Health insurance will not increase taxes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama says requiring people to get health insurance and fining them if they don't would not amount to a backhanded tax increase.

"I absolutely reject that notion," the president said. Blanketing most of the Sunday TV news shows, Obama defended his proposed health care overhaul, including a key point of the various health care bills on Capitol Hill: mandating that people get health insurance to share the cost burden fairly among all. Those who failed to get coverage would face financial penalties.

Obama said other elements of the plan would make insurance affordable for people, from a new compari-

son-shopping "exchange" to tax credits.

Telling people to get health insurance is absolutely not a tax increase, Obama told ABC's "This Week."

"What it's saying is, is that we're not going to have other people carrying your burdens for you anymore," said Obama. "Right now everybody in America, just about, has to get auto insurance. Nobody considers that a tax increase."

Obama faces an enormous political and communications challenge in selling his health care plan as Congress debates how to pay for it all.

He told CBS' "Face the Nation" that he will keep his pledge not to raise taxes on families earning up to \$250,000, and that much of the final bill — hundreds of billions of dollars

over the next 10 years — can be achieved from savings within the current system. Coming up with the rest remains a key legislative obstacle.

Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele said there is no way Obama can achieve his goals without raising taxes.

"He has to. How else do you pay for it?" he told CBS.

Obama put his support behind the idea of taxing employers that offer high-cost insurance plans.

"I do think that giving a disincentive to insurance companies to offer Cadillac plans that don't make people healthier is part of the way that we're going to bring down health care costs for everybody over the long term," Obama said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Bloomberg seeks unique supporters

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Billionaire Mayor Michael Bloomberg is likely to set another spending record in this year's mayoral race, but he appears to be aiming for a more obscure honor as well — the candidate with the most peculiar endorsements.

Bloomberg's campaign released a lighthearted video this week featuring the mayor hounding a skeptical Matt Damon for his endorsement, arguing that it really could do him some good.

Damon, a Boston native who now lives in Miami, has no connection to New York politics and arguably no influence over elections here. The movie star also exemplifies the Bloomberg campaign's relentless pursuit of bizarre endorsements, from big names who don't really matter to tiny groups that might for a handful of constituents.

No demographic is too small.

Latina lawyers? Bloomberg's got Carmen Pacheco, founder of the first Hispanic female-owned law firm in New York City.

He has backing from a Dominican soccer club, the president of an African cab drivers group, the Korean Nail Salon Association and a biweekly newspaper serving Albanian-Americans with circulation in 46 states.

Also cheering on his bid for a third term — the founder of a nonprofit whose sole purpose is to raise money for a school in Callancas, Peru, along with Juan Rojas Campos, founder of a Mexican restaurant with two locations in Manhattan and one

in New Jersey.

People who can't even vote here — like Damon — are also weighing in, including the mayor of Mount Vernon, N.Y., and the governor of Puerto Rico.

Dozens of Bloomberg's backers this year had never made a political endorsement before they were approached by the mayor's operation.

The multimillion-dollar campaign has churned out hundreds of endorsement press releases, all listed prominently on the Bloomberg campaign Web site. Many supporters appeared with Bloomberg in person or taped videos for use online.

It may seem like a way to fill time during what was a sleepy summer campaign season, but Bloomberg campaign officials say it is a deliberate strategy that was developed early and proceeds on a specific schedule.

A new swath of untapped voters is identified — often in communities traditionally overlooked by city mayoral campaigns, like Russian or Korean — then an endorsement comes from a group meaning something to them, in a way that showcases the mayor.

For example, an endorsement from the president of the Korean Produce Association means delis and groceries all over the city get Bloomberg signs along with their daily deliveries of fruit and vegetables.

Campaign manager Bradley Tusk says the attention to niche endorsements is among the most important parts of the Bloomberg strategy.

Obama to have high stakes week

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The unrelenting global troubles confronting Barack Obama are about to converge on him all at once, providing a stern test of leadership for a first-year president who has pledged to "change the world."

In a span of four days, Obama will plunge into the politics of the United Nations and host a summit in Pittsburgh on the world's wobbling economy. The international stage is coming to him, and no one standing on it with him will have higher stakes.

Obama is under pressure to push along stalled Mideast peace, prove the United States is serious about climate change and rally allies against the nuclear threats of Iran and North Korea. Restless leaders in Europe and elsewhere are pressing Obama to reform risky U.S. financial behavior and get Congress on board.

He also bears the load of two inherited wars that now bear his imprint — the one he's winding down in Iraq and the one that's widening in Afghanistan. Eight years after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, Obama must hold together international will as he tries to keep Afghanistan from becoming an al-Qaida launching pad again.

The talks have the potential to be galvanizing moments or opportunities lost.

"Leadership is not just telling people what you want, as the Bush administration discovered. Leadership is getting people to do what you need them to do," said Jon Alterman, a senior fellow in Middle East policy at the Center for Strategic and International

Studies and a former State Department official in President George W. Bush's first term.

Obama will have his chances. His first speech to the 192-member General Assembly will outline his view of leadership, emphasizing a new brand of cooperation as if to underline he is not Bush. As U.N. ambassador Susan Rice described the message: "Everybody has a responsibility. The U.S. is leading anew. And we are looking to others to join."

Obama will be the first U.S. president to be chairman of the Security Council, whose rotating presidency happens to be in U.S. hands this month during the annual meeting of the General Assembly. He expects to emerge from that special summit on arms control with a resolution that advances his goals of a nuclear-weapons free world.

The measure will try to put heat on Iran and North Korea without singling out any country.

With his domestic agenda consumed by health care, Obama is under pressure from world leaders to put more muscle into fighting climate change. He will seek to do just that this week, too, with a speech at a U.N. climate conference.

Time is short, though, for the U.S. to have leverage. An international conference is set for December in Denmark to a new global climate pact. Although the House has passed a bill to limit greenhouse gases, Senate action may fade until next year.

Perhaps as important as the speeches will be the conversations the world never sees.

Obama, who arrives in New York City on Monday for the

annual U.N. gathering, will meet privately with the leaders of Russia, China and Japan. Less formal sessions will take place all week.

The showcase for the new U.S. president is getting familiar.

In just his first year, Obama has made it through summits with heads of both the world's 20 top economies and eight major industrial powers, as well as Western Hemisphere heads, Russian leaders and NATO. The president hasn't been shy about calling for the U.N. to take on "big, tough" problems more effectively.

When the focus shifts to Pittsburgh, Obama will run the Group of 20 summit of the rich and developing countries that represent 80 percent of world economic output. Although their united, expensive efforts earlier this year helped halt the economic slowdown, there is enormous work left and wide divisions about how to proceed.

"All of us need to act more responsibly on behalf of a better economic future," Obama said in a Saturday radio and Internet address that looked ahead to the G-20 summit and warned of complacency.

European leaders are frustrated about the lack of U.S. action on financial regulation and restricting how bank executives get paid. Just ahead of Obama's travels, details emerged of a Federal Reserve plan that would for the first time police how banks pay executives to minimize reckless investment gambles.

Obama himself is pushing Congress to get moving — he just went to Wall Street to say as much. But that effort is unlikely to satisfy his fellow leaders.

Search for insane killer escapee begins in Wash.

Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — A helicopter clattered over transient camps and rail yards in the expanding search for an insane killer as investigators tried to determine whether he planned his getaway from a field trip organized by a mental hospital.

Phillip Arnold Paul left little clothing in his room at Eastern State Hospital and carried a backpack and \$50 from a Social Security check when he vanished Thursday at the Spokane County International Fair, sheriff's Sgt. Dave Reagan said.

The field trip to the fair, which included 30 other patients, is an annual event that Paul easily could have anticipated, Reagan told The Spokesman-Review newspaper.

Because of the extra clothing Paul had, it's reasonable to assume he has changed his appearance, Reagan said.

Paul, 47, was committed after he was diagnosed as schizophrenic and acquitted by reason of insanity in the slaying of an elderly woman in Sunnyside, Wash., in 1987. He soaked her body in gasoline to throw off search dogs.

Federal, state and local law enforcement agents were engaged in the search Sunday as officials ruled out one potential hiding place after another.

Members of an inmate recovery team from the state Department of Corrections and some deputies were sent home, Reagan said late Saturday.

"We're running out of places to look for him locally," Reagan said. "My sense is we'll find him somewhere outside Spokane County."

Authorities said earlier that Paul likely was headed for his family home in Sunnyside, about 180 road miles south-southwest of Spokane.

In 1991 he walked away from custody during a day trip in nearby Medical Lake, where Eastern State is located, and was captured about 15 miles away. He subsequently attacked a sheriff's deputy in the jail booking area, knocking him unconscious and separating his shoulder, and was convicted of first-degree escape and second-degree assault.

Reagan said investigators have learned that Paul had several contacts in the area after living outside the hospital complex periodically, including stays at The Carlyle Care Center in downtown Spokane.

He also posted words and nine songs, including one entitled "Rock N Roll in the Mental Institution" by Philly Willy and the Hillbillies on his page on the online social networking Web site MySpace. There was no indication on the Web site of when or where the songs were recorded.



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VIETNAM

Companies break baby formula laws

Associated Press

HANOI, — Multinational companies in Vietnam sell baby formula so aggressively that they routinely stretch and sometimes break laws designed to promote breastfeeding, an AP investigation has found.

International guidelines and Vietnamese law recognize breast milk as superior to formula for an infant's health. Yet dozens of interviews with mothers, doctors, health officials and shopkeepers suggest that formula companies pay doctors to peddle their products, promote it for infants under age one and approach mothers and health care workers at health facilities — all of which are against the law.

The number of Vietnamese mothers who exclusively breast-feed in the first six months — the most crucial period — stands at just 17 percent, less than half what it was a decade ago, according to UNICEF. Meanwhile, formula sales in Vietnam jumped 39 percent in 2008, according to a study by Nielsen, a market research firm. Another survey found that the industry spent more than \$10 million on advertising last year, placing it among Vietnam's top five advertisers.

The companies say they follow the law and attribute increased sales to other factors, chiefly more working women with money to spend and less time to breast-feed. Health experts agree that these factors have played a role, but also point to relentless marketing by formula companies.

The aggressive marketing of formula is common across the

region, from China to Indonesia to the Philippines, according to the International Code Documentation Center, a Malaysia-based nonprofit that seeks to eliminate the irresponsible marketing of baby foods. While companies often violate the voluntary international milk code, the center says, they are usually careful to follow the letter of individual country laws.

When the Philippine government tried to tighten its advertising laws for milk products two years ago, the companies took it to court.

"The health workers there were part of the marketing arm for those products," said Jean-Marc Olive, Vietnam representative for the World Health Organization, who used to work in the Philippines.

Vietnam's struggle shows how difficult it is for developing countries to take on international companies with hefty advertising budgets and aggressive sales and legal teams.

"The companies have millions of dollars and dozens of lawyers, but the Vietnamese government has a tiny budget and just two people promoting breast-feeding," said Annelies Allain of the International Code Documentation Center.

In early August, during World Breastfeeding Week, the Vietnamese government adopted an ambitious target: a 50 percent exclusive breast-feeding rate by 2015. Health Ministry officials also announced they had uncovered dozens of violations of formula labeling rules.

But only one fine was levied — for less than \$200.

Among the most serious violations that sources described separately to the AP were commissions paid to doctors to sell formula.

Workers at a women's health clinic in Dong Nai province had an exclusive deal with Dutch Lady, a brand of Friesland Foods, based in Meppel, the Netherlands, said Dr. Vo Thi Kim Loan, the clinic's former vice director.

"We got a small commission for each can," she said.

Jan Bles, the Vietnam director for Dutch Lady, denied the allegation.

"We do not compensate doctors, clinics, hospital or their staff for selling or promoting our products," he said, although he acknowledged providing furniture for the clinic, whose waiting room is adorned with a large Dutch Lady logo.

Tran Thi Hanh, the clinic director, said the clinic signed a contract to promote a Dutch Lady powdered milk product for pregnant and nursing mothers, but didn't sell products for babies or receive commissions by the can.

The clinic also printed a Dutch Lady logo on registration forms for women who came for ultrasounds or prenatal check-ups, she said. In return, Hanh said, Dutch Lady provided lunch for about 50 staffers from smaller clinics around the province who came to the bigger clinic for training every three months.

Several other big formula companies also tried to land a deal with the clinic, said Loan, the former vice director. Another clinic employee, who declined to give her name because she still works at the clinic, confirmed Loan's account.

The staff didn't promote for-

mula for babies under six months, Loan said, but they frequently pushed it for babies between six and 12 months. Vietnam's law prohibits advertising formula products for children under age one — a weakened version of an earlier law that set the age limit at 2.

Several Hanoi shopkeepers also said that formula companies pay doctors commissions for promoting sales.

It is illegal to sell infant formula inside Vietnamese hospitals, except in pharmacies, but the alley just outside Hanoi's main maternity hospital is lined with shops prominently displaying American and European brands.

"Most customers are sent by their doctors right after they give birth," said Ngo Thanh, 27, who has worked next to the main maternity hospital for five years. She and other shopkeepers said their customers bring labels or plastic caps from formula tins back to their doctors for documenting sales.

Vietnam's low-paid doctors are easy targets for formula companies, which offer them "formidable benefits," said Dr. To Minh Huong, deputy director of Hanoi's main maternity hospital. Last year, she said, company representatives came to the hospital and posed as academic researchers, looking for patient information.

"When we asked for their IDs, they fled," she said.

Formula companies denied paying commissions.

"Our employees are routinely trained and held to high standards of compliance," said Gail Wood, a spokeswoman for Mead Johnson Nutrition, an American firm based in Glenview, Ill.

Vietnamese law also prohibits formula salesmen from approaching health workers or mothers at health care facilities. Wood said staff abide by the law and the international code.

But Nguyen Thi Minh, 29, a Hanoi paralegal, said she was approached by a Mead Johnson salesman at a Hanoi maternity clinic shortly before giving birth.

"I chose Mead Johnson's EnfaGrow because the advertisements said it boosts your child's IQ and makes them taller," Minh said.

Other new mothers were called by phone instead. A dozen told the AP they had been bombarded by calls from salesmen. Minh said she received calls from Abbott and Mead Johnson when her baby was 3 months old. Another mother, Nguyen Lan Huong, said she received four calls from Abbott.

"They must get mothers' names from the hospitals," she said. "They knew my name, my baby's name and his birthday."

Tracey Noe, a spokeswoman for Abbott of Abbott Park, Illinois, said the company only calls women who sign up for promotions, but the women interviewed by the AP said they had not requested information.

"We provide extensive training to our employees and conduct routine audits to ensure compliance," Noe said.

As Vietnam has embraced market reforms and opened up to outside investment, Western products, including baby formula, have gained cachet. More mothers can afford formula, said Bles of Dutch Lady, whose Vietnam profits surged by 30 percent last year.

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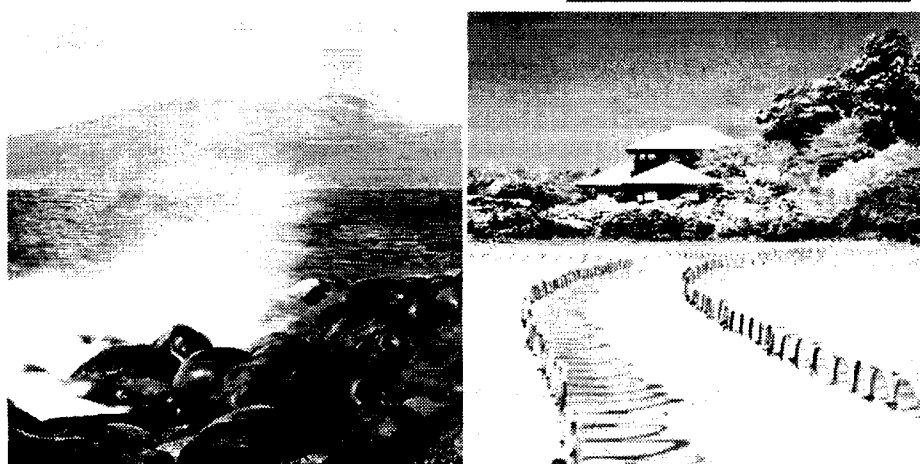
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Rethinking the war in Afghanistan

Testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee last week, Admiral Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, argued that the United States' war in Afghanistan will require "more forces and, without question, more time and more commitment to the protection of the Afghan people and to the development of good governance." President Barack Obama, who increased troop levels in Afghanistan by 21,000 earlier this year, seems poised to accept Mullen's recommendation and commit yet more U.S. forces to the region in the near future. Thus, the U.S. finds itself on the verge of a major escalation in Afghanistan, and a conflict that largely took a backseat to the Iraq War over the past few years may soon become the focal point of America's foreign policy. Such a major shift in strategy calls for a serious examination of the state of the war in Afghanistan.

The U.S. invaded Afghanistan in 2001 with a clear and specific mission. Our nation's armed forces sought to dismantle the Al Qaeda terrorist organization that attacked our country and the Taliban government that supported it. That mission is complete, insofar as it concerns the state of Afghanistan. The Taliban is no longer in power and the locus of Al Qaeda activity has shifted away from the region.

Today, U.S. troops remaining in Afghanistan are faced with an uncertain task. There is no clear enemy to destroy or threat to defend against. Rather, our military is expected to somehow aid in the reconstruction of Afghanistan into a modern, Western-

style democracy, a goal whose realization is nowhere in sight. Almost imperceptibly, the U.S. mission in Afghanistan has shifted from counter-terrorism to nation-building.

America's disastrous attempt to remake Iraq in its own image has proven the folly of attempting to impose Western values on unwilling subjects through military force. Yet we are poised to plunge headlong into a nearly identical quagmire. Over 800 Americans have already perished in Afghanistan and a troop increase will surely bring many more casualties. It is unclear what we hope to gain from this horrific cost — skirmishing with insurgents in Afghan hamlets does nothing to protect the lives of Americans. Worse yet, there is no end in sight. President Obama and his fellow hawks in Congress and the military are anxious to increase America's commitment of troops and resources in Afghanistan, but they have made no serious attempt to delineate the ultimate objectives of the war or to adumbrate an eventual exit strategy.

The closest thing to a coherent goal outlined by advocates of the war in Afghanistan seems to be the establishment of a stable government that can exercise control over the entire nation. By any reasonable measure, we have made little progress toward this aim despite years of U.S. military presence. The United States' efforts to graft Western liberal institutions onto Afghan society have predictably backfired and corruption and dissension have flourished.

The results of the nation's recent presidential elections provide a discouraging picture of the state of Afghan politics. Supporters of incumbent Hamid Karzai stand accused of widespread voting fraud; the European Union announced last week

that as many as one third of the votes he received may have been fraudulent. Meanwhile, the Afghan government is far from a beacon of freedom in the Middle East. Earlier this year, the state instituted the Shiite Personal Status Law, which, among other things, allows a man to starve his wife if she refuses to have sex with him. Faced with such sobering facts, it is impossible not to wonder for what exactly we are fighting.

