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Experts offer insight into Haitian culture

Director of Notre Dame Haiti Program Fr. Tom Streit examines country's history



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Fr. Tom Streit, director of the Notre Dame Haiti Program, reflects on Haiti's history in a talk Monday in Geddes Hall.

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

In an effort to raise awareness about the situation in Haiti and what should be done next, the International Development Research Council (IDRC), along with Notre Dame Haiti Working Group and student government, hosted an informational session about the devastated island nation Monday night in the Geddes Hall Auditorium.

IDRC leaders said the event was meant to give students a deeper understanding of the country that has permeated the media since the Jan. 11 earthquake.

"When the earthquake hit, I began to notice that the media was doing a great job of keeping us all up to date on the situation in Haiti, but that I didn't learn very much about Haiti itself — about its people and its culture, and about the political and economic challenges that the nation has faced before, during and now after the earthquake," senior Paul Jindra, IDRC president, said.

Jindra hoped the event would encourage students to ask "the tough questions" about Haiti and put what they learn to use towards relief efforts.

"Tonight we can only give

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University examines energy use on campus

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

In an effort to encourage campus energy reduction, the Notre Dame Office of Sustainability recently released its first annual Sustainability Report highlighting the successes of University-wide green initiatives.

The report, which examines the 2008-09 academic year, focused on seven areas of campus energy expenditure: power generation, design and construction, waste reduction, transportation, procurement, food services and water.

"This is an opportunity to show people how we're doing," Rachel Novick, coordinator of Education and Outreach for the Office of Sustainability, said. "[The report demonstrates] the need for more participation from the community and from students."

The University administration hopes the report will promote long-term campus sustainability efforts.

"This information helps us plan carefully and balance with other University needs to ensure a sustainable future for generations of students to come," University President Fr.

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Students push for Dream Act bill

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

As illegal immigration is a prominent political issue today, some students are making efforts to support a bill that proposes providing education for undocumented children.

A group of Notre Dame students involved in "La Colectiva," a group made up of college and high school students in the area, are working to raise awareness for the Dream Act and push for its passage into law.

The Dream Act, or Development, Relief and Education of Alien Minors Act, is an attempt by lawmakers to secure education and future opportunities for children of undocumented workers living in the United States.

"The Dream Act opens up opportunities to students who, because of the way our current laws are set up, are not given the same opportunities of other students because of choices their parents made," La Colectiva member senior Hector Avitia said.

La Colectiva was formed this year as a means to support the Dream Act while the bill is cur-

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NDSP releases sketch of suspect

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) released a sketch of a suspect reportedly involved in a Jan. 23 sexual assault.

The composite image has about a 75 percent likeness, according to NDSP. However it is likely he has tighter curls than are shown.

The assault, currently under investigation, occurred about 2 a.m. on the northwest side of campus. The victim was approached from behind and then assaulted.

The female victim told

police the suspect engaged her in conversation before the assault occurred.

Police ask anyone with information to call NDSP at 631-5555 or Crime Stoppers at (574) 288-STOP.

The suspect is a college-aged white male with dark curly hair and blue eyes. He has a muscular build and is about 6 feet tall. The man may have a scratch on his face or neck.

The victim could have also broken one of the suspect's fingers in the struggle.



Image courtesy of NDSP

Weber to move on from student gov't

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

In leadership positions, it is important to have a turnover — a chance for someone to bring something new to the role, student body vice president Cynthia Weber said.

Despite a long tradition of junior student body vice presidents taking over the role of president their senior year, Weber opted not to run for student body president for the 2010-11 term.

Weber called this tradition a "legacy," citing a long line of student body vice presidents who took over the job until 2008, when the Bob Reish-Grant Schmidt ticket beat then-student body vice president Maris Braun and her

running mate.

"I think sometimes it's good for an institution to have a change in leadership," Weber said. "In student government, we have what are called legacies. And the legacy continues until the student body says, 'we need something different.'"

Three tickets are running in this year's student body general election: sophomores Catherine Soler and Andrew Bell, juniors Noel Eras and Julian Corona and freshmen Peter Ledet and Gabe Alvare. The general election will be held throughout the day on Feb. 8.

"This will be an amazing opportunity for people to bring new ideas to the student body," Weber said. "I think I

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TOM LA/The Observer

Student body vice president Cynthia Weber talks at a Jan. 28 Student Senate meeting.

INSIDE COLUMN

Just come home already

Junior year is dreadful. Not because of the workload, or because of the ever-looming Future (save that one for senior year). Junior year gets the lonely prestige of being the Abroad Year. Most kids who study abroad do it in their third year, and that means you A. are abroad and miss a semester of all of your friends on campus, B. don't study abroad, and miss your friends who are away and sending you pictures of themselves snogging Italians, or C. study abroad the opposite semester of your friends, and go over a year without physical contact.

Stephanie DePrez
Assistant Scene Editor

I have been a victim of A. and C. I spend last semester in London, having a fabulous time of discoing, losing, searching, finding and growing (checking all those Abroad Experience boxes along the way). I regret nothing, but yet back on campus the hardest part of the transition isn't the cold (Great Scott, why do I live here?), the classes (I had three days a week last semester — this is cruel) or the food (SDH may not have proper fish and chips, but I can go for the not having to budget for every meal thing). It is living without my friends who, some just last week, and bid farewell to go on their own trans-Atlantic journeys.

All I can think is, why? Why didn't we plan this better? Why didn't we agree to study abroad the same semester, instead of this painful ships passing in the night business? I'm all for starting out on your own, picking up and making your own way, but please, did you really have to go to Angers this semester? Or Santiago, London and Rome? Some of my best friends are just moving into their new homes, flats and dorms. And here I am, sitting on a heap of Experience and Newly Gained Maturity, without the emotional buffer of about half a dozen bodies I usually count on to hash out all the sticky issues.

I can find minute solace in the fact that none of us are really alone. Though physical separation is drastically unpleasant, we are armed with Facebook, Gchat and Skype, ready to face that five hour time difference at every turn. I can pop onto my e-mail and pretend Dan is just across campus, or comment on Michele's status seconds after it goes up. But there is just something so disappointing about knowing I won't get the chance to full-body tackle Ellie till August.

I could suck it up and pray that you're all having a fantastic time of growth and blah blah blah, but that would be far too altruistic for my purposes. The only solution is that you all come home. Now. Don't worry, my futon's plenty big.

Do you really need all that "new experience?" Not as much as I need you!

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU HAD A LIFETIME SUPPLY OF ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE?



Ryan Lion
freshman Sorin

"Taylor Swift."



Seung Yoon Nam
freshman Sorin

"Salvation."



Jennifer Henzler
junior Welsh Fam

"Warmth, especially in the sub-zero temperatures."



Sarah Spieler
sophomore Pasquerilla West

"Rainbows and cupcakes! I just have a lot of feelings."



Anne Robles
freshman Pasquerilla East

"First-class plane tickets to whenever and wherever I want."



Claire Stephens
freshman Pangborn

"Chocolate and iTunes."

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



KENZIE SAIN/The Observer

Senior Cosmina Ciobanu returns the ball during a tennis match against North Carolina on Sunday. No. 6 Notre Dame lost 5-2 to the Tarheels, bringing their spring season to 3-1.

OFFBEAT

Fire in Texas blamed on inflatable gorilla

HOUSTON — Fire department officials said an out-of-control inflatable gorilla was blamed for a rooftop blaze at a Houston shopping center. No injuries were reported in the fire early Thursday. The remnants of the inflatable gorilla were seen at the site.

District Chief Fred Hooker said some type of a "blowup doll" was on the roof, the item deflated and landed on some lights, leading to the fire.

Fire authorities said two stores suffered minor

water damage. Part of the rooftop also was seen to have suffered fire damage.

Real snowfall steals show for man-made flakes

CARY, N.C. — A North Carolina town's plan to truck in 30 tons of snow for a man-made winter wonderland has been canceled because it looks like Mother Nature will come through with the real stuff. Cary decided to call off its weekend "Winter Wonderland" event Friday because forecasters say up to 7 inches of snow could fall in town by Saturday night.

The plan was to cover a hill in a Cary park with about 10 inches of snow. The town sold 600 tickets at \$10 each for Saturday and Sunday.

But town officials say it didn't seem fair to keep the money if everybody in the area gets snow for free.

If the snow does fall, Cary plans to refund the tickets and cancel the event. But if forecasters are wrong, the town will announce a new date for the event next week.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

An exhibit titled "The World of Piranesi" will open at 10 a.m. today in the Scholz Family Works on Paper Gallery in the Snite Museum of Art.

"Expanding the Boundaries: Selected Drawings from the Yvonne and Gabriel P. Weisberg Collection" will be held in the O'Shaughnessy Galleries West in the Snite Museum of Art today. The exhibit will open at 10 a.m.

Daily Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

The Kellogg Institute will hold a lecture on "The Growth of Bilateralism" today at 12:30 p.m. in Room C103 of the Hesburgh Center.

"Colloidal Interactions, Dynamics, and Assembly on Energy Landscapes" will be hosted by the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering today at 3:30 p.m. The seminar will be held in Room 131 of DeBartolo Hall.

A seminar on "Growth, Composition, and Electronic Properties of Nanoscale Materials: Self-assembled Alloy Quantum Systems and Graphene" will begin at 3:30 p.m. today in Room 138 of DeBartolo Hall.

A French Film Festival will be hosted in the Student Center at Saint Mary's College at 7 p.m. tonight.

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

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SMC students compete for Opus Hall housing

Eligibility requirements for senior apartments dropped; complaints increase over room selection process

By **ASHLEY CHARNLEY**
Saint Mary's Editor

Opus Hall, the senior, apartment-style housing on Saint Mary's campus, has been the topic of debate on campus as students voice concerns over the handling of eligibility requirements.

Due to the limited number of spaces in the building, Residence Life has established requirements for those who apply to live there.

"It was always contingent upon the six-semester residency requirement — four semesters for transfers — being in good academic and social standing and graduating in May of the year which the student lives in Opus," Slandah Dieujuste, director of Residence Life, said.

The issue arose this year because Residence Life wanted to clarify what good academic standing meant, and sent an e-mail to the junior class stating there would be minimum GPA requirement of 3.0. However, at the beginning of the spring semester, students were e-mailed that the requirement would no longer be a factor in eligibility.

"Some students raised concerns about the GPA requirement and the decision was made to postpone this requirement," Dieujuste said. "It is a requirement that can be reviewed again in the future if students feel strongly about it. We will open it up again in the future for debate."

Juniors Alison Bennett and Annie Lamb said they were upset because the postponement of the requirement then increases competition for the rooms.

"In my opinion, Opus is and should be privileged senior housing," Lamb said. "Unfortunately, because of these changes, my roommate's and my chances of getting into Opus have severely decreased."

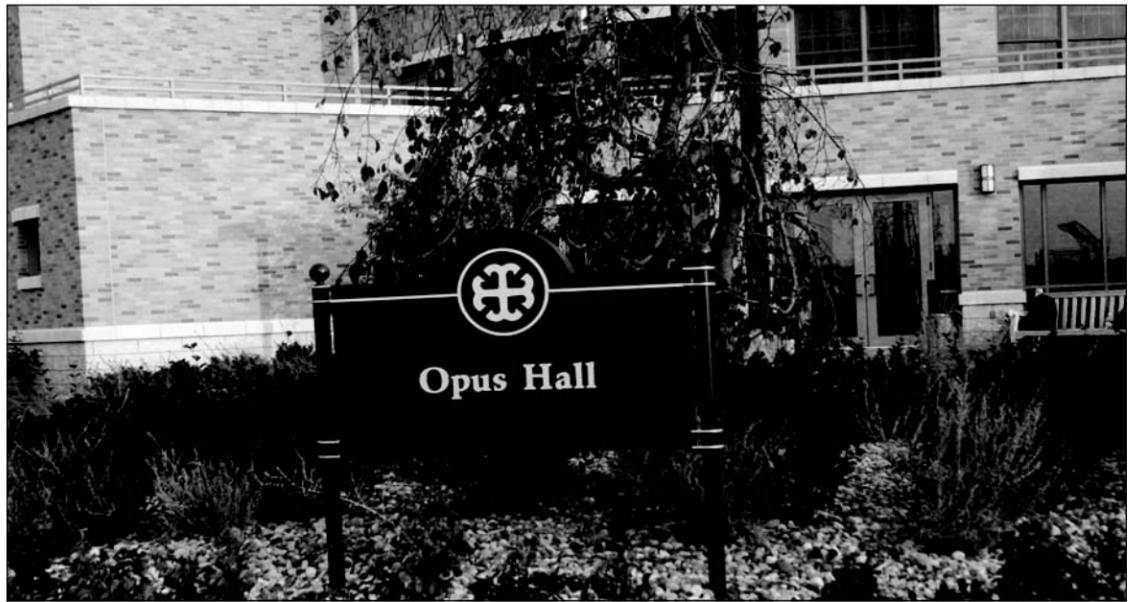
There are 12 quads and 12 doubles in Opus. According to Dieujuste, there have been 29 applications for doubles and 19 for quads. Students said they were disappointed by the way the situation was handled by Residence Life.

