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H1N1 vaccine expected to arrive soon

Vaccinations to be given to priority groups as number of presumed cases rises to 659

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

As the number of presumed H1N1 cases on campus totals 659 since the beginning of August, Notre Dame hopes to receive vaccines to treat the virus in the near future, Director of University Health Services Ann Kleva said.

"We wish we knew. Every day we hope we're going to get some," Kleva said. "Within the next few days, or within the end of next week, we hope to receive some."

When the shipment arrives, students or faculty who are pregnant, regularly interact with children less than 6 months old and students under 24 with an underlying illness will be the first priority for vaccination.

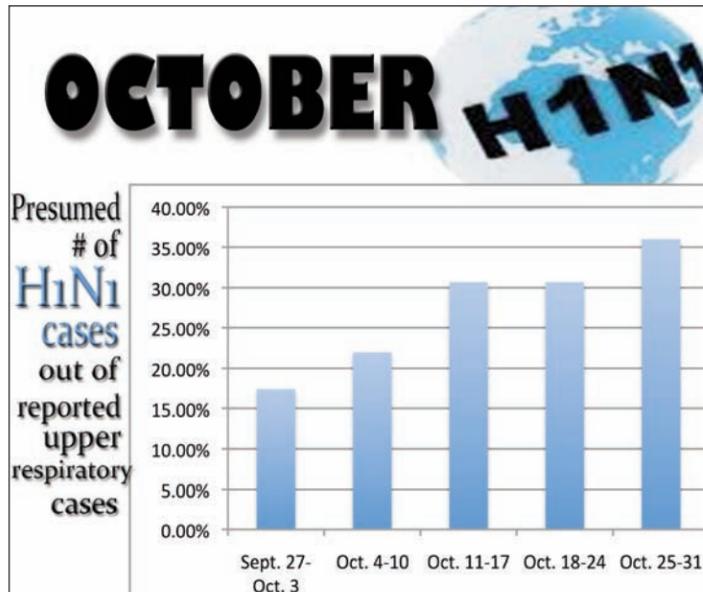
Underlying illnesses like diabetes, heart disease and asthma make students under 24 eligible for priority vaccination. After this high priority group is treated, vaccinations will be available to all students under 24, Kleva said.

Kleva said the number of doses the University receives will affect who will be able to receive the shot.

"We have no idea the number of doses we're going to receive. It could be as little as 50 or it could be as much as 500," she said. "It will be first come first serve."

"We'll do the best possible thing to get them out as quickly as it arrives in on campus," she said. "We already have plans in place. We have rooms that are already being reserved. In a short period

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ND grad elected Gov. of VA

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Notre Dame alumnus Bob McDonnell was elected the 71st governor of Virginia Tuesday, topping Democratic candidate Creigh Deeds with about 60 percent of the vote as of press time. With the win, McDonnell will become the fourth Notre Dame alumnus in history to be elected as a U.S. governor.

A Republican, McDonnell previously served as Attorney General of Virginia from 2005 until he left office in February of this year to campaign for governor full time.

McDonnell, a Philadelphia native, attended Notre Dame on an ROTC scholarship and graduated in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in Management from the University.

After graduation he served in the military for 20 years, 16 of which were spent in the Army Reserve. He also received an M.B.A. from Boston University in 1980 and a Juris Doctorate degree from Regent University in 1989.

The Virginia gubernatorial race garnered national attention in recent weeks, with political commentators arguing the outcome would be an indication of political moods both in that state and across the country exactly one year after President Barack Obama was elected.

Late Tuesday, Republican leaders cited the victory as a repudiation of the Obama administra-

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Documentary highlights refugee camps



MACKENZIE SAIN/The Observer

Bashir Martin, Katie Corr and Mary Pat Dwyer discussed the documentary about human rights violations in refugee camps.

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Human Rights ND partnered with Project Nur Tuesday night to present the documentary "Terror's Children" and to create a greater awareness among students for human rights violations in refugee camps.

Project Nur visited Notre Dame as a student-led initiative of the American Islamic Congress. Bashir Martin, a representative of the organization, described Project Nur's mission as one of advocacy for human rights in the

Muslim world.

"Another one of the purposes of Project Nur is to build bridges among Muslims and between Muslims and non-Muslims," Martin said.

Martin described the work of Project Nur as spurred by a general lack of knowledge and understanding of Muslim communities. The program, he said, is currently working to spread awareness of human rights violations around academic communities.

Project Nur and Human Rights ND connected over

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Bureau Chief addresses Middle East

By ADRIANA PRATT
News Writer

Political change in the Middle East has been a challenging and frustrating process over the years, especially for the people affected by its current state of affairs. New York Times United Nations Bureau Chief Neil MacFarquhar described factors that have made such change difficult at a lecture Tuesday at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

"The first is the stifling control the secret police have over society," MacFarquhar said. "The second one is the lack of the rule of law. There are plenty of laws on the books but they're all sort of

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ANDREW WEBER / The Observer

New York Times United Nations Bureau Chief Neil MacFarquhar talks about changes in the Middle East Tuesday.

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Members discuss off-campus housing Web site

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) discussed the online Off-Campus Housing Evaluation Site and finalized the assessment that will be available to students in the coming weeks.

"This will provide information for students looking to move off campus, with mostly objective information," student body president Grant Schmidt said.

In addition to the objective evaluations, a subjective online com-

ment section will be available to students to assess their off-campus housing.

In other COR news:

COR finalized the Student Incident Report form and it will be available for student use on the Off-Campus Housing Web site.

"When something happens, you will go to the Web site to fill out the form," Schmidt said. "This is beneficial for us to know the numbers associated with these events."

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INSIDE COLUMN

My chemical romance

There are a lot of things that keep Notre Dame students going all day. Some are specific to us. For example, we like Jesus more than a lot of schools do, and He likes us better too. We also like Michael Floyd more than every school does, and his impending return has us all rejoicing.



Laura Myers

Assistant Sports Editor

Of course, those are both long-term motivations to continue onward. In the short term, we need something less ideal and more chemical. Something students (and workers) across the country use on a daily basis. Something we can actually ingest into our bodies that makes us perk up, open our eyes and smile at our professor as he walks through the door.

We need caffeine. Imagine the word need with about seven more e's. That's how much we need caffeine. Lots of it. All day long.

That is why I was flabbergasted yesterday when I walked into the Huddle for a cup of tea and a bagel only to find that of the 20 or so flavors of tea, two of them had caffeine.

Two.
Two.
One was English breakfast, and the other was the regular Lipton tea that you can get in the dining hall. No green, no chai. No weird Indian flavor that actually tastes good, or weird lime flavor that tastes disgusting.

There were, however, three different types of chamomile. Just what I need in the morning.

This was an aberration. It's like if Reckers didn't have cheese pizza, just sauce and olives. Or if Waddicks stopped serving breakfast sandwiches and instead gave you a melted slice of cheese wrapped in paper.

The point of tea is caffeine. It's a stimulant for people who want to feel fancy, for those who can't handle black coffee or for those who just like the taste of tea. I'm mostly in the third group, although I don't mind being fancy.

Huddle, give us our caffeine back. You have swung and missed in the past — "organic" carrot chips that are basically pure sugar, Pop Tarts that are not brown sugar cinnamon, not selling Wheat Chex.

But this is like you swung, missed, accidentally let go of the bat, fell down and had the bat land on your head. Or to switch the sports metaphor, it's like you went for the tackle but instead grabbed onto a jersey, braced yourself and pulled but ended up getting dragged for many yards. Either way, you screwed up and if it were up to me you would lose your scholarship.

Besides, all of the racks were full and it was 9:30 a.m. by that point. Which means no one wanted your silly caffeine-free product.

What if Michael Floyd had come into the Huddle looking for caffeine and you turned him away at your door? Please, Huddle, imagine Michael Floyd in each of us and give us back that wonderful chemical.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW ARE YOU GOING TO CELEBRATE THE RETURN OF MICHAEL FLOYD?



Ellen Peralta
sophomore
Howard

"I'm not. I'm a Golden girl."



Chris Anderson
sophomore
Keenan

"With a win."



Kate Gordon
sophomore
McGlinn

"Get ready to do a lot of push-ups."



Colin Keeler
sophomore
Stanford

"By not remembering it."



James Doan
sophomore
Fisher

"By shaving my head into a mohawk like his."

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



Compact fluorescent light bulbs were distributed to residents of Keenan Hall Tuesday. The bulbs are an energy-efficient, long-lasting and environmentally safe alternative to regular light bulbs.

TOM LA/The Observer

IN BRIEF

"Darkness and Light: Death and Beauty in Photography" will be held at 10 a.m. today. The exhibit will be shown in the O'Shaughnessy Galleries in the Snite Museum of Art.

An exhibit titled "Sculptural Vessels" will be displayed at 10 a.m. today. The display will be shown in the Milly and Fritz Kaeser Mestrovic Studio Gallery in the Snite Museum of Art today.

"Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Ofrenda Installation" will be held at 10 a.m. today in the Scholz Family Works on Paper Gallery in the Snite Museum of Art.

RecSports and the South Bend Medical Foundation will sponsor a blood drive today from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Rolf's Sports Recreation Center. Donors will receive a free T-shirts.

The men's basketball team will play Quincy Friday in an exhibition game at 7:30 p.m. at the Purcell Pavillion at the Joyce Center. Ticket information is available by calling 574-631-7356.

The film "Strong Bodies Fight: Rough Cut" will be shown on Friday at the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 9:30 p.m. The film examines the Bengal Bouts boxing club and its partnership with the Holy Cross Mission in Bangladesh. Tickets are \$3 for students and are available at performingarts.nd.edu.

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

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

OFFBEAT

Man spikes wife's tea with anti-depressant

MILWAUKEE — A veteran Milwaukee firefighter was charged with drugging his wife's tea with his anti-depressant medication because he said he wanted to calm her after an argument. A criminal complaint charges the 43-year-old man with a felony. He was in the Milwaukee County jail Tuesday on \$10,000 bail and was unavailable for comment.

Prosecutors said the man gave his wife a cup of tea Saturday. She in turn let their 3-year-old son drink

from the cup. When he finished, his wife noticed he was spitting a white substance back into the cup.

The wife, a Milwaukee police detective, confronted her husband. He admitted putting Lexapro in the tea. She called police. The firefighter told an investigator he wanted to calm his wife after an argument about a bill.

Woman reports herself for drunk driving

NEILSVILLE, Wis. — The call came into the 911 dispatcher: "I don't want to hurt anybody. I'm drunk." And with that, Mary Strey,

49, of Granton, reported herself as a drunken driver about three miles northeast of Neilsville in central Wisconsin.

Clark County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Jim Backus said Monday that Strey's call on Oct. 24 led deputies to cite her for misdemeanor drunken driving with a blood-alcohol level double the legal limit to drive. She makes her first court appearance Dec. 10.

Backus said drunken drivers reporting themselves is rare.

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Obama visits lab of ND alum

By LAURA McCRYSTAL
News Writer

After graduating from Notre Dame in May, Patrick Brown began graduate school at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). His first semester is already proving interesting: his research laboratory recently played host to President Barack Obama.

Brown, who is enrolled in MIT's graduate physics program, said President Obama's visit to the school was centered on a speech about investment in energy research.

"He was giving a talk at MIT related to energy in general, kind of innovation for America in the energy sciences," he said.

As part of Obama's trip to MIT's campus, he visited a few labs that are involved in energy research on campus, including the lab in which Brown works.

Brown's lab, led by MIT professor Vladimir Bulovic, conducts research with organic structures and quantum dots in order to innovate more efficient production and use of energy.

When Obama visited, only the professor who leads the lab was present to meet him, Brown said.

"None of the students actually

got to be in the lab and meet him or anything," he said. "It was kind of exciting, though, just to have that happen in your lab."

President Obama also signed one of the lab's growth chambers for growing solar cells, Brown said.

Brown's interest in quantum solar dot cells began while he was an undergraduate at Notre Dame, where he majored in physics and chemistry. He worked in a lab with Professor Prashant Kamat, where he conducted research with quantum dot solar cells.

"I guess it was just something that I was fortunate to work on with Prashant Kamat so it was something I became interested in," he said.

The focus on research, especially the opportunity to continue his work with quantum dot solar cells, attracted Brown to MIT for graduate school.

"I've been learning how to make different kinds of quantum dots," he said of his research at MIT.

Quantum dot solar cells can be used to make cheaper and more efficient energy than regular solar cells, Brown said. With quantum dot solar cells, it is possible to adjust the wavelengths of light they absorb and to create different types of quan-

tum dots by mixing them together to absorb light across the entire solar spectrum.

"It's definitely a device-focused lab," he said. "They're still kind of new systems ... you kind of find out some interesting science along the way while you're trying to make better devices."

Brown said he plans to continue to study and research at MIT until he completes his Ph.D. in physics in five or six more years. He will take classes during the first few years, but will eventually focus more time on research.

After he completes his Ph.D., Brown said he hopes to continue work and research that relates to energy.

"I got really interested in that at Notre Dame working with Professor Kamat and GreeND."

Brown spent the past few summers working at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, an experience that piqued his interest in working solar power.

"I'm not completely sure where I want to go, but just keep working on using nanotechnology to get more energy efficient devices," Brown said. "Kind of looking at these new ways ... to make cheaper solar cells and more efficient solar cells."

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College's math dept. celebrates women in field

By MEGHAN PRICE
News Writer

Saint Mary's College's math department celebrated women in the field with the first of a two-part math lecture series last night at Spes Unica Hall.

This first lecture, titled "History of Women in Math," was delivered by mathematics professor Sr. Miriam Cooney and enjoyed a full audience of students. Alumnae of the Saint Mary's math program were also in attendance and have also been on campus during the week to talk about their experiences in mathematics.

Abby Henning, a freshman, discussed the popularity of the lecture.

"It is very interesting to look so far back and see what women have contributed and to consider where it is going in the future," she said.

Cooney discussed the advancements women have made in mathematics, not only for the field itself but also for the progress of women in general.

Cooney addressed the lives of seven important women in the history of mathematics.

Through these women, whom she referred to as the "Pleiades," she explored how much circumstances have changed for math and for women.

Cooney described the difficul-

ties faced by her first subject, Hypatia of Alexandria, who lived around 400 C.E.

"The situation was very bad for women," she said. "They couldn't leave their house without a man."

She also discussed women like Sophie Germain, Sofia Kovalevskaya and Grace Young, who struggled to get an education, get accepted to schools, take certain classes and get a job in the field of mathematics because they were women.

Cooney said despite the hardships these women experienced, they managed to make significant contributions to the world of math.

Cooney said one of these women, Amy Noether, made such an impact that that Albert Einstein remembered her as "the most significant creative women genius that ever lived."