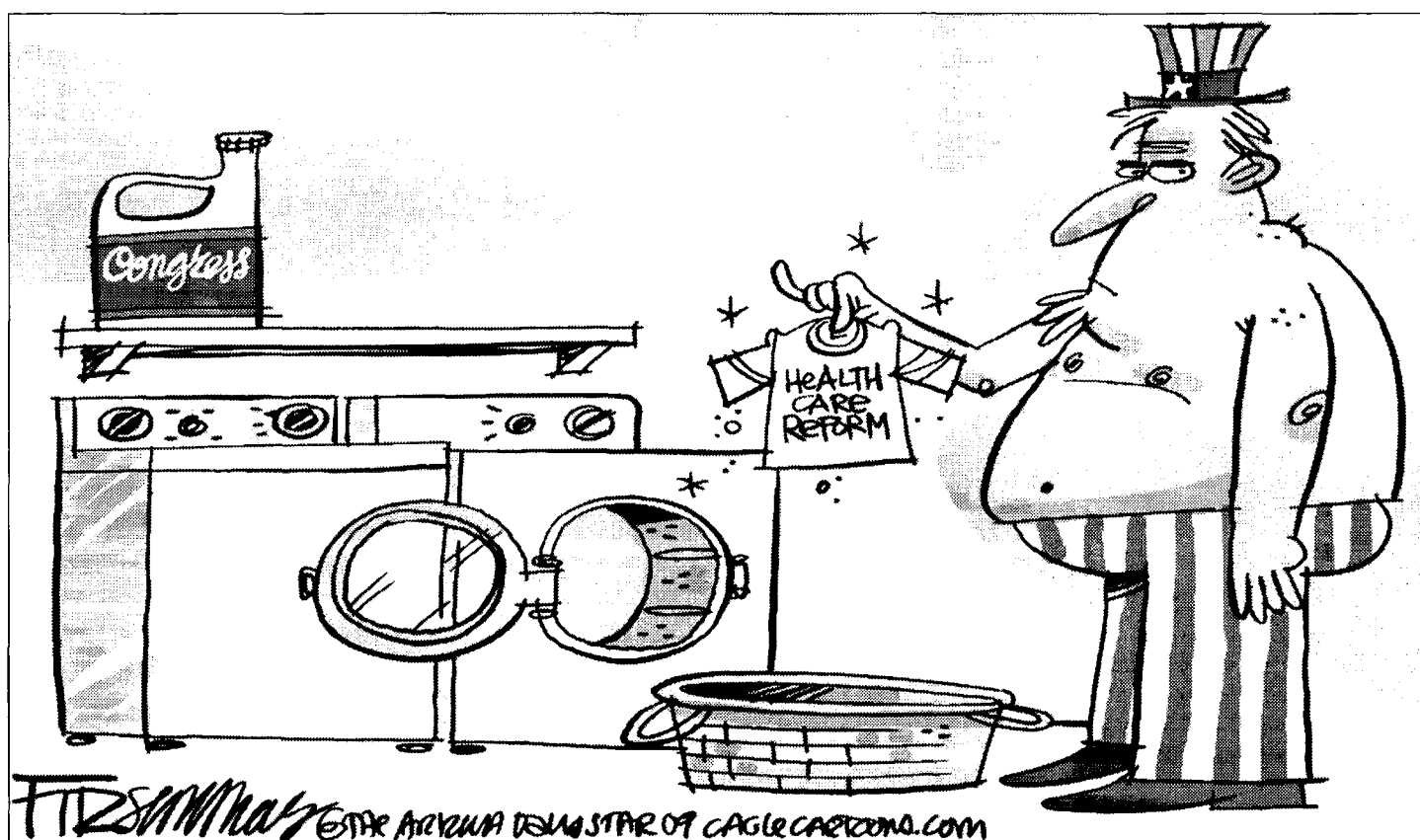
The presence of United States troops in Afghanistan does nothing to defend our nation and its people. Sending more forces will only serve to antagonize the Afghan populace and prolong the aimless conflict in which we have been engaged for far too long. No amount of troops can create a stable and legitimate democratic government and mold Afghanistan into a modern liberal state. The U.S. army exists to defend our freedom, not to transform societies. As the situation now stands, the war in Afghanistan has no clear resolution in sight and an increase in troop levels will only serve to delay our exit from the region.

The costs of the war in Afghanistan cannot be ignored. Men and women are dying and we have a moral responsibility to end this horrific conflict rather than to senselessly prolong it. The U.S. mission in Afghanistan is complete. It's time for President Obama and Congress to begin withdrawing American troops from Afghanistan and to refocus our nation's foreign policy on protecting America.

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OBSERVER POLL

Who will be the second leading receiver for the Irish now that Floyd is out for the season?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Be not affronted at a joke. If one throw salt at thee, thou wilt receive no harm, unless thou art raw."

Junius
18th century writer

Respect the tantrum

To put it politely, I was not what you would call an agreeable child. If I happened to dislike something, you could be sure that a temper tantrum was soon to follow. Once, when my parents bought pancakes for everyone but me, I venomously demanded of them "Why you no buy me pancakes!" Such was the eloquence of a four-year-old. Until recently, I had been rather embarrassed by my childhood antics. However, recent events have proven that my behavior may not have been so misplaced after all. Politicians seem to be betting that a well placed tantrum can earn them more than a few delicious pancake morsels.

James Napier
*Demarcating
Democracy*

A recent example of this amazing new political stratagem occurred just days before the anniversary of 9/11 when Rep. Joe Wilson, R-South Carolina, yelled "You lie" in the middle of President Barack Obama's address to Congress. I cannot agree more with Mr. Wilson's sentiment or behavior. Just because Mr. Obama is the president does not mean he should be

able to give a speech in the United States Congress without being harassed. Unfortunately, Mr. Wilson made a terrible blunder afterwards when he apologized for his remarks. This nation is in a fight for its soul — a fight it must not lose. Occasionally, these dark times necessitate silencing political opponents. Even if that opponent is the president himself. After all, haven't you heard how un-American so many Americans have become?

Unfortunately, Democrats have responded extremely well to Mr. Wilson's heroic stance. Understanding the power of well-placed indignation, Democrats recently voted to censure Mr. Wilson. It has even been suggested by some in the party that Wilson's comments were racially motivated. Of course they were — any opposition to a black president must be racially motivated, especially if the racist in question is from the South. I may not agree with Democrats concerning several major issues but even I can admit when they have made a significant accomplishment. Censuring the racist Mr. Wilson for his refusal to apologize in front of Congress was the only moral solution

— even if Mr. Wilson had personally called the White House to apologize. We can all learn from the moral lesson the Democrats are trying to teach.

Of course, this whole incident was only a side show to the general debate over healthcare reform currently tearing apart the nation. Thankfully, both sides have shown just as much class in the general debate of the issue as they did in the "Wilson Affair." Personally, I am very torn on the issue of health care reform because both sides make such fantastic arguments. Censuring and personal attacks are only the tip of the arsenal wielded by America's politicians and pundits. On the one hand, Democrats have made it quite clear that their plan will bring about change while the Republicans only want more of the same. Republicans, on the other hand, argue an increase in government-provided healthcare will lead to death panels and socialism. These are well versed arguments by any measure.

As successful as these fits of rage and indignation have been, I fear it has not been enough. I still occasionally come across reasoned, well-balanced argu-

ments. It is not that I am against logic or facts; far from it. Rather, I have logically concluded that the only rational argument is one which is irrational. Thus, the tantrum is the perfect political weapon. It is punchy, succinct and memorable. With this enlightened reasoning, I would suggest that the only problem is that the tantrums have not gone far enough.

As one who prides himself in a severe lack of maturity, I can offer some excellent insight which may benefit American politics. Mere sound bites of Nazi-calling and political maneuvering may not always obtain the desired goals. When words fail, kick, scream and cry. In short, act like someone who did not get his fair share of some delicious pancakes. I can say from personal experience: temper tantrums always work. Has anyone ever refused the desires of a tempestuous four-year-old?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bless me, Father, for I have questioned

I have never responded to a Viewpoint article before. I generally prefer to sit back and enjoy the repartee between the indignant, the well-meaning and the sarcastic. However, something about Chris Damian's "The Sexist Church" (Sept. 18) really got to me. It could have been the over-simplified and inherently flawed style of reasoning, the patronizing chastisement of more than 60 percent of obviously misguided U.S. Catholics who are open to the ordination of women or it might have been the enlightened tidbit of advice about staying in our place.

First of all, a two-minute conversation is more than sufficient to educate a curious child on why men cannot have chil-

dren — they lack the plumbing. However, I would love to know which pipes and valves women lack that keeps them from leading a congregation. Keeping in mind the logical fallacy of using precedents to counter change, let us review some of the perils of accepting our respective places in the cosmos: slavery, civil rights, women's rights, oppressive regimes, genocides ... the list continues. If anyone in these situations had "remembered their place," unjust and atrocious acts would have continued. Thank God we do not follow this practice. A line from Gaudium et Spes states: "All the faithful, both clerical and lay, should be accorded a lawful free-

dom of inquiry, freedom of thought and freedom of expression." Thinking that something is unable to be improved through decisive action based on intellectual questioning is not only naïve, but downright dangerous. "Sure, Mrs. Parks, you can ask why you must give up your seat, just as long as you move anyway..."

Would it shake your faith to the core if Mother Theresa had been allowed to consecrate the Body of Christ? Would the Church collapse if a woman absolved you of your sins? Can you honestly look at some of your wonderfully spiritual female classmates and say that they would not make great priests? God help

us if we one day have to call some priests "Mother."

Our own University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh once said "I have no problem with females or married people as priests, but I realize that the majority of the leadership in the Church would. But what's important is that people get the sacraments." If you would like to remind him of his place, he takes student appointments in the library.

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Sept. 20

Support financial aid reform

To Whom It May Concern:

I discovered with great disappointment that my alma mater is, according to C-Span, "leading" the opposition in the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act (HR 3221) currently being debated in Congress. The legislation simplifies the federally guaranteed loan system which would help save the federal government an estimated \$87 billion over 10 years. The \$87 billion saved would then be used to increase aid to low-income students, improve community colleges and raise standards for early childhood education. Not surprisingly, the private lending industry that has enjoyed the huge profits and borne no risk (due to the federal government's guarantee of all loans) in this unfair and often corrupt system are wholly-opposed to the bill.

The University's opposition to this long-overdue reform is especially troubling given the recent scandal involving University Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves taking almost \$60,000 in what were, at best, inappropriate payments from the student lending industry which seeks to do business with Notre Dame.

The University should reverse course and join other leading Indiana institutions of higher education, including Indiana University, who are supporting this legislation. Notre Dame knows better and Notre Dame should do better.

Sincerely,

Tim Barnes
alumnus
class of 1999
Sept. 17

This paper would make great padding for the recycling bin over by the door.

Be responsible.
Recycle.

Sexism in Church merits discussion

In response to Christopher Damian's letter entitled "The sexist Church" (Sept. 18): The idea that refusing to permit the ordination of women is akin to men's inability to have babies is flawed. Men's inability to have babies is a biological limitation, while the Church's refusal to allow women into the priesthood is a limitation imposed upon women by the institution of the Church. Men cannot have babies because they do not have what is required to have a baby: for example, a uterus. Women, however, are not permitted to become priests even when they possess what is necessary to be effective priests: exemplary leadership skills, an enduring faith and understanding of Christ's teachings and a desire to serve others. The two cases are completely different and comparing them trivializes the importance of the issue.

Additionally, Damian's use of quotes around the word "calling," i.e. "Women who experience a 'calling' to the priesthood," implies that these women are misguided in their interpretations of God's voice in their lives. If we refuse to consider these women's desires to become leaders in the Church as earnest and heartfelt — if we dismiss their claims that they feel called by God to serve in that

manner as impossibilities — then we are refusing to engage in a discussion that recognizes the importance of women's voices in the Church.

We do not have to be judges of God's Church, but as members of it, we should engage in meaningful discussion about how we can grow in our attempts to serve according to the mission of the Church. In writing that by "challenging authority and engaging in dissension ... we forget our place in the cosmos," Damian seems to be saying that women have forgotten their place and he has taken it upon himself to remind them where they belong.

The idea of women becoming priests will become even more relevant as the number of men entering the priesthood continues to lag behind the number of priests reaching retirement age. As long as women are kept out of the priesthood, the Church is advocating a very real power differential between men and women. This is an issue that we must acknowledge and discuss with careful thought and respect for all who feel passionately about it.

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The Living Nickelodeon with Rick Altman

By CONNOR ROGERS
Scene Writer

The lights go down in the movie theater. One spotlight remains fixed on a piano. A man in a vest and bowtie takes his seat, ready to tickle the ivories. The audience prepares for a movie experience like no other.

Last Thursday at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, audiences were taken on a journey back to the theater of early 20th century America. Rick Altman, Ph.D., presented "The Living Nickelodeon." For those unfamiliar with the term, a nickelodeon was an American storefront theater that would show moving pictures for the price of just five cents.

These films were not like the feature length movies that we have today. Instead, shorts of three-five minutes, would constitute about half of a 20 minute entertainment program.

What would the other half consist of? Illustrated songs. While a technician had to change the film reels, the projector would display hand painted glass slides onscreen. These slides all told a story that was connected through a song. A pianist in the theater would play this song while images were projected onscreen. Each slide corresponded to each line of the song, and culminated with a lyrics slide so the audience could sing along.

Rick Altman began his

presentation by asking the audience to check all preconceived notions of film at the door. The audience suspended their disbelief as they began to travel through time. Altman also reminded the audience that the nickelodeon was a hot spot for audience participation. Such participation was not limited to singing along with the songs, but also making jokes or heckling when the occasion called for it, or even when it did not.

The images appeared onscreen and audiences were amazed by the

beauty of hand painted glass slides. What was even more remarkable was that many of these slides were discarded after 1913, so to still be

able to view them is a rare treat. Rick Altman also had the technical competency to play the piano and sing the songs. While he did not have the vocals of an opera singer,

he was comical by incorporating accents and innuendos when necessary.

As for content, the illustrated songs both tickled your funny bone and tugged on your

heartstrings. Some were about little lost children without any mother. Others were about two lovers being parted. Still others had some erotic undertones (or overtones).

In addition to the entertainment of the slides, the audience also got an education. Professor Altman would discuss the historical aspects of how these illustrated songs went from being a huge sensation to virtually nonexistent. By the end of the performance the audience had laughed, sung along, made some jokes, and even got a little history lesson. All in all, a pretty good deal.

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Bring Back BUBBA

By NICK ANDERSON
Scene Writer

Every August in the Midwest, there are roughly two weeks when the weather is unbearable. The thick, muggy air pushes down on those unlucky enough to be outside, causing discomfort, confusion and embarrassing pit stains. Every effort is made to stay indoors, protected by the benevolent air conditioning. Everyone here should be familiar with this unfortunate fortnight as it normally overlaps Frosh-O weekend, adding stickiness where there should only be awkwardness.

Years before my own Frosh-O, back in the summer of 2006, I was seeking refuge from the sweltering heat. Finally, I found shelter. However, as it turns out, there is a limit on the amount of time one can spend in a dollar store before being asked to leave. Not willing to make myself a sacrifice to the heat, I made an earnest attempt to spend the last bill in my wallet. Sandwiched between a bottle of Star Wars

shampoo and several Pez dispensers that looked almost, but not quite like our founding fathers, was a VHS tape that would change the way I looked at cinema forever: "Bubba Ho-Tep."

"Bubba Ho-Tep" is a Bruce Campbell movie. (For those of you unfamiliar with Campbell's work, go see "Evil Dead 2" and "Army of Darkness." Right Now. I'll wait.) For this film, Campbell took on his most challenging and unforgiving role. Each day, he would sit through three hours of makeup in order to transform into a 65 year-old, bed-ridden, curmudgeonly Elvis.

Made on a budget of \$1 million dollars (licensing one of Elvis' songs would have used half the budget), "Bubba Ho-Tep"

introduces the tale of an aging rock star, long removed from the fame of his former life. To make this story possible, Elvis must still be alive. The film explains with a surprisingly

well made flashback. In the early 70's, fed up with the drugs, people, and excess surrounding him, Elvis traded lives with Sebastian Haff, an impersonator, who ended up dying on the toilet in '77. The real Elvis ends up sharing a nursing home with an also non-dead JFK, played by Ozzie Davis, who had been dyed black after the failed attempt on his life so LBJ could go ahead and assume the presidency. The two thought-to-be-dead protagonists proceed to fight a Western clad mummy.

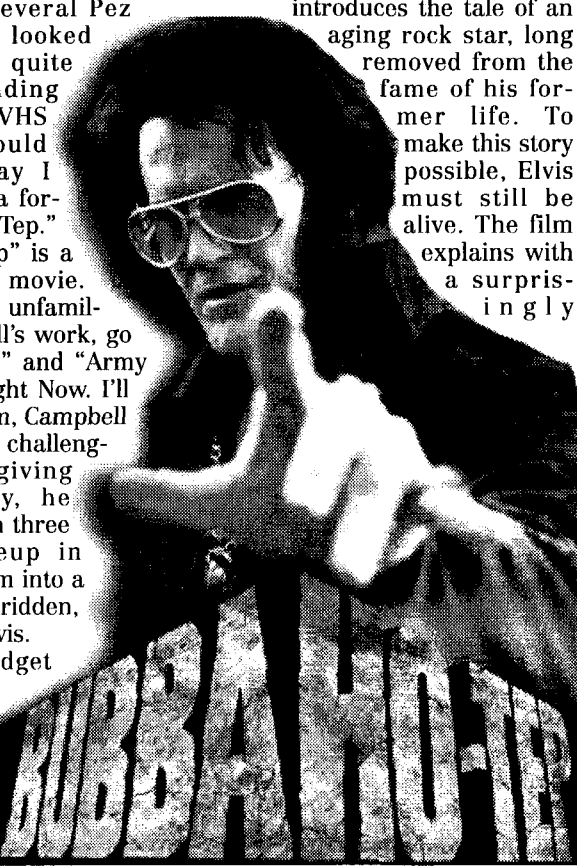
Despite an outlandish plot and shoestring budget, the movie harnessed an extremely well written script and remarkable performances to garner enough critical praise for a small theatrical release. VHS and DVD sales improved the film's moderate success even further, while creating a small, loyal audience who've embraced it as a cult classic.

It was the same audience, who, upon watching the final credits, missed the director's joke and started a clamor calling for the

promised prequel; "Bubba Nosteratu: Curse of the She-Vampires." Enough interest was generated to begin some serious discussion. For the past 2 years, rumors have passed around the Internet regarding the film's plot, stars and shooting schedule. It seems most likely the movie will be about Elvis fighting vampires in a 1970 New Orleans. Paul Giamatti and Ron Pearlman have publically stated they would appear in the film as Colonel Tom Parker and Elvis respectively. Campbell dropped out due to "creative differences". It may begin shooting as early as 2010 but could be delayed indefinitely.

This article is a plea for help. Bubba Nosteratu would make pop culture a little bit better and a whole lot stranger. Do anything you can to help; buy a copy of "Bubba Ho-Tep" on DVD, comment on Internet forums, think about it twice a day. Every little piece helps. Paul Giamatti is counting on you.

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Notre Dame 33, Michigan State 30

Squeaking by Sparty

Irish hold off late Michigan State drive for 33-30 win

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Just one week after giving up the go-ahead score in the final minute against Michigan, the Irish defense once again found themselves with their backs against the wall, needing a late fourth-quarter stop to protect a three-point lead. This time, they got it.

Senior safety Kyle McCarthy's interception at the four-yard line with 1:10 remaining preserved a 33-30 Notre Dame victory over Michigan State on Saturday, breaking the Irish's six-game home losing streak against the Spartans.