"I personally e-mailed multiple people for an answer as to why the requirement was eliminated, but my e-mails went unanswered," Lamb said.

Dieujuste said she tries to listen to student suggestions, and in this situation postponing the decision allowed more time for discussion.

"We try to make changes with student's input."

Slandah Dieujuste
director
Residence Life



Observer File Photo

The room selection process for Opus Hall, the senior, apartment-style housing at Saint Mary's College, is under fire after Residence Life postponed the minimum GPA requirement.

"We try to make changes with students' input," Dieujuste said. "It is for this reason the room selection process is being revised. Students sit on the revision committee. We are trying to implement some of the suggestions that we have heard in the past two years since I have been here."

Bennett said she is disappointed because of the extra effort she has put in to have the opportunity to live in Opus, and now that chance may be taken from her.

"Since I began my time at Saint

Mary's, I always viewed Opus as privileged housing," Bennett said. "I worked hard to maintain my GPA and have stayed out of trouble so I would be eligible to live in Opus. However, since the minimum GPA change, my chances of living in Opus have decreased greatly."

Dieujuste said, however, that Opus is not the only place that holds privileges for seniors.

"Those who do not get into Opus may find Annunciata Hall to be a wonderful option," she said. "This is a senior-only floor with a

newly built kitchen."

Annunciata Hall is located on the top floor of Holy Cross Hall.

Opus room selection will take place Wednesday and is done by public lottery in Stapleton Lounge in Le Mans Hall, according to the e-mail sent out earlier in the year.

"Saint Mary's hasn't handled the situation well at all and it's a shame, but hopefully we get lucky," Lamb said.

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College health center offers tips

SMC subscribes to online health magazine to offer students advice

By MEGHAN PRICE
News Writer

While College Health and Wellness is busy throughout the year, Cathy DeCleene, director of Women's Health at Saint Mary's, said there is an increase in certain kinds of health risks during this time of year — like the common cold and the flu.

In an effort to help students stay informed on health issues, Saint Mary's has subscribed to Health 101, an online magazine that can be accessed through the school's Web site. It gives students a place to ask questions and discuss physical and emotional health threats.

DeCleene said there are basic habits which help to lower these risks which are often forgotten.

"Health risks that are common to this time of year are greatly increased on college campuses," DeCleene said. "Students have to be even more careful because they live in such close proximity with a large amount of people

and this makes sickness travel so much faster."

To prevent the spread of illness, DeCleene recommends washing hands regularly, keeping a distance from people displaying symptoms and covering mouths and noses when sneezing or coughing.

Students should manage their stress levels, get adequate sleep, exercise regularly and eat a healthy diet to avoid getting sick, she said.

Asthma has been an issue with many students, DeCleene said. It can be more dangerous in the winter because the cold air triggers symptoms and attacks. She said it is important for these students to remember to take their medications. All students, especially those with asthma, should make sure to wear hats, scarves and coats during this time of year, DeCleene said.

Frostbite is a bigger issue than most students are aware of, she said — another reason why students should always wear appropriate clothing when going out-

side. The likelihood of developing frostbite increases with a lack of moisture in the skin, so students should apply moisturizer to their hands and faces, she said.

There are other risk factors related to extremely cold temperatures, DeCleene said.

"Tobacco decreases circulation by constricting blood vessels, and alcohol interferes with the body's ability to regulate temperature," DeCleene said. "Avoid smoking or drinking before venturing out into extreme cold."

According to DeCleene, "winter blues" or seasonal depression is one of the biggest health threats affecting students that can be fought by regular exercise and sunlight exposure.

"Don't be afraid to talk about this condition with a professional, it's nothing to be ashamed or afraid of. With a little effort, the 'winter blues' can be beaten," DeCleene said.

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Weber

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would do an okay job, but I don't have anything up my sleeve. I don't have any new ideas."

Weber said she is excited for the opportunity to develop other interests and focus on classes.

"It's hard for me to have the energy to do both this and my schoolwork," she said. "Some people have that energy. But I get emotionally invested in what I'm doing in student government and then my mind isn't on my studies."

A political science and theology double major, Weber said she is interested in education policy. She will spend the summer in India doing a research internship at a day school.

"There are so many different things you can get involved in here. You can do research, pursue international studies, get involved in your dorm," she said. "There are all these different things I want to devote my time to my senior year."

With more free time, Weber said she also wants to return to some old musical hobbies.

"I've thrown around the idea of starting a band or joining a band," she said.

Many people don't know that

she enjoys singing, playing the guitar and writing music, Weber said, describing her voice as "kind of Regina Spektor, maybe a little Alanis Morissette."

In high school, she produced a CD that she distributed to local coffee shops and around her school.

As the campaign posters are starting to line the hallways in dorms and campus buildings, Weber said she will miss student government.

"I don't question my decision for a second but I do miss campaigning and I am definitely creeping on all the Facebook campaigns and Web sites," she said. "I have found a community in the past three years. Self-

sacrificing people are attracted to this job and I am grateful for that."

But Weber said she and student body president Schmidt still have a lot to accomplish before turnover on April 1.

"Our focus has changed in the last couple of months," she said. "Our line is ending. We're working on building long term relationships for student government."

Weber said she loves student government, but knows it is time to move on.

"This is such a successful university and students are often pressured to do what people expect of them," she said.

"Sometimes it's kind of deterministic."

But Weber said serving the student body as vice president has been a "humbling experience."

"People here are so motivated and opinionated and capable," she said. "I don't care if you're working for a major company. The people there may be as smart as they are at Notre Dame, but they won't have the same infusion of spirit and service and genuine goodheartedness."

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Energy

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John Jenkins said in a letter included in the report.

Novick said the effort is a collaborative one that includes the Office of Sustainability and the student body as well as other University departments, such as Food and Transportation Services. She said successes of individual departments include Transportation Service's launch of a pilot program to give preferred parking to low emissions vehicles. So far, 23 such parking spots exist on campus and Novick said the community has responded well to the program.

"[The program was] definitely substantial," Novick said. "We definitely hope to expand it."

Novick said the Office of Sustainability has taken steps to improve campus-wide recycling as well, and part of the initiative includes a comprehensive Game Day recycling program.

"Over the past two years we have tried to make recycling the norm," Novick said. "We provide easy access to recycling ... [and] teach people what can be recycled."

The Energy Metrics section of the report indicates a decline in four key areas: total carbon emissions, energy intensity of campus buildings, total electricity usage and carbon intensity of the power plant's fuel mix.

The report shows a decline

in all four areas over the past three years, most notably a 4-percent decrease in energy consumption per square foot in 2008-09 and a 7.5-percent decrease in total carbon emitted from electricity.

Additionally, campus electricity demand declined 2.5 percent, even though campus grew by 280,000 square feet with recent construction, according to the report. It was the first year that campus electricity demand has declined since the 1970s.

"[Sustainability] is a key priority at Notre Dame, like most leading universities in the country," Novick said. "It's a fast-moving area and there is a strong need to track performance."

Student body engagement in campus sustainability, Novick said, is crucial for its success. The Office of Sustainability works closely with residence halls to promote aware-

ness and encourage energy saving.

The Office of Sustainability sponsored the first-ever Dorm Energy Competition in fall 2008, Novick said. The winning residence hall, Walsh, reduced electricity consumption by 30 percent, according to the report.

Novick said the Office of Sustainability hopes to release the report every year to demonstrate the University's sustainability achievements and hopes to publish it at the end of each summer.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mexican shooting appears random

CIUDAD JUAREZ — The mayor of a violent Mexican border city said Monday he fears a shooting that killed 16 people in a working class neighborhood may have been random because many of the victims were "good kids" with no apparent ties to drug gangs.

The dead included at least eight teenagers, the youngest a 13-year-old girl.

Mayor Jose Reyes Ferriz said police were pursuing all lines of investigation. But he said none of the victims of the attack Saturday night had criminal records, and the teenagers were "good kids, students, athletes."

He said he feared violence was reaching levels of brutality shocking even for Ciudad Juarez, which faces El Paso, Texas, and has become one of the world's deadliest cities amid rampant battles between drug gangs fighting for turf and smuggling routes north.

Haiti allows Baptists trial in U.S.

PORT-AU-PRINCE — Haiti's prime minister said Monday it's clear to him that the 10 U.S. Baptists who tried to take 33 children out of his quake-ravaged country without permission "knew what they were doing was wrong."

But Prime Minister Max Bellerive also told The Associated Press his country is open to having the Americans go before courts in the United States because his own nation's judicial system was devastated by the Jan. 12 earthquake.

The aborted Baptist "rescue mission" has become a distraction for a crippled government trying to provide basic life support to millions of earthquake survivors.

NATIONAL NEWS

Deadly Brooklyn fire ruled arson

NEW YORK — New York detectives investigating a fire that killed five Guatemalan immigrants over the weekend in a building without enough smoke detectors declared the blaze an arson Monday and urged neighborhood witnesses to come forward, regardless of their legal status.

A man who escaped the Brooklyn building hesitated coming forward because he feared he would be deported, officials said. Police detective Louis Yero said investigators were working with a pastor who is acting as a liaison between investigators and possible witnesses.

A motive remained unclear, but one theory is a personal vendetta, said Paul J. Browne, chief police spokesman. He would not elaborate.

The blaze was the city's deadliest since a 2007 fire killed 10 people, nine of them children, in the Bronx. Saturday's blaze is believed to have started near the front door.

Sex offenders challenge state law

SAN FRANCISCO — The California Supreme Court on Monday allowed four registered sex offenders to challenge a state law prohibiting them from living within 2,000 feet of schools, parks and other places children gather.

By a 5-2 vote, however, the court agreed that most other provisions of Jessica's Law were constitutional, including a section allowing the residency requirements to be applied retroactively to offenders convicted before the law was passed in 2006 then later paroled.

The ruling means all sex offender parolees will have to abide by Jessica's Law — at least until the residency issue is resolved.

LOCAL NEWS

Animal sanctuary faces hard times

ALBION, Ind. — A northern Indiana exotic animal sanctuary turned away 100 animals last year amid funding troubles and a move to a new location.

The nonprofit Black Pine Animal Park has about 80 animals, such as bears, tigers and leopards. The park hosts endangered species that are retired performers or were rescued from owners who kept them as pets.

The park learned in 2006 that it would have to relocate, but completion of the new site has been hampered by lack of money. Less than half of its new 18-acre site near the Noble County town of Albion has been developed.

Tainted nuclear reactors discovered

Vermont groundwater polluted with radioactive and carcinogenic tritium after leak

Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. — Radioactive tritium, a carcinogen discovered in potentially dangerous levels in groundwater at the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant, has now tainted at least 27 of the nation's 104 nuclear reactors — raising concerns about how it is escaping from the aging nuclear plants.

The leaks — many from deteriorating underground pipes — come as the nuclear industry is seeking and obtaining federal license renewals, casting itself as a clean-green alternative to power plants that burn fossil fuels.

Tritium, found in nature in tiny amounts and a product of nuclear fusion, has been linked to cancer if ingested, inhaled or absorbed through the skin in large amounts.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission said Monday that new tests at a monitoring well on Vermont Yankee's site in Vernon registered 70,500 picocuries per liter, more than three times the federal safety standard of 20,000 picocuries per liter.