The lecture proved inspirational for attendees.

Maureen Parsons, a freshman, said she was very surprised by what these women had achieved. She said she hadn't thought about being a math major before, but that after attending the lecture she was reconsidering.

The next part of this lecture series will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday in Spes Unica Hall.

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Princeton prof. gives lecture to College

By SARAH GUNN
News Writer

The chair of the history department at Princeton University delivered a lecture on Christian history “intended to rekindle a new generation with intellectual excitement” at Saint Mary’s Tuesday.

William Chester Jordan discussed Christian history in a lecture titled “Crusader Prologues: Preparing for War in the Gothic Age” as a part of Saint Mary’s College’s Christian Culture Lecture Series in O’Laughlin auditorium.

The lecture focused on the rituals of crusaders during the Middle Ages. Such practices included confession, invocation of the saints, the blessing of weapons and the recital of prayers “to be sufficiently prepared for holy

war,” Jordan said.

Crusader preparations such as the blessing of weapons were done in hopes that the “sharp point of the sword might do its righteous duty,” Jordan said.

“The shield [was blessed] to protect the crusader’s body and soul,” he said.

Jordan related Catholic prayers recited by medieval crusaders to those of contemporary soldiers preparing for departure to Iraq.

He warned, however, of the dangerous nature of analogies and comparisons to events and ideologies of the past.

“There’s a way to talk about the present with respect to the past,” Jordan said.

Asking questions about the subject, Jordan said, is key to a deeper understanding of it.

“There are always more questions to ask, there is a

lot more to be done,” Jordan said.

Jordan said he wanted to display “the joy of medieval history ... the joy of making a story out of things from obscure archives,” in his lecture.

Students praised Jordan’s presence at the College.

“The Humanistic Studies department is extremely privileged to host such a prestigious speaker,” said senior Mary Ellen Toth, who majors in Humanistic Studies and Spanish.

Another Humanistic Studies major, senior Meghan Kelly, praised the event.

“It demonstrates the academic values that Saint Mary’s students, Humanistic Studies students in particular, strive to uphold,” she said.

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Terror

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the common theme of cultural awareness.

“Our focus for Human Rights ND this year is education about human rights,” said club vice president Katie Corr, a junior. “Our goal is showing films like this one is to create an intrigue and a motivation to learn more.”

“Terror’s Children” addressed the plight of refugees, particularly children, who have fled to Pakistan in search of sanctuary from the unstable political climate in Afghanistan.

Journalist Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy spent 10 weeks in the summer of 2002 in her native city of Karachi, Pakistan, following the death of eight Afghan children. The stories of these children reflect the difficulties of life as a child refugee, Obaid-Chinoy said.

“My aim was to address issues relating to the psychological impact of war on education, and the poverty and day by day survival of these children,” Obaid-Chinoy said.

The film also examined the difficulties of those who chose to remain in Pakistan. Abdur Raheem, 13, became the primary source of income for his family when his older brothers both sustained injuries that put them out of work.

“What we found were children facing tough choices and overwhelming responsibilities in very uncertain times,” Obaid-Chinoy said.

The documentary also spotlighted the dangers of the limited education offered to refugee children in strict religious schools. Some schools provide a balanced education of math, science and language, but more hard-line

institutions simply teach the principles of fundamentalist Islam as breeding grounds for more terrorism.

“Terror’s Children” depicted boys such as 11-year-old Khal Mohammad declaring their desire to act violently in the name of Islam after receiving this more biased education.

These examples are reminders of the lost childhood among the refugees and the need for an education that develops critical thinking skills instead of vehement religious fervor, which often can be seen as brainwashing.

“Another way to wage a war is to educate,” said Martin. “Critical thinking and education is the key when dealing with human rights.”

Obaid-Chinoy said each child in the documentary asked if his or her life would improve because of the film. She replied people might be motivated to help if they were able to see individuals affected by the poor conditions of refugee life.

“I felt like it was incredibly edifying to hear and see actual stories. It really gives the chance to connect to the issue,” Corr said.

The need for greater learning is an issue of great concern for refugees as they rebuild lives both in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

“Relief agencies must provide better education opportunities, working conditions, and health care,” Obaid-Chinoy said. “That is the only way to ensure that there is a better day coming for these children and for future generations.”

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Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy
journalist

Gay marriage vote too close to call

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — Gay marriage was put to a vote in Maine on Tuesday in a closely watched referendum that gay-rights activists across the country hoped would prove for the first time that their cause can prevail at the ballot box.

Voters had to decide whether to repeal or affirm a state law that would allow gay couples to wed. The law was passed by the Legislature in May but never took effect because of a petition drive by conservatives.

Early returns showed a close contest, as forecast. With 229 of 608 precincts reporting, each side had 50 percent.

A vote to uphold the law would mark the first time that the electorate in any state endorsed gay marriage. That could energize activists nationwide and blunt conservative claims that same-sex marriage is being foisted on states by judges or lawmakers over the will of the public.

However, repeal — in New England, the region of the country most supportive of gay couples — would be another heartbreaking defeat for the marriage-equality movement, following the vote against gay marriage in California a year ago.

It would also mark the first time voters had torpedoed a gay-marriage law enacted by a legislature. When Californians rejected same-sex marriage, it was in response to a court ruling, not legislation.

Maine’s secretary of state, Matthew Dunlap, said turnout seemed higher than expected for an off-year election and voter interest appeared intense. Even before Tuesday, more than 100,000 people — out of about 1 million registered voters — had voted by absentee ballot or early voting.

Five other states have legalized gay marriage — Iowa, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Connecticut — but all did so through legislation or court rulings, not by popular vote. In contrast, constitutional amendments banning gay marriage have been approved in all 30 states

where they have been on the ballot.

“If we don’t win, then Maine will have its place in infamy because no state has ever voted for homosexual marriage,” said Chuck Schott of Portland, who stood near a polling place in Maine’s biggest city with a pro-repeal campaign sign.

Another Portland resident, Sarah Holman said she was “very torn” but decided — despite her conservative upbringing — to vote in favor of letting gays marry.

“They love and they have the right to love. And we can’t tell somebody how to love,” said Holman, 26.

Hundreds of gay-marriage supporters gathered in a Portland hotel ballroom in the evening to await the results. On display was a three-tiered wedding cake topped with two grooms on one side, two brides on the other, and the words “We All Do.”

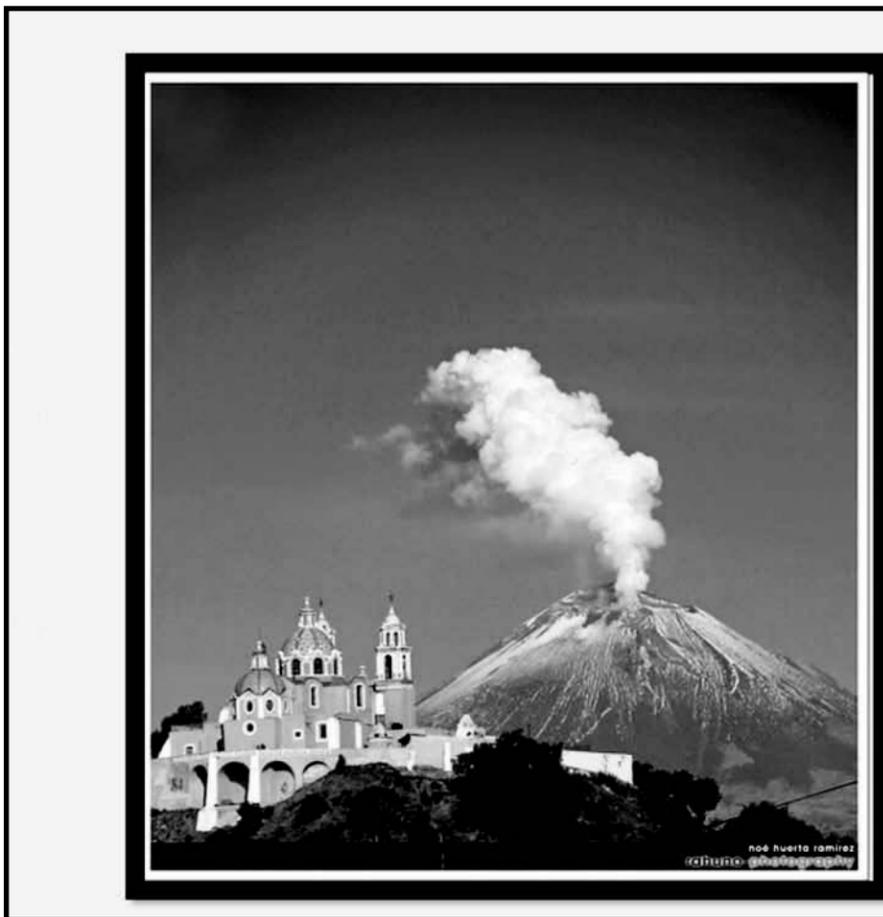
In addition to reaching out to young people who flocked to the polls for President

Barack Obama a year ago, gay-marriage defenders tried to appeal to Maine voters’ independent streak — a Yankee spirit of fairness and live-and-let-live.

The other side based many of its campaign ads on claims — disputed by state officials — that the new law would mean “homosexual marriage” would be taught in public schools.

Both sides in Maine drew volunteers and contributions from out of state, but the money edge went to the campaign in defense of gay marriage, Protect Maine Equality. It raised \$4 million, compared with \$2.5 million for Stand for Marriage Maine.

Elsewhere on Tuesday, voters in Washington state decided whether to uphold or overturn a recently expanded domestic partnership law that entitles same-sex couples to the same state-granted rights as heterosexual married couples. And in Kalamazoo, Mich., voters approved a measure that bars discrimination based on sexual orientation.



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Beginning Spanish Courses

Mexico City: Social Science/
History Majors

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Actors light London Christmas lights

LONDON — Jim Carrey, Colin Firth and Bob Hoskins switched on London's Christmas lights on Tuesday and attended the world premiere of the 3-D film "A Christmas Carol."

The actors came to the British capital to promote Robert Zemeckis' animated movie, which features their voices.

The three stars turned on the lights at Oxford Circus and Regent Street — London's main shopping areas — and at St. Paul's Cathedral. After that, tenor Andrea Bocelli and the St. Paul's Cathedral Choir led more than 14,000 people in a Christmas carol event.

The new movie was later screened at a cinema on central London's Leicester Square.

Vaccine has potential to cure malaria

SIAYA, Kenya — Blood streamed into the anemic 4-month-old who already has malaria, the mosquito-borne disease that kills a million African children every year.

"Malaria is one of the deadliest sicknesses for children," the nurse said — words that sent the young mother into a crumpled heap on the bed beside her wide-eyed baby boy, wrapped in a blue-and-yellow floral blanket.

There is new hope, however, in this verdant area where President Barack Obama's relatives live. A vaccine that appears to be able to prevent the disease in about 50 percent of children, is now undergoing the final stage of testing.

NATIONAL NEWS

Town puts limit on cat ownership

DUDLEY, Mass. — A Massachusetts town has made it illegal to own more than three cats without getting a special license. Voters at a town meeting in Dudley added language to a town bylaw on Monday night that makes it illegal to own more than three cats without a \$50 residential kennel license.

The article was in response to a neighborhood feud over the 15 cats owned by Mary Ellen Richards.

The Telegram & Gazette of Worcester reports that one neighbor claimed the cats have ruined his yard.

Richards has put her home up for sale and says she plans to move to a "more cat-friendly community."

Valet wards off criminal

BOSTON — A Boston parking valet armed with an umbrella is being credited for helping a woman fight off a knife-wielding purse snatcher. Police said Tuesday that 61-year-old Barbara Pero of Auburn was attacked Monday night outside a Boston condominium just after her car was brought up by a valet parking service. A man forced his way into the car and threatened to kill her.

When Pero jumped out and screamed, 23-year-old valet Felix Vega grabbed a blue wood-handled umbrella from his manager's office and began beating the suspect.

Forty-eight-year-old Richard Morse fled but was arrested nearby with Pero's purse. He was ordered held on \$150,000 cash bail Tuesday after a judge was told he has previous convictions for mayhem and armed robbery.

LOCAL NEWS

School chief defends proposal

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana schools chief Tony Bennett on Tuesday dismissed criticism of his plan to revamp the state's teacher licensing standards, saying some in higher education oppose it because they fear how they eventually could be impacted.

Bennett told members of the Indiana Education Roundtable, an advisory group that includes lawmakers, educators and business leaders, that his proposed changes are needed to help bring more top-notch teachers into Indiana's schools.

EGYPT

Clinton engages in peace talks

Secretary of State makes unexpected stop to discuss Israeli-Palestinian negotiation strategy

Associated Press

CAIRO — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton made a hastily arranged stop in the Egyptian capital Tuesday to consult with a longtime Arab ally amid indications of a shifting U.S. strategy for getting Israel and the Palestinians back to peace negotiations.

Instead of returning to Washington, as scheduled, after attending an international conference in Marrakech, Morocco, Clinton flew to Cairo and held late-night talks with Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit and Omar Suleiman, the Egyptian intelligence chief. She was due to meet Wednesday with President Hosni Mubarak before returning to Washington to brief President Barack Obama.

Egypt and other Arab nations reacted with strong concern to remarks Clinton made in Jerusalem on Saturday. She caused a stir when she said with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at her side that his government's offer to restrain — but not stop — settlement activity in Palestinian areas was unprecedented.

And in a new twist Tuesday, Clinton made what appeared to be an inadvertent slip of the tongue in a television interview with the al-Jazeera network, referring to the goal of "an Israeli capital in east Jerusalem."

It has not been U.S. policy to favor including east Jerusalem in an Israeli capital; the Palestinians claim it as their capital, and the issue is one of the most important and delicate points that would have to be settled in any final peace deal between the two parties.

Two Clinton aides monitoring the interview alerted her to the mis-



Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, left, unexpectedly stopped in Cairo Tuesday to consult with officials and a Bahraini ally on peace negotiations.

take and that portion of the interview was retaped so she could correct herself.

Upon arrival in Cairo, Clinton was met at her aircraft by the U.S. envoy for Mideast peace, former Sen. George Mitchell, who briefed Clinton aboard the plane on his meetings in Amman, Jordan, with King Abdullah II and, separately, with Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas.

Arab governments had already reacted with criticism to her comments about settlements last weekend in Jerusalem as a tilting of U.S. policy toward Israel. But on Monday in

Marrakech, Clinton issued what she called a clarification, saying her words in Jerusalem were meant as "positive reinforcement" for the Israelis. She added that Israel's effort still fell far short of U.S. expectations, and she added strong praise for the Palestinians.