"I think this is a huge step for our guys. Not necessarily for the program, but for the guys in the locker room," said McCarthy. "We deserve this win."

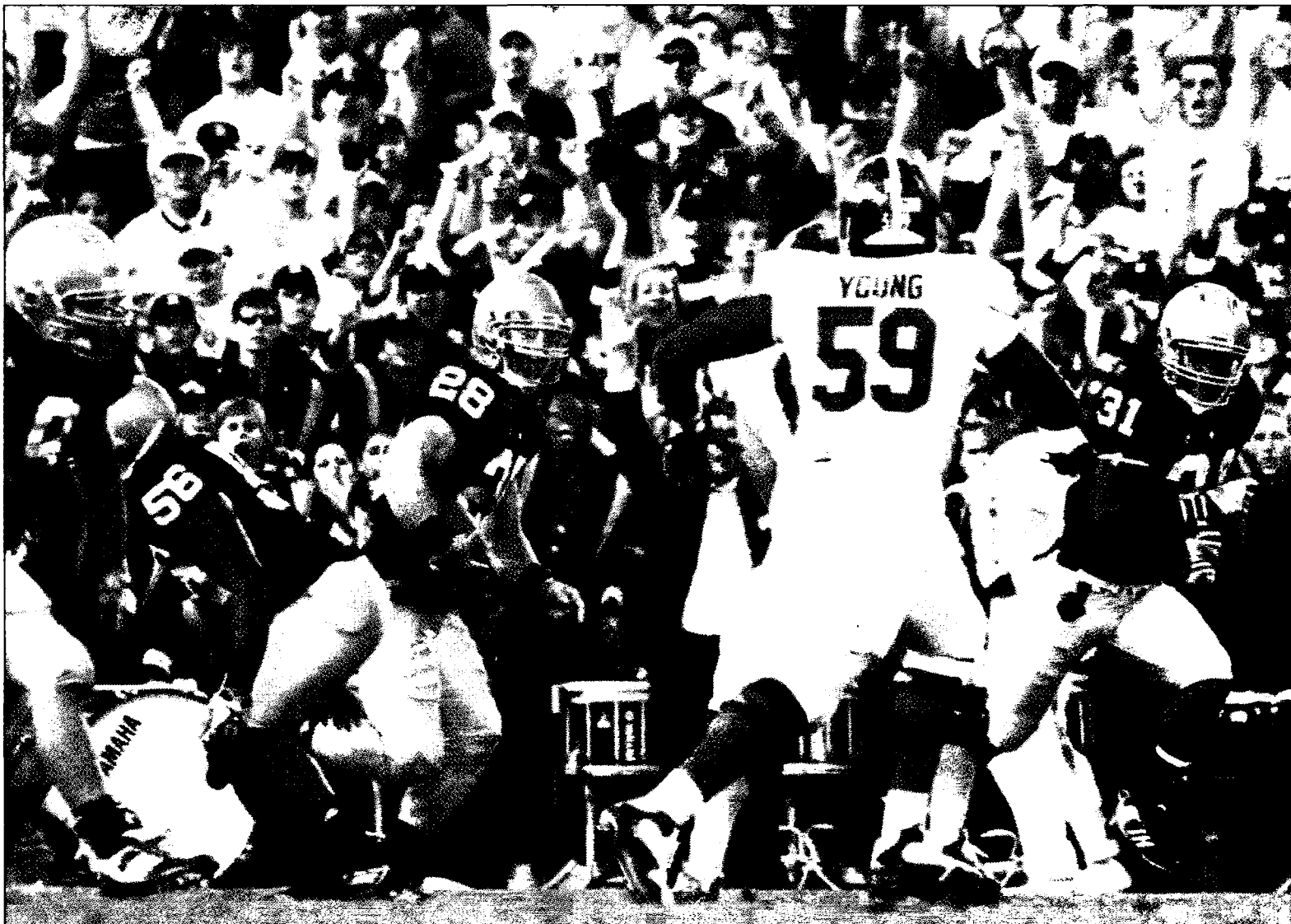
Just a play before the interception, Notre Dame (2-1) dodged a bullet after Michigan State running back Larry Caper, who had beaten the entire Irish secondary, found himself wide-open in the corner of the end zone, but was unable to come down with a reception from Spartan quarterback Kirk Cousins.

"After last week, how bad everybody felt in a very similar situation in the ending of the game, to make a play to change the outcome in favor of us, I'm really, really happy for those kids in there," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "It's nice to see how genuinely excited they are. They feel great."

While the Notre Dame defense came up with the big play at the end, it was the Irish offense that stole the spotlight for much of the game.

Junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen was again superb, completing 22 of 31 passes for 300 yards and two touchdowns. For the second straight game, Clausen led the Irish down the field late in the fourth quarter for a go-ahead touchdown. He found Golden Tate on a 33-yard pass with 5:18 remaining to give Notre Dame the three-point lead. Clausen has thrown for at least 300 yards and two scores in each of the first three games.

"[Clausen was] good enough to where I let him sing the fight song today," Weis said. "He has really evolved, not just as a good football player, but as a leader of the team. You just watch him and he has that confidence in his own ability



Irish safety Kyle McCarthy intercepts a pass from Michigan State quarterback Kirk Cousins with 1:10 remaining in the fourth quarter of Notre Dame's 33-30 win Saturday, the first at home over the Spartans since 1993.

and he's bringing other people along with him."

Clausen went down early in the second quarter with a toe injury, but came back in on the next series after missing just one play.

Sophomore wide receiver Michael Floyd was dominant in the first half before suffering an injury of his own. Floyd has two receptions for 38 yards and an early score before leaving the game with a shoulder injury in the second quarter on what seemed to be a Notre Dame touchdown. Clausen threw a short fade to Floyd in the end zone that was ruled incomplete on the field and upheld by a review despite appearing to have possession in bounds. Floyd did not return to the game following the injury.

In the first quarter, the game looked to be completely controlled by the Irish. After a defensive stop on the first Spartan series, Clausen engineered a magnificent drive that featured sophomore tight

end Kyle Rudolph's 52-yard grab. Junior running back Armando Allen capped off the drive from the Wildcat formation with a 13-yard run for the score. Allen led all rushers with 120 yards on the ground, his second straight game with over 100 yards.

After a Michigan State field goal, Clausen drove the Irish right down the field again for another touchdown, this time hitting Floyd from 22 yards out in the corner of the end zone. Clausen was nine of nine in the first quarter for 128 yards and a touchdown in the first quarter, and completed his first ten passes before a drop by tight end Mike Ragone.

The second quarter was a completely different story. The Spartans (1-2) got their offense rolling thanks to a number of drive-saving penalties committed by the Irish.

Two personal fouls led to Michigan State's first touchdown, a 30-yard pass from wide receiver Keshawn Brown on a reverse to another wide

receiver, Blair White.

After a Notre Dame field goal, the Spartans grabbed their first lead of the game, 17-16, just a minute before halftime when freshman running back Larry Caper punched it in from the one.

The Irish came out with a 10-0 run early in the third quarter when Clausen led two scoring drives on the first two possessions. Allen took the snap from the Wildcat formation and threw a five-yard pass to senior Robby Parris for the first points of the second half. A 46-yard field goal from freshman Nick Tausch increased the Irish's lead to 26-17.

"Really the message [at halftime] was very clearly that we needed to come out and score on our first possession, which we did," Weis said. "By scoring in the first possession we really flipped the momentum back in our favor."

On Michigan State's next drive, the Irish special teams unit stepped up to provide

what would prove to be one of the biggest plays of the game. Sophomore defensive tackle Ethan Johnson rose up and got just enough of the extra-point attempt to send it wide.

"Great play by Notre Dame blocking the extra point," Spartan coach Mark Dantonio said of the play. "It's probably the play of the game when you really look at it. If everything else unfolds as is, we're kicking a field goal to win it."

After last week's crushing defeat and the close losses that have plagued the Irish over the past two seasons, Weis was encouraged by the change in mentality he's seeing from his team.

"In the past, what might have happened is when we went down in the second half, it might have been deflating," he said. "But not this team. This team just expects they're going to come back and make a play and win."

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player of the game

Jimmy Clausen
Notre Dame quarterback

Despite being limited by an early injury, Clausen led the Irish back ahead with 300 yards and two touchdowns

stat of the game

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Consecutive games (including USC and the Hawaii Bowl) with an interception for senior captain Kyle McCarthy

play of the game

McCarthy's game clinching interception

With the Spartans driving and 1:10 remaining the senior captain preserved the Notre Dame lead

quote of the game

"He's really evolved from not just a good football player to a leader of the team."

Charlie Weis
Irish coach on Clausen

report card

- A** **quarterbacks:** Jimmy Clausen started the game on fire and played well after injuring his foot. Clausen looks to have matured into the team's leader and a Heisman candidate.
- A** **running backs:** Armando Allen tallied his second straight 100-yard game and had a touchdown pass out of the Wildcat formation. Jonas Gray showed flashes of his potential but is still inconsistent.
- A-** **receivers:** Michael Floyd was brilliant again before his injury, and Golden Tate atoned for another drop with a big day and the winning touchdown reception.
- B-** **offensive line:** Clausen was finally sacked (twice) but was not consistently pressured. Run blocking was very solid, but a second straight week with several penalties is a cause for concern.
- C-** **defensive line:** Outside of a big play by Ian Williams, the line was hardly able to pressure Cousins or close up holes in the running game.
- C** **linebackers:** Brian Smith had seven tackles, but the linebackers — like the rest of the Irish defense — weren't able to make a big play when it mattered most.
- C-** **defensive backs:** Kyle McCarthy led the Irish in tackles and had an interception for the third straight game, but the Irish struggled in coverage, giving up 354 yards through the air.
- B** **special teams:** Nick Tausch easily made both field goal attempts but missed an early PAT. Ethan Johnson had a crucial block of a late Michigan State point after.
- B-** **coaching:** Weis' play calling was effective, including effective use of the Wildcat. Tenuta's blitzes are not reaching opposing quarterbacks, and 11 penalties show discipline must be improved.
- 2.83** **overall:** A huge win for the Irish with another impressive offensive performance. The defense struggled for the second straight game and must improve.

adding up the numbers

- 4** Consecutive 300-yard passing games for Jimmy Clausen, the first Notre Dame quarterback to accomplish that feat.
- 12** Career touchdown receptions by Michael Floyd in 12 career games, tied with Tim Brown and Bobby Brown for ninth place in school history.
- 10** Consecutive passes completed by Clausen to begin the game, helping the Irish get out to an early 13-3 lead.
- 76** Consecutive extra-point attempts converted by Michigan State kicker Brett Swenson before Ethan Johnson blocked his attempt a Spartan third quarter touchdown.
- 29** Michigan State yards rushing in the second half on nine carries, an average of just 3.2 yards per carry.
- 7** Drives of 75 yards or longer for the Notre Dame offense through three games this season. The first Notre Dame drive took just four plays to go 84 yards.
- 10:20** Michigan's time of possession in the third quarter. The Irish entered the quarter up 20-17, and ended it trailing 24-20.
- 354** Yards passing by the Spartans against the Notre Dame secondary, including a 30-yard pass from wide receiver Keshawn Martin.



Senior wide receiver Robby Parris and sophomore tight end Kyle Rudolph celebrate after a Parris touchdown catch from running back Armando Allen in the third quarter.

Winning all that really counts

There was a terrible feeling of déjà vu in the air late in the fourth quarter Saturday.

Michigan State was driving, the Irish defense was struggling, and it felt like Ann Arbor all over again.

There was an ominous sense of desperation hanging over Notre Dame Stadium as Kirk Cousins picked apart the Irish secondary while time wound down.

But suddenly there was a little pressure on the Spartan quarterback, and Kyle McCarthy came down with yet another interception.

The fears of Irish fans were relieved with a couple of quick knees and a happy alma mater. Yes, just like that, Notre Dame was 2-1.

It was an ugly win over an opponent that this Irish team is definitely more than three points better than. But in college football, especially in rivalry games, the name of the game is often survival, and the final score is all that matters.

There are a number of serious issues following the 33-30 win. The passing defense, surprisingly enough, has looked just as bad through three games as the run defense. One of the best players on this Notre Dame team was injured and is lost for the season. The Irish racked up 11 penalties

and made critical mental mistakes that allowed the Spartans to come within inches of escaping South Bend with a victory.

Still, despite all this, Notre Dame came out on top.

At 2-1 the Irish are where a lot of people pegged them to be after three games, and the bright spots are certainly still there.

Jimmy Clausen has hardly thrown any poor incompletions, much less made any game-changing mistakes. Kyle Rudolph cannot be brought down by one defender and is becoming an explosive weapon as a sophomore.

Armando Allen makes the right cut and gets extra yards on almost every run.

It's a season that is played one week at a time, and the won-loss column is all that really matters. In pass/fail classes, an 'A' is the same as a 'C-.'

And while the 2009 Irish transcript shows a grade far below a 4.0, this team has shown a resiliency and heart in the past two games that has been absent for two years. There is finally a winning culture in the locker room, and this is a team that believed on every snap it would beat Michigan and Michigan State, even when things looked grim.

The big question last week was how the team would respond to the heartbreaking loss at Michigan. The first quarter provided an answer, as Notre Dame forced a quick punt and demolished the Spartan secondary its first two straight drives.

After that point the long-term problems surfaced, as they will in

most games for the rest of the season. This is not a perfect team, but one that is beginning to understand its flaws.

Charlie Weis, for all his miscues, has never been shy about making adjustments. Many of them have worked, some have not. Continual corrections will be needed year to iron out the defensive issues, and Weis will have his hands full adjusting his schemes for the loss of Michael Floyd.

But now the schedule opens up a little from here. Notre Dame does not have to be great to do everything they're supposed to this year, just very good.

It will take some time before the Irish start to ascend the rankings. This is somehow still a young defensive team, and the winning foundation will have to be built on wins like this one. It won't be pretty, and will probably drive me crazy, but for now, it will get the job done.

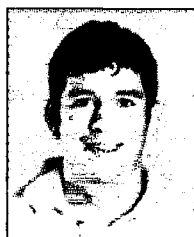
Hopefully the Irish take care of business against Purdue. This will be another game with a huge talent disparity that on paper is a comfortable win.

But even if it's closer than the experts predict, surviving and getting the win on the road in a hostile environment is all that matters.

Sometimes it's not that easy — just ask USC.

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Floyd likely out for regular season



Irish wide receiver Michael Floyd makes a touchdown reception over a Michigan State defender in the first quarter on Saturday. Floyd suffered a broken clavicle in the second quarter and is likely out for the rest of the regular season.

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

Time for Plan B.

With sophomore wide receiver Michael Floyd likely out for the regular season with a broken clavicle, Irish coach Charlie Weis and the Notre Dame offense will need a few playmakers to step up and fill the void, beginning Saturday at Purdue.

Who exactly that will be remains to be seen, but with a plethora of talented receivers waiting in the wings, the Irish expect someone to emerge.

"That's what I was telling receivers. It's your time to step up," quarterback Jimmy Clausen said. "Whoever you are, if you get in there, you got to make plays."

Clausen's experience should help ease the pain of Floyd's absence, as the junior has shown an increased ability to spread the ball to a variety of targets this season. That will be the best way to replace Floyd, Weis said.

"You never can really replace Michael Floyd, that caliber of player. He's an A-flight player," Weis said Sunday. "But what you do is put other people in position to pick up some of that responsibility. Having veterans in that mix makes it easier to do that."

Senior Robby Parris and junior

Duval Kamara are big targets who have produced in the past. Both enjoyed their best collegiate seasons during the 2007 season and will likely see a heavy increase in targets in Floyd's absence.

Kamara briefly held the record for most touchdown receptions in a season before Floyd broke his mark of four with seven in 2008.

Sophomores John Goodman and Deion Walker will also likely work into the rotation on a more consistent basis, though the two have combined for just one catch in their careers, and that came on a Walker reception late in the Nevada game Sept. 5.

But the one name that has popped up the most in the last day or so has been that of freshman Shaquille Evans. The highly touted California product was on the field during Notre Dame's final series at Michigan last weekend, and he'll be out there a whole lot more against the Boilermakers on Saturday, Weis said.

"With Michael's injury, that moves him up," Weis said. "You'll see him on

the field much more this week."

In fact, Evans was set to get increased reps even before Floyd's injury, Weis said. But changes in Michigan State's defensive game plan would have made the set of plays involving Evans less effective, so Weis ended up not using him as much, he said.

"Shaq was in a package that, because of the game went, we weren't going to expose ourselves to the package," Weis said. "If they're going to play a certain way, sometimes you have something that you think will just kill them. They didn't play that way, so that package he was involved in didn't get much action."

Even in Floyd's absence, Clausen should feel confident with the likes of Golden Tate (19 receptions, 301 yards, 3 touchdowns) and Kyle Rudolph (13 receptions, 162 yards, 1 touchdown) still available.

"I felt like I had to make a few more plays than I would have with Michael on the field, but I like the pressure," Tate said.

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Golden Tate
Irish wide receiver

Defense uses deep rotation in victory

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

A total of 21 different players took the field for the Irish on the defensive side of the ball, many of whom were in on a significant number of snaps. Weis attributed the change to things that he saw while watching film from last week's game.

"[Using more personnel] was the plan that I felt from watching the tape after the Michigan game," Weis said. "One of the things I felt at the end of the Michigan game, our frontline players, some of them, weren't getting any production. It could be for one of two rea-

sons: They're not playing very well or they're spent. One of the plans today was to make sure, regardless where it was in the situation, we were rolling people through there."

The cornerbacks also saw heavy rotation with seniors Darrin Walls, Raeshon McNeil and Sergio Brown, junior Gary Gray, and sophomores Jamoris Slaughter and Robert Blanton all sharing time in the secondary.

Broken Streak

Before Saturday, the Irish hadn't beaten the Spartans at Notre Dame Stadium in their previous six tries, a streak dating back to 1993.

"Yeah, I think that's two

streaks we've been talking about," Weis said. "We had that Bowl streak that they were getting drilled on that they got out of the way. They got this one out of the way. There's a lot of football to be played. But I think they're a bunch of happy campers today."

Injuries

Notre Dame was hit with two injuries in the second quarter. First, sophomore receiver Michael Floyd went down with a shoulder injury after landing awkwardly in the corner of the end zone.

Floyd suffered a broken clavicle on the play and underwent surgery Sunday. Weis said he expects Floyd to be out the remainder of

the regular season.

On the next drive, Clausen went down after being sacked and hobbled off the field with a foot injury. Clausen missed only one play on that drive and returned on the Irish's next possession.

According to Weis, Clausen will have an MRI on Monday "so we know exactly what we have there."

"Jimmy's a tough guy, and unless there's a serious injury, he's going to do all he can to play [against Purdue]," Weis said. "So we'll just see where we are."

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	13	3	10	7	33
Michigan St.	3	14	7	7	30

First quarter

Notre Dame 7, Michigan State 0
Aramndo Allen 13-yd run (Nick Tausch kick) with 12:21 remaining.
Drive: 4 plays, 84 yards, 1:40 elapsed.

Notre Dame 7, Michigan State 3
Brett Swenson 43-yd field goal with 11 remaining.
Drive: 12 plays, 43 yards, 5:10 elapsed.