That is the highest reading yet at the Vermont Yankee plant, where the original discovery last month drew sharp criticism by Gov. Jim Douglas and others. Officials of the New Orleans-based Entergy Corp., which owns the plant in Vernon in Vermont's southeast corner, have admitted misleading state regulators and lawmakers by saying the plant did not have the kind of underground pipes that could leak tritium into groundwater.

"What has happened at Vermont Yankee is a breach of trust that cannot be tolerated," said Douglas, who until now has been a strong supporter of the state's lone nuclear plant.

Vermont Yankee has said no tritium has been found



The discovery of radioactive tritium at the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant in Vernon, Vt., seen here, brings the number of tainted U.S. reactors to at least 28.

in area drinking water supplies or in the Connecticut River and that earlier, lesser tritium levels discovered last month were of no health concern.

"The existence of tritium in such low levels does not present a risk to public health or safety whatsoever," plant spokesman Robert Williams said in an e-mail Monday.

President Barack Obama, in his State of the Union address last week, called for "building a new generation of safe, clean nuclear power plants in this country." His 2011 budget request to Congress on Monday called for \$54 billion in additional loan guarantees for nuclear power.

The 104 nuclear reac-

tors operating in 31 states provide only 20 percent of the nation's electricity. But they are responsible for 70 percent of the power from non-greenhouse gas producing sources, including wind, solar and hydroelectric dams.

Vermont Yankee is just the latest of dozens of U.S. nuclear plants, many built in the 1960s and 70s, to be found with leaking tritium.

The Braidwood nuclear station in Illinois was found in the 1990s to be leaking millions of gallons of tritium-laced water, some of which contaminated residential water wells. Plant owner Exelon Corp. ended up paying for a new municipal water system.

After Braidwood, the

nuclear industry stepped up voluntary checking for tritium in groundwater at plants around the country, testing that revealed the Vermont Yankee problem, plant officials said.

In New Jersey last year, tritium was reported leaking a second time from the Oyster Creek plant in Ocean County, just days after Exelon won NRC approval for a 20-year license extension there. The Pilgrim plant in Plymouth, Mass., like Vermont Yankee, owned by Entergy, reported low levels of tritium on the ground in 2007. The Vermont leak has prompted a Plymouth-area citizens group to demand more test wells at the Massachusetts plant.

Emissions goals won't halt climate change

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Goals on reducing greenhouse gases announced by major industrialized nations are a step forward but not enough to forestall the disastrous effects of climate change by midcentury, U.N. officials said Monday.

Janos Pasztor, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's top climate adviser, said the goals, submitted to the U.N. as part of a voluntary plan to roll back emissions, make it highly unlikely the world can prevent temperatures from rising above the target set at the Copenhagen climate conference in December.

Fifty-five nations — including China, the United States and 27-member European Union — met a Jan. 31 deadline to submit pledges to the U.N. for

cutting those emissions. Together they produce 78 percent of the world's greenhouse gases stemming from fossil fuel burning. The deadline had been set at the Copenhagen conference.

More such commitment letters were expected to continue trickling in over the next several days.

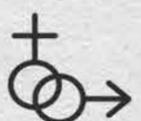
"It is likely, according to a number of analysts, that if we add up all those figures that were being discussed around Copenhagen, if they're all implemented, it will still be quite difficult to reach the two degrees," Pasztor told the Associated Press.

The "two degrees" refers to the Copenhagen target of keeping the Earth's average temperature from rising two degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) above the levels that exist-

ed before nations began industrializing in the late 18th century. It would be no more than 1.3 degrees C (2.3 degrees F) above today's average temperatures.

"That is the bottom line, but you can look at it negatively and positively," Pasztor said. "The negative part is that it's not good enough. The positive side is that for the first time, we have a goal, a clear goal that we're all working toward. ... Before we would just talk."

The commitment letters, which largely reaffirm previous pledges, were intended to get an idea of how far the nations most responsible for global warming might be willing to go, toward a legally binding pact at the climate conference planned for Mexico City at the end of the year.

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Footwear company's profits surge

PORTLAND, Ore. — Bootmaker LaCrosse Footwear Inc. said Monday that its fourth-quarter profit climbed 96 percent, partially due to an increase in demand for its work and outdoor shoes.

LaCrosse Footwear makes a variety of boots for law enforcement, construction and military personnel. It also sells hunting boots and other outdoor footwear.

The company earned \$2.3 million, or 36 cents per diluted share, in the three months that ended Dec. 31. That compares with a profit of \$1.2 million, or 18 cents, a year earlier.

Revenue rose 21 percent to \$42.5 million from \$35.1 million during the same time last year.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson Reuters expected LaCrosse Footwear to earn 36 cents per share.

For the full year, LaCrosse Footwear earned \$5.5 million, or 86 cents per share. That's down about 10 percent from last year's profit of \$6.2 million, or 96 cents per share.

Sony Pictures lays off workers

LOS ANGELES — Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc., the studio behind the "Spider-Man" movie franchise, is laying off about 450 people and eliminating 100 open positions to cope with declining DVD sales.

The layoffs represent about a 6.5 percent reduction in the 6,800-strong work force at Sony Pictures, which released the Michael Jackson documentary "This Is It" and cataclysmic "2012" late last year. The studio also recently pushed back the release of "Spider-Man 4" by a year until 2012.

Most of the cuts at the studio, which is based in Culver City, will occur by the first week of March and will be in the home entertainment and information-technology units in the United States.

It's the second time in a year for the subsidiary of Japan's Sony Corp. to cut back.

Last March, it laid off nearly 250 people and eliminated nearly 100 open positions. That followed a move in October 2008 to reduce overtime, travel and executive benefits.

Staff were told of the latest cuts in a memo Monday and through videos by the studio co-chairs on an employee Web site.

Toyota set to repair recalled cars

Gas pedals to be fixed by a small piece of steel, company hopes to regain trust

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Toyota apologized to its customers Monday and said a piece of steel about the size of a postage stamp will fix the gas pedal problem that led to the recall of millions of cars. Repairs will take about a half-hour and will start in a matter of days, the company said.

Toyota insisted the solution, rolled out six days after it temporarily stopped selling some of its most popular models, had been through rigorous testing and would solve the problem for the life of the car.

After a week in which Toyota drivers said they were worried about the safety of their cars and dealers were frustrated by a lack of information, Toyota said it would work to regain the trust of its customers.

"I know that we have let you down," Jim Lentz, president of Toyota Motor Sales USA, said in a video address.

The repair involves installing a steel shim a couple of millimeters thick in the pedal assembly, behind the top of the gas pedal, to eliminate the excess friction between two pieces of the accelerator mechanism. In rare cases, Toyota says, that friction can cause the pedal to become stuck in the depressed position.

Toyota said car owners would be notified by mail and told to set up appointments with their dealers. It said cars already on the road would get priority over those on the lot.

The recall covered 4.2 million cars worldwide and 2.3 million in the United States, including some of Toyota's best-selling models, such as the Camry and Corolla. It has recalled millions more because of floor mats that can catch the gas pedal.

Jeffrey Liker, a University of Michigan engineering professor who has studied Toyota for 25 years, said he



Salesman Andre Kamali walks next to a Corolla at Magnussen's Toyota dealership in Palo Alto, Calif. Monday. Dealers should have parts to fix recalled cars by the end of the week.

believed the fix would work, citing the automaker's reputation for careful testing and engineering.

"They are under the gun. They aren't playing any games," he said.

Toyota would not give an estimated cost for the repair work. It estimated repairing all the recalled cars would take months. It said some dealers were planning to stay open around the clock to make the repairs once parts arrive. Parts were expected to begin arriving late Tuesday and Wednesday.

Earl Stewart, who owns a Toyota dealership in North Palm Beach, Fla., and had been critical of delays in getting repair parts to dealers, said he was happy with the fix. He said he was reas-

sured that it had been tested by independent engineers, not just Toyota's.

"You never say you're absolutely sure about anything, but I feel that this is probably the answer," he said.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it had "no reason to challenge this remedy." Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said last week the government had urged Toyota to issue the recall and suspend production and told reporters Monday that Toyota had "done the right thing."

Etienne Plas, a spokesman for Toyota Motors Europe in Brussels, said the car maker would implement the same remedy for faulty gas pedals in

Europe, but he did not know when.

Besides millions of dollars a day in lost sales, the recall posed a public-relations challenge to Toyota, which for decades has enjoyed a loyal customer base and a reputation for quality.

It took out full-page newspaper ads declaring the episode a pause "to put you first," and on Monday it sent Lentz to morning news shows to express confidence in the fix.

"This is embarrassing for us to have ... this kind of recall situation," Lentz told reporters. "But it doesn't necessarily mean that we have lost our edge on quality. But we do have to be vigilant. We have to redouble our efforts to make sure this doesn't happen again."

Petroleum company sees profits drop

Associated Press

DENVER — Anadarko Petroleum Corp. on Monday said fourth-quarter profit fell, but it boosted sales volume for the year as it cut spending on some projects.

Anadarko, one of the nation's largest independent exploration and production companies, was hurt last year by the recession, which caused oil and gas prices to drop and demand to fall.

Yet, the company announced some discoveries during the quarter, including a well in the Gulf of Mexico that could deliver significant amounts of oil and gas.

For the quarter that ended Dec. 31, Anadarko had net income of \$229 million, or 46 cents a share, including one-time gains that added \$208 mil-

lion or 42 cents per share. Excluding the special items, the company would have earned \$21 million, or 4 cents a share.

Revenue fell to \$2.41 billion from \$2.93 billion in the year-ago quarter.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson Reuters forecast, on average, earnings of 3 cents a share on revenue of \$2.36 billion. Those estimates typically exclude special items.

A year ago, Anadarko reported a profit of \$786 million, or \$1.69 a share, including \$826 million, or \$1.80 a share, in special items.

Argus Research analyst Phil Weiss said Anadarko's results were in line with expectations, and he liked the company's efforts to control costs by cutting lease operating expenses per unit by more than 20 percent year-

over-year.

For the year, Anadarko reported a net loss of \$135 million, or 28 cents a share on revenue of \$9 billion. A year ago, the company had net income of \$3.3 billion, or \$6.91 a share, on revenue of \$15.2 billion.

Anadarko boosted full-year sales volume to 220 million barrels of oil-equivalent, up 7 percent from 2008, while spending 35 percent less on near-term projects.

It also said it had a 50 percent success rate in its global deepwater exploration program, discovering 360 million barrels of oil-equivalent of net resources in 2009.

Anadarko executives will provide details of the 2010 outlook and capital program Tuesday during a conference call with analysts.

Dream

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rently under review in Congress. "We are in the beginning stages of the group formation," junior Bilma Canales, a member of La Colectiva, said. "Right now we're discussing different ways to bring as much awareness as possible to the importance of the Dream Act. We're planning on holding events, creating brochures and we're talking to some government representatives about receiving their support." If passed, the Dream Act will

allow individuals who meet certain requirements to enlist in the military or go to college, something they are not able to do under current legislation.

"It's unfair that that qualified students can't attend college when they are capable of succeeding," Canales said.

The Dream Act would also set up these children and young adults on a path for potential United States legal citizenship with certain stages where they are granted conditional residency, permanent residency and then legal citizenship.

"There are strict guidelines about the qualifications for receiving the various stages of

citizenship," Avitia said.

Individuals who would qualify for these provisions under the new legislation if the Dream Act passes would have to meet specific guidelines in order to receive the benefits of the law, such as being younger than 16 when they arrived in the United States.

Canales said the guidelines will mainly benefit the children who were brought to the United States as undocumented immigrants because of their parents' decision to enter the country.

"These kids can't go to school under the current law," she said. "They're being punished when they didn't have control over the

decision to come to the United States."

The Dream Act has special significance for Avitia, who arrived in the United States from Mexico in 1990 and was undocumented until 1996 when his family qualified for residency under the Immigration Reform and Control Act.

"I'm one of the lucky few that got to receive permanent residency," he said. "I can't even imagine what my life would be like if I hadn't received that status; I wouldn't have been able to attend Notre Dame."

Avitia and Canales both know young people who are undocumented but would qualify for the

provisions of the Dream Act if it is made into law.

"A lot of people don't know about the Dream Act," Canales said. "But it's really important to raise awareness because a lot more Latinos are going to be in school and on the path to citizenship if this passes."

Avitia said his own past experiences have a huge effect on the way he views the current situation of the undocumented immigrants in the United States.