On Tuesday in Marrakech, however, Clinton seemed to indicate that the U.S. would like the Palestinians to accept something less than a full stop to Israeli settlements, with the stipulation that they may achieve that goal in direct negotiations. Palestinian leaders have

said they will not return to peace talks with Israel unless it halts all settlement building on lands they claim for a future state.

In the al-Jazeera interview, Clinton reiterated that Obama has clearly stated his desire for a halt to settlements. But she added that the Israeli offer of "restraint," to include an end to establishment of new settlements and other measures that limit settlement growth, might be close enough to the ultimate U.S. and Palestinian goal to merit embracing in the near future.

"It is not what we want," she said of the "restraint" offer.

SUDAN

Concerns arise as first elections approach

Associated Press

KHARTOUM — Permit delays, lack of funds and security intimidation are obstructing international and local observers from monitoring registration for Sudan's first ever nationwide elections, former President Jimmy Carter's foundation said on Tuesday.

These and other hindrances could diminish the ability of the center — the only international group Sudan invited to monitor the process — to verify the vote's fairness, the group said.

Sudan is holding its first parliamentary and presidential elections in all regions of the war-torn country next

April. The elections are a key part of the 2005 peace deal that ended more than two decades of north-south civil war. Two million people died in the war, which devastated the country's oil-rich south.

Authorities have asked the Atlanta-based center to monitor the balloting, for which voter registration started Sunday.

"These elections are supposed to represent a new event in Sudan's history," said Aly Verjee, a Carter Center spokesman. "Observation is important ... to build confidence in the process both nationally and internationally."

Verjee said the Sudan's National Election Commission is overwhelmed by the task of preparing for the elections. The Carter Center called on Sudanese authorities to ensure the observers' freedom of movement.

The vote is critical — the 2005 peace deal created a transitional national unity government, but mistrust between Sudan's former north-south rivals runs deep. The elections are also expected to pave the way for the 2011 referendum in which the south will choose whether to become independent from the north, another critical point of the peace deal.

H1N1

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of time we can get staffs together and be prepared."

Kleva said everyone who wants a vaccination will be able to receive one eventually, but it is a matter of time before enough vaccines are received.

"There will be enough for everyone eventually, but they will not be a priority group," she said.

Kleva said she does not know the exact number of confirmed H1N1 cases on campus because the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) did not have the resources to test each case.

"There are so many coming in, they can't test it," she said. "CDC tells us, if you have an influenza-like illness, then we are to presume that you have H1N1 and treat it as such."

Influenza-like symptoms include a fever of at least 100 degrees, a

cough and/or a sore throat, Kleva said.

Out of 2,339 upper respiratory illnesses reported to the Health Center from Aug. 2 to Nov. 2, 659 were presumed to be the H1N1 virus, she said.

Though H1N1 seems to spread more easily than the regular flu, its symptoms are generally milder and the recovery period is shorter, she said.

"I think this flu is highly contagious. We are going to see more pupils coming down with the flu than maybe the seasonal flu," Kleva said.

She advised students to cover their mouth with their sleeve when coughing and wash hands often in order to prevent the spread of the H1N1 virus.

"But as far as the seriousness of the illness, the symptoms have been less severe and the recovery period is shorter for H1N1," she said.

While it usually takes one to two weeks to recover from the season-

al flu, students are recovering from the H1N1 virus in four to seven days, Kleva said.

The University has not had any H1N1 cases that have resulted in hospitalization, she said.

When the vaccines for H1N1 come in, Kleva said students ought to get the vaccination, but she also recognized that it is a personal decision.

"It's really an individual person's decision. I wouldn't make a decision for anyone," she said. "Personally, I feel that this vaccine is like any other seasonal flu vaccine."

"The risk of receiving the shot is less than the benefit of receiving the vaccination against the influenza," she said.

Kleva said an e-mail will be sent to the student body detailing availability and priority groups when the first shipment of vaccinations arrives.

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Middle

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enforced in a haphazard way."

MacFarquhar described the next challenges as oppressive to the people.

"The third is the inability to organize and fight because basically the civil rights are nonexistent so people have difficulty forging social movements," he said. "The fourth one would be that all those countries are run by small cliques that always fight against anybody trying to challenge them."

MacFarquhar described change as inhibited also by challenges lying in the inherent beliefs within Middle Eastern society itself.

"The fifth one is that they say that if they do open up and allow societies to flourish, they'll be overrun by Muslim extremists," he said. The sixth and last problem is just the question of generational change."

Middle Eastern citizens believed younger generations' education in the west would bring new values to the area, but MacFarquhar said this is a false conviction.

The native education systems proved much stronger than the Western influence did, he said.

MacFarquhar added that frustration with these issues tended to bring about extremism in these societies.

"If you can address these issues, I think that you will go a long way towards bringing important change," he said.

After recounting personal run-ins with secret police and anti-American Al Qaeda families, experiences chronicled in his new book "The Media Relations Department of Hizbollah Wishes You a Happy Birthday," MacFarquhar said three factors made it difficult for the United States to impose political change from the outside.

Problems with vocabulary differences, he said, a lack of support for agents of change and the United States' inability to address oppression and the secret police have prevented a successful government from being formed in the Middle East.

"There are a lot of words and events and issues in the region that we perceive wrongly from outside," MacFarquhar said.

When asked if it was possible to

rid Lebanon of Hizbollah, a Shi'a Islamist political and paramilitary organization, MacFarquhar said it would be difficult because Hizbollah filled a need that was there.

"They came along and started providing all those social services that were lacking," he said. "It comes down to the fact that people will make their choices to a certain extent on ideology, but also in terms of what the government is going to provide and I think that's the great failing in Lebanon."

MacFarquhar moved to Libya at age 3 and spent more than 25 years in the region. He spent five years in Cairo as the Bureau Chief for The New York Times and has also lived in Israel, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Cyprus.

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Governor

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tion and the Democratic Party. The current state governor, Tim Kaine, serves as chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

The race saw the intervention of President Barack Obama, who campaigned on behalf of Deeds.

Polls indicated that McDonnell's lead came from his advantage among independent voters and white men.

McDonnell, known by most as a social conservative, emphasized the economy throughout his campaign, promising to create jobs. According to polls, the economy was the top issue among voters when deciding who to vote for.

His opponent publicly criticized McDonnell's 1989 master's thesis, which, by some interpretations, was critical of working women and single mothers. The thesis and its fallout generated national attention, but polls Tuesday said a majority of voters reported the thesis had "no effect" on their vote.

McDonnell is also tied to Notre Dame through his oldest daughter, Jeanine, who graduated from the University also on an ROTC scholarship, with a bachelor's degree in Political Science.

Former Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz was also involved in McDonnell's campaign — Holtz spoke at a campaign function on Oct. 26 in support of the candidate.

McDonnell currently resides in Richmond with his wife and five children.

Prior to serving as state Attorney General, McDonnell was a member of the Virginia House of Delegates from 1991 to 2005. He also worked as a prosecutor in Virginia Beach, as a private attorney and as a manager with a Fortune 500 health care company.

McDonnell joins three other Notre Dame alumni as holding state gubernatorial office. Class of 1957 graduate Thomas Lee Judge served as governor of Montana from 1973 to 1981.

1960 graduate Bruce Babbitt is the former governor of Arizona, serving from 1978 to 1987.

Joe Kernan of the Class of 1968 was governor of Indiana 2003 to 2005.

Also on Tuesday, Republican Chris Christie beat incumbent Gov. Jon Corzine for the New Jersey governorship.

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IN BRIEF

Windstream to acquire NuVox

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Phone company Windstream Corp. said Tuesday it's buying NuVox Inc. for \$643 million in stock and cash.

Windstream said the purchase of NuVox, a phone company that serves business customers, will add to its high-speed Internet service and business revenue.

Windstream also will get a stronger presence where NuVox operates in the Southeast and Midwest, especially among small- and medium-sized businesses.

Under the deal, Windstream will issue 18.7 million shares and pay \$280 million in cash. The shares are worth \$183 million based on Windstream's closing stock price on Monday. Windstream also will assume \$180 million of net debt.

The company plans to pay for the acquisition with cash on hand and loans. The deal is expected to save \$30 million a year from the integration of operations and lower capital spending. Windstream said the deal will increase its free cash flow in the first full year of integrated operations.

The acquisition is expected to close in the first half of next year.

Farmers receive agricultural funding

ELGIN, Minn. — A federal Agriculture Department official in southeastern Minnesota is announcing \$17 million in grants to address the needs of beginning farmers and ranchers.

Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan says from Elgin, Minn., that the money will go to 29 institutions around the country to improve the sustainability and competitiveness of U.S. agriculture.

Merrigan says the training and education provided through the grants will help ensure the success of the next generation of farmers and ranchers.

She was in Elgin at the Hidden Stream Farm. The proprietors of which were some of the first graduates of a beginning farmer program run by the Land Stewardship Project. The Minnesota-based group is getting more than \$400,000 of the grant money.

Strike hits in economic downturn

Philadelphia's Transit Union refuses to work until work conditions improve

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Even in the best of times, waking up to a surprise transit strike is like a bad dream come true. When the sudden walkout comes during an economic downturn, it becomes more like a public relations nightmare.

The Philadelphia transit system's largest union went on strike early Tuesday over wage, pension and health care issues, stalling the city's bus, subway and trolley operations and forcing thousands of commuters to find other ways to get to work — and to Election Day polls.

"I think they have a lot of nerve to ask for more money in this economy," said Robert Washington, of west Philadelphia, who relied on his bicycle to get to his office job downtown. "There are people who don't have jobs who would love to have one of their jobs. It's arrogant."

The sudden strike by Transport Workers Union Local 234 all but crippled the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, which averages more than 928,000 trips each weekday. No new negotiations were scheduled Tuesday.

Labor experts agree that a walkout over wages in a down economy is a hard sell. Striking transit workers may have a tough time earning the sympathy of passengers who are losing their own jobs and taking salary cuts, said Harley Shaiken, a labor studies professor at the University of California-Berkeley.

"For public employees during a tough recession, it's more difficult, but not impossible, to gain broader support," Shaiken said. "The key is convincing people that your victory benefits them rather than comes at their expense."



Tili Ayala, a worker who was unable to get to work due to the transit union strike, sits at the Frankford Transportation Center in Philadelphia on Tuesday.

Gov. Ed Rendell, who helped mediate negotiations for the past four days, was stunned when the union walked out on a proposed deal that included an 11.5 percent wage increase over five years.

Given the recession, layoffs and salary freezes in other sectors, Rendell said SEPTA's offer was "sensational."

"It's just an excellent contract in the context of the times," he said. "It was, in my judgment, nuts to walk out. I think the SEPTA workers would have jumped at this."

Several messages left with the union by The Associated Press seeking further comment on the

negotiations were not returned Tuesday.

As recently as Monday evening, union officials had given no walkout deadline as talks continued. So early morning commuters on Tuesday were bewildered and frustrated by locked subway stations and vacant bus stops.

"Everybody hates SEPTA, and this is why," said Ranisha Allen, who said she had no option but to count on the kindness of car-owning neighbors to get her to work from her north Philadelphia home. "These people go on strike and they don't think about people they hurt, people who can't get to work, kids who

can't get to school."

Willie Brown, the local's president, said workers decided to strike at 3 a.m. Tuesday after both sides agreed that they had gone as far as they could in negotiations.

Generally speaking, management can afford to be tougher in an economic downturn in part because more labor is available, said Robert Trumble, director of the Virginia Labor Studies Center at Virginia Commonwealth University.

At the same time, he said, workers are more determined to hang on to what they have and tend to look more critically at things like income distribution.

Disney spends funds on conservation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Seeking to help fight climate change, the Walt Disney Co. says it will spend \$7 million in partnership with three conservation groups to protect tens of thousands of acres of forest lands in the Congo basin, the Amazon basin and in two regions of the United States.

The projects announced Tuesday are designed to work with local communities to either plant trees or set aside forest lands for protection against logging.

In partnership with Conservation International, Disney is providing \$4 million for forest protection projects at two reserves in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo and for a forest program in the Amazon

basin area of Peru.

The company also said it will work with the Nature Conservancy and provide \$2 million for tree planting on 2,000 acres of former forest lands in the lower Mississippi Valley, and \$1 million for the Conservation Fund's forest protection project along California's North Coast.

Peter Seligmann, chairman of Conservation International, said the Disney commitment "represents the largest single corporate contribution ever made to reduce (greenhouse) emissions from deforestation."

The project in the Congo is expected to prevent 3 million tons of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere over 20 years, and the

project in Peru to protect 740,000 acres of pristine forests is expected to prevent the release of 900,000 tons of carbon dioxide over its five-year life, according to the conservation group.

The Nature Conservancy will work with private landowners to plant trees in 2,000 acres of former forest land in Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas. The group said that restoring native hardwood forest would not only help reduce carbon emissions but expand local habitat for migrating songbirds and the black bear.

"Protecting forests is one of our most powerful tools in the fight against climate change," said Mark Tercek, president the Nature Conservancy.

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Give country a chance

We all remember Freshman Orientation, that intimidating, awkward rite of passage that every Domer must go through upon arriving to campus. In a weekend full of forced interaction, the best way for everyone to get to know each other is through a series of icebreakers. One of the more popular icebreaker questions is, "What is your favorite kind of music?" Sounds harmless, right? It can be, but there is one answer that I heard more than once during my Frosh-O (and I'm sure was used the last two years as well) that I absolutely cannot stand: "Anything but country."

If you are one of those people (and I know you are out there), you're in good company. A friend of mine is a DJ on WVFI and when I asked her what she was going to play on her radio show, she told me, "anything but country." So I have just one request for all of you haters and naysayers out there: Just give it a chance.

I know what it feels like to be a hater. How? I was one of you. In fact, I even used to tell people that I would listen to anything but country. But the truth was, I never even tried. I never turned to the country station on the radio, never listened to a CD and sure as hell never went to a country concert. I just assumed that it was for backwoods, gun-toting southern folks and that the music was slow, sappy and stupid. I had my mind made up.

But then, I came home this past sum-

mer and started working. My job involved a lot of me driving around in my car by myself, and when I was in the office, I was there by myself a lot, too. Sitting in silence for eight hours is a surefire way to make yourself go crazy (seriously, don't try it), so that was not an option. I needed music. The first week, I listened to the top-40 radio station, but after I heard each of the eight songs they had on repeat what seemed like 100 times each, I got really sick of it. I needed to find something new, something I had never heard before that I could get into. Right on cue, my best friend handed me a three-disc playlist of country music and just said, "Trust me. If this doesn't get you into country, nothing will."

I took the discs, skeptically, but figured I had nothing to lose, so I popped it in my car's CD player the next morning. And what I found in that playlist blew away every preconceived notion I had of country music. It was upbeat, creative, occasionally hilarious and incredibly entertaining. Within a week, I was hooked, and by the end of the summer I was dressed in a plaid shirt, boots and a cowboy hat belting out "Celebrity" at a Brad Paisley concert.