Notre Dame 13, Michigan State 3
Michael Floyd 22-yd pass from Jimmy Clausen (Tausch kick failed) with 4:59 remaining.
Drive: 5 plays, 55 yards, 2:12 elapsed.

Second quarter

Notre Dame 13, Michigan State 10
Blair White 30-yd pass from Keshawn Martin (Swenson kick) with 9:30 remaining.
Drive: 4 plays, 80 yards, 1:12 elapsed.

Notre Dame 16, Michigan State 10
Tausch 22-yd field goal with 3:14 remaining.
Drive: 11 plays, 50 yards, 3:47 elapsed.

Michigan State 17, Notre Dame 16
Larry Caper 1-yd run (Swenson kick) with 1:01 remaining.
Drive: 7 plays, 81 yards, 2:13 elapsed.

Third quarter

Notre Dame 23, Michigan State 17
Robby Parris 5-yd pass from Allen (Tausch kick) with 11:49 remaining.
Drive: 6 plays, 70 yards, 3:11 elapsed.

Notre Dame 26, Michigan State 17
Tausch 46-yd field goal with 5:34 remaining.
Drive: 10 plays, 18 yards, 4:11 elapsed.

Notre Dame 26, Michigan State 23
Caper 7-yd run (Swenson kick) with 1:24 remaining.
Drive: 8 plays, 70 yards, 4:10 elapsed.

Fourth quarter

Michigan State 30, Notre Dame 26
White 17-yd pass from Kirk Cousins (Swenson kick) with 9:33 remaining.
Drive: 5 plays, 86 yards, 2:27 elapsed.

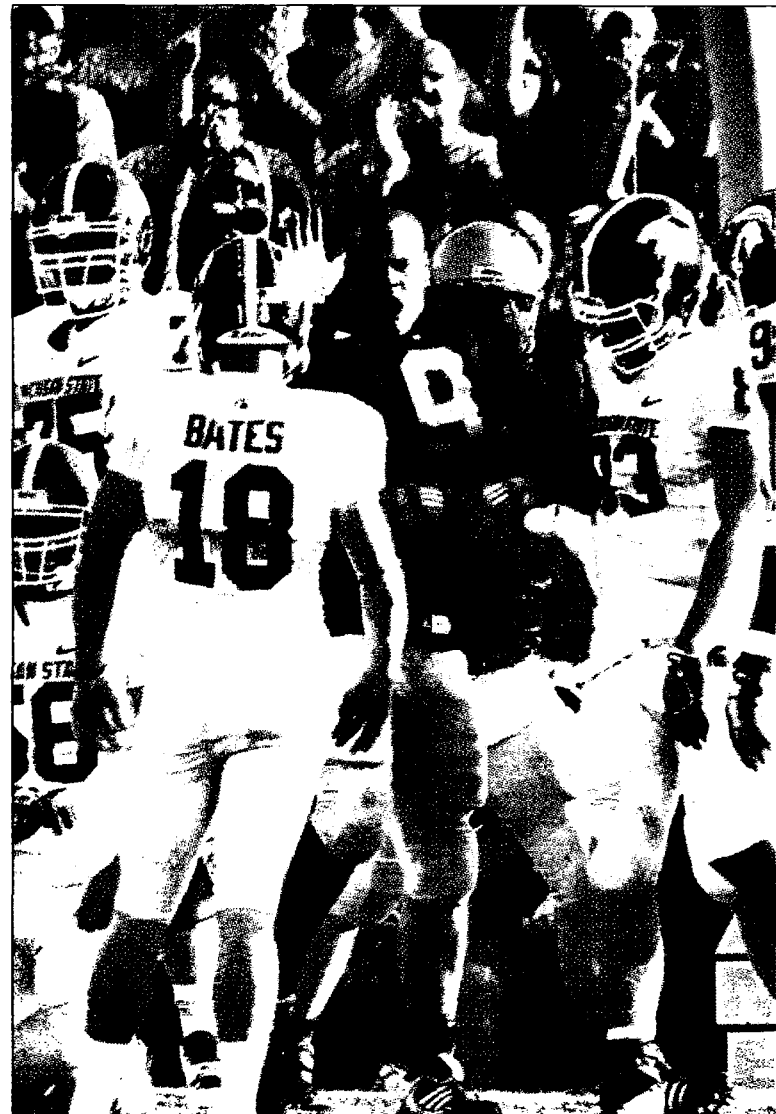
Notre Dame 33, Michigan State 30
Golden Tate 33-yd pass from Clausen (Tausch kick) with 5:18 remaining.
Drive: 8 plays, 73 yards, 4:15 elapsed.

statistics

total yards	
ND	437
MSU	459
rushing yards	
ND	133
MSU	105
passing yards	
ND	304
MSU	354
return yards	
ND	148
MSU	154
time of possession	
ND	34:30
MSU	25:30



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Breaking the streak

The Irish defeated the Spartans at Notre Dame Stadium for the first time since 1993, holding off a late Michigan State drive to secure a 33-30 win.

Senior safety Kyle McCarthy intercepted a pass near the Irish end zone with 1:10 remaining to preserve the win, his third straight game with a pick.

Junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen finished with 300 yards for the fourth straight game going back to last season's Hawaii Bowl, battling a foot injury to throw for two touchdowns. The Notre Dame offense was dominant early, as Clausen completed his first ten passes en route to a 13-3 first quarter lead. The Spartans quickly responded, however, taking a 17-16 lead into halftime.

Notre Dame took the lead back on the opening possession of the second half and again in the fourth quarter, as Clausen connected with Golden Tate for a 33-yard score that proved to be the winning points.

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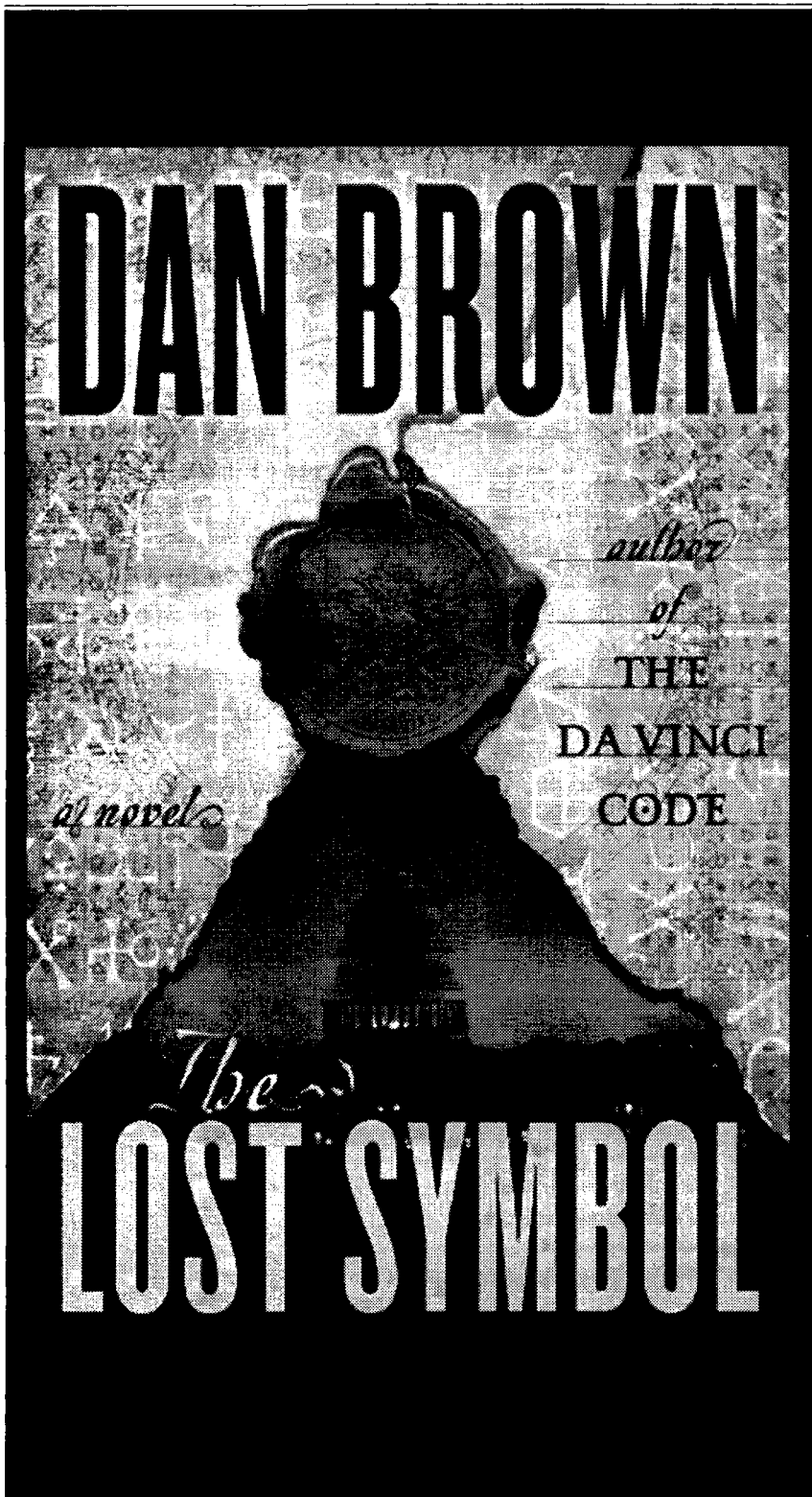


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Clockwise from top: junior receiver Golden Tate drops a pass; sophomore defensive tackle Ethan Johnson reacts after blocking an extra point attempt; sophomore receiver Michael Floyd and junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen sing the alma mater; Clausen drops back to pass; and offensive linemen Sam Young and Trevor Robinson talk during a timeout.



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By ERIC PRISTER
Scene Writer

Dan Brown, the best-selling author of "The Da Vinci Code" and "Angels and Demons," strikes again with another extraordinarily interesting, historically questionable yet remarkably entertaining novel, "The Lost Symbol," released Sept. 15.

A sequel to "The Da Vinci Code," "The Lost Symbol" traces Harvard professor and symbolist Robert Langdon as he seeks to avoid what inevitably turns out to be a worldwide catastrophe, using his unique knowledge of symbolism and history as his guidepost. Langdon arrives on the scene — this time the streets of Washington, D.C. — to find his friend and mentor Peter Solomon kidnapped, along with the kidnapper's claim that only Langdon has the ability to save Solomon's life.

As Langdon attempts to solve the clues before him in time to save his kidnapped friend, he is pursued by both the CIA, led by the short but terrifying director of CIA Office of Security, Inoue Sato and by Mal'akh, a god-like man, tattooed from head to toe with more knowledge and ability than anyone could have imagined. Both, it seems, desire to uncover the secrets of the Freemasons, a secret order in which Solomon is highly involved.

Mal'akh, like the albino Silas from "The Da Vinci Code," is another of Brown's monster-like villains, whose physical appearance is just as terrifying as his intentions. Mal'akh will seemingly stop at nothing to uncover

the secret held by Peter Solomon and torment the Solomon family and only Langdon has the ability to stop him.

In "The Lost Symbol," Brown all but abandons his use of artwork that is so prominent in his other works in favor of the true code breaking that Langdon must do to accomplish his task. This novel includes fewer historical revelations and scandalous discoveries, but replaces it with suspense, since it seems as though Mal'akh is always waiting for Langdon around the corner.

Brown has often been criticized for making attacks on Christian faiths and particularly the Catholic Church, but he avoids doing so in "The Lost Symbol" — sort of.

Though it does not directly focus on Christianity, the novel does claim to unveil some of the mysteries of the Freemasons, the ramifications of which would be seen as troublesome for many faiths, including Christianity. It seems as though Brown cannot help but take shots at organized religion, and though he does not focus this book on it, his contempt for their structures is still evident.

Despite this, Brown surely knows how to keep a reader's attention, by ending chapters — which for him are very short — on cliffhangers, and telling multiple stories at the same time, so that resolution does not come immediately. "The Lost Symbol," like all of Brown's books, is perfect for a college student who wants to take a break from the daily homework grind. Its short chapters make for easy stopping places, and the dic-

tion is simple and straightforward, which takes much less concentration to read than the average college assignment.

The only drawback to "The Lost Symbol" is that the final twist and resolution come a bit too soon. Brown could easily have ended the book before he does, but it seems that he wants to add a bit of his own philosophy to the work, and does so in the ending chapters. This section brings to light some of the questions that have been unanswered throughout the book, but without action to back them up, it leaves something to be desired.

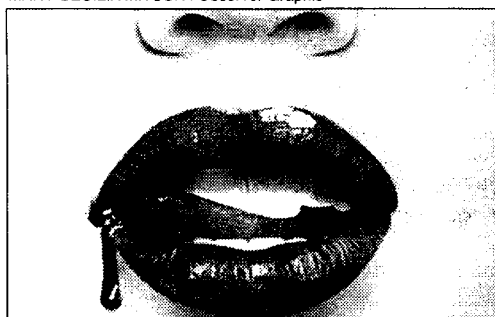
Having said that, "The Lost Symbol" is exactly what it is supposed to be — a fast-paced novel that keeps the reader interested, gives an interesting and new view at some of America's most famous men and landmarks, and is an overall enjoyable read. For those who do not enjoy Brown's books, this will be no different. But for those who do, "The Lost Symbol" may just be his best yet.

The Lost Symbol Dan Brown

10 Words or Less: A fast-paced novel that's less religion, more America



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Jennifer's Body: not your high school's mean girl

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What's a girl to do when her best friend turns into a boy-eating demon? Kick that demonic succubus back to hell of course. Everyone knows how hellish teenage girls can be, but "Jennifer's Body" takes it to a whole new level.

Megan Fox plays Jennifer, the typical popular mean girl turned not-so-typical cannibalistic she-demon from hell. Amanda Seyfried, of "Mamma Mia" fame, stars as Jennifer's less than socially adept best friend, Needy. They live in a nowhere town ironically named "Devil's Kettle," where boys start disappearing one by one after a mysterious fire has Jennifer running off with an indie band that worships the devil.

While writer Diablo Cody's sophomore attempt doesn't lose any of the kick and pop culture references that made "Juno" a hit, there are, however, several eye-roll inducing phrases that are obviously trying to mold the "teenage" group into witty pun machines. For instance, Jennifer changes the word jealous to "jello," and walks around saying good-looking people are "salty," even before she wants to eat them. However, there are several redeeming clever culture

slams like when a girl yells, "of course it's true, it's on their Wikipedia!"

The soundtrack also contains the same kind of "I'm just here ironically" music that made the "Juno" soundtrack such a huge success, featuring acts like Little Boots and Cute Is What We Aim For.

Fox is definitely taking on a bigger acting role than in the "Transformers" movies that made her famous, although it's not exactly difficult since that role seemingly consisted of finding every possible way to rub her chest up against the hood of a car.

The film opened at No. 5 in the U.S. box office on Friday, only pulling in \$2.7 million in ticket sales, which shows that despite Fox's sex appeal, she still doesn't possess the chops to successfully open a movie. Audiences do however, have to give her credit for signing on to do a movie where she is devouring the very demographic that makes her successful, and scenes of her vomiting black goo and covered in blood and guts are far more frequent than ones without.

Audiences also end up feeling sorry for the sadistic (both before and after her transformation) Jennifer when they see how she dies to the tune of "867-5309 (Jenny)" by Tommy Tutone, a fate too terrible to wish on anyone.

While Fox is strapped into her less-than-a-stretch temptress role, pretty girl Seyfried shines as a plain girl. Normally it is enough to slap some glasses on an actress and have her wear loose, "nerdy" clothing to make her the Plain Jane character, but it is really Seyfried's range that drives home her spin on the 'girl lower in the pecking order finding her strength and standing up to the queen bee' scenario. Except in this case the queen bee has fangs and a taste for human flesh, so naturally, our virtuous heroine needed to kick it up a notch as well, fighting her off in the final standoff wearing a pink prom dress that would make the '80s cringe.

Despite enough gallons of blood and icky black bile to fill Lake Michigan and a very dead-eyed demonic Fox, "Jennifer's Body" is lacking in real scares, and it almost seems to be mocking the high school scare tactics thriller in the same way that "Juno" mocked the Lifetime movie teen pregnancy dramas.

What it lacks in scare tactics, it makes up for by dealing with girl issues in a very, very twisted way. The entire movie has the "sandbox friends" competing right up until the very end, when they fight over Needy's boyfriend in a way that is slightly more extreme than reality, seeing as how Jennifer wants to kill him.

While "Jennifer's Body" may be twisted, it offers a very different and shockingly realistic view of how girls deal with the insecurities they have with friends, although obviously (hopefully) this premise is so far exaggerated to make a point that mean girls always get their due, courtesy of their supposed "weaker" friends, a fable that will no doubt empower every girl's inner high school Plain Jane.

Jennifer's Body

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Red Sox defeat Orioles for three-game sweep

Angels stretch division lead to over seven games; Mets' Maine pitches five shutout innings in 6-2 win

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — As long as Boston's starters keep throwing effectively, the Red Sox will have an excellent chance to win — even if their opponent isn't the Baltimore Orioles.

Daisuke Matsuzaka extended an outstanding stretch by Boston's rotation, and the Red Sox cruised past the Orioles 9-3 Sunday for a three-game sweep.

Jason Bay and Jacoby Ellsbury both homered and drove in three runs for the Red Sox, who captured the season series 16-2 by winning the final eight games.

The victory, combined with the Texas Rangers' loss to Los Angeles, reduced Boston's magic number to win the AL wild card to seven. The Red Sox have an eight-game lead over the Rangers.

Pitching for the second time since returning from a three-month stay on the disabled list with a strained right shoulder, Matsuzaka (3-5) allowed three runs and eight hits in 5 1-3 innings. The right-hander struck out five and walked one, a suitable follow-up to the six shutout innings he threw against L.A. on Tuesday.

Boston starters have allowed three runs or fewer in 13 straight games, going 8-1 with a 2.18 ERA. That's one reason why the Red Sox have won 10 of 11, including a 3-1 win Friday night.

"It's amazing how, when pitching is consistent, everything else seems to have a way of working, even when the bats aren't maybe alive," manager Terry Francona said. "It certainly gives you a chance every night to be a good team."

The pitching and offense were perfectly aligned Sunday. While Matsuzaka kept the Orioles scoreless, Boston built a 6-0 lead over three innings against rookie Jason Berken (5-12).

"They pitched well. They hit well," said Baltimore's Luke Scott, who hit his career-high 24th homer. "They're a good team. It's just really simple. They outpitched us. They outhit us."

Bay's 35th homer tied a career high, and the three RBIs gave him a career-best 110. The slugger sat out Saturday's game with flu-like symptoms after leaving Friday's game early for the same reason.

"I got an IV before the game. It picked me up a little bit," Bay said. "I haven't been able to drink

much, so the energy level was a little low. It felt a lot better today."

Matt Wieters had his second straight three-hit game for the Orioles, but the difference was that Matsuzaka was effective and Berken was not.

"When we throw quality starts we've been in pretty much every game," Boston catcher Jason Vartitek said. "It's a big part of how we win."

The Red Sox jumped to a 3-0 lead in the first inning. After Berken walked two of the first three batters, Bay hit an RBI single and Mike Lowell singled in two runs.

Victor Martinez extended his career-best hitting streak to 19 games with an RBI single in the second, and Ellsbury doubled in two runs in the third.

That was all the offense the Red Sox needed.