"I want these people to receive the same opportunity that I have," he said.

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Haiti

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you words," Jindra said. "It's your job to turn those words into action — make something real, make a difference."

Professor Karen Richman, director of Academic Affairs at the Institute for Latino Studies and the Center for Migration and Border Studies, addressed Jindra's first concern by providing a historical background of the Caribbean country.

Located on the western third of the island Hispaniola, where Columbus first landed, Haiti was claimed by the French government, which soon began importing African slaves to harvest sugarcane, Richman said.

"There was a great hunger for labor," she said. "Thousands of Africans were taken over across the sea."

Because of the high death rate of the slaves, Richman said, the turnover rate of slaves themselves was very high.

"It was a very cruel system," she said.

In 1791, however, slaves rebelled and in 1804 won their freedom from the French, becoming the first nation state to gain its independence through slave uprising, Richman said.

"They called their land ayiti, meaning mountain," she said.

Although it gained independence, she said, the country maintained an economic hierarchy.

"Creole planters saw themselves as culturally French and pretended not to speak the language of the people," she said. "The elite have no real interest in development of the country."

Richman said Haiti fell into an ever-deepening economic slump as France demanded money for losses incurred by the slave rebellion.

"Last year Haitians sent back \$1 billion in remittance," she said.

Fr. Tom Streit, C.S.C., director of the Notre Dame Haiti Program, has spent a good portion of each year for more than 15 years working in Haiti with patients suffering from lymphatic filariasis, also known as Elephantiasis.

Streit reflected on the impact the slave rebellion had on the rest of the world.

"We might be speaking French in Minnesota if it weren't for the slave rebellion," Streit said.

"Napoleon might have not realized he really could not control the people," he said, referencing the fact that Napoleon decided to carry through with

the Louisiana Purchase.

Streit, who was in Haiti when the earthquake struck, discussed stories and memories of the impoverished country.

One night after the earthquake, Streit said, he heard people screaming between aftershocks, then praying to and praising God intermittently.

Streit also examined the cycle of poverty that persists in the country.

"[We need to] go in and fight the root causes of poverty," Streit said. "There is a preconception of poor people sharing everything they get. They are rich for 10 minutes then give it all away. They therefore never get out of the cycle of poverty."

Streit also attributed Haiti's persistent poverty to the presence of and oppression from the few elite citizens. They stand in the way, he said, of successful business growth in the country.

"Elites have never wanted things to change," Streit said. "Elites keep peasantry, [which is] about 97 percent, in economic slavery until now. Elites would prevent any kind of foreign investment there."

The enormous presence of poor people and accordingly small elite class leaves little room for anything else.

"Haiti has no middle class. A lot of what could be considered middle class was decimated in the quake," Richman said.

Joey Leary, a 2009 Notre Dame graduate, was also in Haiti when the earthquake struck. He had been volunteering for six months with patients suffering a variety of medical problems.

Leary was optimistic about the outpouring of assistance.

"I'm a glass half full kind of guy," Leary said.

He also echoed Jindra's sentiment about the need for education about Haiti.

"We should learn about the culture, learn the language ... we can help the country go in the right direction," Leary said. "I encourage people to get involved."

All three speakers agreed that the priorities for the devastated country have changed since the earthquake, and aid will be directed towards the numerous areas decimated.

"I am horrified by the loss of the schools," Streit said. "Haiti was on a good trajectory as far as education is concerned. Schools for me were the biggest hope for development in Haiti."

Leary compared Haiti to a sick patient at a hospital, with ailments afflicting virtually every part of the body. Now Haiti has

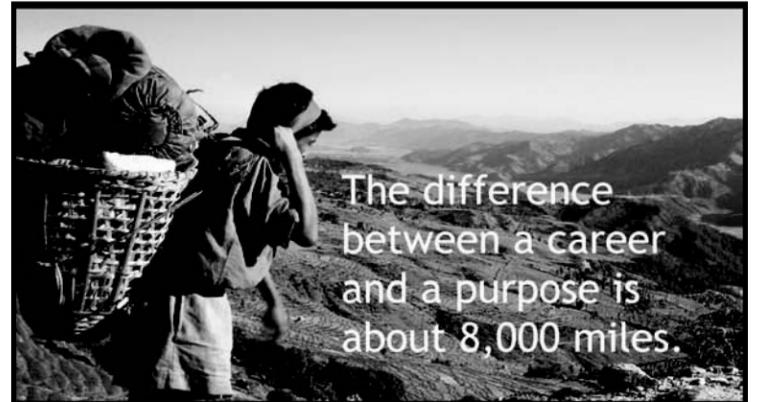
suffered in all areas similarly, he said, like its agriculture, education system and overall infrastructure.

"You can't really pinpoint one single thing ... that is the most important to fix," he said.

Jindra said IDRC plans to continue its efforts to educate students about Haiti's situation.

"We've begun working with a number of hall presidents, for example, to set aside a night to show documentaries about Haiti in the dorms," he said. "We're also working on a larger event in the spring that will help students learn more about Haiti by experiencing different facets of Haitian culture. In all of these cases, students will have the opportunity to donate to the Haiti Response fund that student government has set up."

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U.S. resumes airlifts to Haiti

Associated Press

MIAMI — The U.S. military has resumed the airlifts that brought hundreds of Haitian earthquake victims to hospitals in the United States, ending a four-day suspension, a military spokesman said Monday.

U.S. Army Col. Gregory Kane in the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince said that a medical evacuation flight left Haiti for the United States on Sunday night, though he gave no details.

The White House said earlier that a suspension imposed on Wednesday was being lifted because it has been assured that there is space for the patients at U.S. and foreign hospitals.

White House spokesman Tommy Vietor said in a statement late Sunday that the White House received assurances that additional medical capacity exists in the U.S. and among its international partners for the patients.

"We determined that we can resume these critical flights," Vietor said. "Patients are being identified for transfer, doctors are making sure that it is safe for them to fly, and we are preparing specific in-flight pediatric care aboard the aircraft where needed."

Exactly what led to the suspension on Wednesday of medical evacuation flights was unclear, though military officials have said some states

refused to take patients.

Officials in Florida, one of the main destinations for military flights leaving Haiti, say no patients were ever turned away. However, the suspension took effect after Florida Gov. Charlie Crist sent a letter Tuesday to Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius saying the state's hospitals were reaching a saturation point.

The letter also asked for federal help paying for patient expenses — a request Crist on Sunday said could have been misinterpreted. He also said federal officials have indicated he would receive help covering the costs, totaling more than \$7 million.

Other flights have continued to carry U.S. citizens and other mostly non-injured passengers. Military planes carrying 700 U.S. citizens, legal residents and other foreigners landed in central Florida over the weekend, and three of those people required medical care at hospitals, state officials said. However, Florida had not received any critical patients needing urgent care since the halt, said Sterling Ivey, the governor's spokesman.

"We're welcoming Haitians

with open arms and probably done more than any other state and are happy to continue to do so," Crist told ABC News' "Good Morning America" on Sunday.

Col. Rick Kaiser said Sunday that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been asked to build a 250-bed tent hospital in Haiti to relieve pressure on locations where earthquake victims are being treated under tarpaulins.

Several hospitals in Port-au-Prince were damaged or destroyed in the Jan. 12 earthquake.

U.S. Ambassador to Haiti Kenneth Merten said about 435 earthquake victims had been evacuated before the suspension.

Individual hospitals were still able to arrange private medical flights — such as one Sunday that brought three critically ill children to hospitals in Philadelphia.

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia said the trio arrived Sunday afternoon. One is a 5-year-old girl with tetanus, the second, a 14-month-old boy with pneumonia. The third, a baby suffering from severe burns from sun exposure after the quake, was transferred to another area hospital.

Doctors have said the makeshift facilities in Haiti aren't equipped to treat such critical conditions and warn that patients in similar condition could die if they aren't treated in U.S. hospitals.

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States push bans on mandated insurance

Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Although President Barack Obama's push for a health care overhaul has stalled, conservative lawmakers in about half the states are forging ahead with constitutional amendments to ban government health insurance mandates.

The proposals would assert a state-based right for people to pay medical bills from their own pocketbooks and prohibit penalties against those who refuse to carry health insurance.

In many states, the proposals began as a backlash to Democratic health care plans pending in Congress. But instead of backing away after a Massachusetts election gave Senate Republicans the filibuster power to halt the health care legislation, many state lawmakers are ramping up their efforts with new enthusiasm.

The moves reflect the continued political potency of the issue for conservatives, who have used it extensively for fundraising and attracting new supporters. The legal impact of any state measures may be questionable because courts generally have held that federal laws trump those in states.

Lawmakers in 34 states have filed or proposed amendments to their state constitutions or statutes rejecting health insurance mandates, according to the American Legislative Exchange Council, a nonprofit group that promotes limited government that is helping coordinate the efforts. Many of those proposals are targeted for the November ballot, assuring that health care remains a hot topic as hundreds of federal and state lawmakers face reelection.

Legislative committees in Idaho and Virginia endorsed their measures this past week. Supporters held a rally at the Pennsylvania Capitol. And hearings on the proposed constitutional amendments were held in Georgia and Missouri. The Missouri hearing drew overflow crowds the day after Obama urged federal lawmakers during his State of the Union address to keep pressing to pass a health care bill. The Nebraska Legislature plans a hearing on a measure this coming week.

Supporters of the state measures portray them as a way of defending individual rights and state sovereignty, asserting that the federal government has no authority to tell states and their citizens to buy health insurance.

"I think the alarm bell has been rung," said Clint Bolick, the constitutional litigation director at the Goldwater Institute in Phoenix, which helped craft an Arizona amendment on this November's ballot that has been used as a model in other states.

"These amendments are a way to manifest grass roots opposition" to federal health insurance mandates, Bolick said. "They kind of have a life of their own at this point. So while some of the pressure may be off, I think that this

movement has legs."

Separate bills passed by the U.S. House and Senate would impose a penalty on people who don't have health insurance except in cases of financial hardship. Subsidies would be provided to low-income and middle-income households. The intent of the mandate is to expand the pool of people who are insured and paying premiums and thus offset the increased costs of insuring those with preexisting conditions or other risks.

The federal bills also would require many businesses to pay a penalty if they fail to provide employees health insurance that meets certain standards, though details and exemptions vary between the House and Senate versions.

Obama and Democratic legislative leaders were working to merge the two bills when Republican Scott Brown won the Massachusetts Senate seat long held by the late Edward M. Kennedy on Jan. 19, leaving Democrats one seat shy of the number needed to break a Republican filibuster.

Since then, the federal legislation has been in limbo. But state lawmakers have not.

"We need to move ahead no matter what kind of maneuvering continues in Washington, D.C.," said Missouri Sen. Jane Cunningham, a Republican from suburban St. Louis.

Since suffering resounding defeats in the 2008 elections, Republicans have seized upon voter unease over the federal health care legislation to help revitalize their fortunes.

A USA Today/Gallup poll conducted the day after the Massachusetts vote found that about 55 percent of respondents — including a majority of self-described independents — favored putting the brakes on the current health care legislation. The poll had a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

State laws or constitutional amendments clearly could bar lawmakers in those states from requiring individuals to purchase health insurance, such as Massachusetts has done. But it's questionable that such the measures could shield state residents from a federal health insurance requirement.

"They are merely symbolic gestures," said Michael Dorf, a constitutional law professor at Cornell University. "If this Congress were to pass an individual mandate, and if it is constitutional — which I believe it is — the express rule under the supremacy clause (of the U.S. Constitution) is that the federal law prevails."

Many Democratic lawmakers are skeptical of both the intent and the effect of the state measures, entitled in many states as the "Freedom of Choice in Health Care Act." Some have derided it as "political theater" or an attempt to merely shape the public debate.

"We need to do something about health care," said Idaho Rep. Phyllis King, a Boise Democrat. "And the federal government is trying to do something. It hurts our companies and it hurts our people to be uninsured."



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Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

The per capita income in 2008, in U.S. dollars, in Bangladesh was \$1,500; in Haiti, \$1,300; in the United States, \$47,000. Cyclones and other natural disasters are frequent and severe in Bangladesh including, in September 1998, the most severe flooding in modern world history. It destroyed 300,000 houses, killed over 1,000 people and made 30 million homeless. Two-thirds of the country was underwater.