Country music is awesome for a number of reasons. The instrumentation is unique and fun and it is perfect for sitting on the beach, or just chilling anywhere with your friends over the summer after everyone gets back from work. People don't realize the number of talented guitarists that play country music nor do they appreciate that some of the fiddle solos are mind-blowing

(plus, what other genre of music uses fiddle?). It truly is the optimal mood-setter for any kind of group gathering.

What makes country, however, is the lyrics. Unlike like a lot of popular music, the lyrics in country songs have real meaning and aren't just as an addendum to the beat. Country songs are generally about one of four things, all of which are equally awesome: love, family, partying and being an American. With apologies to Maino and T-Pain, I don't know anything about being a soldier, a rider or a ghetto survivor, let alone all the above. I can't relate to that kind of music. However, I have gotten my heart broken, like in Brad Paisley's "Letter to Me" and I am proud to support every "American Soldier" alongside Toby Keith. We all have been at parties with wild guys like Montgomery Gentry's "One In Every Crowd" and everyone looks back on going "Out Last Night", just like Kenny Chesney does. You get the feeling that these songs are sung by real people who have had the same experiences as you. You can relate to these guys. It's comforting.

So for everyone that thinks about saying that you listen to "anything but country" the next time anyone asks, just do me one favor before you do. Give it a chance.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The wireless telegraph is not difficult to understand. The ordinary telegraph is like a very long cat. You pull the tail in New York, and it meows in Los Angeles. The wireless is the same, only without the cat."

Albert Einstein
theoretical physicist

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac?"

Isaac Asimov
U.S. comedian

A Notre Dame short story

Part 2 by Christine Fagan

Desperate for a way through, he decided to try a new approach. He swallowed all that was left of his pride and leaned his whole body into the bricks. He simply leaned, and with that he could feel movement. The wall ebbed and flowed as if controlled by breath. This wall works remarkably like a lung, he thought as he continued his leaning. In almost an instant he felt swallowed. The wall consumed him in his entirety and he clumsily fell through the bricks. Given the chance he would have screamed, but a contradictory mix of pride and shameless fear overtook him, and he remained silent. After a few seconds of eternity, he was on the other side. Once he regained his balance he stood ready to face the council. He was going to win, if only because he was not ready to die.

Part 3 by John Cirilli

He did not know of what he was accused, only that he had done it. The starkly cold eyes (or he thought they might be eyes) of those sitting in council followed his every move with unrelenting focus. The minds behind those eyes, hard and sharp and twisted, would never have trifled to accuse the innocent. They saw further into him than he himself, but he knew one thing that they did not.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Soulja Boy ruined everything

In regards to Danny Masse's Nov. 3 Letter to the Editor ("Ignorant or genius?") discussing Soulja Boy, I fail to understand why there is even a debate on whether he is ignorant or a genius. Despite his one hit song, Mr. Boy is extremely inconsequential to rap music and hip-hop. I do not even know how to refer to him professionally. Is it Mr. Boy?

But the controversy over Soulja's intelligence is not what compelled me to write today, but rather is the damage he has done to the fabric of our society. I am a victim of this damage and I believe I am not alone among Observer readers. For most of the second half of 2008 I had to deal with everyone practicing that ridiculous dance until perfection. Even my 17-year-old sister had it down pat. I have to tell you, there is nothing more embarrassing than going to Finnegan's and everybody knowing the dance but you. So what happened? I went home and watched the video on YouTube until I learned it. Today, I don't know anybody who can outdo me in the Soulja Boy dance, not even Soulja Boy himself. The countless hours I spent learning this dance could have been better spent doing other activities such as volunteer work, studying or even catching up on sleep.

Not only is he a bad influence on the youth of today, he is criticized from those in the same profession. During 2008, Ice-T, a pioneer in rap music, referred to Soulja Boy's music as "killing hip-hop," and described Mr. Boy's most successful song, "Crank That" as "garbage." Ice-T even suggested Soulja Boy consume male genitalia. Only a truly destructive individual such as Soulja Boy could provoke the normally reserved and eloquent Ice-T in such a way.

After a series of exchanges between the two musicians over the internet, the only person who came to Soulja Boy's rescue was none other than Kanye West. The same Kanye West who could not go through an entire VMA's without downing a bottle of Hennessey and taking the spotlight away from Taylor Swift (who I personally believe is overrated).

All of this could have been avoided if nobody, including myself, had spent 99 cents to download the song on iTunes. I hope next time when there is a dance craze, society will be intelligent enough to not give into the gimmick, and will spend their time and money on things that are more worthwhile.

Dan Tapetillo
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 Nov. 3

Travesty in North

Students of Notre Dame, a travesty has struck North Dining Hall. It has become apparent that the Cheerios bins are being filled with Honey Nut Cheerios, and the Honey Nut bins are being filled with regular Cheerios. The purity of each has been compromised by such mixing. For the sake of us all, especially those who rely on Cheerios or Honey Nut Cheerios for sustenance, North Dining Hall's failure to

separate the Cheerios must be stopped. P.S. While this may seem like a joke, we are not kidding.

Nick O'Sullivan
 Ryan Traudt
 sophomores
 Knott Hall
 Nov. 3

Inquiry on ND girls

Dear Meghan Dougher,
 Please post a photo of yourself to defend your Viewpoint ("University of ugly girls?" Oct. 28).
 Sincerely,

Michael Smigelski
 sophomore
 Stanford Hall
 Oct. 28

EDITORIAL CARTOON



“Loyal Daughters and Sons”
drives the
point home

Since 2006, “Loyal Daughters and Sons” has told stories about sexual assaults. And not just any assaults, but the ones most personal at Our Lady’s University: the stories that Notre Dame students have to tell.

Kaitlyn Conway

*Assistant
Scene Editor*

With its 2009 three-day run starting today, “Loyal Daughters and Sons” continues to tell the stories that we most need to hear.

They aren’t easy stories to deal with, but they’re stories that need to be told, and everyone should try to attend one of the three shows of “Loyal Daughters and Sons.”

As I watched the dress rehearsal of the show (produced this year by Ellen Rolfes), I could not help but feel that under the co-direction of Katherine Khorey and Shay Thornton, the show took on a darker and much more emphatic tone. The show really gets across the idea that sexual assault — and sexuality in general for that

matter — is an issue that the University can no longer brush aside. While many of the sketches were familiar to me (they were carried over from prior productions I have attended in 2007 and 2008), they were grouped differently, and I felt as though that served to emphasize the dark issues the play addresses. The show gets its point across with skill, and one can’t help but to leave feeling thoughtful and wondering how many people struggle with the issues portrayed.

Now, the show isn’t just about sexual assault. The play also addresses issues of merely being sexually active at a Catholic university and of being homosexual. The play addresses sexuality as a whole, though I felt like much of this year’s emphasis was on the darker issues that continue to be problems. However, sketches about building a positive self-

image are also in the play, which makes it a lot easier to take in everything else that’s being portrayed.

The actors bring great levels of emotion to their characters. Even if they appear in multiple scenes, each time they capture what the person in the different situations would feel. Most importantly, they remained connected to the audience. Before the rehearsal began, Thornton reminded the actors that “the whole concept of the show is that you’re Notre Dame students; you’re just like anyone else.”

And indeed, one cannot help but relate to the students portrayed in different situations. You feel horror. You feel terror. You smile and feel good

about yourself, all depending on the scene that’s unfolding in front of you. “Loyal Daughters and Sons” is readily accessible, because it portrays situations that we deal with on a too-regular basis.

The show’s production team will join Notre Dame professors, FIRE Starters (peer educators from the Gender Relations center) and representatives from the University Counseling Center and the St. Joseph County Rape and Crisis Center for panels following the Wednesday and Thursday shows.

I know it’s uncomfortable. None of us really want to face the issues brought up by sexuality, both positive and negative. “Loyal Daughters and Sons” handles the issues in a manner that is powerful and enlightening. No one should miss this year’s show.

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THE MERITS OF B-MOVIES: "BIKINI BLOODBATH"

You there. Are you tired of watching months of hype for the next "great" box office hit, only to be thoroughly disappointed in the product you so willingly dropped that 10 spot to see? Are you tired of forking over \$10, \$15, \$20 for that latest DVD release, only to see your money sit on a shelf?

**Brian Koepsel,
Trevor Jackson
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Rodriguez**

Scene Writers

Well, we here have the solution for you: B-movies. We are classifying B-movies as basically inde-

pendent films. These titles are available on Netflix. Why should these crappy movies even be remotely appealing to you? Two reasons: low cost, low expectations.

First, these movies are dirt cheap, and there are so many of them to choose from. Why go to Movies 14 and be forced to choose from only eight to 10 movies and still be charged \$10 when you have literally hundreds of cheap or free movies at your fingertips on your laptop. Second, these movies start you off with very low expectations. This is great: If the movie is bad, you won't even care because you expected it to be, and Scene probably even predicted right here that it would be dreadful. Just pick something else and try again, because that \$5 per month Netflix subscription goes a long way.

But what good would that subscription be, if you are left to your own devices with these swarms of movies to sift through without some guidance? Scene will be

reviewing one of these esteemed films periodically to give you some worthy suggestions.

"Bikini Bloodbath"

"Bikini Bloodbath" (dir. Jonathan Gorman and Thomas Edward Seymour) is a relatively new (2006) film that chronicles a high school volleyball team's party to celebrate the end of the semester. However, things get ugly when a murderous chef begins to reek havoc on the community with his meat cleaver and clever one-liners. The film is the first of three set series, all starring Debbie Rochon as the lesbian volleyball coach. The film often bridges genre borders, frequently passing between unintentionally comedic horror and horribly butchered comedy. No small feat there. The plot is questionable at best, and the camerawork may indeed induce nausea by the end of the film. The acting and dialogue often transcend even some of the worst adjectives ever used to describe a film. However, if you are not doubled over in laughter within 10 minutes, you clearly do not have the sense of humor that enjoys watching a movie so bad it probably would be considered crap even on NDTV standards.

Why guys will love it: Boobs.

Why girls will love it: The next time a murderous chef tries and succeeds to break into your sexy sorority party and cleave half of your teammates to death, you will know, after watching this film, how to handle the situation and choose your means of defense properly. A simple gar-

den rake performed better in combat than a circular saw. (Now there's something you just wouldn't learn everyday, now would you?)

Scene will try to find something for those of you out there who just can't stand the sight of ketchup being poorly used as blood for 90 minutes. We'll explore another of the many genres for which these bastions of the film industry so valiantly fly their flag. Until then, remember, safety in numbers when partying in murderous chef-infested towns.

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Sea Wolf's sophomore effort gets stuck in winter doldrums

By JOEY KUHN
Assistant Scene Editor

Sea Wolf, an indie folk group led by Alex Brown Church, recently released their second full-length album, "White Water, White Bloom."

Every sophomore album must suffer the fate of being endlessly compared to its predecessor, and this one is no exception. Unfortunately, "White Water, White Bloom" falls flat compared to Sea Wolf's first album, "Leaves in the River." Although "White Water" retains much of the same poetic imagery and musical feel as "Leaves," it is missing the tiny yet memorable quirks that set "Leaves" apart from its contemporaries. Where is the plinking, music-box piano, the striking violin lines, the polka-band accordion? Without that added "oomph," the special sauce, Sea Wolf just ends up sounding like all the rest of the indie folk bands out there. They are a dime a dozen: Everyone wants to be the new Bright Eyes or Iron & Wine.

That's not to say that Sea Wolf doesn't do anything right. The gentle, delicate sound they create, even on the more upbeat songs, evokes a quiet Northern winter feel, consistent with the lyrics of the album. Most of the songs could be placed in a snowy field on a cold night or in some frosted forest in upper Canada. (Ironically, the band is based in Los

Angeles.) This is even reinforced by the album artwork, which depicts the inside of a log cabin complete with a wood-burning stove, a window looking out upon snowy hills and a copy of a Walt Whitman book on the table.

The lyrics place the album firmly in this winter location. Every song seems to be about a relationship between the starry-eyed singer and some mysterious, dark woman. Because of this lyrical and thematic consistency, "White Water" could almost be a concept album. But it's hard to make out any

continuous story from the nebula of hazy ideas.

The album's weakness is its own consistency. Instead of letting their musical creativity flow freely, it seems like the band wrote ten different versions of the same song, ranging from lullaby-ish folk to slightly heavier folk. None of the songs really stand out; the creative spark from the first album has gone out.

Of course, the lack of fire fits the album's wintry aesthetic. (With a band so preoccupied with time of year, it is impossible to write a review without succumbing to the use of seasonal metaphors.) "Leaves in the River" could be said to take place between late October and early December, and "White Water" takes up where "Leaves" left off. The whole album stays pretty firmly in the winter, and like a long winter, it gets pretty dull. Nevertheless, the last track, "Winter's Heir," hints at the first signs of spring. As such, I'll be expecting a third album with motifs of green grass and bunnies hopping around.

If you like indie folk music, definitely give "Leaves in the River" a listen, but don't expect too much out of "White Water, White Bloom." It may serve your purposes when you're looking for some chill studying music or something to lull you to sleep. Or you might want to put it on to keep you company through those cold winter nights in your log cabin in

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"White Water, White Bloom"

Best Tracks: "Wicked Blood," "The Traitor," "Turn the Dirt Over" and "The Orchard"



NFL

Seahawks let go of RB James

Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — The Edgerrin James experiment in Seattle is over.

The struggling Seahawks cut ties with James on Tuesday, releasing the backup running back who never provided the pop Seattle hoped to get when it signed the 31-year-old in late August.

James' release was one of a handful of moves Seattle made two days after a lackluster 38-17 loss that dropped the Seahawks to 2-5. Seattle also released safety C.J. Wallace and cornerback Travis Fisher.

The two-time NFL rushing champ signed with Seattle near the end of training camp hoping to revitalize a career that fell flat after moving from Indianapolis to Arizona. After getting benched for the first time last season, James provid-

ed a spark the Cardinals needed in their run to the Super Bowl. But he was released by Arizona in the offseason, and remained unemployed until the Seahawks came calling. Before his release by the Cardinals, James had one year and \$5 million remaining on the four-year, \$40 million deal he signed with Arizona before the 2006 season.

James failed to provide the punch Seattle hoped for when it cut T.J. Duckett to make room for James. He gained just 125 yards on 46 carries with no scores. He averaged just 2.7 yards per carry.

James had a season-high 16 carries for 46 yards in Seattle's 41-0 win over Jacksonville, but James got double-digit carries in only one other game. Three times he was held to less than 10 yards rushing.