"The way I threw today is obviously unacceptable," said Berken, who yielded 10 hits in three innings. "I was falling behind consistently. It was just one of those days when I threw the ball awful."

After Bay connected off Chris Waters in the fourth to make it 7-0, Scott hit a two-run shot in the bottom half.

Bay was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the sixth, and Ellsbury homered in the seventh, the final blow in a season series that clearly showed the disparity between the two teams.

"If you're going to compete with a team of that caliber, you've got to pitch up to their level and you've got to hit up to their level," Scott said. "We've gotten our hits and we've scored runs, but you've got to match them on the mound. That's the first place you've got to start."

Angels 10, Rangers 5

Maybe John Lackey was already thinking about his plans for the evening.

Despite struggling through six innings, Lackey was good enough to pitch the AL West-leading Los Angeles Angels closer to the post-season with a 10-5 victory Sunday over second-place Texas that stretched their division lead to 7 1/2 games with 13 to play.

"I was a little off. I stunk even in the bullpen. It was one of those days," said Lackey, the native Texan who was headed across the street for the Dallas Cowboys' home opener in their new stadium Sunday night. "But the boys took care of me for sure and I

appreciate it."

Gary Matthews Jr. snapped out of his September slump with a tiebreaking homer and a two-run single, and Howie Kendrick drove in five runs with a two-run homer and a bases-loaded triple. Juan Rivera and Chone Figgins also homered for the Angels (89-60), who won two of three in the series.

"It's important to reach our first goal and today got us closer to that," manager Mike Scioscia said. "To beat the team chasing you is a positive."

Los Angeles is closing in on its third straight division title and fifth in six years. The last team to win the AL West three consecutive seasons was Oakland from 1988-90.

The Rangers (81-67), who last went to the playoffs 10 years ago, wrapped up a 2-7 homestand during which they had four shutout losses and dropped 2 1/2 games in the division standings.

"We're not mathematically out of it, but our chances aren't very good right now," Ian Kinsler said. "We had a rough homestand. We all knew that it was important. We just didn't play well."

Boston leads the Rangers by eight games in the AL wild-card race. Texas' loss also meant that the New York Yankees could clinch a playoff berth Sunday with a victory at Seattle.

After scoring only four runs combined in its previous six games, Texas took a 3-0 lead in the first off Lackey (11-8), who had allowed only three earned runs in his previous four starts. But Los Angeles immediately responded with runs each time after the Rangers scored.

Lackey allowed five runs, four earned, in six innings with four strikeouts and two walks.

"He kept pitching," Scioscia said. "That's what makes him good."

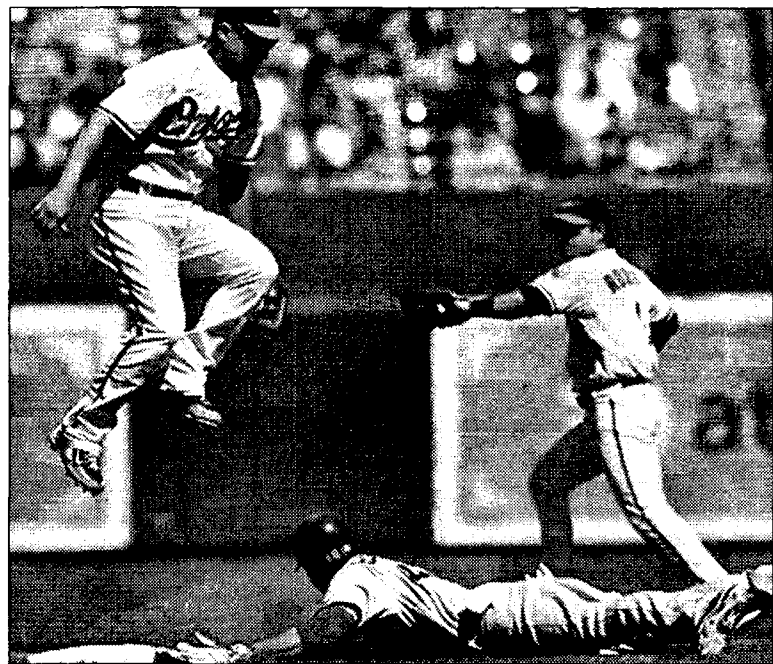
Matthews was 1 for 13 in his seven games this month before a two-run single in the second that got Los Angeles to 3-2.

His baserunning mistake led to an inning-ending double play, when he started running on a fly ball thinking that there were already two outs. But he made up for that with his two-out solo homer in the sixth that broke a 5-all tie and chased rookie left-hander Derek Holland (7-12), who lost his fifth consecutive start.

"It's a bad play. That can't happen," Matthews said. "Luckily, it didn't come back to haunt us."

Kendrick's two-run homer tied the game earlier in the sixth. He finished with three hits and is batting .420 (34 of 81) in his last 20 games.

An inning later, after Los Angeles loaded the bases follow-



Boston's Jacoby Ellsbury steals second as Baltimore's shortstop Cesar Izturis jumps for the throw in the first inning.

ing two quick outs, Kendrick hit a liner that glanced off the stretched-out glove of center fielder Marlon Byrd and rolled to the wall.

Hank Blalock had an RBI single in the Texas first before a two-run single by Nelson Cruz, who was 3 for 30 in his previous nine games. David Murphy had a lead-off double and scored on Kinsler's sacrifice fly in the third, but Rivera's solo homer came in the fourth.

Byrd's RBI single in the fifth put Texas up 5-3, but the Angels homered twice in the following inning to go ahead for good.

Mets 6, Nationals 2

John Maine managed to get his first win since May, even with a pitch count limiting his work. He got a big assist from the free-swinging Washington Nationals. Maine pitched five shutout innings and Daniel Murphy had two RBIs to lead the New York Mets to a 6-2 win Sunday.

Maine (6-5) got deep enough to get the decision despite being held to 75 pitches in his second start after a three-month stint on the disabled list with a sore right shoulder. He allowed two singles and a walk, throwing 50 strikes in his crisp performance.

"They were up there swinging, not many foul balls today," Maine said. "They did put it in play and they did help me out. They helped me get five innings out of my pitch count."

Nationals manager Jim Riggleman saw the same thing, and chided his team for its effort in a brief postgame talk.

"It was just a lackluster performance," Riggleman said. "We can't have that. That's not accept-

able. You just can't play with a lack of intensity at this point because it'll show up."

Angel Pagan finished with three hits for New York, which won two of three in the weekend series between the bottom two teams in the NL East. Carlos Beltran had an RBI single after resting Saturday and Wilson Valdez added a two-run triple in the ninth.

Maine earned his first win since he threw six shutout innings in a 3-2 victory over Florida on May 31. He was activated last Sunday at Philadelphia and yielded one run and two hits over three innings in a 5-4 loss.

"I still don't feel like I have I guess 100 percent strength back there as far as pitching-wise but it doesn't hurt," Maine said, "and I felt better today so that's always a good sign."

Maine, Elmer Dessens, Sean Green and Brian Stokes combined to retire 12 straight batters before Washington rallied in the ninth. Ryan Zimmerman had an RBI double and scored on Adam Dunn's single.

Stokes struck out Josh Willingham for the second out but walked Elijah Dukes to put runners on first and second. Manager Jerry Manuel then brought in Francisco Rodriguez, who threw a called third strike past pinch-hitter Cristian Guzman for his 33rd save.

Washington's best opportunity against Maine came in the fifth, when Willingham led off with a single and advanced to third on Alberto Gonzalez's one-out liner to center. Maine then struck out Jamie Burke and retired pitcher Garrett Mock on a bouncer to second to end the inning.

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Men's Soccer NSCAA/Adidas Top 25

team	record	previous
1 Akron	4-0-0	1
2 Wake Forest	3-0-1	2
3 North Carolina	3-0-1	3
4 Maryland	2-1-0	7
5 South Florida	4-0-0	8
6 Creighton	1-0-1	5
7 California	3-1-0	11
8 Indiana	2-1-1	12
9 UC Santa Barbara	4-1-0	6
10 Dartmouth	3-0-1	13
11 Duke	4-0-0	19
12 UCLA	2-1-0	15
13 Harvard	4-0-0	NR
14 Boston University	3-1-1	14
15 St. John's (N.Y.)	1-1-2	4
16 Louisville	3-0-1	17
17 UC Irvine	4-1-1	9
18 Michigan State	3-0-1	20
19 Monmouth	5-0-0	24
20 Virginia	2-1-0	16
21 NOTRE DAME	2-2-1	10
22 Kentucky	4-0-0	RV
23 North Carolina State	3-1-0	18
24 College of Charleston	5-0-0	RV
25 Northwestern	2-1-1	22

Women's Soccer NSCAA/Adidas Top 25

team	record	previous
1 North Carolina	6-0-0	1
2 Portland	7-0-0	2
3 Stanford	7-0-0	3
4 UCLA	4-1-1	6
5 Florida State	6-1-0	4
6 Boston College	6-0-0	10
7 Florida	5-2-0	14
8 Wake Forest	7-1-0	8
9 California	5-1-0	16
10 Virginia	4-1-2	9
11 Purdue	5-2-0	7
12 Santa Clara	5-2-0	RV
13 South Carolina	6-0-0	18
14 NOTRE DAME	3-3-0	5
15 Georgia	6-0-1	15
16 Rutgers	5-1-1	17
17 Texas A&M	3-3-0	13
18 San Diego	5-2-1	21
19 UCF	5-1-1	RV
20 Maryland	7-0-0	RV
21 Denver	5-1-1	RV
22 Indiana	6-1-0	25
23 Colorado	4-3-0	20
24 Oklahoma State	5-2-0	19
25 Ohio State	5-1-1	RV

Women's Volleyball Bison/UVCA Top 10

team	previous
1 Penn State	1
2 Texas	2
3 Washington	3
4 Hawaii	6
5 Florida	4
6 Michigan	7
7 UCLA	8
8 Nebraska	5
9 Minnesota	9
10 Iowa State	11

NFL



Seattle Seahawks cornerback Ken Lucas fails to stop San Francisco's running back Frank Gore on a successful touchdown run in the third quarter of the 49ers victory over the Seahawks Sunday.

Gore helps 49ers win over Seahawks, 23-10

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Frank Gore kept an eye on the scoreboard as he ran like mad, making sure nobody caught him on the way to the end zone.

And it wasn't even close. "Yeah, I was looking up there," Gore said with a grin of his regular practice. "I ran all day."

Gore's spectacular afternoon single-handedly re-established the run game for San Francisco.

Gore had touchdown runs of 79 and a career-best 80 yards and finished with 207 yards on 16 carries, and the 49ers beat the Seattle Seahawks 23-10 to take an early hold atop the NFC

West standings.

"I told myself, 'I'm not looking back,'" Gore said. "I told myself: 'Hey, if they're going to catch me, they're going to catch me. I'm just going to look straight ahead.'"

Gore, who surpassed San Francisco's Week 1 rushing total of 21 yards in the first series, nearly reached his franchise mark of 212 yards set in 2006 before leaving the game in the fourth quarter with a sprained right ankle that wasn't considered serious. He became only the second player in NFL history to have two TD runs of 79 or more yards in the same game, joining Barry Sanders. Sanders had runs of 80 and 82 yards at

Tampa Bay on Oct. 12, 1997.

"Hey, I'm happy. I didn't know that," Gore said. "We're 2-0 in our division. We proved to a lot of people we're getting better and better."

Seattle (1-1), coming off a 28-0 season-opening win at St. Louis, took a big blow losing quarterback Matt Hasselbeck to a rib injury just before halftime following a hard hit near the goal line by Patrick Willis. Hasselbeck didn't return after completing 10 of 18 passes for 97 yards and no touchdowns.

He was taken to a hospital for X-rays and a CT scan. X-rays were negative while the CT scan was inconclu-

sive and Hasselbeck rejoined his teammates for the 2-hour flight home.

"It is a rib bruise at this point," coach Jim Mora said. "He's doing much better ... he's feeling much more comfortable. We believe at this point, and it's very preliminary, that he's going to be OK."

Gore also posted just the third 200-yard rushing game in team history. Charlie Garner ran for 201 yards at Dallas on Sept. 24, 2000. Gore had his 212-yard day Nov. 19, 2006, also at Candlestick Park against Seattle. His 246 total yards from scrimmage Sunday were a career high, topping the 238 he had in that '06 game with the Seahawks.

IN BRIEF

Favre makes his 271st straight start against Detroit

DETROIT — Brett Favre has another NFL record.

Favre started Sunday for the 271st straight time in the regular season and threw two touchdown passes to help the Minnesota Vikings beat the Detroit Lions 27-13.

"Today was really not a whole lot different than last week or last year," said Favre, who turns 40 next month. "Every game I play at this point, I'm pretty grateful. I know how difficult it is."

Defensive end Jim Marshall had the previous mark, starting 270 games in a row for Minnesota from 1961-1979.

"Jim was going to try to travel with us to this game; however, this happens to be a first wedding anniversary for him and he kind of thought that would maybe not be a good idea," Vikings coach Brad Childress said. "I'm sure we'll see him next week."

The NFC North-leading Vikings host San Francisco in their home opener.

Haas shoots seven under par to win Geater Hickory Classic

CONOVER, N.C. — Jay Haas overcame a slow start to shoot a 7-under 65 on Sunday, winning his second Greater Hickory Classic by two shots over Russ Cochran and Andy Bean.

Haas, who also won the Champions Tour event in 2005, set a tournament-record of 18-under 198 at Rock Barn Golf and Spa's Robert Trent Jones course. His three-day total broke the mark set by R.W. Eaks in 2007 by one shot.

It also made the 13-time winner on the 50-and-over tour the second repeat winner in the tournament's seven-year history. Eaks won back-to-back titles in 2007 and '08.

Cochran and Bean also shot 65 on Sunday, with Hal Sutton (65) and second-round co-leader Nick Price (68) tied for fourth at 15 under.

Joe Crede will need third surgery, two month recovery

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota Twins third baseman Joe Crede plans to have another surgery on his injured back.

Crede, out for the season, said the procedure by Dr. Andrew Dossett, a Dallas orthopedist, will remove fluid from a herniated disk that is impeding on a nerve. Crede expects to have the operation Friday. The date will be finalized Monday.

"It's something I have to do if I want to get back out there," Crede said before Sunday's game against Detroit.

Recovery time is about two months. The 31-year-old Crede has had two major operations in the past two years, the last in October. He played in only 144 games with 502 at-bats from 2007-08.

Hoping he could solidify third base, Minnesota signed Crede to a one-year, incentive-laden contract before spring training. He batted .225 with 15 homers and 48 RBIs in 90 games this season.

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MLB

Bradley suspended for rest of season

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Milton Bradley's season is finished. Perhaps his days with the Chicago Cubs are, too.

The Cubs suspended their volatile outfielder for the rest of the season Sunday, one day after he criticized the team in a newspaper interview.

Bradley was disciplined for conduct detrimental to the team. General manager Jim Hendry said he decided to send Bradley home after learning of the player's remarks in the (Arlington Heights) Daily Herald of Illinois. Bradley, scratched from Saturday's lineup with a sore left knee, was quoted as saying "you understand why they haven't won in 100 years here."

Bradley has two years remaining on a three-year, \$30 million contract that he signed as a free agent last off-season. Hendry said he doesn't know if the relationship can be salvaged.

"The last few days became too much for me to tolerate," Hendry said. "I just decided late last night that's what I was going to do, and I didn't give it a lot of thought what's going to transpire moving forward."

Cubs manager Lou Piniella agreed with Hendry's move.

"Jim made the decision and I support it," the manager said. "I really do."

Chicago signed the switch-hitting Bradley to provide balance in the lineup, but he struggled throughout his first season with Chicago, batting .257 with 12 homers and 40 RBIs. He was booed vigorously by home fans at Wrigley Field.

The Cubs, who haven't won the World Series since 1908, began the day eight games out of the NL wild-card spot with 15 to play. They were 11 games behind first-place St. Louis in the NL Central.

Piniella said whether the 31-year-old Bradley is with the team next season will be entirely Hendry's call. He wasn't sure why Bradley was unhappy in Chicago, and maintained he did his best to deal with a player who he quickly learned required plenty of space.

"I don't know what I could have done. I really don't," Piniella said. "I tried to make it as comfortable as I possibly could for Milton."

In the newspaper story, Bradley also was quoted as

saying the team did not have a "positive environment." He said he didn't know if he'd be back next season.

"I need a stable, healthy, enjoyable environment," Bradley told the newspaper. "There's too many people everywhere in your face with a microphone asking the same questions repeatedly."

"Everything is just bashing you. It's just negativity."

Cubs outfielder Reed Johnson had trouble understanding why Bradley was so unhappy.

"I came from Toronto and come here and just like fall in love with the city and fall in love with the organization," Johnson said. "It's just hard for me to believe that you can come to this city, come to this organization, and not enjoy your time here."

Johnson didn't think Bradley had any reason to feel isolated from the rest of the team, saying "I think for the most part that was his choice."

Hendry was surprised to learn that Bradley wasn't enjoying Chicago after seeking a deal with the Cubs in the off-season.

"That's why it was so disconcerting to hear about negativity," Hendry said. "It's a great place to play. Great ballpark, great city, greatest fans in the world."

"That's just something that's intolerable to me, to blame the fans and the other things that were blamed."

Micah Hoffpauir played right field, Bradley's spot, for the third straight game in the finale of a three-game series against the St. Louis Cardinals on Sunday night. Outfielder Tyler Colvin, a first-round draft pick in 2006, was recalled from Double-A Tennessee.

The oft-injured Bradley has a history of boorish behavior during 10 years in the majors with seven teams.

He was sent home by Piniella during a June game following an angry outburst in the dugout, and suspended for a game after arguing with umpire Larry Vanover when he was called out on strikes with the bases loaded April 16.

In 2004, Bradley was ordered to undergo anger management counseling while with the Dodgers after being suspended for charging a fan in the stands who had thrown a bottle near him. During the NL playoffs that year, he called a reporter an "Uncle Tom."

NCAA BASKETBALL

Arkansas coach to suspend players

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Arkansas basketball coach John Pelphrey said Thursday he will suspend at least one player 2-3 games following a rape investigation that did not result in charges.

The school released a statement from Pelphrey outlining punishment in the aftermath of the allegations. The release did not name any players and Pelphrey said he could not disclose specific punishments because of federal privacy laws.

Authorities decided against charges after investigating a woman's claim that she had been raped Aug. 27 at a fraternity house. The allegations were made against three Arkansas basketball players.

"Although the student-athletes involved have been cleared of any criminal wrongdoing, we expect Razorback student-athletes to adhere to a higher standard and code of conduct," Pelphrey said.

The school did not say how many players would be suspended, though athletic department spokesman Kevin Trainor said it could be more than one. The school also said it would include educational programming, community service, additional conditioning and "individualized meetings with an appropriate professional regarding decision-making choices" as part of its corrective actions.

The school said the educational programs would be provided to all players.

"I can assure you that there

will be meaningful consequences for those individuals who have violated team rules and have not met the expectations of conduct required of our student-athletes," Pelphrey said.

An 18-year-old freshman named three basketball players in the rape complaint, saying one forced her to commit a sex act and another began a sex act with her a short time later in a locked bedroom at the fraternity house.

Prosecutor John Threet decided against filing charges, saying the investigation didn't show that the woman was unaware a sex act occurred or that she was unable to say no.