Since 1853, Holy Cross missionaries have labored in Bangladesh. Today they include 140 priests and 63 brothers. All but 19 are Bangladeshi. More than 70 Holy Cross sisters also serve there. Bangladesh is 89.7 percent Islam, 9.2 percent Hindu, 0.7 percent Buddhist, and 0.3 percent Christian. Because conversion from Islam, the state religion, is illegal, the missionaries work among tribal groups who had never embraced Hinduism, Buddhism or Islam and are predominantly Catholic. The missionaries serve the spiritual needs of all the Christian faithful and the dire material needs — especially educational — of all Bangladeshis.

The "tribal groups," said Fr. Frank Quinlivan, Class of 1966, the Holy Cross provincial of Bangladesh, "are often neglected, isolated and marginalized. Holy Cross is in eight tribal parishes in four dioceses. Those children who pass Class 5 come to the parish center for high school. There are no high schools in the villages. The parish provides a hostel, one for the boys and one for the girls. Only in this way can they attend school. The children are able to eat regularly and to get medical care they cannot get in the villages. Parents, however, can almost never afford the hostel costs, a little over \$20 a month.

Finding the money to educate these children is a constant concern in all our parishes: Education is essential for the very survival of these tribal groups."

Since 1931, Bengal Bouts has become the largest single contributor to those missions. The boxers themselves run the program, under the supervision of Boxing Club Administrator Vince Voss and the director, Terry Johnson, a Chicago attorney and former Bengals champ. Seniors Patrick Burns and Chris Cugliari are co-presidents of the Boxing Club. The senior captains are Will Burroughs, Michael Sayles, Tim Thayer, John Maier and Nic Ponzio. The junior captains are Bobby Powers, Dominic Golab and John Tchoula. The captains organize and run the practices, a major job since, for the second year in a row, more than 300 boxers are in the program. That number will decline as the boxers experience the creatively onerous workouts imposed by Tom Suddes, a Columbus developer and former Bengals champ who donates several weeks each year to the program. This can be unnerving because Tom does the workouts himself, a potentially embarrassing motivator for the much younger boxers. Tom and Notre Dame pilot Pat Farrell are the head coaches. The assistant coaches include Sweet C. Robinson of the Buchanan Police Department and former boxers Pat Ryan, Pete Ryan, Kevin Smith, Thad Naquin, Ryan Rans, Chip Farrell and Superior Court Judge Roland Chamblee, who also exercises judicial restraint as a cornerman at the Bouts. Holy Mother Church and the Jesuits are involved through Fr. Brian Daley who coaches and, like Tom Suddes, works out with the boxers.

Dr. Jim Moriarty runs the medical and safety program which has avoided serious injury for the entire 80 years since the Bouts were first organized by Dominic J. "Nappy" Napolitano. Emergency Medical Technical Terri Engel attends every session and maintains the sparring and medical records. The two practice rings are closely monitored by Notre Dame Fire Department EMTs, including Steve Serbalik, Lee Anne Feher, Nadeem Haque, Sean Bradley, Zinaida Peterson, Olivia Mahon, Brian Bush and Frannie Rudolph, and by Bonnie Chow, Bert Williams and Serene Cuenco who work for Rec Sports as "professional rescuers" (no kidding; their shirts say so). They are all very effective.

The real operators, The Indispensables, without whom the entire Boxing Club would implode, are the managers, Ashley

Mensch, Katherine Johnston, Kelly Garvey, Catherine Cooney and Meghan Rolfs. They cheerfully handle, with impressive efficiency and ease, an endless array of financial, administrative and other details.

Over the past two years the boxers themselves have raised the program to a new level. Several boxers raised travel money to go to Bangladesh where, with the help of Notre Dame film professor and former Bengals boxer William Donaruma, Class of 1989, and cinematographer John Klein, Class of 2006, they made a full-length film, "Strong Bodies Fight," detailing the realities and needs of the mission. "Our goal," said Mark Weber, last year's president and producer of the film, "is to transform the connection [with Bangladesh] from sending them an annual check to an actual relationship. It went from an abstract mission to something we could see and touch." Tom Suddes oversaw the project and raised the needed money to finance it by simply writing a letter to Bengals alumni who, as Tom put it, "want to give back for what the Bengal Bouts did for them." The Center for Social Concerns is developing a summer service program for Boxing Club members to go to Bangladesh and work in the missions. The Autumn 2008 edition of Notre Dame Magazine carried a feature article on the film. To view a trailer and learn more about the film, see www.strongbodiesfight.org

Bengal Bouts will be held in four sessions this year: preliminaries on Feb. 13 at 1 p.m.; quarterfinals on Feb. 16 at 6 p.m.; semifinals on Feb. 23 at 7 p.m.; and finals on Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. The first three sessions will be in the Joyce Center Field House and the finals in the Purcell Pavillion. The all-session general admission pass is \$15.

Last year Bengal Bouts contributed \$50,000 to the missions in Bangladesh. Compared to the federal budget, that may seem like chump change. But among the "ultra poor" served by the Holy Cross missionaries in Bangladesh, the \$10.49 you casually spend for a Papa John's large pizza would feed a family of four for three weeks. Those people need the Bengal Bouts. And they need our support.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks from an alumnus

Thank you for having Gary Caruso write a Letter expressing an alumni viewpoint. Many alumni read The Observer to learn about what is going on at our university.

Over the last few years, many of the Letters by students have been critical of alumni in general, disparaging terms. We are considered old rich guys who are out of touch and wear plaid pants, etc. Just this week there was a Letter using such a description. That is a stereotype.

We too are part of Notre Dame. The

majority of us had to struggle to pay our way there. Most of us have to "dig deep" to contribute to Notre Dame which aids the very students who laugh at us. Most Notre Dame Alumni Clubs are sponsoring job fairs and working with many unemployed alumni. This is in addition to raising money for present day student scholarships. We have lived the Notre Dame experience you are now going through and understand the good and the bad about being an ND student.

We too are part of the Notre Dame

family and it is nice to have an occasional voice in The Observer.

Now, if we can only get the Band to play to the entire Stadium at the end of football games so that we Alumni can hear and sing our beloved Alma Mater too.

Thank you.

Frank Keres
alumnus
Class of 1975
Jan. 29

OBSERVER POLL

Signing day is Feb. 3. Which commit will have the best ND career?

Louis Nix (DT)
Andrew Hendrix (QB)
Tai-ler Jones (WR)
Cameron Roberson (RB)
Other

Vote by Thursday at 5 p.m. at www.ndsmcobserver.com.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"True friends are those who really know you but love you anyway."

Edna Buchanan
U.S. Journalist

Submit a Letter
to the Editor at
www.ndsmcobserver.com

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stop mud-slinging

As one of the five organizers of last Wednesday's demonstration, I would like to first thank everyone who came out and supported us, whether in person or in prayer. The turnout was beyond what we had expected and was encouraging for us who are working hard for equality.

The next item is to clear up a few things: the security officer who didn't let us deliver the letter ourselves was doing his job. Students are not allowed to enter the building as demonstrators so his actions are in accord with du Lac. Second, we did not inform the Office of the President that we would be delivering a letter, or else they would have sent down a representative to receive it. After the teachers went to door to deliver the letter, University president Fr. John Jenkins' head Administrative Assistant came down to receive the letter. Clearly, we were not ignored.

Within a few hours, the organizers of the demonstration received an e-mail that Jenkins wanted to sit down with us to discuss our concerns. Friday afternoon, the five of us had a meeting with Jenkins where he listened to us and we discussed some solutions. Jenkins expressed sincere desire to open up dialog conducive to addressing this. To say that his response shows "unwillingness" is counter to the actions he has demonstrated thus far. Further, mud-smearing and accusatory language is the exact opposite of what is needed to engage in thoughtful conversations surrounding such a tough issue on campus.

This brings me to another point. Both sides of the response to current events on campus have been far from Christian or being in line with Catholic teachings. To certain people outraged by the current treatment of GLBTQ students: please stop calling others "ignorant bigots" or claiming that Notre Dame is an

intolerant place that cowards behind Catholic teaching. You are turning others off to the cause of equality and dignity on campus with such language. Making exaggerated and unfounded statements fails to bring people to the discussion table. Outlandish claims do nothing to advance justice, but rather, hinder it.

To those who may disagree with the "No Home Under the Dome" cause: please READ Catholic social teaching. While the Church does not condone homosexual acts, the Catechism of the Catholic Church does command "They [gay persons] must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2358). We are not asking for the University to accept gay marriage not will we start having mass orgies. We are merely asking for respect and tolerance from our classmates.

In reading some of the responses on The Observer Web site, it is rather obvious that people, on both sides, are not actually reading the articles or the letter written to Jenkins at Wednesday's demonstration. We are asking that everyone at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame come to the middle and find some common ground. This conversation will get no where if all we do is name-call and spew out ambiguous statements irrelevant to the conversation at hand. [We need] Christ-like treatment of marginalized students and an academic and mature discussion of the issues facing GLBTQ students and allies.

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Thanks from ND Right to Life

On behalf of Notre Dame Right to Life and all those who took part in the 2010 March for Life, we would like to express our warm and heartfelt gratitude to those who generously assisted us in planning and making possible Notre Dame's participation in this year's March in Washington, D.C.

First and foremost, we are grateful to the Center for Ethics and Culture's Fund to Protect Human Life for its steadfast and primary support to Right to Life. Particularly we are indebted to the Center's director Professor David Solomon and associate director Elizabeth Kirk, our club's faculty advisor, for their constant help and guidance. Also, with this year's formation of the Task Force Supporting the Choice for Life, we thank co-chairs Professor John Cavadini and Dean Margaret Brinig, along with all members of the Task Force and the members of the special March for Life working-subgroup. With the help of these persons, Notre Dame had a record-setting presence in Washington, D.C., for the March as well as numerous prayer-centered campus events supporting the cause for life. This year 360 students attended the March for Life, and over 40 faculty and staff members, including University President Fr. John Jenkins, joined us.

Additionally, we would like to thank the Notre Dame Alumni Association, and especially Marc Burdell, for hosting students, faculty, staff and alumni at the inaugural "ND Family" dinner following the March for Life

in Washington, D.C.

Finally, we wish to express our humble thanks to the Fund to Protect Human Life, to Dean Carolyn Woo and the Mendoza College of Business, to Dean Peter Kilpatrick and the College of Engineering, to the Institute for Church Life, to Professor William Evans of the Department of Economics and Econometrics, to Professor Daniel Costello of the Department of Electrical Engineering and to the University's Office of the President for their very generous financial support.

Given the University of Notre Dame's long tradition of championing the rights of the poor, vulnerable and voiceless, it is most fitting that our university community would join together to witness on behalf of the unborn and pregnant women. Notre Dame Right to Life looks forward to working with all members of the University community to continue to promote a culture of life not only within our own campus but in our nation and world.

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off campus
John Gerardi
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Time to act on GLBT issues

As a recent alumnus and member of the 2006-07 Student Senate, it is disheartening to witness the actions — or, rather, inaction on the part of this administration — taking place on Our Lady's campus.

The Student Senate passed a resolution in March, 2007 requesting the University add "sexual orientation" to its non-discrimination clause. While I do not personally identify as GLBTQ, I remember strongly supporting the Social Concerns committee chair during Senate proceedings. I was shocked such wording did not already exist. And I remember being a part of the 25-1-1 majority that voted to pass the resolution.

This publication, The Observer, reported at the time that both the Student Senate and Faculty Senate had passed similar language in 1998. Two Holy Cross schools, King's College in Pennsylvania and Holy Cross College in Indiana, already included the language at the time. I recall students on campus having civilized and intelligent debate regarding the issue.

Yet, three years later, we have not progressed. Students, faculty, and alumni continue to support measures to be more inclusive with regard to our

GLBTQ brothers and sisters, but nothing is done. It is not news that the administration can be selectively deaf regarding student issues, but 12 years of repetitive voices and increasing volume must have an effect.

Notre Dame, it is time to act. Alumni, students and faculty have done all they can. Now, it is up to this administration to stop dismissing the issue and step up to the plate. Take bold steps to live your "Spirit of Inclusion" in word and deed. Include "sexual orientation" in the University's non-discrimination clause. Allow the Student Union Board to recognize groups of gay students on campus as legitimate student groups. And if you won't, you at least owe 12 years of the Notre Dame community an explanation of your reasoning. Refusing to address the issue — hoping that ignoring it will make it go away — will not cut it any longer.