His only accolade in his

seven games with the Seahawks was the 17 yards James gained last week at Dallas to pass Marcus Allen for 10th place on the NFL's all-time rushing leaders list with 12,246 yards.

It has been a difficult year for James. His longtime girlfriend and mother of his four children, Andia Wilson, died April 18 of leukemia. James said he had to sort out his life before he turned his attention back to football and that was why it took until late August before he signed with a team.

Seattle signed receiver Mike Hass, safety Jamar Adams and cornerback Roy Lewis from the practice squad to fill the open roster spots. The Seahawks also added running back Devin Moore, and cornerbacks Trae Williams and DeAngelo Willingham to fill spots on their practice squad.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Gopher suspended for shoplifting at mall

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Another Minnesota basketball recruit is in trouble: Freshman forward Royce White faces misdemeanor charges of theft and fifth-degree assault for allegedly shoplifting and shoving a security guard at the Mall of America.

Coach Tubby Smith announced indefinite suspensions Tuesday for White and senior guard Devron Bostick for violations of team rules he wouldn't identify. According to the Bloomington city attorney's office, White has a Nov. 17 arraignment scheduled stemming from the Oct. 13 incident at the mall.

Police Cmdr. Mark Stehlik said he was unaware of Bostick being involved and that White was the only one arrested. Stehlik couldn't

immediately provide more details.

A police report cited by the Star Tribune accuses White of stealing \$100 worth of merchandise from Macy's and twice pushing a security guard to the ground.

Smith said White and Bostick will be held out of

exhibitions Thursday (against Minnesota Duluth) and Monday (against Minnesota State Moorhead) and possibly more, until Smith decides they're ready to return to the No. 25 Gophers.

"It could be two games. It could be five, six. It could be more," Smith said, adding: "It could be 20. It depends on what I want, what I decide."

White's campus phone number rang busy Tuesday. Bostick's rang unanswered.

Bostick is a reserve who averaged 11 minutes per game last season. White was dismissed from DeLaSalle High School in Minneapolis last year for academic misconduct before finishing his prep career at Hopkins.

White is part of a touted recruiting class that includes transfer Trevor Mbakwe, who is also out indefinitely while a felony aggravated battery charge against him goes through the legal process.

"If you do something wrong, our guys know that playing time ... is a privilege," Smith said. "We expect them to conduct themselves in a proper way. When they don't, unfortunately they force our hands and force us to do something we really don't want to do."

White and Mbakwe were expected to give Minnesota some bulk and athleticism at the power forward spot. Damian Johnson and Paul Carter, who are more natural at small forward, will play more inside while White and Mbakwe are out.

For now, the Gophers are down to 11 players including freshman walk-on guard Dominique Dawson, who was expected to redshirt but might be activated instead to provide more depth.

"We still have a really solid group," Smith said.

As for Mbakwe, Smith said he agreed with athletics director Joel Maturi's decision to keep the junior from playing until he's cleared in the court system. Mbakwe wasn't at practice Monday or Tuesday

because he was taking care of his legal matters.

"We love Trevor, and he's done everything we've asked him to do since he's been here," the coach said.

Smith said he wasn't sure when he would decide whether Mbakwe should be redshirted or not.

"He'll have two years of eligibility left if he does sit out this year, but if he gets it resolved in his favor he'll be back on the court immediately," Smith said.

Minnesota's first regular season game is against Tennessee Tech on Nov. 13.

Mbakwe is scheduled for a Dec. 14 trial date in Miami-Dade County for allegedly punching a woman in the face in Miami in April. His attorney, Gregory Samms, said Tuesday he's been told the case will take priority in court that week and won't be pushed back. Samms has said his client was mistakenly identified.

"We expect them to conduct themselves in a proper way. When they don't, unfortunately they force our hands and force us to do something we really don't want to do."

Tubby Smith
Minnesota coach

SPORTS MEDIA

Sportscaster owes ex \$916,000 a year

HARTFORD, Conn. — CBS sportscaster Jim Nantz must pay \$916,000 yearly in alimony and child support to his ex-wife and give up their Connecticut home under terms of a newly issued divorce decree.

The ruling, made Monday in Bridgeport Superior Court, dissolves the 26-year marriage of Nantz and Ann-Lorraine "Lorrie" Carlsen Nantz. It comes after both testified about the breakdown of their marriage; Judge Howard Owens concluded neither was at fault.

Nantz, described by Owens as "our nation's most prominent sportscaster," filed for divorce last year from his wife after years of marriage counseling, according to the decree.

Although Nantz, 50, acknowledged he started dating a 29-year-old woman before the divorce was final, the judge concluded the marriage deteriorated years earlier and "this remote event in no way contributed to the breakdown of the marriage."

Owens noted that the couple didn't share the same interests in Nantz's television career, which required frequent travel as the network's primary commentator for college football, golf and basketball, as well as appearances at charity events.

"In fairness, for most of the years he prioritized his family obligation and put his wife and daughter Caroline first. As fre-

quently happens in marriages of lengthy duration, the parties do not have the same interest and ardor for their spouses' endeavors," the judge wrote in his decision.

Under the ruling, Nantz must pay \$72,000 in alimony monthly until he dies or his ex-wife remarries, and another \$1,000 weekly in child support for the next two years.

Nantz's attorney, Gaetano Ferro, said Tuesday that the famed sportscaster only wants what's best for his daughter and will not fight the terms of the divorce decree.

"He always wanted a peaceful resolution of an unfortunate situation," Ferro said. "He never wanted a trial, never wanted it to come out this way, never wanted a public spectacle. He wants to put it behind him."

Lorrie Nantz will get their home and a separate condominium in Westport, while Jim Nantz will get their home in Houston and a luxury condominium in the Deer Valley ski resort in Park City, Utah. They were awarded joint custody of Caroline, 15.

He also must pay Caroline's college expenses until she reaches 23 years old and has to split various joint accounts with Lorrie Nantz, including the current value of his pension through the Screen Actors Guild.

He also must keep his ex-wife listed as beneficiary of a \$3 million life insurance policy while he's still paying alimony and/or child support, and pay \$70,000 so she can join any country club of her choice.

She had been seeking more than \$1.5 million in yearly alimony and child support.

Court documents cited Jim Nantz's \$3.2 million salary from CBS and other assets, including millions in other income, shared investment accounts, real estate and other property.

Nantz, who started his broadcast career at a local CBS affiliate in Salt Lake City, testified that Lorrie Nantz grew uninterested in his career over time, did not want to attend events that were important to him and didn't provide the emotional support he desired.

Lorrie Nantz said she went as often as possible, but that those events were not her life's major interest and her main focus was raising their daughter.

"They're two good people, and as sometimes happens over 26 years, they grew apart," Ferro said.

Cynthia George, Lorrie Nantz's Greenwich-based attorney, said she and her client had no comment except that they were pleased with the decision.

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Preseason NCAA Men's Basketball AP Top 25

team	points
1 Kansas	1612
2 Michigan State	1515
3 Texas	1397
4 Kentucky	1372
5 Villanova	1347
6 North Carolina	1320
7 Purdue	1284
8 West Virginia	1115
9 Duke	1064
10 Tennessee	897
11 Butler	864
12 Connecticut	844
13 California	800
14 Washington	776
15 Michigan	578
16 Ohio State	465
17 Oklahoma	410
18 Mississippi State	393
19 Louisville	335
20 Georgetown	326
21 Dayton	318
22 Georgia Tech	301
23 Illinois	282
24 Clemson	217
25 Minnesota	172

Preseason NCAA Women's Basketball AP Top 10

team	points
1 Connecticut	1000
2 Stanford	951
3 Ohio State	862
4 NOTRE DAME	799
5 North Carolina	798
6 Duke	772
7 Baylor	744
8 Tennessee	676
9 LSU	600
10 Michigan State	521

NBA



Cleveland Cavalier's point guard Delonte West, makes a pass around Charlotte Bobcats' Raymond Felton in the second quarter of an NBA game on Saturday. West was indicted on Tuesday in Maryland for weapons charges.

Cavs' Delonte West faces more charges

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Cleveland Cavaliers guard Delonte West was indicted Tuesday on additional weapons and traffic charges stemming from his Sept. 17 arrest for speeding on a motorcycle and carrying multiple weapons.

The eight-count indictment sheds no new light on why West, 26, was riding a motorcycle on the Capital Beltway in Prince George's County, Md., at 10 p.m. with two loaded handguns and a loaded shotgun. Prosecutors on Wednesday added an 8 1/2-inch Bowie knife to the list of concealed weapons West was carrying.

It's illegal in Maryland to carry concealed weapons and to transport loaded handguns.

West was indicted on two counts of carrying a dangerous weapon, two counts of carrying a handgun, two counts of transporting a handgun, and one count each of reckless driving and negligent driving. The charges are all misdemeanors. Each weapons count carries a penalty of up to three years in prison.

West was initially charged with just two counts of carrying a handgun and with driving in excess of reasonable and prudent speed.

Court records don't list a lawyer for West. His agent,

Noah Croom, did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment.

West has been treated in the past for bipolar disorder, and last week his wife filed a domestic violence report against him in Ohio. No charges have been filed.

West, who could still face a league suspension over the charges in Maryland, made his season debut during Saturday night's 90-79 win against Charlotte, scoring 13 points in 24 minutes. He was expected to play in Tuesday night's game against Washington.

Cavaliers general manager Danny Ferry, who along with team doctors has been handling West's delicate state on a daily basis,

issued a statement following the release of the new charges against West.

"It is our understanding that today's developments are part of the legal process that continues to take place with Delonte and he and his legal counsel will handle that," Ferry said. "We will continue to take this matter very seriously and monitor and respect the legal process as it proceeds, but not speculate or comment about it."

Cavs coach Mike Brown didn't want to speculate on the possibility of West doing jail time.

"I believe in the process, I'm going to let it unfold and go from there," Brown said.

IN BRIEF

Rams' Amendola sits out of practice with concussion

ST. LOUIS — Rams returner Danny Amendola sat out practice due to a concussion while guard Jacob Bell was cleared after tests showed he had only a mild one.

Amendola rode a stationary bicycle during Tuesday's workout and coach Steve Spagnuolo said the diminutive receiver was set to undergo tests for concussion-related symptoms on Wednesday.

"He still has some symptoms, so they weren't going to take any chances," Spagnuolo said.

Bell also had a concussion in the preseason that forced him to miss a few weeks, but Spagnuolo anticipated that the lineman would practice on Wednesday.

The 5-11, 186-pound Amendola was leveled by the Lions' Zach Follett early in the fourth quarter Sunday and didn't return to the Rams' 17-10 victory.

Goodell to participate in labor talks with NFLPA

WASHINGTON — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell and NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith both are slated to participate in the league's latest round of labor negotiations.

Speaking after testifying before a House subcommittee Tuesday about a legal case involving two Minnesota Vikings players, Goodell told The Associated Press he would be present for Wednesday's talks in New York about a new collective bargaining agreement.

Goodell has not attended all of the sessions the league and union have held so far.

The NFL opted out of the collective bargaining agreement last year, although the contract won't expire until after the 2010 season. That season will not have a salary cap under the current CBA, and Smith has said he hopes to have an agreement before then.

Chamberlain's mom faces prison for drug charges

LINCOLN, Neb. — The mother of New York Yankees pitcher Joba Chamberlain faces up to 20 years in prison when she's sentenced next month on a felony drug charge.

Jackie Standley pleaded no contest Monday to an amended charge of delivery of a controlled substance, according to court records. The 44-year-old Standley was arrested in May after selling a gram of methamphetamine to an undercover officer at her Lincoln residence.

Standley originally was charged with a Class II felony, which carries a maximum sentence of 50 years, but the prosecutor reduced the charge to a Class III felony. She'll be sentenced Dec. 16.

Phone calls to a number listed for Standley went unanswered Tuesday.

The Yankees play Game 6 of the World Series against Philadelphia on Wednesday.

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Philadelphia at New York
7:57 p.m., FOX

NBA
Miami at Washington
7 p.m., ESPN

MLB

Fans tired of Champagne goggles

Associated Press

NEW YORK — When the New York Yankees clinched their spot in the World Series last week, the casual TV viewer might have wondered if they were about to go swim the 200-meter butterfly with Michael Phelps.

Call it a fashion statement for the very rich and very happy: There they were, stars like CC Sabathia, Mark Teixeira and Johnny Damon, sporting swim goggles to protect their eyes from the victory Champagne being poured, squirted and sprayed amid the post-game revelry.

It's become a more familiar sight in the past few years in the locker rooms of baseball's top teams. And some die-hard fans aren't too happy.

Sure, they say, it's important to preserve those valuable eyes. But the eyewear sure looks a little goofy, doesn't it? And more importantly, it suggests a broader problem, these fans say: Post-game celebrations have become too predictable, with all that unspontaneous Champagne-pouring.

"I guess it was funny when they first poured Champagne on somebody, but it's just too prepared, too scripted now," says Matt O'Donnell, a high school history teacher and baseball fan in Sebastopol, Calif. "The way they have the plastic tarps all laid out in the locker room, and they have the goggles already set up there."

O'Donnell, 39, is an ardent Boston Red Sox fan (his 4-year-old son's middle name is Fenway, after Fenway Park.) "Please, No More Champagne Goggles!" he pleaded on his baseball blog in September, when his team was about to clinch a playoff spot.

After every big victory, he complained, the plastic sheets go up, "and then a few players will put on the readily available ridiculous looking champagne goggles and begin spraying their teammates. A manager or coach will inevitably be sprayed with bubbly ... and the perpetrator will think it is the funniest thing ever. Yawn."

Patrick Stimson agrees. "Why can't they all just go into the clubhouse and celebrate naturally?" asks the 28-year-old Oakland A's fan. "What I like is spontaneous moments."

And while the goggles don't lessen any of his respect for the top players, he does see them as a sign that today's athletes may be getting a little softer.

"It just seems like something the older, more hardened players of yesterday wouldn't wear — not something you'd have seen on Babe Ruth or Pete Rose," says Stimson, who lives in Los Angeles and works in online marketing. "There's a notion that today's players are coddled, multi-gazillionaire athletes, and maybe this is an outgrowth of that."

On his own baseball blog,

Stimson recently posted the question of whether Champagne goggles were ever acceptable — or whether it made the players seem, well, wimpy. "Most people thought it took away some of their manly nature," he says.

Talk to an eye doctor, though, and you'll be converted to the pro-goggle side with the speed of one of Sabathia's fastballs.

Champagne has a high alcohol content, high enough to damage the surface lining of the cornea, says Dr. Matthew Gardiner, director of emergency ophthalmology services at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. (For those medically inclined, the lining is called the epithelium.)

"A corneal abrasion like that usually heals within two to three days, but it can be extremely painful while it's healing," says Gardiner.