John Bass, a Springdale attorney representing the woman, issued a statement of his own after the school's announcement.

"Clearly this is not the justice the victim seeks," Bass said. "She and her family are disappointed that this action was taken before the University of Arkansas' Office of Community Standards and Student Ethics has had an opportunity (to) hear the merits of the victim's ethics complaint filed shortly after the incident."

Bass has said the family might request a special prosecutor be appointed to re-examine the case because

Threet has family ties to the university's athletic department. He also said a civil lawsuit was a possibility.

Since becoming the Razorbacks' coach in 2007, Pelphrey has disciplined players several times, including at the end of last season when he suspended Jason Henry days before the Southeastern Conference tournament for an unspecified violation of team rules. Henry is no longer with the team.

Former guard Patrick Beverley also said somebody wrote a paper for him while he was with the Razorbacks, and the NCAA put the team on notice about its low academic progress rate.

Arkansas Chancellor David Gearhart gave Pelphrey his unqualified support last week, and athletic

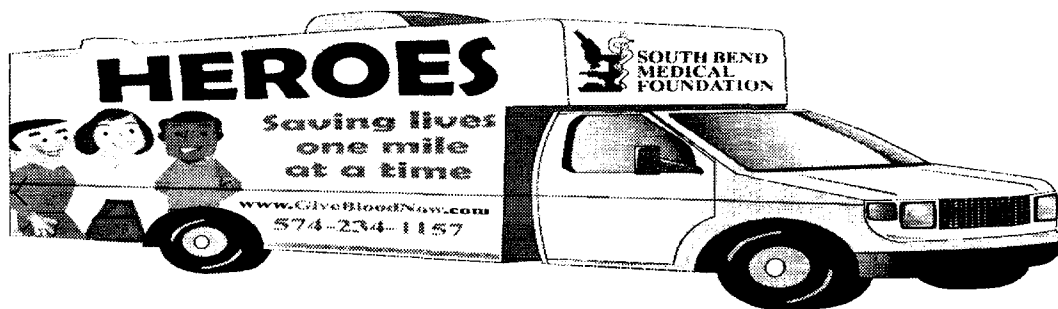
director Jeff Long echoed that sentiment Thursday.

"In his tenure at Arkansas, coach Pelphrey has consistently and proactively dealt with inappropriate conduct and other team issues," Long said. "Coach Pelphrey and his staff have my full support as they continue to lead our basketball program in a manner that demands student-athlete accountability on and off the court."

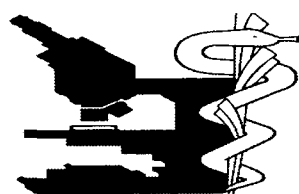
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Meyers and Gators play it safe vs. Vols.

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida coach Urban Meyer wanted to open things up against Tennessee. If he had it to do again, he probably would.

But if the Volunteers were going to play conservatively, even when they were down several scores, Meyer figured he could, too.

Meyer said the top-ranked Gators played it safe in Saturday's 23-13 victory against Lane Kiffin's Volunteers because of injuries and illnesses, respect for Tennessee's defense and a belief that the Vols weren't really trying to win the game.

"When I saw them start handing the ball off, you didn't feel like they were going after the win," Meyer said Sunday in conference call with reporters. "They wanted to shorten the game. I remember looking out there and there's 10 minutes left in the game and there's no no-huddle, they are down, I think it was 23-6, and (there's no) urgency."

"The way we lose a game there is to throw an interception. I do have respect for their defense. Let's find a way to win the game."

Meyer said the Gators are not out to impress pollsters and fans who want to see blowouts.

"We're trying to win the game. A lot of it had to do with the way they were playing. That made our life a little easier."

A flu bug that hit the team — very possibly swine flu though no cases have been confirmed — might have been as big an issue for the Gators

as anything the Vols did Saturday.

Running back Jeff Demps, tight end Aaron Hernandez and defensive end Jermaine Cunningham were all fighting the flu symptoms and were isolated in the days leading up to the game.

Meyer did not hide his concern for the devastating effects the virus could have on his team.

"It is a panic level of proportion I've never seen before," Meyer said. "My wife, with her great insight, said, 'Do you realize the swine flu and everything is hitting the Florida campus last week.' My gosh."

Several college football teams, including Wisconsin and Mississippi, have dealt with team-wide flu outbreaks in recent weeks.

Meyer said team doctors and training staff were doing everything they could to prevent the bug from spreading throughout the Gators. Hand sanitizers were everywhere, and prevention checklists were posted all around the training facility.

"We're trying the best we can, but it's real," Meyer said. "We go to the extremes. They get a separate dorm room for them. They get a separate hotel room for them. They put them right on whatever the flu stuff is. Our guys, our team doctors, they're on it as fast as you can get on it."

Demps, Cunningham and Hernandez all played against the Volunteers, but none of them were particularly effective.

So Meyer put the game in quarterback Tim Tebow's hands.

MLB

Tigers increase lead to three games

Dodgers working to clinch the division earlier than last season

Associated Press

The Detroit Tigers gave themselves a little breathing room in the AL Central.

Placido Polanco drove in three runs, Detroit's bullpen pitched four shutout innings and the Tigers avoided a three-game sweep with a 6-2 win over the Minnesota Twins on Sunday to increase their division lead to three games.

Ryan Raburn homered for slumping Detroit, which won for the second time in six games and fourth in 13.

"We needed this one," pitcher Nate Robertson said. "You play here and the Twins get the first two, they sniff sweep. I've seen it a few times."

Minnesota, which had won six straight, got two hits from Joe Mauer, who increased his batting average to a major league-best .374. The race between the Tigers and Twins is the tightest in any division.

"I guess we'll have to take two out of three and now go on a long road trip," Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire said. "We'll see if we can hang in there until we get back to Detroit and go from there."

The teams meet again for four games at Comerica Park beginning Sept. 28. That will wrap up a 10-game road trip for Minnesota, and begin a seven-game, final-week homestand for the Tigers, who have three games each in Cleveland and Chicago before going home.

"From the beginning, every game was important and now it's even more," Polanco said. "Every time you beat those guys you don't have to look at the scoreboard."

In his fourth start after missing two months following elbow surgery, Robertson (2-2) went deep in the count against many hitters but allowed just five hits and two earned runs in five innings.

Zach Miner, Bobby Seay and Fernando Rodney combined to allow two singles in four scoreless innings of relief for Detroit.

"Miner did a hell of a job, and then Bobby got a big double-play ball," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said.

Those key outs came after Mauer led off the eighth inning with a single, and ended the hopes of 36,335 in attendance for a second consecutive rally. Minnesota scored five runs in the eighth Saturday for a 6-2 win.

Scott Baker (13-9), who was 4-1 in his previous seven starts, allowed eight hits and four earned runs in 4 2-3 innings. In three starts against the Tigers this year, Baker has given up 15 earned runs in 15 innings.

"Whatever their numbers are, if you make good pitches you can get those guys out," he said. "Even though I felt like I threw OK, I just

gave up too many hits."

Baker opened the fifth by walking Gerald Laird and allowing a single to Ramon Santiago. Polanco drove in both with a single to right field two batters later for a 4-2 lead. Polanco was 6 for 11 in the three-game series and is hitting .365 against the Twins this year.

Raburn homered leading off the eighth, and Polanco had a sacrifice fly in the inning.

Detroit tied the score at 1 in the fourth when Magglio Ordonez singled with two outs off Baker and scored on a triple by Carlos Guillen. Ordonez is hitting .444 against Baker, tops among all active players with at least 25 plate appearances against the right-hander. Guillen is hitting .440 against Baker.

Nick Punto had an RBI single in the home half for a 2-1 Minnesota lead.

"I don't want to sound like a prophet, but I said a long time ago, at the start of the season, that there was a good chance this thing would go to the last week, to the last few games, and it's going to," Leyland said. "It's nice to be three instead of one, but it's going to go down to the wire."

Dodgers 6, Giants 2

The Los Angeles Dodgers may get a chance over the next 1 1-2 weeks to find out if champagne stains come out of gray uniforms easier than from white ones.

Placido Polanco
Tigers second baseman

"Every time you beat those guys you don't have to look at the scoreboard."

Andre Ethier hit a go-ahead two-run homer off Tim Lincecum, Ronnie Belliard added a two-run single against the reigning NL Cy Young Award winner, and the NL West leaders beat the San Francisco Giants 6-2 on Sunday to go 30 games over .500 for the first time in almost 24 years.

The Dodgers, who clinched the division title at home last season with three games to spare, now embark on a nine-game road trip through Washington, Pittsburgh and San Diego. They are five games ahead of second-place Colorado with 12 to play, and will finish the regular season at Chavez Ravine with a three-game series against the Rockies — who are 3-12 against them this year.

"We're going to try to clinch as early as we can. I just want to get this thing over with, and winning games is the only way we're going to do it," manager Joe Torre said. "If we don't do it, we don't deserve it. That's what it comes down to. I

mean, you're certainly not fearful of anything — but you get what you earn in this game. There are a lot of clubs at this time of year that wish they could control their own destiny, and we're one of them."

The Dodgers, trying to win consecutive division crowns for the first time since 1977-78, reduced their magic number to eight for clinching the West and four for securing a postseason berth for the third time in four years.

They improved the league's best record to 90-60, reaching the 90-victory mark for the first time since winning a division title in 2004 with a 93-69 record under Jim Tracy — who now manages the Rockies. It is Torre's 12th season with 90 or more wins, the others all coming with the Yankees during a 12-year span.

Randy Wolf (11-6) shrugged off a pair of home runs by leadoff hitter Andres Torres, allowing five hits in six-plus innings with three strikeouts and two walks.

The Giants fell 4 1/2 games behind the Rockies in the NL wild-card race. Colorado beat Arizona 5-1 on Sunday.

"Obviously you can tell by the look on my face that I'm not really happy about my outing and the way I let the team down," said Lincecum, who has won 19 games following Giants losses since the start of last season. "Today was definitely a big game. I felt like I could have done a better job out there and put up a better fight. The bullpen did a great job picking me up afterwards. It was just too late and too little."

Lincecum (14-6) gave up five runs, four hits and four walks over four-plus innings and struck out three. The right-hander is 0-4 with a 5.90 ERA in his last five road starts since beating St. Louis 10-0 on June 29 with a two-hitter. It was his shortest outing since opening day, when he struggled through three innings against Milwaukee on April 7.

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Tim Lincecum
Giants pitcher

"I felt like I was beating myself out there," said Lincecum, who was pulled after walking the first two batters in the fifth.

NL pitchers coming off Cy Young Award seasons were 10-0 with four no-decisions against the Dodgers since Sept. 9, 2003, when Edwin Jackson beat Randy Johnson at Arizona in his major league debut. No reigning Cy Young winner in either league had been charged with a loss at Dodger Stadium since way back on June 5, 1993, when Kevin Gross beat Greg Maddux and the Atlanta Braves 5-1.

Lincecum was 3-0 with a 2.56 ERA in his six previous career starts against the Dodgers.



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MLB

Reds win to split series with Marlins

Padres' top starter Correia leads team

Associated Press

After a string of close games, the Cincinnati Reds were glad to get a breather.

Corky Miller hit a rare home run to back Kip Wells' strong pitching and Cincinnati gained a split of its four-game series against the Florida Marlins by rolling to an 8-1 victory Sunday.

Miller's three-run shot and Joey Votto's two-run homer created a cushion for Wells, who put together his longest outing since being acquired by the Reds as a free agent on July 7 and joining the team July 31.

Cincinnati manager Dusty Baker was thankful for a blowout win after watching his team play five consecutive one-run games and eight in a row decided by no more than three runs. The Reds had played 17 straight games that were decided by four runs or less since beating Pittsburgh 11-5 on Sept. 1.

"That was great," Baker said. "A lot of crooked numbers. Corky Miller had a big day. Kip Wells threw the ball well. He minimized his pitches. Not walking anybody was the key. He didn't have a lot of strikeouts, but he got a lot of ground balls and balls not hit very hard."

The Marlins began the day trailing Colorado by four games for the NL wild card. They were seven behind first-place Philadelphia in the NL East.

Wells (2-4), who opened the season in Washington's minor league system and went 0-2 for the Nationals before being released July 6, pitched seven-plus innings. Using his off-speed pitches to set up his fastball, he gave up one run and five hits with no walks and two strikeouts. His previous longest outing with Cincinnati was 6 2-3 innings against Houston in his last start Tuesday, when he did not receive a decision.

"I've been throwing my changeup more in the past month," Wells said. "I was falling behind early, but I was always able to eventually get it over the plate and get them to whack it at somebody."

Wells faced the minimum 11 batters through the first 3 2-3 innings before NL batting leader Hanley Ramirez singled to center field for Florida's first hit.

"Wells' sinker was working good for him today," said Florida's Dan Uggla, who was 0 for 3 against the Cincinnati starter. "I don't know about everybody else, but I swung at a lot of bad pitches."

Darnell McDonald led off the third for Cincinnati with an infield single to shortstop. One out later, Wells sacrificed McDonald to second and he scored on Drew Stubbs' double into the left-field corner.

Florida starter Sean West walked Scott Rolen and Jonny Gomes with one out in the fourth. McDonald struck out, but Miller smacked West's first pitch into the left-field

seats for his first home run in the majors since June 11, 2008, for Atlanta against the Cubs at Chicago.

Miller, who has played at least one game in the major leagues in every season since 2001, hit his first homer for the Reds since June 22, 2002, at Atlanta. He doubled his RBI total for the season.

"You never know when it's going to be your last one," Miller said. "It was great to get a four-run lead and give Kip some breathing room. That helped a lot."

Stubbs led off the fifth with an infield single and Paul Janish followed with a bunt single. Votto struck out looking, and Florida manager Fredi Gonzalez called in right-hander Cristhian Martinez to face Brandon Phillips, who hit the first pitch through the hole into right field for an RBI single to give Cincinnati a 5-0 lead.

"I got backed into a corner today and couldn't fight my way out of it," West said. "I didn't have my good stuff today. It's a huge learning experience coming from Double-A. I let my team down today. I think they expected more from me."

Votto hit his 22nd homer in the seventh, a two-run shot, and Scott Rolen later followed Phillips' triple with a run-scoring groundout.

West (7-6), who had gone 4-1 with a 4.15 ERA in eight starts since being recalled from Double-A Jacksonville on Aug. 8, gave up five hits and five runs with three walks and four strikeouts in 4 2-3 innings.

"It's the stuff you have to deal with in a young pitcher," Gonzalez said. "He takes a couple of steps forward, then one back."

Padres 4, Pirates 0

Kevin Correia didn't expect to become the ace of his hometown team's pitching staff when he signed with the San Diego Padres as a free agent last winter.

Yet that is what the native of San Diego has become, turning in another outstanding September start Sunday with seven strong innings as the Padres beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-0.

Correia (11-10) allowed six hits, did not walk a batter and struck out five. He is 2-0 with a 1.67 ERA in four starts this month.

It is a strong finish to a season in which he has set career highs for wins, innings (183) and strikeouts (131) after spending the previous six years bouncing between the starting rotation and various relief roles with San Francisco and winning a total of 14 games.

With Jake Peavy having been traded to the Chicago White Sox on July 31 and the Padres in a youth movement, Correia is their top starter.

"It's just that I'm the guy with the most experience in the rotation and I'm the only guy that's been in there all year," Correia said.

NFL

Bears open home season with a win

Cutler, Hester, Gould boost Chicago over defending champions

Associated Press

Hounded in the opener and harassed in the early going again Sunday, Jay Cutler simply wanted a shot at redemption. He got it and finally lived up to his lofty billing.

Cutler made a big pass to Devin Hester, and Robbie Gould booted a 44-yard field goal with 15 seconds left to lift the Chicago Bears to a 17-14 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Cutler hit rookie Johnny Knox with the tying touchdown midway through the fourth quarter. After Jeff Reed missed his second field goal of the period, a 43-yarder, Cutler helped set up Gould's winning kick with a 5-yard pass to Hester on third-and-4 at the Steelers 39 that kept the winning drive going.

"I always hope to get a chance," Cutler said. "I always think we're going to get a chance if it's 3 minutes or if it's 30 seconds. All we want is a shot."

Both teams were missing their defensive stars, with Chicago's Brian Urlacher out for the rest of the season with a dislocated right wrist and the Steelers' Troy Polamalu out three to six weeks with a torn medial collateral ligament in his left knee. The Bears also saw defensive end Alex Brown get helped off the field with a sprained left ankle with just over four minutes remaining after collecting two sacks.

Cutler, however, came through like a star on a rainy afternoon in which he was

pressured and had several passes dropped. Despite all that, his first home game with the Bears (1-1) was a big improvement over his debut with them.

He finished with 236 yards and two touchdowns, with no interceptions, after being picked off a career-high four times in a season-opening loss at Green Bay. Knox, a rookie, was impressive, too, with six catches for 70 yards.

That was enough to beat the defending champions and off-set solid performances by Ben Roethlisberger and Antonio Holmes.

"In the face of pressure he made great decisions, put the ball in some good locations and guys converted third downs," Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said. "They did enough to win, we didn't. We accept responsibility for that."

Roethlisberger threw for 221 yards and Holmes caught five passes for 83, yet Reed's problems in the fourth quarter gave the Bears the opening they needed.

"I'm just embarrassed, you know, because these guys fight their tails off to win the game," Reed said. "If there is one player that can single-handedly lose the game, I'll take credit for it."

The Steelers weren't about to do that.

"Not even a blink in our eyes that we're concerned about what Jeff did," Holmes said.

Roethlisberger gave the Steelers (1-1) a 14-7 lead midway through the third quarter when he ran it in from the 2,

leaping over a lunging Danieal Manning, after Skokie native and Illinois product Rashard Mendenhall broke off a 39-yard run. After hitting the winner in overtime against Tennessee, Reed missed a 38-yard try that would have made it a 10-point game in the fourth.

The Bears quickly responded.

Cutler, whose arrival in a trade with Denver sent expectations in Chicago soaring, hit tight end Greg Olsen on a 29-yard pass to put the ball on the Pittsburgh 23, and finished the drive with a 7-yarder to Knox, who beat Polamalu's fill-in Tyrone Carter to tie it at 14 with 6:21 left, a neat sequence on an ugly afternoon.

There were large seams on the field after it was re-sodded following back-to-back U2 concerts the previous weekend, a short turnaround that left Bears players singing a familiar tune about the surface at the stadium owned by the Chicago Parks District.

There was a noticeable groan when Olsen slipped trying to make a catch in the end zone on a rain-slicked field late in the second quarter, but the crowd roared a few plays later when Kellen Davis caught a 6-yard pass from Cutler to tie it at 7 with 19 seconds left in the half. Of course, the biggest cheers came at the end.

"You don't really think about missing kicks," Gould said, "because when you do that you're going to miss kicks."



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NFL

Falcons hold off Panthers for a win

Associated Press

Matt Ryan has a new favorite receiver. No surprise who it is.

Ryan threw three touchdown passes, hooking up with Tony Gonzalez for the second week in a row, and the Atlanta Falcons held off the Carolina Panthers 28-20 on Sunday.

Through his first two games with the Falcons, Gonzalez has 12 catches for 144 yards and two touchdowns. Just what Atlanta had in mind when it dealt for a tight end who figures to end up in Canton - and starting 2-0 is just what Gonzalez had in mind when he asked to be traded by lowly Kansas City.