Chris Beesley
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Jan. 29

Brother approved for canonization

On Saturday morning, Dec. 19, as most Notre Dame students had just headed home for a well deserved Christmas break, Pope Benedict the XVI made an exciting announcement for the Congregation of Holy Cross. The Holy Father acknowledged as scientifically inexplicable, a healing due to the intercession of Blessed Brother André. The vice postulator for the cause of the canonization of Brother André, Father Mario Lachapelle, CSC, indicated, "The road to the canonization of Brother André is now open!" In Rome, the Superior General of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Father Hugh Cleary, CSC, said, "What a grace for our religious family, to count among its ranks such a model of the Christian life offered to the world, a true inspiration for a welcoming, compassionate presence. Such good news!"

This news brought great joy and excitement to all in the Congregation of Holy Cross, but perhaps more so at André House in Phoenix, Arizona. André House began in 1984 when two Holy Cross priests who had been at Notre Dame moved into a rented house with the intention of living with and serving people who are poor. They were taking a page from Dorothy Day's Catholic Worker movement. Because they desired to share the same kind of hospitality with the people who came to their door as Br. André showed to the many who came to him for prayer and seeking healing, they named this new ministry after the saintly brother.

"For this news about Br. André's approval for canonization to come this year as we celebrate our 25th Anniversary is a tremendous blessing," says Br. Richard Armstrong, CSC, a Holy Cross brother who has been working at André House for 23 years. André House has grown since its humble beginning. After starting with just one simple house, André House has grown to have two transitional houses, one for men and one for women, as well as a hospitality center where they serve over 650 meals a night, offer showers, laundry, clothing, blankets and many other services to people in need. The majority of the staff of André House consists of lay volunteers who commit themselves to a year of service. For many years most came from Notre Dame. Today the CSC at Notre Dame sends students to André House over Spring Break and André House is a popular site for the Summer Service Learning Program.

"Just as we had a great celebration in January around the Feast of Blessed Br. André to mark our 25th Anniversary, when Rome announces a date for the official canonization of Br. André, I know that we plan appropriate celebrations here," says Fr. Eric Schimmel, CSC, Director of André House. And as this ministry has deep ties to Notre Dame, he is looking forward to having a couple of recent alums serving on staff during this incredible year. There are still openings to serve on the Core Staff at André House next year. For more information, you may go to their website at: www.andrehouse.org

Fr. Eric Schimmel, CSC
alumnus
Class of 1994 and 2001
Jan. 29

Passing of Zinn

Amidst the news of President Obama's State of the Union Address, Haiti relief efforts, J.D. Salinger's death and Notre Dame's "Spirit of Inclusion" debate, a noteworthy event went without its due attention: the passing of Dr. Howard Zinn. I encourage you to spend a few minutes getting to know Dr. Zinn — veteran, activist, professor, writer, historian and passionate speaker. Pick up "A People's History of the United States" or Google his name to better understand Matt Damon's praise of Zinn's work in "Good Will Hunting" over a decade ago. Writing to include the plight of overlooked groups of people and sharing the perspective of the conquered overlooked in standard history texts, "People's History" is a must read for all persons of conscience to better understand the experience of all Americans in history. Many lives have been changed and refocused after having read this book. And he lived it; growing up in the slums, picketing with the workers, traveling to Vietnam with Fr. Daniel Berrigan, challenging the "establishment" and his superiors in academia. Dr. Zinn reminded each of us that "You can't be neutral on a moving train," and I pray that his legacy of action and exposition on behalf of the poor and marginalized will be remembered by the Notre Dame community. Rest in Peace Howard Zinn; as one of your admirers I will refuse neutrality in the fight for justice.

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St. Liam's
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ASSASSIN'S CREED II

IMPRESSES DESPITE SIMPLICITY

By ANDY SEROFF
Scene Writer

"Assassin's Creed II" is the second major installment of the successful and critically acclaimed series by Ubisoft. In this episode, the player takes the reins of Desmond, a descendent of the assassin Ezio Auditore da Firenze. Through some far-fetched futuristic technology, Desmond is placed in a "Matrix"-like virtual simulation of his ancestor's memories, which are apparently decoded from his DNA.

Within this simulation, Desmond relives Ezio's life story, including the assassin's training, the cold-blooded murder of his family and his corpse-littered, blood-soaked path to revenge. You know, the normal stuff of a Renaissance Italian.

To those new to the franchise, you are initially introduced to Desmond and the plot of the series through a tedious sequence of escape scenes, where you have to follow a woman who won't tell you where you're going or why you're getting into the trunk of her car.

After a successful getaway, you're itching to get into the "Matrix," if only to learn player controls other than walking, and the slightly faster but incredibly stupid-looking power-walk.

Once inside the simulation, the game opens up with a tutorial of the controls, which varied on the spectrum between "obvious and insistent" to "aggravatingly unhelpful." What it explains thoroughly need not be said, and where the player is pitted against a non-player character (NCP) in an unavoidable building-scaling contest, the tutorial offers little more advice than "Beat your brother to the top of the church." This, the hardest and most frustrating part of the game, comes within five minutes of putting the disc in.

Having conquered the tutorial, the player is introduced to Ezio's world by completing a series of tasks for his father. It begins to seem like Ezio is just a trouble-making courier, until the delivery of a secret package results in Ezio's entire family getting murdered for a conspiracy his father was fighting against. This event fuels Ezio's thirst for revenge, tracking down and killing every member of the massive group of conspirators guilty of the murder of Ezio's family.

Once into the flow of the game, the missions come very easily. Each assassi-

nation of one conspirator results in leads to three others, taking you to various Italian settings — Venice, Florence, a rural area, Ezio's villa. All of these magnificent landscapes also come with different peacekeepers, different vehicles (horses, boats in Venice) and different malicious leaders to take down.

These different settings make the difference in what are basically variations on a theme — platforming and fighting. Not to say that these two components combined cannot make a great game — on the contrary, many great games are solely comprised of them. What makes this troublesome in "Assassin's Creed II," however, is that these platforming and combat tasks are unbelievably easy. Despite countless controls, by holding two buttons, Ezio enters Spider-man-mode, where he leaps and bounds in the direction indicated, through whatever means necessary.

The secondary plot, which is collecting relics of historical assassins, is the only time you'll ever have to think about platforming, because these areas are designated platforming challenges, designed to test the mastery of the skill. In all common town areas, holding the two buttons renders Ezio uncapturable. The second element of the gameplay, combat, is also excessively easy. Unless you manage to aggravate a small horde of guards, Ezio's combat skills, weaponry and speed will result in a large pile of guard corpses.

The plot is present, but not essential enough to really be a factor in the game. Once you turn into a revenge-seeking Renaissance ninja, with the puzzle-solving and invention-making sidekick Leonardo Da Vinci, it is easy to tune out the names in favor of the little red "kill this guy" indicator on the minimap. The result is a sandbox game that plays through well once, then leaves you as a heavily armed misanthrope with a weird compulsion for jumping off of the top of church steeples into big piles of hay.

"Assassin's Creed II"

Producer: Ubisoft

Gaming Systems: Playstation 3, Xbox 360



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Lips' Christmas on Mars is Uncharacteristically Dark

By NICK ANDERSON
Scene Writer

Two forces drive musicians to make movies: the monetary and the creative. As always, money is relatively simple. The movie sells, people make money, they pretend it makes them happier, life continues as before. This is a long and storied tradition, largely beginning with Colonel Parker's death grip on Elvis' career leading to "Girls! Girls! Girls!" and "Blue Hawaii." Through the decades, it's been carried by movies starring The Beatles (with the exception of "Yellow Submarine," which wasn't really made by The Beatles), KISS and the Spice Girls, all blatant money grabs.

The latter case is more interesting. There are musicians who truly want to be actors; see Tom Waits in "Dracula" or RZA in "Funny People" and "American Gangster." There are misguided vanity projects; see Prince in "Under the Cherry

Moon," 50 Cent in "Get Rich or Die Trying." In the best cases, musicians make movies because they truly stop caring about selling albums. Pink Floyd's "The Wall," OutKast's "Idlewild," The Ramones "Rock and Roll High School." These films are jumbled, low budgeted and ill conceived, but absolutely fascinating.

Eighteen years into their bandhood, Wayne Coyne decided The Flaming Lips needed to make a movie. Not likely to gain anymore fan base after two decades, Coyne showed no concern for the commercial appeal of his film and unsurprisingly received no interest from major studios. Ever the optimist, Coyne financed the film himself, building the majority of the sets in his own Oklahoma backyard.

"Christmas on Mars," finally released after seven years, is as strange as any of the albums put out by the foursome. In a crumbling colony on the Martian surface, the day before Christmas turns tragic when the Christmas pageant's Santa com-

mits suicide by fleeing through the unsecured airlock. The first known Martian happens to show up at the same time, only to become a silent replacement for the late Mr. Claus. Add the birth of the first human in the colony and a malfunctioning oxygen generator, and the plot begins to take on a rough form.

Anyone who's seen a Flaming Lips show cannot help but be disappointed. Lips' shows are assemblies of energy, featuring puppets, confetti, balloons and elaborate props. Simply put, the live shows are embodiments of everyday optimism and sunny fun. The film diverges from every aspect of the live shows, entering a black and white world of crumbling isolation, chronic depression and elaborate death.

The film's obvious and admitted influence is David Lynch's "Eraserhead" by way of "Dark Star." While cameos from Fred Armisen and Adam Goldberg provide some humor, they're largely lost in the quasi-philosophical meanderings led by Coyne. While the film is not afraid to

frankly admit to their central themes of death, rebirth, receding sanity and absurd hope, their dissections are lost to overt symbolism, obscure references and purposeful strangeness. It's hard, if not impossible to understand this movie and Coyne's in no way sympathetic to his audiences' understanding.

Unlike their music, The Flaming Lips' foray into film shows almost nothing, other than the fact that they own a video camera. In their saving grace, The Flaming Lips composed the score, providing a perfect sound for the project. Backed with atmospheric musical wanderings, the film does not have to be understood to be appreciated and felt. While it never quite achieves touching or memorable, the film is interesting in a way only found when pushed beyond comfortable, and the film isn't dancing on the line of comfort, it shoots well beyond it.

Coyne's musing on his own life, channeled through his opening scene perhaps best describes the film: "Our lives, although very important to us, are meaningless. Nothing. Little specks of dust flowing through a vast black sea of infinity."

"Christmas on Mars"

Directors: Wayne Coyne, Bradley Beesely, George Salisbury

Starring: Wayne Coyne, Steven Drozd, Steve Burns



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Assistant Scene Editor

The Dresden Dolls are a bit of an acquired taste. The Boston duo, auteurs of the "Brechtian punk cabaret" movement (a title they coined to avoid being labeled "goth"), is known for heavy pianos and drums. This musical style places the Dresden Dolls within the greater musical movement of "dark cabaret" that gained steam in the early 1990s. But while slightly unconventional, and not to the liking of all, the Dresden Dolls are nothing short of addictive. Amanda Palmer and Brian Viglione can rock

out on upbeat tunes like "Bad Habit," or chill to the likes of "Sing." But, regardless of type, Palmer and Viglione infuse every song with passion, energy and a little Hamlet-esque antic disposition.

The Dresden Dolls formed in 2000 when Viglione saw Palmer perform a solo act at a Halloween concert. The two soon gained a massive following for their live performances, which typically feature intense makeup, crazy costumes and occasional fan performances. Their concerts become more of a theatrical performance than just a concert. The spectacle, though, never overpowers the music. In fact, Palmer and Viglione seem to revel in it.

They recorded an early live album in 2001 titled "The Dresden Dolls," which was later re-released in 2003 as a full studio album. Highlights of this album include "Girl Anachronism," one of the Dresden Dolls' biggest hits. The song is a high-pulse rumination on being a problem child, among other things. "Missed Me" takes things in the opposite direction, as a slower, but no less intense, ode to relationships. "Bad Habit" is a perfect example of the heavy pianos the Dresden Dolls are so noted for. "Half Jack," "Gravity" and "Perfect Fit" are some other great songs that round out the Dresden Dolls' excellent first release.