In other words, you don't want your ace pitcher or hitter nursing a corneal abrasion while taking on the next team, as the Yankees did a few days after their pennant victory against the Los Angeles Angels, facing the Philadelphia Phillies for the big prize. (The series stands 3-2, Yankees.)

For Jane Heller, the well-being of her treasured Yankees is the key concern — much more important than how silly they may or may not look in goggles.

"I see all these posts, saying gee, what sissies," says Heller, a lifelong Yankee fan in Santa Barbara, Calif., who blogs about the Yankees on "Confessions of a She-Fan," and has written a book of the same name. "But it doesn't bother me."

What bothers Heller more is what the goggles might represent: "These quote-unquote celebrations have become so calculated and neat and tidy now," she says. "It used to be a spontaneous burst of enthusiasm. There was no plastic tarp covering everything."

Heller notes that the goggles are a relatively new phenomenon, something she first noticed in 2007. "I noticed that one player, Doug Mientkiewicz, was wearing them during a celebration," she says.

At the National Baseball Hall of Fame's library, researcher Gabriel Schechter can't pinpoint when the first Champagne goggles were donned, but he says it's only in recent years. (Champagne celebrations, on the other hand, have been around since the 1950s, when they took the place of beer.)

"It might just be that they're using so much more Champagne now that it's really hazardous," says Schechter.

One important baseball fan doesn't know anything of the goggle tradition. "Really?" asks W.P. Kinsella, whose novel, "Shoeless Joe," became the movie "Field of Dreams."

"It sounds so calculated," the author says. "Just so you don't get a little Champagne in your eyes." (Kinsella, a

huge fan, says he hates watching the celebrations and always turns the TV off anyway once the game is over.)

Hazards aside, fans like Brian Welch may find it hard not to stifle a giggle when they see the next World Series champs don their swim equipment on Wednesday or Thursday, when the series ends. "I think the goggles are hilarious," says Welch, 34, a Cincinnati Reds fan who lives in Chicago.

But he hopes the victorious Yanks or Phillies, with finally no games left to worry about, will throw caution to the wind — or, more like it, to the spray.

After all, says Welch, "Maybe it's good to save your eyes before you go on to the World Series. But once you've won, hey. You've just won the World Series! Suck it up. Get some Champagne in your eyes!"

"Why can't they all just go into the clubhouse and celebrate naturally?"

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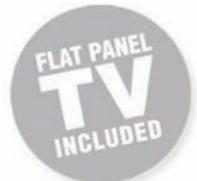
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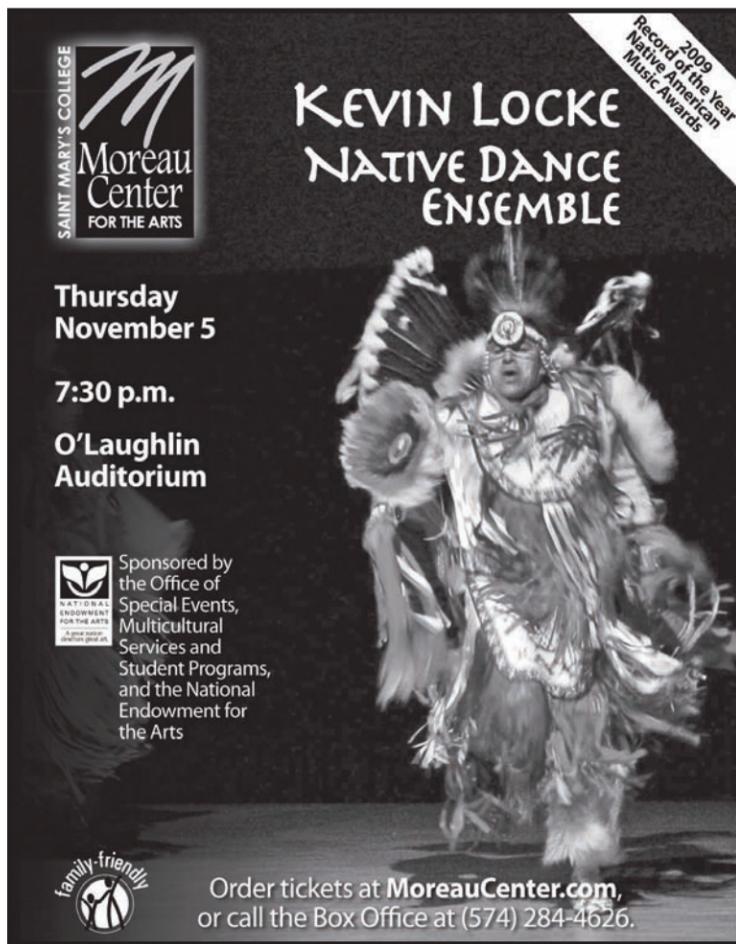
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NFL

Steroid rulings hurt progress

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A key lawmaker said Tuesday that recent court decisions blocking suspensions of two NFL players threaten to undermine progress made in reducing performance-enhancing drug use among athletes at all levels.

“If these rulings prevail, they could wreak havoc with policies designed to curb performance-enhancing drug use in professional sports,” Rep. Henry Waxman, the chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, said at a subcommittee hearing. “In fact, if the rulings are taken to their logical conclusion, players on one team could be allowed to use drugs that would subject players on another team to suspensions and fines.”

“In short,” he added, “these new legal interpretations could render the NFL and Major League Baseball drug testing programs unenforceable, loophole-ridden, and unacceptably weak and ineffective.”

Waxman, a California Democrat who has held high-profile hearings on steroids in sports, said that if the court rulings are not reversed, “then we need to find out if the collective bargaining process can solve these problems or whether congressional action is needed.”

“One thing is clear: we should not allow the drug policies that the NFL, Major League Baseball, and other sports leagues have put in place to be rendered null and

void. That is an invitation to steroid abuse in professional sports. And it will inevitably lead to more steroid use on high school football fields and baseball diamonds.”

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell was to testify later and planned to ask for legislation.

“We believe that a specific and tailored amendment to the Labor Management Relations Act is appropriate and necessary to protect collectively bargained steroid policies from attack under state law,” Goodell said in his written testimony.

Recent court decisions “call into question the continued viability of the steroid policies of the NFL and other national sports organizations,” Goodell said.

The NFL had attempted to suspend Minnesota Vikings Pat Williams and Kevin Williams for four games, but the players sued the league in state court, arguing the league’s testing violated Minnesota laws. The case was moved to federal court, and the NFL players union filed a similar lawsuit on behalf of the Williamses and New Orleans Saints players who were also suspended.

In May, a federal judge dismissed the union’s lawsuit and several claims in the Williamses’ case but sent two claims involving Minnesota workplace laws back to state court. A judge there issued an injunction prohibiting the NFL from suspending the players and has scheduled the trial for March 8. In September, a federal appeals court panel

agreed with those decisions, essentially allowing the Williamses, who are not related, to continue playing while the case proceeds in state court.

The Vikings players tested positive in 2008 for the diuretic bumetanide, which is banned by the NFL because it can mask the presence of steroids. The players acknowledged taking the over-the-counter weight loss supplement StarCaps, which did not state on the label that it contained bumetanide. Neither player is accused of taking steroids.

The court ruling led the NFL to allow New Orleans defensive ends Charles Grant and Will Smith, who had also been issued four-game suspensions, to continue playing. Both players also tested positive for bumetanide.

DeMaurice Smith, executive director of the NFL players union, said this case differs from others. He said Dr. John Lombardo, who oversees the league’s steroid policy, learned that StarCaps contained bumetanide but did not inform the players.

“Frankly, the fundamental failure of that doctor to ensure immediate disclosure of the fact that StarCaps included bumetanide violated his paramount duty as a doctor — to protect patients, in this case, our players,” Smith said in his prepared testimony. Smith called for changes to the league-union steroid policy that would mandate the NFL notify players when it learns that a product contains a banned substance.

MLB

Pedro prepared for Game 6 start in N.Y.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A city seethes in anticipation.

Outside Yankee Stadium, workmen wielding power washers crisscross the walkways on a crisp autumn afternoon, dutifully cleaning each and every groove between thousands of concrete squares. Inside, groundskeepers wielding rakes push pebbles back and forth, smoothing the dirt around home plate. Everyone in town, it seems, wants the place to look perfect for the return of Pedro Martinez.

“This is the kind of stage that I deserve,” Martinez said, “and in a stadium like this, the most legendary of all places.”

It will be nothing short of a miracle if the Yankees’ new baseball palace remains anchored to its moorings when Martinez walks out to the mound

Wednesday night in a Phillies uniform for Game 6 of the World Series. The last time the level of psychokinetic energy in New York pushed the needle this far off the meter, the “Ghostbusters” were called in to save the city.

Pedro ain’t afraid of no ghosts, either, even though he brings a history to the Bronx like almost no other.

When Martinez last showed his face here — in the interview room after losing Game 2, despite a strong effort — he was wearing a striped jacket that looked like it had been stolen from the set of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.” Yet it was while wearing the red socks of hated rival Boston a half-dozen years ago that Martinez was rendered a villain in these parts forever.

In Game 3 of the ALCS, he was at the center of a tit-for-tat, purpose-pitch skirmish that erupted into a bench-clearing brawl. Don Zimmer, then a 72-year-old bulldog of a bench coach with the Yankees, rushed from the Yankees dugout straight for Martinez, who threw him to the ground.

New York didn’t have to wait long for its revenge.

In the eighth inning of Game 7, Red Sox manager Grady Little left a tiring Martinez in to clean up the jam he’d gotten himself into. Bad idea: four straight hits erased Boston’s 5-2 advantage, leading to a dramatic extra-inning, series-ending victory for the Yankees.

But Martinez’s lowest moment in New York was still almost a year off. The following September, after yet another tough loss, the defiant right-hander who once famously growled, “Wake up the Bambino, I’ll drill him in the ass,” was disconsolate and said he never wanted to face New York again.

“What can I say?” Martinez said then. “I tip my hat and call the Yankees my daddy.”

He’s been reminded of that comment on every visit since. Taunts of “Who’s your daddy?” echoed again across the Bronx throughout Game 2, supplemented by gestures that can’t be described here. Martinez left the field smiling but later that night practically begged Yankee fans to tone down the abuse, if not for his sake, then at least for the kids within earshot. It was not an act.

Say what you will about the once-flamboyant character; at 38, both his personality and competitive nature have been

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**Pedro Martinez
Phillies pitcher**

leavened by a nearly two-year absence from the game, when Martinez wondered whether his arm was shot and his career over. Philadelphia took a flyer on him, wondering how much magic Martinez could still conjure up.

He has learned to be grateful for every opportunity.

“Two months back I was sitting at home not doing anything, none of you were thinking of me whatsoever,” Martinez said. “None of you were asking me questions, and today I am here, probably pitching one of the biggest games ever in the World Series, two great teams with a whole bunch of legendary players that are going to be.”

“I know when you mention Derek Jeter, you mention Alex Rodriguez, (Mark) Teixeira. I see those guys as probably the future of the game, the next Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron.”

Back in the day, Martinez rarely bothered to learn the names of the hitters he faced; he simply blew them away. Today, he studies each hitter and every one of their tendencies, probing for the tiniest of edges. His fastball rarely tops 90 mph on the radar gun, so he relies more on a vintage circle change-up, an array of curves and cutters, varying his speeds and location.

The kid who broke into the big leagues at “154 (pounds) soaking wet with a good arm” is now the consummate craftsman, getting by on nothing more than guts and guile. There is something almost poetic about the biggest game of the season resting on his slim shoulders one final time, and in New York, no less.

On the ride back up from the interview room to the press box at Yankee Stadium, the elevator operator asked: What can you say about Martinez that hasn’t been said?

The answer is only what Martinez said about himself.

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NBA

Nuggets rout Pacers to remain unbeaten

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Carmelo Anthony scored 25 points and Chauncey Billups added 24 to help Denver beat the Indiana Pacers 111-93 on Tuesday night, lifting the Nuggets to their best start in 24 years.

Anthony, who was averaging 38 points, shot just 6-for-17 from the field but made 11 of 14 free throws. Nene added 16 points and 13 rebounds for the Nuggets (4-0), who are off to their best start since the 1985-86 season.

Former Denver guard Dahntay Jones led the Pacers with 20 points, and Danny Granger added 18 for Indiana (0-3).

Pacers forward Troy Murphy bruised his lower back when he fell hard to the floor in the first quarter and did not return. He was second in the league in rebounding and third in 3-point percentage last sea-

son.

Indiana has lost all its games by double digits.

Denver made 8 of 15 3-pointers on Tuesday while Indiana made just 3 of 22.

The Nuggets led 30-13 at the end of the first quarter, even though Anthony shot 1-for-7. The Nuggets led 55-39 at half-time.

Indiana cut Denver's lead to 59-50 on a layup by Jones, but Billups responded with a 3-pointer. Later in the quarter, when the Pacers again started building momentum, Billups hit another three. Anthony followed that with a breakaway dunk to make it 71-55. Anthony and Billups combined for 23 points in the quarter, and Denver led 83-71 at the end of the period.

Denver pulled away in the fourth quarter and led by as many as 25 points. Indiana's only lead was 6-5 in the first quarter.

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UConn's Moore leads All-America team

Associated Press

Preseason or postseason, Maya Moore is making a habit of racking up honors.

The UConn junior became just the seventh unanimous choice on The Associated Press' preseason All-America team Tuesday, garnering all 40 votes from a national media panel. It's the third straight year a player has been a unanimous choice in the preseason.

"It's a great honor to be mentioned with them," said Moore, who was one vote short of being an unanimous choice last preseason. "I've been truly blessed to have such great teammates."

Moore was joined on the preseason squad by teammate Tina Charles, Stanford's Jayne Appel, Ohio State's Jantel Lavender, and Virginia's Monica Wright. It was the fifth time two players from the same team made the All-America squad.

UConn also had two of the four other pairs of teammates on a preseason team — Jen Rizzotti and Kara Wolters in 1995-96 and Shea Ralph and Svetlana Abrosimova in 2000-01.

Moore has already made the All-America team in her first two years and was the AP's player of the year last season. She averaged 19.3 points and 8.9 rebounds last season in helping UConn to a 39-0 record. The Huskies are a unanimous No. 1 in the preseason poll this year.

Charles stepped up her game in the NCAA tournament, earning most outstanding player honors. The senior center is on pace to set the school career scoring record.

"Tina really has made huge strides in consistency over the last few months starting with the NCAA tournament and going through the summer playing with

USA basketball," Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma said. "She saw what she can do and now just needs to do it every game."

Appel also made a splash in the NCAA tournament. She scored 46 points in the regional finals against Iowa State and followed up with a 26-point effort in the national semifinals loss to UConn.