The Falcons already have matched the Chiefs' win total for all of last season.

"Not a bad start at all," Gonzalez said. "It's just great to be part of a team like this."

Ryan had a big first half, which included a brilliant fingertip grab by Gonzalez on a 24-yard score. Jason Snelling and Roddy White also hauled in TD passes, giving Atlanta a 21-13 lead at the break.

Ryan completed 13 straight passes at one point and finished 21 of 27 for 220 yards, though he did have his first interception of the season. Gonzalez led the Falcons again with seven receptions for 71 yards.

"He's one of the greatest tight ends of all time," Ryan said. "That was a huge pickup for us. He makes big plays for us in different situations when we need him. I've enjoyed playing with him thus far."

Jake Delhomme played much better for the Panthers, looking nothing like the quarterback who had 11 turnovers in his last

two games. But his 25-of-41, 308-yard passing performance was marred by that familiar problem - an interception with 2 1/2 minutes remaining near the Atlanta end zone - and the defending NFC South champions are off to an 0-2 start.

"It couldn't be any worse than last week," said Delhomme, referring to his four-interception, one-fumble fiasco in a 38-10 loss to Philadelphia. "I felt good out there today. Last week, I put too much pressure on myself. This week, I got back to being just plain Jake."

The Falcons looked to be in good shape after Michael Turner powered over from the 1 with 12:27 remaining, stretching the lead to 28-13.

Back came Delhomme and the Panthers. A 10-play, 80-yard drive made it 28-20, and Carolina was in position to force overtime with a touchdown and a two-point conversion after driving to a first down at the Falcons 17. But three straight incompletions left the Panthers in desperation mode.

On fourth-and-10, Delhomme tried to force in a pass to Steve Smith near the end zone. Chris Houston stepped in front to pick it off at the 4 before being slammed out bounds by Smith, who had a huge game with eight catches for 131 yards despite being hurt on the final play of the first half.

The Panthers had one last chance after forcing an Atlanta

punt. Delhomme completed four straight passes to get the ball to the Atlanta 43 with eight seconds left.

For the final pass, the Falcons stationed 6-foot-5 receiver Brian Finneran as an extra defensive back. Finneran and Brent Grimes went up together to bat the ball down, and Grimes got a hand on it - but nearly knocked it to a Carolina receiver. Dwayne Jarrett dove for the ball and rolled over cradling it, but it clearly hit the turf before he got his hands extended.

The replay officials upstairs ordered a review, just to make sure the clock had run out. The head coaches and a couple of players from each team were the only ones left on the field when the game officially ended.

"I guess we would've had to go get some guys out of the showers," Falcons coach Mike Smith joked.

DeAngelo Williams scored on a 3-yard run to give Carolina a short-lived 10-7 lead early in the second quarter. John Kasay kicked a couple of field goals, including a 50-yarder.

Gonzalez isn't the only newcomer off to a great start with the Falcons. Linebacker Mike Peterson had a big game for the second week in a row, leading the team with nine tackles, forcing a fumble, breaking up a pass and catching a punt that was blocked by Brian Williams.

"It's just great to be part of a team like this."

**Tony Gonzalez
Falcons tight end**

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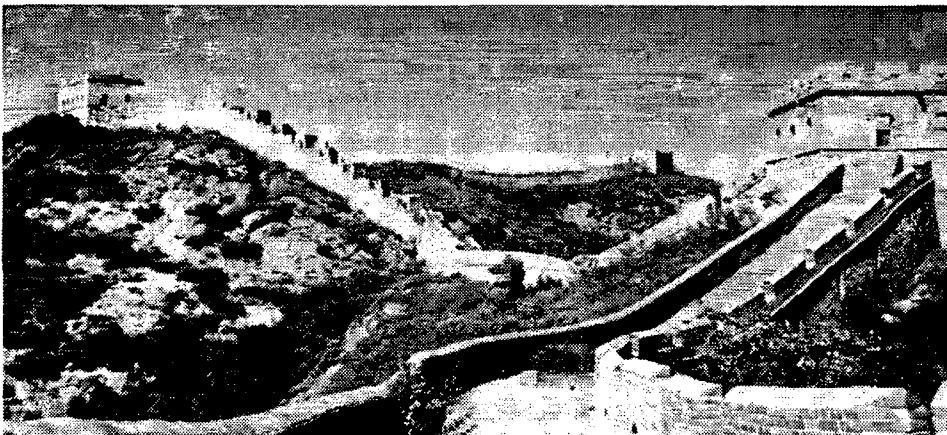
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NFL

Jets show skills in win over Patriots

Rex Ryan sent a message to the fans. His New York Jets delivered one of their own.

Rookie Mark Sanchez outplayed a Super Bowl champion quarterback and the Jets backed up their big talk, shutting down Tom Brady and the New England Patriots 16-9 on Sunday.

"We believe that we are the better team today," Ryan said. "We went out and showed it. I think our fans are huge in this victory."

So huge, in fact, that Ryan said he was giving the fans a gameball that would be placed in the team's trophy case.

"I thought they were the difference," Ryan said.

The victory was the first for the Jets (2-0) over Brady at home, and the first over the Patriots (1-1) at the Meadowlands since 2000. And, it came after a week during which Ryan reiterated his offseason comments that he didn't come to "kiss Bill Belichick's rings" and sent a voicemail to season ticket holders, urging them to be loud.

The fans clearly answered the call, causing a tough time for the Patriots' offense all game. Brady was forced into consecutive delay of game penalties in the third quarter.

"I've got to do a better job,"

Brady said. "They don't come up very often, but when they do, they hurt. And they hurt us today."

Ryan also said the Patriots had the better coach and quarterback coming in.

Hold on, Rex. Don't sell yourself short.

"The big deal is, we're a football team that should be respected," Ryan said. "Sometimes we talk a little bit, but only because we have confidence in our football team."

Earlier in the week, Jets safety Kerry Rhodes said New York wanted to "embarrass" New England.

"Kerry made a statement, we stood behind him and we had his back," defensive end Shaun Ellis said.

Sanchez came out throwing in the second half after a quiet first two quarters and connected with Dustin Keller on a go-ahead touchdown, and the Jets' defense clamped down on the Patriots.

"It's a major win for us," Ellis said. "To close that out and put an end to that, it's great."

Brady had a chance to tie it for the Patriots, getting the ball at the Patriots 10 with 1:48 left, but the Jets' defense stopped him as Dwight Lowery knocked away a pass to Joey Galloway on fourth down.

SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles place 12th at Calvin Invite

Observer Staff Report

Saint Mary's finished 12th this weekend at the Calvin Invitational in Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Belles posted a team score of 331 for the meet, which featured some of the best Division III and NAIA teams from across the country.

Senior Megan McClowry posted the best time for Saint Mary's at 19:35. The 5-kilometer time was also the best of McClowry's

career and placed her 47th overall.

In just her second collegiate race, freshman Julia Kenney also broke the 20-minute barrier with a time of 19:51.

Rounding out the top five for Saint Mary's were Joanne Almond at 20:11, Clare McVey at 20:14, and Catie Salyer at 20:15.

No. 2 Calvin won the event with a team score of 28. The Belles will return to action at the MIAA Jamboree at Hope College next weekend.

NCAA FOOTBALL

USC falls out of top 10 after loss to Washington

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Southern California dropped nine spots and out of the top 10 in The Associated Press college football poll Sunday, and Washington moved into the rankings for the first time in six years.

A day after the Huskies upset the Trojans 16-13 on a late field goal, USC fell from No. 3 to No. 12 in the media poll. The Trojans became the second preseason top-five team to lose in the first three weeks of the season. Preseason No. 3 Oklahoma lost its opener to BYU.

Washington, ranked for the first time since Sept. 28, 2003, is No. 24.

No. 1 Florida and No. 2 Texas have held firm to their spots all season. No. 3 Alabama and No. 4 Mississippi moved up one spot in the latest poll, giving the Southeastern Conference three of the top four teams in the nation. Penn State remained No. 5.

Florida received 55 of 60 first-place votes. Texas had two and Alabama received three.

BYU dropped the farthest this week, from seventh to 19th after a 54-28 home loss to Florida State. The Seminoles moved back into the rankings at No. 18.

The rest of the top 10 was California at No. 6, followed by LSU, Boise State, Miami and Oklahoma.

The Hurricanes made the biggest jump of the ranked teams from last week, moving up 11 spots after a 33-17 victory against Georgia Tech. The loss knocked the Yellow Jackets out of the rankings. Utah also dropped out after a loss.

Miami is in the top 10 for first time since the final regular-season poll of the 2005 season. The Hurricanes play at No. 11 Virginia Tech on Saturday in a huge Atlantic Coast Conference game.

Miami was the dominant team in college football during the early 2000s. In the latter part of the decade, USC has taken the Hurricanes' place.

The last time Miami was ranked higher than USC was Oct. 26, 2003. That week the Hurricanes were No. 2 and USC was No. 3. The next week, USC moved up a spot, Miami dropped to sixth and the two programs kept drifting apart. The Trojans became a top-10 fixture while the Hurricanes

struggled to even crack the Top 25.

Since Nov. 3, 2002, Pete Carroll's second season at USC, the Trojans have spent only six weeks out of the top 10 -- all in 2007 following an early October home loss to 40-point underdog Stanford.

Washington, like Miami, contended for national championships earlier this decade, but the Huskies have fallen on even harder times than the 'Canes.

Washington finished that 2003 season 6-5 and hasn't had a winning season since. The Huskies hit rock bottom last season, becoming the first Pac-10 team to go 0-12.

Jake Locker and the Huskies snapped a 15-game losing streak last week with a 42-23 victory against Idaho, but beating the Vandals could hardly be viewed as a sign that Washington was ready to defeat USC for the first time since 2001.

New coach Steve Sarkisian, a former USC assistant, and the Huskies did just that. Locker led a masterful late drive and Eric Folk kicked a 22-yard field goal with 3 seconds left in the game.

NASCAR

Martin wins Chase opener in N.H.

Associated Press

LOUDON, N.H. — When a young driver isn't sure how to approach an on-track situation, they often ask themselves "What would Mark Martin do?"

With a championship on the line, Martin fooled the competition and won.

The 50-year-old driver held off Juan Pablo Montoya on a three-lap sprint to the finish Sunday to win the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship opener at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. After, Montoya accused Martin of holding him up at the start of the second lap.

"What he did, not cool at all," Montoya radioed his crew. "I could have wrecked him."

But Martin insisted the move, which clearly surprised Montoya, was within bounds.

"I fought for that race," Martin said. "But I wouldn't do anything. I still won't."

Whether Martin did anything wrong at all will be debated by many, but it won't change the record books: Martin won his Sprint Cup Series-best fifth race of the season and extended his lead in the standings to 35 points over runner-up Denny Hamlin and three-time defending champion Jimmie Johnson.

"Pinch me. I am sure I'm sleeping. I am sure I am dreaming," Martin said.

Martin crew chief Alan Gustafson used mid-race pit strategy to get the No. 5 into contention. He didn't bring Martin in for a pit stop under yellow that was outside their fuel window, knowing they'd get a chance to stop later in the race.

It put Martin out front at the end, in position to spoil what was shaping up to be a blockbuster day for Montoya.

Making his 100th career start on his 34th birthday, Montoya won the pole in record-breaking speed and led every practice session while setting the stage for just his second career Sprint Cup Series victory.

Instead, he found himself slicing through the field at the end of the race. He went from fifth to second on a restart with 13 laps to go, and was on the

inside of Martin on the restart with three laps to go.

They battled door-to-door for the first lap, and Martin finally slid in front of Montoya as they crossed the start-finish line. They ran bumper-to-bumper through the first turn, and Martin appeared to slow just a bit as they headed for Turn 2.

It caused Montoya to roll out of the gas — and lose considerable momentum — as Martin pulled away to a sizable lead.

"I didn't expect that," Montoya said. "I was expecting him to run pretty hard. He just ran very defensively, and I just got caught by surprise. I think if I would have been prepared I probably would have jumped to the outside."

"You've got to learn from it. I

haven't fought for enough wins."

Although Montoya said Martin "stopped," in front of him, Martin didn't think he had done anything wrong.

"My first instinct to answer that question would be, 'Yeah, I stopped — compared to how fast his car was going,'" Martin said. "I don't think I stopped, stopped. Maybe it looked to him like I stopped based on how fast he had been."

The race ended under caution when AJ Allmendinger spun on the frontstretch as the leaders began their final lap. NASCAR waited for Allmendinger to get his car off the track and was slow to throw the yellow flag because officials were hoping to let the finish play out.



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wanted to do well against them, but at the same time we did a lot of really, really good things and played at a high level."

The Irish won two of the first three sets and looked ready to take the fourth, leading 17-12 at one point, but the Seminoles climbed back in thanks to several Notre Dame attack errors and two straight kills by Stephanie Neville. Florida State tied it up at 20-20 and won the close contest 26-24.

"The irony is we didn't play our best [Saturday] and came out then with a win," Brown said. "[Sunday] I thought we played really well and ended up with a loss."

Dealy had a career-high 21

kills Sunday, barely beating Phillips who had another great day with 19 kills.

The Florida State Tournament was the last invitational for Notre Dame, which will enter Big East play next weekend at Connecticut and St. John's.

Brown said she thinks the difficult schedule the team faced early in the season will help with conference play.

"I think we've put ourselves in a really good position for the Big East," Brown said. "We're going to keep improving, getting better and better. The schedule we've played has prepared us very well."

Notre Dame will play at Connecticut at 7:00 p.m. Friday and at St. John's at 2:00 p.m. Sunday.

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ocheted off the crossbar in the 60th minute.

It wasn't until the 76th minute that the Quakers were able to sneak a shot past senior Belles goalkeeper Patty Duffy for the game's first score.

Wilmington's Alex Hesson also recorded the second goal to make the score 2-0 in the 83rd minute, and while the Belles had a couple of shots late in the game, they were not able to rally.

Duffy had five saves in the game for the Belles.

In the second game of the weekend, Belles senior Katie

Wehrli was able to notch a goal late in the game Sunday against Hiram College to even the score at one on. This was Wehrli's first goal since October of her sophomore year.

Duffy also recorded another five saves for the Belles in the game, and two of the blocks came in the crucial overtime to keep the score knotted at one.

Overall the Belles had six players record shots in the contest.

After spending a week on the road the Belles will return to campus to take on Bethel College on Friday beginning at 5 p.m.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish perform well at Illinois event

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

The Irish open the season with a host of questions concerning who will step up to replace a senior class that left some big shoes to fill. After a strong showing at the Illinois/Olympia Fields Invitational this weekend, hopefully some of those questions have been answered.

"I think there were some outstanding performances this weekend because if you understand the format of what we were doing, we brought ten players," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "The other teams brought their top four, and three of those teams were round of 16 teams last year in the NCAA tournament."

Led by junior captain Tyler Davis, the Irish competed in 10 singles and 10 doubles matches on day one against a field that included Miami, Florida State, Illinois and Northwestern.

Davis claimed a singles victory over Tobias Reitz of Northwestern (6-3, 6-1) and together with sophomore Casey Watt earned Notre Dame's only doubles victory in a hard-fought match against Christian Blocker and Carl Sundberg of Miami (9-8).

"Tyler Davis has made a significant jump from a year ago," Bayliss said. "What we're getting from him also is terrific leadership. He's a team captain as a junior, which is very rare here. I think he's going to really help shape the way our guys work on finishing and having a great season."

The Irish continued their strong play over the weekend, earning seven singles wins on Saturday and four singles wins and two doubles wins on Sunday. But perhaps the most promising sign of the showcase was the outstanding performance of the rookies.

Freshman Michael Moore earned the first singles victory of his career over Hector Nieto of Miami, while freshman Spencer Talmadge and junior Matt Johnson triumphed over

Florida State in a doubles match.

In what may be a sign of good things to come for the Irish, freshman Blas Moros defeated Clint Bowles and Vahid Mirzadeh of Florida State in the first two singles matches of his career. Bowles, the thirty-third ranked player in the country, has already won a professional tournament as an amateur. Mirzadeh, a former national 18-and-under champion, played professionally for three years, which included a victory over reigning U.S. Open champion Juan Martin Del Potro.

"I was incredibly proud of some of the matches we won," Bayliss said. "Where we took some losses was where our No. 5 team played somebody's No. 1 or No. 2 team. The volume doesn't look as good as the individual performances, but I was awfully proud of what some of them did this weekend."

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NFL

Giants edge Cowboys late

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Lawrence Tynes sent home the largest crowd in NFL regular season history muttering about what might've been.

Tynes kicked a 37-yard field goal as time expired, giving the New York Giants a 33-31 victory over the turnover-prone Dallas Cowboys on Sunday night and ruining the debut of their rival's \$1.15 billion stadium.

The Cowboys (1-1) went ahead 31-30 on a touchdown run by Felix Jones with 3:40 left. It was the seventh lead change of a game, in which neither team led by more than six points and it didn't last.

Eli Manning drove New York

66 yards in seven plays. He got out of a first-and-20 on his 15 to start it and converted two third downs, including one on a tipped pass caught by Mario Manningham. Tynes actually made the winning kick twice; Dallas called time just before the first one was snapped, so he had to do it again.

"Well we just knew we had to go and get in field goal range," Manning said. "We had enough time, we had timeouts."

A crowd of 105,121 that included former President George W. Bush and NFL commissioner Roger Goodell began filling Cowboys Stadium more than four hours before kickoff. There were all sorts of ceremonies to mark

the occasion, but the tight game was the biggest treat -- well, until the end, as far as the locals were concerned.

Other than field goals on their first and last drives, the Giants' other 27 points all were set up by turnovers. New York (2-0) scored three touchdowns off interceptions of Tony Romo and won despite losing defensive end Justin Tuck to a shoulder injury and receiver Domenik Hixon to a sprained knee.

Manning was 25 of 38 for 330 yards with 22-yard touchdowns to Mario Manningham and Steve Smith. Each caught 10 passes, with Manningham's covering 150 yards and Smith's going for 134. They had to rely on Manning's arm because Dallas limited Brandon Jacobs to 58 yards and Ahmad Bradshaw to 37.

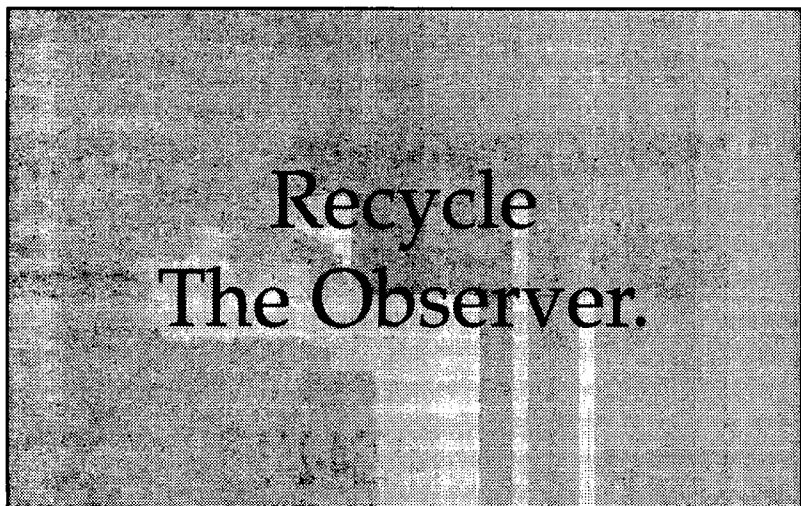
On one of the biggest settings of his career, Romo turned in one of his worst outings. He was 13 of 29 for 127 yards with a touchdown and those three interceptions. The first was returned for a touchdown, the second was a bit of a fluke (it bounced up off Jason Witten's shoe) and the third a punt-like heave into double coverage.