Also in 2003, the Dresden Dolls released "A is for Accident," an EP of live performances. The album features both live versions of songs from "The Dresden Dolls," like "Coin-Operated Boy" and "Missed Me," along with new songs like "The Time Has Come" and "Bank of Boston Beauty Queen."

Their second and most recent studio album, "Yes, Virginia ..." was released in 2006 and reached No. 42 on the U.S. music charts. In it, the Dresden Dolls retain everything that made them famous in the first place. It opens with manic stunner "Sex Changes" and carries on strong throughout the rest of the album. "Backstabber" is another born classic, albeit a little softer in tone than some of their earlier work. Also check out "Dirty Business," another upbeat song, and the great "Me & the Minibar." The Dresden Dolls close out "Yes, Virginia ..." with one of their most beautiful songs, "Sing."

Two years later, the band released a companion album called "No, Virginia ..." The album features tracks left over from "Yes, Virginia ..." as well as some b-sides. However, this album features some of their finest work, opening with the great

"Dear Jenny." What follows is a collection of excellent material that was thankfully released, rather than being left behind on some recording studio shelf. "Night Reconnaissance" amply displays their musical versatility, while "Mouse and the Model" is one of their finest songs to date. Other notable songs include "The Kill" and "Ultima Esperanza."

Unfortunately, the Dresden Dolls have been on hiatus since then, although both Palmer and Viglione deny any bad feelings between the two. Hopefully, this hiatus will come to an end in the near future so they can start wowing fans once again with their music. Until then, and for extra credit listening, check out some of Palmer's solo work on "Who Killed Amanda Palmer," most notably "Astronaut (A Short History of Nearly Nothing)," "Ampersand" and "Leeds United." For now, though, listen up and cross your fingers for the return of a great American musical (and performance) outfit.

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CLUB SPORTS

Women's water polo opens season with a win

Young squash team struggles; men's ultimate holds onto an early lead; women's ice hockey takes on tough opponent

Special to The Observer

This Saturday, Notre Dame traveled to Chicago to face Wheaton College in its first game of the season. The Irish, who reached the national finals last year and were ranked No. 2 at season's end, defeated the Thunder, 11-2.

Sophomore Maisie O'Malle led the scoring with five goals, followed by junior Ali Durkin, who netted three goals. Sophomore Erin Gibson and senior Emily Harig also contributed offensively, scoring twice and once, respectively.

Standout senior goalie Betsy O'Neill registered 15 saves, helping the Irish shut out Wheaton during the first half and aiding in their dominant victory. The squad will look to continue its winning momentum in the Chicago Invite Tournament in two weeks.

Squash

Notre Dame traveled to Evanston, Ill. this weekend to take on Purdue and Northwestern. The young squad dropped both matches, falling to

the Boilermakers 7-2 and the Wildcats 9-0.

Senior Peter Gallagher and freshman Ryan Gisriel, playing the top two spots, stood out for the Irish. Against the Boilermakers, Gallagher defeated Danish Akhtar, 11-9, 12-10, 11-8, while Gisriel defeated Kunal Raheja, 11-6, 11-2, 9-11, 11-8.

Sophomores Dennis Grabowski, Kevin Ortenzio and Matt Sushinsky fought hard but ultimately lost to both their Purdue and Northwestern opponents. Freshmen Thomas Dore and Eric Huang struggled against Purdue but put up a strong showing against Northwestern. Also taking the court for the Irish were junior Kenneth Schlax and freshman Kevin Sandner.

Ultimate Men's A

Notre Dame opened its spring season this weekend with an indoor tournament at the University of Michigan. For the first of two games, Notre Dame squared off against perennial rival and host Michigan.

The Irish got out to an early

lead, and held a halftime edge of 8-7. After expanding the lead to 13-9, the team hit a bump in the road and nearly lost it as Michigan closed strong to bring the score to 15-15.

The game came down to universe point with Notre Dame receiving the disc. A solid line was put on the field and they worked the disc up the field quickly. On the fourth throw senior Mike Banning hit fellow senior and captain Andrew Schroeder cutting deep for the score. The Irish won, 17-16.

In the second game, Notre Dame faced Northwestern. Clearly a little sluggish after the first game, the team got out to a slow start. Northwestern took a couple of breaks and the lead before the Irish closed the gap before halftime.

During halftime, Schroeder rallied the team.

"We're playing down to their level ... we're better than this," Schroeder said. "Focus on what we do best and bust it out there."

His words and enthusiasm clearly jump-started the team as they came out of the half on

a run and extended the lead to three points. After many grueling points, the Irish took it home with a 15-13 win.

While winning twice was rewarding, it was obvious there is still much that needs improvement. As Notre Dame practices throughout the spring, flow of offense will definitely be at the forefront of everyone's mind.

However, Notre Dame did manage to squeak a win out against a Michigan club that was ranked No. 5 nationally last year.

Women's Ice Hockey

The Irish traveled to Northbrook, Ill., Saturday evening, where they lost 5-3 in a hard-fought battle against the club team Chicago X-Factor.

The X-Factor came out hard against the Irish in the first period. The score was quickly 3-0 just minutes into the game, however, the Irish did not give up.

The period was finished with a goal from Saint Mary's senior and captain Megan Aimola off a pass from Notre Dame junior

Karen Riedel, making the score 3-1 after the first period.

Although the X-Factor were the first to score in the second period, the Irish continued to fight. After many close opportunities, Notre Dame senior Emily Chappell scored a gorgeous goal off passes from freshman defenseman Mara Catlaw and sophomore forward Brinya Bjork.

The score was 4-2 after two periods of play when Theresa Days of the X-Factor scored a power-play goal to open the third period. Catlaw finished with a Notre Dame goal off a pass from Chappell, but the final score ended at 5-3.

Notre Dame goalie Stacey Collins started in the first period and sophomore goalie Elissa Cmunt played the last two frames. Both came up with critical saves, keeping the Notre Dame squad within reach.

This coming weekend, Notre Dame will host the X-Factor for a weekend series at the Joyce Center. The Irish will face off against the team Saturday at 7 p.m. and again Sunday at 10 a.m.

NFL

Crosby scores three in Penguins comeback

Hiller earns second shutout with 33 saves as Ducks end Panthers' five-game home winning streak, win 3-0

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Sidney Crosby scored three goals in slightly more than eight minutes of the second period as the Pittsburgh Penguins quickly turned a two-goal deficit into a two-goal lead, then held on to beat the Buffalo Sabres 5-4 on Monday night.

Crosby tied Patrick Marleau of idle San Jose for the NHL goals lead with 37 by following up his game-altering performance during the Penguins' 2-1 shootout win Sunday against Detroit with an even better one. Crosby's hat trick was his third of the season and fifth of his career, and the Penguins pressed unsuccessfully to try to get him a fourth goal in the final period.

After protecting a two-goal lead for much of the period, the Penguins were holding on at the end. Jason Pominville scored on a power play with 3 minutes remaining, and the Penguins were

forced to kill off Brooks Orpik's holding penalty with 2:04 remaining as goalie Marc-Andre Fleury made several excellent saves in the closing seconds.

Crosby, who scored in regulation and in the shootout on Sunday, gave Buffalo goalie Ryan Miller a pre-Olympics reminder of how he is capable of taking over a game. Miller could be in net for the United States when it plays Crosby-led Canada on Feb. 21 in Vancouver, and Crosby already knows he can beat him in a variety of ways.

Crosby got the Penguins to within 3-2 on a power play at 10:53 of the second, almost fanning on a shot off Alex Goligoski's pass from center point but still getting enough on it to get it past Miller. He had made a combined 69 saves while winning his previous two starts.

Miller's frustration showed, too, when he yanked Crosby's skates out from underneath him as a play was ending less than two minutes into the third period.

After Jordan Staal tied it with a wrist shot that deflected off Miller's right arm, Crosby took advantage of a Buffalo giveaway to score at 17:30. Miller was clearing the puck behind the net only to have it ricochet off defenseman Tyler Myers' skate directly to Crosby, whose shot rebounded off the goalie and trickled across the goal line.

Crosby scored again at 18:55, working a break with Kris Letang to score on a hard wrist shot, causing a shower of caps onto the ice.

The Penguins captain has never had a four-goal game in the NHL, and it was evident in the third period he was going for it, twice failing on good scoring opportunities early in the period.

Pittsburgh's other goal, by rookie Mark Letestu 47 seconds in, was the first of his NHL career. Later in the first, Derek Roy and Thomas Vanek scored 48 seconds apart to give Buffalo the lead and Tim Kennedy made it 3-1 at 7:32 of the second. Vanek

had a goal and an assist.

Ducks 3, Panthers 0

Jonas Hiller made 33 saves to earn in his second shutout of the season and the Anaheim Ducks beat the Florida Panthers on Monday night.

Ryan Getzlaf, Teemu Selanne and Corey Perry each scored for the Ducks, who wrapped up a six-game road trip and snapped Florida's five-game winning streak at home.

Hiller's other shutout this season came on Nov. 5 in a 4-0 Anaheim win over the Nashville Predators. Hiller, who has six NHL shutouts, was coming off a 30-save effort in the Ducks' 2-1 shootout victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Friday night.

Florida's Tomas Vokoun stopped 22 shots. Vokoun was coming off his seventh shutout of the season, a 33-save performance in the Panthers' 2-0 win over the New York Islanders on Sunday.

Hiller was perfect in his first

game since signing a four-year contract extension on Saturday, that will keep Switzerland's Olympic goalie off the free-agent market this summer.

Hiller's stellar performance also came one day after Anaheim traded Stanley Cup-winning goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere to the Toronto Maple Leafs on Sunday.

The Ducks went ahead on Perry's goal with 2:42 left. He scored with a slap shot from the right circle after taking a pass from Getzlaf from behind the net.

Selanne gave Anaheim a 2-0 lead with a power-play goal in the final second of the second period. James Wisniewski's shot ricocheted off the left post and hit Vokoun in the back, and Selanne then tipped in the loose puck.

After a scoreless first period, Getzlaf netted an unassisted goal 15:17 into the second. He picked up the puck on a turnover by Keith Ballard and scored with a wrist shot from in front, beating Vokoun on his stick side.

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Michael: Dunder Mifflin is about to be sold. But first an investment banker has to drop by and sign off

Michael: (cont.) on our branch. And... I'm... pretty nervous about it. And... I'm... making some cosmetic tweaks to help create a more appealing environment. Is that dishonest? Well, think of it this way: when you look in the mirror and you see your push-up bra and your fake eyelashes and your make-up and your press-on nails; the principles that I am applying to the office are the same ones that have made Lady Gaga a star... or any number of drag queens.

Robin: Dude you are so the reacher, you are getting her a horse. Marshall: What? Robin: Take the hint, take the hint.

Ted: [narrating] Kids, the secret to dating is simple. Be confident, be comfortable in your skin, be assured about who you are. Your uncle Barney was really good at that last one. Even though a lot of the time, who he was was actually someone else.

Liz: I've been stuck inside playing online Boggle. It's messing with my head. STAR... RATS... ARTS... TARS.

Liz: You can do some serious sub-way flirting before you realize the guy is homeless.

Pam: I really like Valentine's Day in this office. It's kinda like grade school. Everybody gives out little presents and stuff. Like last year, Jim gave me this card, with

Pam: (cont.) Dwight's head on it, it was horrifying and funny and...

Kelly: And it was so funny 'cause we were at this bar with his friends and I was sitting next to him the whole night and he wasn't making a move, so in my head I was like "Ryan, what's taking you so long?" And then he kissed me. And I didn't know what to say.

Jim: Wow.

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5 Michigan State	5
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NFL



Chris Johnson looks for a hole during the Pro Bowl Sunday. Johnson rushed for 2,006 yards and 14 touchdowns this season for the Tennessee Titans. He became only the sixth man in league history to rush for 2,000 yards in a season.

AFC tops NFC in Pro Bowl's new format

Associated Press

MIAMI — In its new role as a warmup to the Super Bowl, the Pro Bowl became a series of wind sprints.

Long gains were the rule and hard hitting was the exception as the AFC beat the NFC 41-34 on Sunday night.