"It's a thrill to be an All-American," the Stanford senior said.

Moore, Charles, and Appel were among the 23 invitees to USA basketball's national team training camp that took place at the end of September.

"It really is flattering to be considered among the best of the best," Appel said.

Lavender averaged 20.8 points and 10.7 rebounds in helping Ohio State to a 29-6 record and a Big Ten title. She is just the second Ohio State player, joining Jessica Davenport, to be honored as a preseason All-America.

Wright became the first Virginia player to earn preseason honors since Wendy Palmer in 1995-96. Palmer is now an assistant coach with the Cavaliers. Wright was surprised to learn she had now joined her coach.

"Wow. That is quite an honor," Wright said. "To be in the same category as Wendy is truly special."

The senior guard led Virginia with 20.5 points and will be called upon to provide more leadership this year with the Cavaliers having such a young team.

"This is a great All-America team because everyone of these players has earned it over what they've done through their careers," said DePaul's Doug Bruno, who has coached all five players during different stints with USA Basketball. "It's especially great for Monica Wright, who has flown under the radar."

NCAA FOOTBALL

Pike's arm healing after surgery

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Tony Pike had X-rays on Tuesday that showed his non-passing arm is healing nicely from surgery, another step toward getting him back to full practice with fourth-ranked Cincinnati.

Pike expected to practice on Wednesday wearing a special splint instead of a bulky cast on the left forearm, which was injured during a game on Oct. 15 at South Florida. The senior quarterback has missed the last two games while the injury heals.

Sophomore Zach Collaros led the Bearcats (8-0) to wins over Louisville and Syracuse, throwing for seven touchdowns during those two games. He's likely to start on Saturday at home against Connecticut (4-4), when Cincinnati attempts to tie the school record for best start.

Coach Brian Kelly said it's possible that Pike could get into the game for a short time, but he would prefer waiting until he's capable of playing without limitations.

"It really would depend on how he practices, because he hasn't been in there handing off and moving on the perimeter," Kelly said, before the start of practice Tuesday. "It may be the case that we think he's 75 percent there, we can't start him but he could come in in certain situations. That's a scenario that's possible."

"I would prefer that not to be the case. I would prefer him to be 100 percent and able to start."

Pike broke the left forearm and dislocated the wrist during a game last season and had a

plate and six screws inserted to stabilize the area. He returned after missing two games and led the Bearcats to the Big East title wearing a protective splint on the arm.

He didn't have a problem until

the game at South Florida, when he took a helmet to the forearm. The force of the blow damaged the plate, which was replaced a few days later after specialists were consulted about the best way to handle the injury.

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third-string quarterback until Crist returns. Fifth-year senior Evan Sharpley was moved up to second string on the Irish depth chart, behind Clausen.

Goodman, who played quarterback at Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne, Ind., prac-

ticed at quarterback for Notre Dame in the spring, and has seen some action out of Notre Dame's Wildcat formation this season.

Weis also said senior wide receiver Robby Parris was ready to play this weekend, junior running back Armando Allen was day-to-day and sophomore defensive lineman Kapron Lewis-Moore was probable.

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irreplaceable and has benefited the Irish this season. Phillips' experience has consistently helped keep the Irish poised and confident on the court this season.

"She's continued to get stronger every year, and that

physical strength and consistency coming with experience has really helped her as a player," Brown said. "She leads by example and her consistency on the court is something the team really relies on."

As Notre Dame remains the only undefeated team in the conference, Phillips has high hopes for her final season.

"Personally I would just like

to finish strong," she said. "As for the team, our biggest goal is to finish the Big East regular season undefeated as well as win the Big East tournament."

Up next, the Irish head to Marquette to take on the Golden Eagles in hopes of continuing their undefeated conference season.

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NBA

Celts down 76ers; Cavaliers win

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Rasheed Wallace keeps making his hometown his stomping ground.

Wallace rooted on the Phillies at Game 5 of the World Series and he popped by to watch Philly boxing great Bernard Hopkins train for an upcoming bout.

Boston's top reserve didn't stop having fun just because it was time to play. Wallace hit six 3-pointers as part of a 20-point effort and the Celtics remained unbeaten with a 105-74 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Tuesday night.

"It's home," Wallace said. "A lot of friends and family don't get the opportunity to see me play. Everybody can't get that league pass and all that stuff. It's always fun to come back here and play."

Wallace, who wore a black Phillies jacket to the game, easily had his best game in his short stint with the Celtics. He pretty much caught the ball, let it rip and watched it sink through the net. Wallace made 6 of 8 3-pointers and sank

each long attempt about as easily as a layup in the paint.

Wallace was about the only Celtic who had his normal night, even getting whistled for a technical foul for arguing with the refs in the third quarter. His fuse burst late in the quarter when he appeared to be fouled on a shot. The ref called a foul, he just didn't call it a shooting foul and denied Wallace a trip to the free-throw line.

Wallace kept badgering the refs over the perceived blown call until he was hit with the T with 4.5 seconds left in the third.

"I just wanted to get my point across," Wallace said. "I wasn't going to get thrown out."

Paul Pierce scored 21 points as the Celtics improved to 5-0 even without the usual stand-out performances from Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen.

"We're going to win because of our defense no matter how good our offense is," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said.

Allen didn't score his first field goal until the third quarter and had five points. Garnett made just one basket on seven shots and scored three points when he was yanked with the game out of hand.

By the time Wallace got his technical, the game had spiraled into a blowout. Allen scored his first basket and Pierce hit a 3-pointer in a 14-2 run to open the quarter that shook off the Sixers for good.

Eddie House made four 3s off the bench for the Celtics and scored 12 points. Shelden Williams added 11 points, helping the Celtics bench to a productive night after the starters and Wallace made this one a rout.

Cavaliers 102, Wizards 90

Shaquille O'Neal has always felt like when he gets the ball down low, within a few feet of the basket, he should score every time.

"Got to," he said. "If not, get rid of me."

The Cavaliers just got him, and they're not about to let him go.

O'Neal had easily his best game since joining Cleveland, scoring a season-high 21 points while wearing out Washington's big men and LeBron James scored 27 points as the Cavaliers won their third straight, beating the Wizards 102-90 on Tuesday night.

Hitting bank shots. Dropping hooks. Making free throws. Dominating.

For the first time with the Cavaliers, Shaq was Shaq.

"It's a big plus for me and everyone else," James said.

The Cavs trailed by 18 in the second quarter before turning

up their defense and relying on their superstar combo of James and O'Neal to win their sixth straight at home over the Wizards. When Cleveland's offense sputtered, the Cavs simply dumped the ball inside to O'Neal and let him go to work.

"We said, 'Let's throw it to Shaq and have him get something for us,'" Cavs coach Mike Brown said.

Mo Williams scored 15 and Daniel Gibson 14 for the Cavs, who made nine 3-pointers in the second half — four in the fourth quarter when James was out. Cleveland held the Wizards to just 36 points in the second half and only 59 over the final three quarters.

Caron Butler and Gilbert Arenas scored 22 apiece to lead the Wizards.

O'Neal's integration into their offense has been a slow process for the Cavs, but they are starting to figure out how to best use the All-Star center, who came over in a June trade from Phoenix. He made 7 of 9 field goals, 7 of 10 free throws, grabbed eight rebounds and put Washington's frontline in foul trouble.

He also endeared himself to Cleveland fans by flattening Wizards guard DeShawn Stevenson on a drive in the first half. Stevenson has been a pest to the Cavs, engaging in a war of words with James in the playoffs two years ago.

"It hurt real bad, but that's part of basketball," Stevenson said of O'Neal's takedown. "He apologized at halftime, so it's all right."

The Cavs have been using the 7-foot-1 O'Neal and his 7-foot-3 backup, Zydrunas Ilgauskas, together with mixed results. But the pair are getting more comfortable and confident with every second they spend on the floor and have the potential to be a matchup nightmare for any team.

O'Neal alone is enough to deal with — even at age 37. He wasn't surprised the Wizards tried to guard him one on one, and he understands why.

"It's an age thing. I don't really take it personal," he said. "I just have to let them know I'm still here and have to be reckoned with. I understand I'm not 27 or 19."

Cleveland only led 78-73 after three, but the Cavs pushed their lead to 94-79 by making four 3s as James rested. He only played four minutes in the fourth.

Butler, back after missing one game with a bruised left knee, scored 17 in the first half but he and his teammates cooled off after halftime. Washington shot just 33 percent over the final three quarters.

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Diggins

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"I was a little nervous [at the start]," Diggins said. "Coming out in front of the community that has been supporting me for years, seeing some of their faces, really helped ease some of my nerves. And when you got players around you that know the offense and understand the system, it's a lot easier to play."

Coach Muffet McGraw said she was encouraged by Diggins' performance, particularly the energy that she brought off the bench.

"[Diggins] came in with a lot of intensity" McGraw said. "She played very intelligent, didn't force things, and just took what they gave her. She did a good job creating and also running the offense."

After a sloppy start to the game, the Irish seized control behind a suffocating full-court press that forced 16 first-half turnovers. Notre Dame held Indianapolis to 5-for-14 shooting from the field on its way to a 42-22 halftime lead.

"I thought our press got them to turn the ball over," McGraw said. "I thought we extended the defense a little bit and it's a shame we don't have the 10-second line because we possibly could have had a few more turnovers. We really pressured the ball like we wanted to."

Sophomore forward Erica Solomon also had an outstanding game off the bench, finishing with 17 points and six rebounds. Solomon was 4-of-7

from the field and 9-of-14 from the free-throw line.

"I'm still concerned about our depth in the post and I was just ecstatic about the way [Solomon] played tonight," McGraw said. "If we can have her do that every night, that would be great. She is the x-factor for our team."

The Irish did much of their damage on the offensive boards, corralling 20 on the night.

"We're really working on getting our guards rebounding, getting three rebounders in the lane. And I thought we did a really good job of that," McGraw said.

Six different players recorded three-pointers on the night for the Irish, who shot 8-of-16 as a team from behind the arc.

"I thought offensively we did a lot of good things," McGraw said. "That's where you'll see the strength of our bench, particularly at the end of the game when the other team is wearing down."

In her first career start, sophomore guard Natalie Novosel added 13 points and 6 rebounds for the Irish behind 3-of-9 shooting.

"[Novosel] really worked on her 3-point shot this summer," McGraw said. "She's always been able to drive the ball and now she's really difficult to guard because of the 3-pointer. She also gets to the foul line really well which is something we like to see."

Notre Dame will open regular-season play when it hosts Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Nov. 15 at the Purcell Pavilion.

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Weiss

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been playing as good as anybody in the country ... You've got some sophomores that play like they've been here four years already."

The reason the underclassmen play like veterans is because, in many ways, they are veterans. Any highlight reel of the Irish in the past two seasons has featured sophomore Melissa Henderson prominently. Last year she was named Big East Rookie of the Year and earned first-team Freshman All-American honors as she played in all 27 games, starting 20, and scored 17 goals.

"A couple of those kids are kids that really played last year, and had a great year," Waldrum said of the Irish youth movement. "Melissa was pretty much a starter for most of the year."

Joining Henderson on the field their freshman season were classmates Jessica Schuveiller and Courtney Barg. Schuveiller started every game and totaled the second-highest volume of minutes among position players on the team, and Barg started all six NCAA Tournament games. This deep experience leads to Waldrum's rock-solid confidence.

"[Henderson, Schuveiller, and Barg] are kids that had a year experience under their belt playing deep into the NCAA Tournament," he said. "I don't think [the post-

season] will be something that is new or intimidating to them. They have gone through it."

Joining the three young veterans on the field this season has been freshman defender Jazmin Hall. As injuries this season depleted any upperclassmen depth the Irish may have had at the beginning of the season, Waldrum was forced to turn to players like Hall to step in. Once on the field, Hall has only impressed and gained valuable experience, so much so that Waldrum said he is already certain she will not be daunted by the playoff pressure.

"This will be new for her, with the playoffs and everything," he said. "She'll have to get her feet wet and not let the process intimidate her. But I think she has played in enough big games through the year that she is ready for it."

One of the biggest differences for Notre Dame between this postseason and last is the girl in the goal. Weiss did not start a single game last year, but about halfway through the Big East slate this season, she moved past senior Kelsey Lysander into the starting spot in the goal, and after only allowing one goal in nearly 600 minutes of conference action, she has not looked back.

"The competition between

the three keepers [freshman Maddie Fox being the third] has been very close all year," Waldrum said. "Nikki has been hot lately, which has been good because we have been able to get her into some big games."

Despite Weiss' record-setting performances so far, Waldrum said his expectations for her in the playoffs are being held in check.

"This will be new for [Weiss], with the playoffs and everything."

Bobby Clark
Irish coach

"The playoffs are a little different animal," the 11th-year head coach said. "She has shown us that she has the consistency to handle that and do well

with it, and this time of year that is all you really ask of your goalkeeper, just to be consistent and handle the things you are supposed to. And then if she shows a great save in there along the way, that is icing on the cake."

As long as the young Irish continue to play as well as they have been, a cake or celebration of some sort looks to be on its way. Notre Dame plays St. John's in the Big East tournament semifinal Friday, and the youth are just getting started.

"It's been the young players that have really carried us," Waldrum said. "That bodes well for the future too."

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Idan Raichel Project

Concert and Post-Performance Talk

While recent headlines are dominated by news of conflict and war in the Middle East, the IDAN RAICHEL PROJECT is an Israeli musical collaborative that has achieved success by looking beyond intercultural differences and celebrating the value of diversity.

Led by a young keyboardist, composer and producer named Idan Raichel, the Project's blend of traditional Ethiopian folk music, Arabic poetry, Yemenite chants, Biblical psalms and Caribbean rhythms with sophisticated production techniques has resulted in an unparalleled musical phenomenon that has already taken Israel by storm, generating multiple No. 1 hits and selling over 250,000 copies of its two domestically released albums.

Following the concert, Idan Raichel will discuss the role music plays in bringing countries and religions together in harmony. This is your opportunity to ask questions and speak with Idan. *Talk open to concert goes only.*

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I welcome you coming closer to me, while respecting who you are.

On our own individual paths we are all looking for bread, the water, the wind and a dignified life.

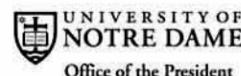
And yes, we all cling to love.