It was his fewest yards in a full game and his passer rating of 29.6 was the second-lowest of his career.

The Cowboys stayed in it thanks to their running game. Marion Barber ran for 124 yards and a touchdown and Jones added 96. Jones also had a fumble of a kickoff that led to a New York field goal.

"Any time you don't get any turnovers and the other (team) gets four, it's hard to overcome," Cowboys coach Wade Phillips said.

Had Tynes not made the winner, the Giants' fans might've blamed him for the loss. He'd missed a 29-yarder early in the third quarter.



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Offense

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attack against DePaul from the very beginning of the match. The Irish attempted three corner kicks in the first 15 minutes of the game before junior midfielder Lauren Fowkes scored off a rebound in the 16th minute.

"It was definitely an improvement from last weekend," senior captain Michele Weissenhofer said. "We controlled the majority of the game, although we could have put in a few more goals. We missed a few chances."

Even if the Irish missed some scoring opportunities, the offense poured in goals compared to the weekend in California. Junior midfielder Rose Augustin scored a goal just before halftime, and then put Notre Dame up 3-0 with another in the 75th minute. Sophomore forward Melissa Henderson concluded the game's scoring with a goal shortly before the end of regulation.

"If we score first, it creates a more positive atmosphere," Weissenhofer said. "We feel like we have better control of the

game."

The Irish scored first against Northwestern as well when sophomore forward Courtney Barg made a goal off the crossbar from 25 yards out. Junior midfielder Julie Scheidler put Notre Dame up two goals with a shot to the back of the net early in the second half.

Senior goalkeeper Kelsey Lysander needed to make only five saves in the two games. The two shutouts bring the Irish total to five on the season.

"Our defense has been playing phenomenal," Weissenhofer said. "Our defense and goalkeeping have been very strong. The goalkeepers have come up with some really big saves."

DePaul only managed five shots the entire game. Northwestern attempted ten shots on the Irish goal.

"These were some key wins," Weissenhofer said. "Now we will focus on a good week of practice and prepare for Cincinnati."

The Irish travel to Cincinnati on Friday, Sept. 25, before hosting Louisville Sunday, Sept. 27.

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Dike

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and received a ball from senior midfielder Michael Thomas and put the ball in the back of the net with thirty minutes left in the game to put the Irish ahead 2-1. That score would hold up in a game that Clark felt the team was hard put to come out on top of.

"We were very good in the second half. The first half was a little sloppy," Clark said. "I felt that in Friday's game we were just able to scrape out a result against DePaul, while against South Florida I thought we played very well and deserved the result."

That result was not as positive in Tampa, however, as the Bulls were able to pull out a 2-1 win on a late goal in the second half.

The match was one Clark felt the team was ready for, despite the difficulty in traveling all the way to Florida.

"I believe we handled traveling very well and thought that the guys were ready to

play," Clark said. "It was disappointing not to get more this weekend."

The elements were against the Irish, however, as the heat was bad enough to force two Irish players to come out of the game — senior goalkeeper Andrew Quinn and sophomore defenseman Chris Sutton.

"It was very, very hot and humid out there today," Clark said. "I do not think that I have ever seen in my career two players go out to heat in one game before."

Clark said that Sutton and Quinn seemed to be doing alright after the game, and will be evaluated further upon returning to Notre Dame.

"They are both okay. But in a situation you cannot mess about and we will certainly check them out further," Clark said.

South Florida was able to strike first against the Irish, notching a goal only five minutes into the game off the boot of freshman forward Hasani Sinclair to put the Bulls ahead 1-0, a score that would hold up until halftime.

The Irish were unable to get

one past the Bulls' defense for most of the game, despite owning a 13-10 advantage in shots and an 8-4 advantage in corner kicks.

Notre Dame seemed to break through 78th minute when Dike received a pass from sophomore midfielder Michael Rose and was able to knot the game up at 1-1. The assist was Rose's first point of his young career, and Dike notched his team-leading fifth goal of the season.

The tie was short-lived, however, as Bulls senior midfielder Jorge Mora scored just six minutes later, giving South Florida the 2-1 victory.

"We lost that early goal and I thought we looked a little nervous early on," Clark said. "But I thought we played awfully well. I felt we controlled large portions of the game."

The Irish will next be in action at home against Louisville on Friday and Cincinnati on Sunday in more Big East play.

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Walker

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seconds behind the first place finisher from DePaul University.

Notre Dame runners junior Dan Jackson (25:15.0), sophomore Jordan Carlson (25:24.1), junior Ryan Gamboa (25:30.7), sophomore Joe Miller (23:35.7), junior Ryan Jacobs (24:34.6)

and freshman J.P. Malette (25:40.8) finished in the top 10 on Friday.

In the overall competition, the men's team received 24 points. Xavier finished in second place with 120 points, and Bellarmine University placed third.

For the women's division, the star of the race was senior Lindsey Ferguson (17:33.1) who finished in first at the National Catholic Invitational for the sec-

ond year in a row. The team as a whole received 20 points with their closest competitors from Canisius College with 129 points and DePaul University with 150 points.

Junior Marissa Treece (17:56.5), junior Erica Watson (18:94.4), Velarde (18:05.0), senior Beth Tacl (18:12.8), freshman Rebecca Tracy (18:20.9) and junior Theresa Cattuna (18:24.1) all placed in

the top ten in the women's division.

"The rest of the season is much more intense as we will be challenged by many nationally ranked teams," Velarde said.

Though it was a large race with 33 total teams, only seven of the participating schools were Division I teams.

"Our focus is on the Notre Dame Invite in two weeks

where the competition level is much greater," Walker said. "The Notre Dame Invite will tell us how we compare to some of the best teams in the country."

The second of the season's two home meets, the Notre Dame Invitational will take place on Oct. 2 at the Burke Golf Course.

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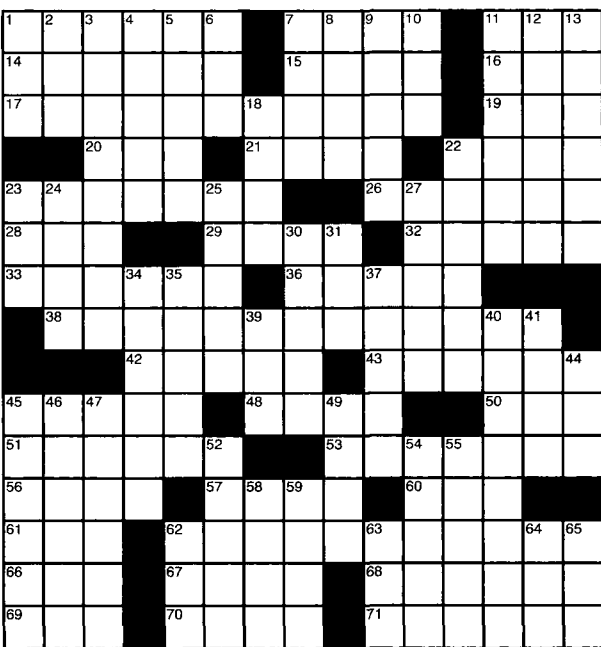
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Happy Birthday: Put your imagination to work for you this year. You won't fall short when it comes to finding solutions. This is a time for you to look forward, not back and to use your past experience to help you get ahead. Offer extras and you'll be the one to survive in a time when the competition is great. Your numbers are 2, 15, 20, 27, 33, 37, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Know ahead of time what you need to accomplish and set up your schedule so you don't fall short of your goals. An emotional matter that concerns a partner or loved one will leave you looking for answers. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll be all ready to go. Don't waste the momentum, even if someone makes last-minute changes or decides not to accommodate you. A little romance thrown into the mix will make a difference to the outcome of your day's journey. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Too much idle time will lead to discord. Concentrate on a job that can make a difference to your professional goals. You'll be inventive, imaginative and intuitive about matters that can affect your personal or professional status. ★★★

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Visit the places and people who bring you the greatest joy. Unusual conversations will lead to an interesting concept or idea. Check out all the rules and regulations that might put a damper on your project. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Something from your past may cause you grief. Do not open doors that were closed for a reason. A hard-nosed approach to any personal situation you face may not be easy but it will be necessary. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Look to adventure and pleasurable pastimes that are geared toward love, romance or family fun. The less emphasis you put on work or serious matters, the better off you'll be. Sharing with the people you love will bring you peace of mind and support. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Ease into whatever you do. The more time you take, the better your options will become. New applications can be put to the test. A trip will generate a wealth of information, setting you apart from the competition. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): One of your skills can help you when dealing with neighbors, friends or relatives. Don't make a promise that will cost you professionally. Bragging or trying to impress is a waste of time and could cost you in the long run. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Not everyone will approve of your plans but, if it feels right to you, proceed. Take the time to travel the distance to find out exactly what and with whom you are dealing. Romance is in the mix. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Sorting through personal paperwork will help you feel better about your future. Consider having a garage sale and you'll make extra cash for something special you've been saving for. ★★★★★

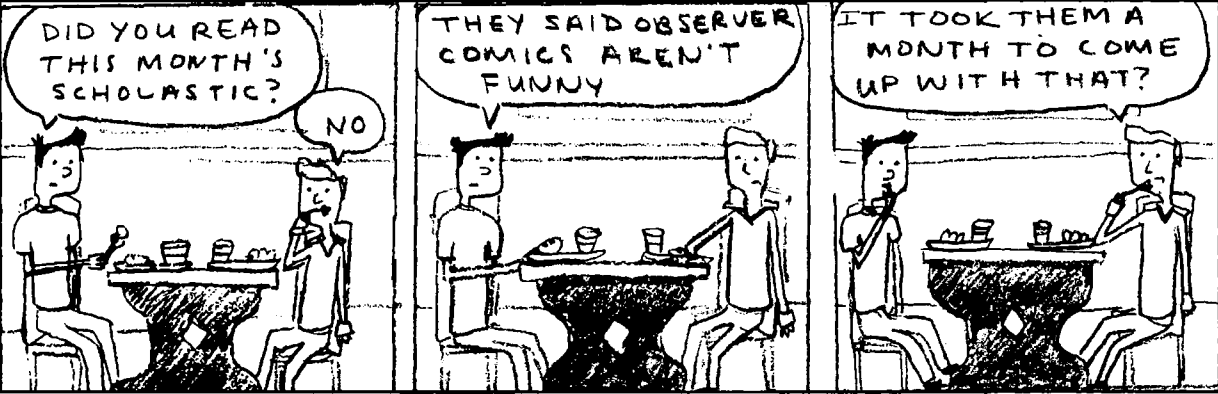
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll be indecisive when it comes to your personal dealings and relationships. Romance is in the stars, so make a move that will bring you closer to the one you love. Spending time with someone you care for will help ease the confusion you've been feeling. ★★★

Birthday Baby: You have great ideas and the fortitude and practicality to pull things off. You are capable and commanding and can persuade others to help you along the way.

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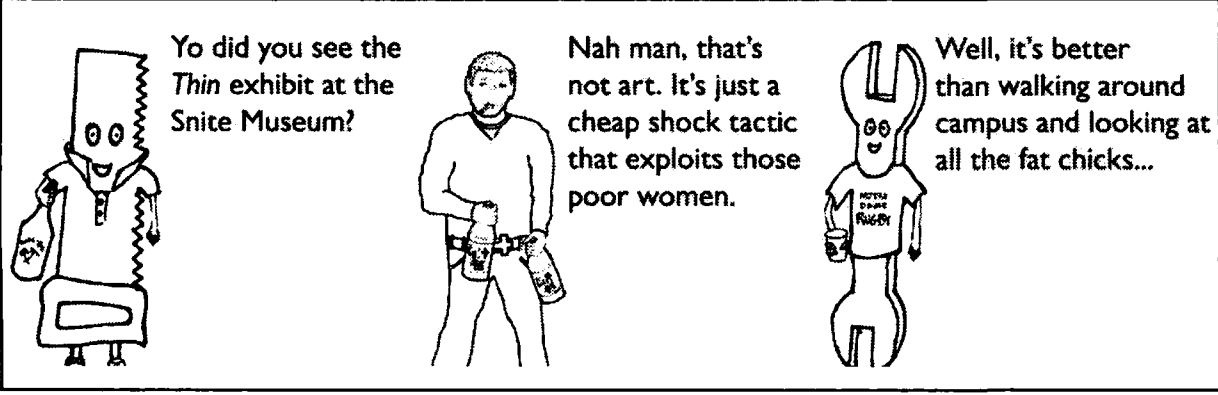
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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish beat Miami, lose to Florida State in tournament

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

It was a long weekend for the Irish.

Notre Dame (6-4) made the trek to Tallahassee for the Florida State Tri-Tournament, where the team won a 3-2 decision over Miami (Fla.) Saturday and lost 2-3 to No. 19 Florida State Sunday.

The matches were the first

two of the season in which the Irish had to play all five sets.

Irish coach Debbie Brown said her team fought hard in both games even though they dropped the second contest.

"Overall it was good," Brown said. "Obviously we have pretty high goals and expectations ... we wanted to come back winning both matches."

The Irish dropped the first two sets (17-25, 23-25) against Miami (7-4) before taking the

last three (25-21, 25-15, 15-13).

Notre Dame was down 9-5 in the third set before scoring four straight to tie it up. They continued to trade points and the lead with the Hurricanes before pulling ahead to win the crucial set.

"I think the team showed great character in coming back after being down 0-2," Brown said. "We played better in sets three, four and five.

That was huge. And Miami cooled down as well."

Senior outside hitter Serinity Phillips had 18 kills in Saturday's match. Junior outside hitter Kellie Sciacca and sophomore outside hitter Kristen Dealy followed with 14 kills each.

Phillips, Dealy, senior setter Jamel Nicholas and freshman libero Christina Theofilos each contributed two service aces, and the Irish totaled a season-

high 11 service aces on the day.

The Irish and Seminoles (10-1) traded sets Sunday before the Seminoles ultimately pulled ahead (19-25, 25-17, 18-25, 26-24, 16-14).

"I think we're all pretty disappointed," Brown said. "We don't have the opportunity to play a lot of Top-20 teams, Florida State is No. 19 and we

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Bouncing back

Team snaps two-game losing skid with wins

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame ended its first two-game losing streak since 2007 with two convincing wins at Alumni Stadium over the weekend.

The No. 14/13 Irish (5-3, 1-0) topped DePaul (4-3-2, 0-1) 4-0 Friday and beat Northwestern (3-5-1) 2-0 Sunday.

The last time Notre Dame lost two games back-to-back was at the Santa Clara/adidas Classic in September, 2007, to Santa Clara and Stanford. History repeated itself Sept. 11 and 13 when the Irish lost both games at the Santa Clara/adidas Classic again.

Notre Dame responded to the defeats with a strong offensive

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DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Junior midfielder Lauren Fowlkes tries to steal the ball from a Northwestern player during Sunday's game against the Wildcats. Fowlkes posted an assist in Notre Dame's 2-0 win.

SMC SOCCER

Belles lose, draw over weekend

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The Belles (2-5-1) fell to No. 21 Wilmington on Friday by a score of 2-0, and finished off the weekend with a 1-1 tie with Hiram.

Belles senior Micki Hedinger had the first shot on goal against Wilmington in the eighth minute of the game, and with some strong defense from both sides the teams entered the half without a score in the game.

The Belles came out strong in the second half and had some opportunities to score, especially when senior Colleen Ferguson fired a shot that ric-

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Notre Dame wins tourney

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Both the men's and women's cross country teams acquired their second overall win on Friday at the 30th annual home-hosted National Catholic Invitational.

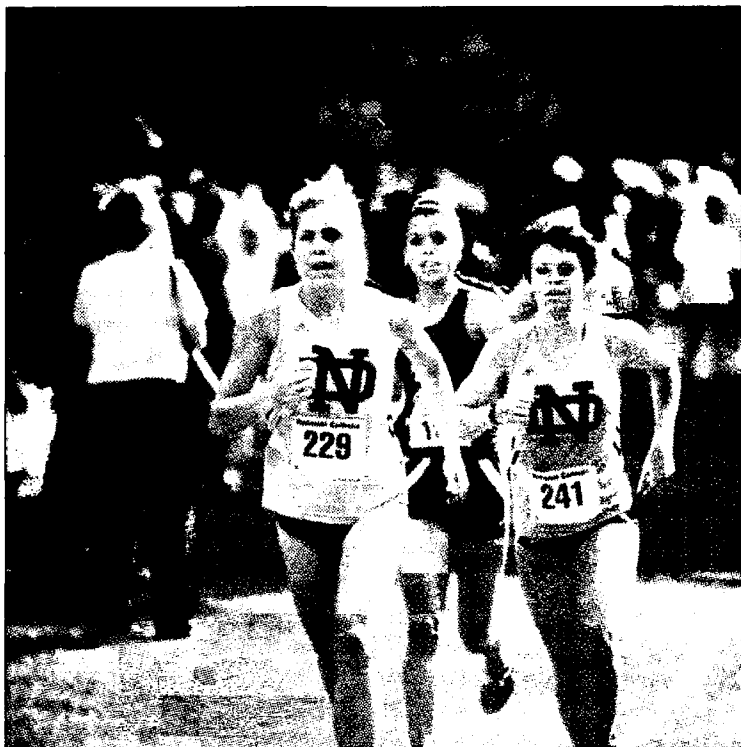
"We have a lot more depth this year, and it was nice grouping up together during the race," sophomore Rachel Velarde said. "It is much easier to race when your teammates are right next to you."

For most of the top runners, this was their first race of the 2009 season.

"National Catholic is just a tune up race to shake some of the rust off because we haven't raced since outdoor track," senior Jake Walker said.

Finishing second in the men's division and first for the Irish, Walker (24:59.1) was only five

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TOM YOUNG/The Observer

Senior Lindsey Ferguson, left, and junior Marissa Treece run in this weekend's National Catholic Invitational.

MEN'S SOCCER

ND beats DePaul, but falls to South Florida

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

Despite strong play all weekend long, the No. 21 Irish only managed a split during their weekend road trip, beating DePaul 2-1 in Chicago but falling to No. 5 South Florida in Tampa by the same margin.

Irish coach Bobby Clark thought the team was well prepared for both games, and was disappointed the team was not able to pull out both wins.

"It is never acceptable to lose," Clark said. "We were more than capable of winning both games."

The weekend opened on Friday with a quick jaunt up to Chicago to take on DePaul.

The Irish were sparked by goals from junior forward Jeb Brovsky and senior forward Bright Dike to pull out the win

in their first game of Big East play.

"It certainly was a hard fought game and not many teams come to Wish Field and win," Clark said. "I felt it was a good performance and everyone worked hard. We'll take it and move on."

Notre Dame got on the board quickly when Brovsky slipped his way past the DePaul defense and deposited the ball into the upper right corner of the goal.

DePaul evened the score in the 26th minute when DePaul senior midfielder Mark Plotkin kicked the ball over senior goalkeeper Phillip Tuttle from thirty yards out. The score remained knotted at 1-1 until halftime.

The game stayed tight until Dike snuck behind the defense

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