Idan Raichel



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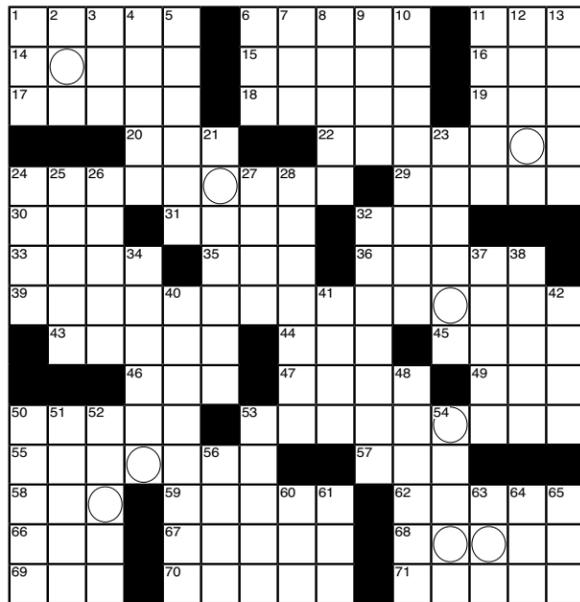
CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

Note: When the puzzle is done, the circled letters will spell, from top to bottom, the name of the town where all the people in this puzzle's theme once lived.

- Across**
- 1 & 6 With 22-Across, noted 19th-century writer
 - 11 British rule in India
 - 14 With aloofness
 - 15 It beats nothing
 - 16 Arthur Godfrey's instrument, informally
 - 17 The Ives, e.g.
 - 18 Where Emirates Airline is based
 - 19 Málaga Mrs.
 - 20 Refrain syllable
 - 22 See 1-Across
 - 24 With 53-Across, noted 19th-century writer
 - 29 Some saloon signs
 - 30 Took in
 - 31 In ___ (as found)
 - 32 The Bakkers' old ministry, for short
 - 33 Meditate (on)
 - 35 Subject of a Debussy piece
 - 36 Places to hibernate
 - 39 Noted 19th-century writer
 - 43 Mushy snowball sound
 - 44 Tre + tre
 - 45 Have influence on
 - 46 1945 Pacific battle site, briefly
 - 47 Solar wind particles
 - 49 "A" in German 101?
 - 50 Little hooter
 - 53 See 24-Across
 - 55 See 70-Across
 - 57 ___ sister
 - 58 Went underground
 - 59 Bull on glue bottles
 - 62 2008 Pixar robot
 - 66 H.S. subj.
 - 67 Pope's triple crown
 - 68 iPhone function
 - 69 Alternative to white
 - 70 & 71 With 55-Across, noted 19th-century writer

- Down**
- 1 Copacabana locale
 - 2 Georgia Tech's sports org.
 - 3 On
 - 4 Sylvia who wrote "The Bell Jar"
 - 5 Many-headed serpents
 - 6 Glob of gum
 - 7 TV's Kwik-E-Mart clerk
 - 8 Place for a designer's name
 - 9 Circular meas.
 - 10 Monopoly avenue in the light-blue group
 - 11 Rene of "Lethal Weapon" movies
 - 12 Goodyear's Ohio headquarters
 - 13 Casual wear
 - 21 Lively, on a score
 - 23 Tomb artifacts, e.g.
 - 24 Table salt, chemically
 - 25 Friend of Aramis
 - 26 Prepare to drive
 - 27 Bullet point



Puzzle by Kevin G. Der

- 28 Superstate in Orwell's "1984"
- 32 Lamentations
- 34 More artful
- 37 Galley toiler
- 38 Coffee spot
- 40 Cutting-edge features
- 41 "That hurts!"
- 42 Daly of "Judging Amy"
- 48 Didn't skip something
- 50 Alternative to this and that, with "the"
- 51 Prone to complaining
- 52 Rustic retreat
- 53 Any of us
- 54 "The Audacity of Hope" author
- 56 Get caught in ___
- 60 Muff one
- 61 Bit of sunshine
- 63 Head of London?
- 64 52, in old Rome
- 65 Days of yore, in days of yore

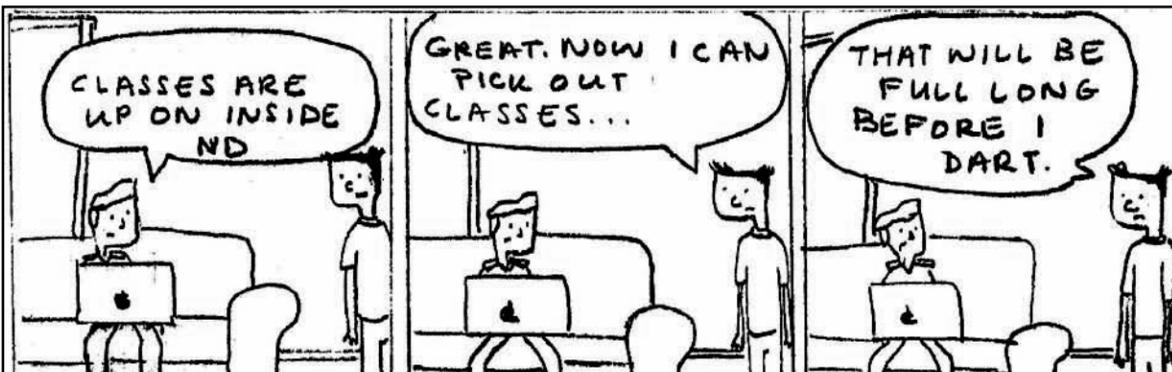
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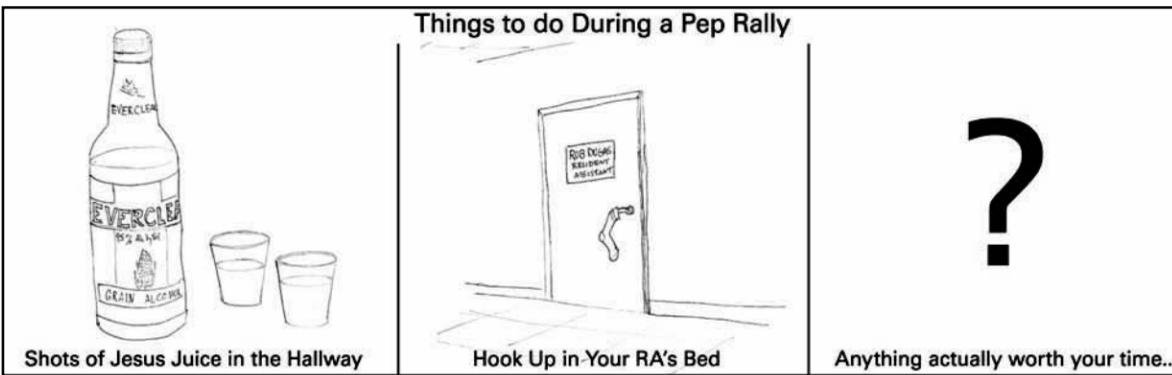
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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Dolph Lundgren, 52; Adam Ant, 55; Kate Capshaw, 56; Roseanne Barr, 57

Happy Birthday: Travel and dealing with institutions and authoritative people will not go according to plan. Show your capabilities by using what's available to you and you will make headway. You can set your own standard and stay within your means, proving that you are truly an entrepreneur. A matter that has been kept secret in the past will now be revealed. Your numbers are 3, 10, 21, 24, 33, 36, 44

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't give in to demands or to people trying to play on your sympathy. Protect your assets and offer suggestions, not cash, to those asking for your help. A past acquaintance will challenge you emotionally. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't make any hasty decisions regarding home and family. Stick to your original game plan and let everyone else take care of his or her own business. You will be lead astray if you believe everything you are told. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Keep things simple. As soon as you start to take on too much or involve yourself in other people's affairs, you will have added responsibilities or will be blamed for something you didn't intentionally do. Focus on your future, your interests and your career. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A skill you have will be recognized and put to use in a unique way by someone you respect. Gains can be made and contracts negotiated in your favor. Don't let your personal responsibilities restrict you from getting ahead. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Acting on impulse will not help your situation at home, at work or financially. Someone who knows the ropes and could alter your course of action will question you. Budget and avoid unwarranted stress. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Being upfront will get you what you want in the end. You don't have to make friends — just prove your point and you will advance. Someone will be jealous of you. Detail, precision and dedication will lead to your victory. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stop being so hard on yourself and the ones you love. Everything will work out if you focus on what you can do instead of what you cannot. Some worthwhile changes made at home could save you money. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Study the facts and hold off making a move that can upset your emotional well-being and home life. Interact with creative people with similar interests for insight in resolving a problem you face with a friend, relative or partner. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't let anyone make you look bad. Stick up for what you have done in the past and what you plan to do in the future. A relationship with someone you meet while volunteering your services will turn out to be beneficial. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Making some changes at home will allow you to take care of both personal and professional needs with greater ease. Stick to your budget. You can get what you want for a lot less if you do your research. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your emotions will lead you in the wrong direction. If someone is trying to upset you, question whether or not this person should be in your life or not. Don't settle for someone or something for the wrong reason. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Before you fall for a situation that isn't likely to pan out, do your homework. A false sense of what you have will lead to an expensive lesson. Listen to common sense being offered by someone who has business savvy. ★★★★★

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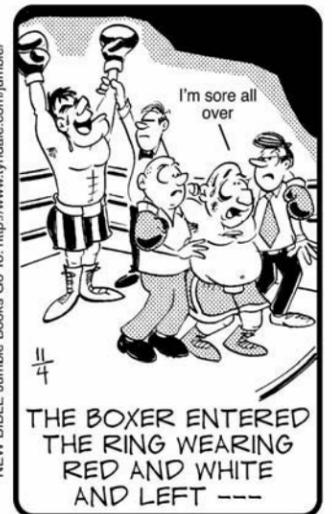
JUMBLE
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LUCK

ELLEB

KIALLA

RUZZEB



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

Answer: AND

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: LATCH EMPTY PUDDLE BEACON
Answer: What the second base umpire got after the game — HOME "PLATE"

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FOOTBALL

Floyd to return vs. Navy, Crist out 4-6 months with torn ACL

By SAM WERNER
Associate Sports Editor

The way coach Charlie Weis outlined Notre Dame's injury situation at his press conference Tuesday could only be described as a case of the good, the bad and the ugly.

First, the good. Sophomore wide receiver Michael Floyd is set to return to action in this Saturday's game against Navy.

"Michael Floyd is back," Weis

said. "He's ready to go."

In just 10 quarters of action earlier this season, Floyd had 13 catches for 358 yards and five touchdowns. He suffered a broken collarbone attempting to make a catch in the first half of Notre Dame's 33-30 win over Michigan State.

"I let Michael make the call once he got cleared to go," Weis said. "I still let Michael make the call as to whether this was the week or not. He talked to his mom, and they talked about it. He came back to me

and said 'I'm ready to go.'"

Floyd adds another important dimension to an offense that could already be labeled as explosive, even in his absence. Weis said junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen was thrilled to have his star receiver back in action.

"It wasn't too much longer before I got a text from No. 7 [Clausen]," Weis said. "As happy as No. 3 [Floyd] was, I think No. 7 might have been just as happy."

Unfortunately, Weis' press confer-

ence also included the bad news. Sophomore right guard Trevor Robinson, who tweaked his ankle in last week's 40-14 win over Washington State, was doubtful for this weekend's game. Senior Dan Wenger, who started for the Irish at center last season, will take his place.

"He's making good progress, but he's doubtful this week," Weis said.

Finally, the ugly. Weis confirmed Notre Dame fans' worst fears Tuesday when he announced that

sophomore quarterback Dayne Crist suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) late in Saturday's win over the Cougars.

"He'll be out about four to six months," Weis said. "That's the recovery. Fortunately there's not a lot of other things wrong, but that needs to be done."

Weis said sophomore wide receiver John Goodman would serve as the team's emergency

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

On the right foot

Notre Dame wins big in exhibition over Indy

By ALEX BARKER
Assistant Sports Editor

Highly touted freshman Skylar Diggins scored 17 points in her collegiate debut to lead the Irish to a 97-53 victory over Indianapolis Tuesday at the new Purcell Pavilion.

A Notre Dame women's basketball exhibition game record 7,508 people were in attendance to see the South Bend native in action and she did not disappoint. Diggins made her presence felt just minutes into the game after forcing a turnover in the backcourt and then finding junior Brittany Mallory under the basket for an easy layup.

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Irish sophomore forward Erica Solomon drives to the hoop during the second half of Notre Dame's 97-53 win over Indianapolis Tuesday night. Solomon finished with a game-high 17 points off the bench.

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

ND ready with youth in lineup

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Assistant Sports Editor

Not many teams in the country can say they are confident starting three sophomores on the field and a first-year starter in the goal as the postseason begins.

No. 4 Notre Dame (15-3-1, 10-0-1 Big East) has started at least three sophomores for the vast majority of the season, and junior goaltender Nikki Weiss is shining in her first taste of extended playing time.

"It doesn't bother me to have young players [carry us]," coach Randy Waldrum said. "The last month we've

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Phillips leads Irish through Big East schedule

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

At the center of the Notre Dame team filled with experienced seniors is versatile and powerful outside hitter Serinity Phillips.

At the head of the Irish attack, Phillips has helped keep her teammates motivated and in control on the court and in their domination of the Big East.

"She's a huge part of the success of the team this year and every year she's been on the team," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "She is an all-around player, able to play all six rotations, and is a real stabilizing force on the court."

From making her 1,000th career kill on Oct. 10 to earning the Big East Player of the Week Award on Oct. 19, Phillips has proven herself to be a force on the court again and again. Her record-making kill came in a

Notre Dame (16-4, 10-0 Big East) 3-2 win over Cincinnati where Phillips had 17 kills, seven digs and six blocks. The Big East honor came after she led the Irish in sweeping both Pittsburgh and West Virginia on Oct. 17 and 18. At Pitt, she put in 11 kills, seven digs and five blocks for the Notre Dame win, and had 18 kills, five digs and five blocks against West Virginia.

"She's an incredibly hard worker," Brown said. "Her milestones are not ones reached by many players, and are something she should be very proud of and has worked hard for."

Not only does she lead the Notre Dame attack, but Phillips has also proven herself strong on defense. She leads the team with 252 kills, an average 3.65 per set, and is at the top of the list for most blocks and points this season with a total 70 blocks and has 300 points. Her total kills and points pass up her 2008 totals of 239 and 293,

respectively. Phillips has totaled at least 225 kills and 268 points in each of her three previous seasons.

While she has excelled personally on the court, Phillips said she feels her place on the team as most important and a leading role in her coming to Notre Dame.

"Academics played a large role in my decision, as well as the school tradition," she said. "With regards to volleyball, I fell in love with the team and coaching staff."

"Being a part of the team has taught me to step outside of myself and help others. It has also opened my eyes to the importance of teamwork and friendship which are two aspects of my life that have played a large role in my college experiences."

As Brown has noted earlier this season, the experience the seniors bring to the court is

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Senior outside hitter Serinity Phillips goes up for a kill during Notre Dame's 3-1 win over Seton Hall on Oct. 31.