Light showers fell for much of the game, stirring memories of a rainy Super Bowl in Miami three years ago. But uniforms remained mostly spotless, with more pushing and shoving than tackling.

"It's different. It was like 7 on 7," NFC linebacker Brian Orakpo said. "Everybody came out here trying not to get hurt and

give the fans a good show." Matt Schaub of the Houston Texans threw for 189 yards and two AFC scores, and was chosen the most valuable player.

"It's a game you watch growing up as a kid and wonder if you could ever be in," Schaub said. "To actually be a part of it is incredible."

Aaron Rodgers also threw two touchdown passes, and NFC teammate DeSean Jackson had two scoring catches.

From the standpoint of ticket sales, this year's new venue and slot on the league calendar was a success. The crowd of 70,697 was the largest for a Pro Bowl since 1959 in Los

Angeles.

Spectators included Peyton Manning, Drew Brees and other Pro Bowl players from the Super Bowl teams. Manning and the Indianapolis Colts will face Brees and the New Orleans Saints on the same field next Sunday in the biggest game of the season.

The NFL sought to transform the Pro Bowl into a bigger game by playing it before the Super Bowl for the first time. In a one-year experiment, the league also moved the game from Honolulu, its home since 1980.

The stadium was half empty by the third quarter, perhaps partly because of

the rain and temperatures in the 60s. It was sunny and 82 in Honolulu at game time.

Did the weather dampen the players' enthusiasm for Miami?

"It's beautiful. It's paradise," NFC receiver Steve Smith said. "Too bad it's not Hawaii."

Eager to host more big events, the Dolphins have proposed adding a roof that would cover fans as part of stadium improvements that could cost \$250 million or more. NFL commissioner Roger Goodell says the upgrades are needed if South Florida is to remain competitive in bidding for future Super Bowls.

IN BRIEF

MLB accuses Upper Deck Co. of stealing trademarks

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball's licensing wing is calling out a baseball card maker for allegedly stealing trademarks.

Major League Baseball Properties Inc. filed a trademark lawsuit seeking unspecified damages against The Upper Deck Co. Inc. on Monday in federal court in Manhattan.

The lawsuit said Upper Deck is continuing to sell baseball cards featuring professional baseball players even though the company is no longer licensed to show MLB trademarks. Major League Baseball Properties began this year to license only The Topps Co. Inc. in a bid to increase its revenues from the cards.

MLB Properties is indirectly owned by the 30 major league clubs and acts as their licensing agent.

A message left for Upper Deck in Carlsbad, Calif. was not immediately returned Monday.

Hornets' All Star Paul out with knee injury

NEW ORLEANS — Hornets' All-Star point guard Chris Paul is out indefinitely with a left knee injury that will likely require surgery.

An MRI revealed more damage to the knee than the initial diagnosis of a bruise, Hornets coach Jeff Bower said on Monday. The coach refused, however, to confirm reports that Paul had a meniscus tear and would miss at least a month.

"We're in fact-finding stages right now, gathering as much information as possible for decisions to be made to take the next steps," Bower said. "It is likely there will be a surgical solution for it. We don't have a timetable (for Paul's return) right now, nor do we know a surgical procedure right now."

Paul watched the Hornets' shootaround on Monday but was unavailable to reporters.

Reds send speedster Taveras to Oakland

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Arenas working to promote nonviolence

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Gilbert Arenas insists he now understands that “guns and violence are serious problems, not joking matters.”

In an op-ed piece written for The Washington Post and put on the newspaper's Web site Monday, the suspended Washington Wizards guard pledges to be a better role model and says a “message of nonviolence will be front and center as I try to rebuild my relationship with young people in the D.C. area.”

He continues: “I know that won't happen overnight, and that it will happen only if I show through my actions that I am truly sorry and have learned from my mistakes. If I do that, then hopefully youngsters will learn from the serious mistakes I made with guns and not make any of their own.”

Wizards coach Flip Saunders supported Arenas' decision to address the issue this way.

“If he wants to get active in his community and try to help out kids, then he probably needed to say something. ... He's got to go with what he feels in his heart,” Saunders said before his team hosted the Boston Celtics on Monday night.

“In talking to him, I think he understands the seriousness of what he did,” Saunders said. “He's trying to let people know — kids, especially — that he had done something wrong and try to take what was really a negative and try to somehow have a positive impact.”

Arenas pleaded guilty Jan. 15 to a felony charge of carrying a pistol without a license. He is scheduled to be sentenced March 26.

“I am trying hard to right my wrongs. The one that will be hardest to make right is the effect my actions have had on kids who see NBA players as role models,” Arenas says in the op-ed piece. “Professional athletes have a duty to act responsibly and to understand the influence we have on all those kids who look up to us. I failed to live up to that responsibility when I broke the law and set such a bad example.”

Last week, Arenas was suspended without pay for the rest of the season by NBA commissioner David Stern for bringing guns into the Wizards' locker room as part of a dispute with teammate Javaris Crittenton stemming from a card game. Crittenton also brought a gun to the locker room — and he also was handed a season-ending suspension by Stern.

Arenas already had been suspended indefinitely by Stern earlier in January; his total ban amounts to 50 games.

A three-time All-Star, Arenas was leading the Wizards in scoring and assists averages when he was first forced to sit out after making light of things, including pretending to “shoot” teammates with his hands during an on-court

huddle before a game at Philadelphia.

In Monday's piece, Arenas says he gave Stern reason to suspend him and acknowledges he damaged “the image of the NBA and its players.” He also says he “let down our fans and Mrs. Irene Pollin, the widow of longtime Wizards owner Abe Pollin.”

Abe Pollin changed the team's nickname from Bullets to Wizards because of the violent connotations of the old name. He died in November.

Arenas' op-ed ends by saying: “Some people may not forgive me for what I've done. But if I help steer even just one young person away from violence and trouble, then I'll once again feel that I'm living up to Abe Pollin's legacy and to the responsibility I owe the kids of the District.”

MLB

Mora signs one-year deal

Associated Press

DENVER— Spending the last 9½ seasons in Baltimore and watching the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox annually battle for playoff berths left Melvin Mora with one big wish in free agency.

“The most important thing for Melvin, being that he's 38 years old and has been playing on a sub-.500 team for many, many years, was to get to the postseason,” Mora's agent, Eric Goldschmidt, said Monday.

Mora hasn't been to the playoffs since he was a 27-year-old rookie with the New York Mets in 1999. A year later, he was shipped to Baltimore at the trade deadline.

“At Melvin's age and where he's at in his career, he really had me focus on the teams that we thought had the best chance of get-

ting into the playoffs,” Goldschmidt said.

The Colorado Rockies, with two playoff berths in three seasons, a core of promising, young players and the NL Manager of the Year in Jim Tracy, certainly fit that requirement.

And when Orlando Cabrera accepted Cincinnati's offer for a one-year contract to be the Reds' starting shortstop, the Rockies turned their attention to signing Mora, who turns 38 on Tuesday.

Goldschmidt confirmed that Mora agreed to a \$1.3 million, one-year contract with Colorado, an agreement first reported by foxsports.com.

Mora's versatility was attractive to the Rockies, who signed Jason Giambi to back up first baseman Todd Helton last week. Mora is expected to serve primarily

as a backup at third base for Ian Stewart, but he can also play left and center fields and back up all the infield positions.

He could push second baseman Clint Barmes for at-bats, and with the Rockies starting left-handed hitters at all three outfield spots and at third base, the right-handed-hitting Mora can expect plenty of trips to the plate as a pinch-hitter, too.

A career .278 hitter and a two-time All-Star, Mora slumped last year with a .260 batting average with eight homers and 48 RBIs after averaging 20 homers over his previous seven seasons. In 2008, he hit 23 home runs and drove in 104 while batting .285.

Much like Giambi, who's 39, Mora brings a veteran presence to Colorado's youth-filled clubhouse.



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NCAA FOOTBALL

NCAA's concussion standards questioned

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A member of the House Judiciary Committee criticized the biggest conferences in college athletics Monday for failing to adopt policies on handling athlete concussions that go beyond what's required by the NCAA.

During a committee hearing on head injuries in college and youth football, Rep. Steve Cohen, D-Tenn., chided leagues such as the Southeastern Conference and Big 12 for not implementing tougher rules.

He first asked Ron Courson, director of sports medicine at the University of Georgia and a member of the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical

Aspects of Sports, if any conferences had tougher policies. When he said that they did not, Cohen seemed incensed.

"Don't you think that's an indictment of each of the conferences? That they accept the minimum that the NCAA mandates?" Cohen said. Shouldn't conferences and schools get together and have some stricter regulations?"

The hearing is the third held by the committee, though the first two focused on problems in the NFL. Chairman John Conyers, D-Mich, said more hearings will be held throughout the country on head injuries in sports.

Cohen suggested that college athletic programs only seem to care about bringing in money and winning.

NFL

Super Bowl security ready

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — After touring a rain-soaked Sun Life Stadium, U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said Monday that preparations are in place to thwart any terrorist threat or safety problem at the Super Bowl.

"We are doing everything we can think of in preparation to make sure it is a great event," Napolitano told reporters. "I'm here today to see the operation myself. I thought it was important to get down here."

Milt Ahlerich, the NFL's vice president for security, said Napolitano's tour of the stadium in nearby Miami Gardens was the first time a Homeland Security secretary had visited a Super Bowl site before game day.

About 1,000 federal, state and local law enforcement and security personnel are working Sunday's game and events leading up to it, said James Loftus, director of the

Miami-Dade Police Department. Even though the FBI reports no credible threat against the Super Bowl, al-Qaida and other terror groups have frequently expressed interest in attacking a major U.S. sporting event.

"Rest assured, we're going to look out for you," Loftus said of what fans attending the game can expect. "We do this stuff week in and week out, and we're good at it."

The nerve center for security is the FBI-run Joint Operations Center, which includes representatives from 64 agencies at all levels of government, said John Gillies, agent in charge of the FBI's Miami field office. He said preparations have included intensive training and tabletop exercises involving various threat scenarios.

"There's security that the public will see, and there's security the public will not see," Gillies said.

The Bureau of Alcohol,

Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives will have its battalion of bomb-detecting dogs on hand, many of them veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, said Hugo Barrera, chief of ATF's Miami office. He said the dogs are able to find over 19,000 separate explosives components.

"They can detect about anything," Barrera said.

Fans themselves can also play a role by reporting any suspicious activity or unattended bags, Ahlerich said. And Napolitano said there will be a number flashed on screens at the stadium where fans can send a text message if they see anything amiss.

Other preparations include temporary flight restrictions and a 100-yard security perimeter around the stadium on game day. Fans attending the game face a long list of prohibited items, including long-lens cameras, camcorders, backpacks, noisemakers, coolers and camera tripods.

NFL

Payton keeping his team happy

Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — Sean Payton had taken a few pages from the playbook of the late coaching great Bill Walsh before.

Not quite like this, though. Ever focused on the mood of his players, the Saints' head coach kicked off Super Bowl week by donning a bellhop uniform and helping with luggage when the team bus showed up at its downtown Miami hotel on Monday.

Drew Brees and the Saints' six other Pro Bowl players joined him, hoping to ease whatever tension accompanied the Saints on the first Super Bowl trip in the club's 43-year history.

"You never lose track of the job you have and for about a half hour today those Pro Bowl players, I thought, earned some pretty good tips here with our players getting off the buses and handling the luggage," Payton said, his eyes twinkling while he otherwise continued to speak in his typical wooden tone. "We're always wanting to steal a pretty good idea. I think Bill Walsh, a long time ago, had a pretty good idea and we just kind of took it like one of his offensive plays and ran with it."

When Walsh coached the 1981 San Francisco 49ers to the first of five Super Bowls for that franchise, he did essentially the same thing. The Joe Montana-led Niners beat Cincinnati, 26-21.

The Saints are hoping for similar success against the favored Indianapolis Colts on Sunday.

Brees and his teammates

were amused by Payton, but not surprised. Playing for Payton means constantly encountering motivational poems in one's locker, watching inspirational videos or listening to guest speakers like former 49ers safety Ronnie Lott, who addressed the team the night before its NFC championship victory over Minnesota.

"You could very easily get to this week and all of a sudden want to put too much pressure on yourself or feel the pressure or the hype in the media and everything else," Brees said. "But I think that's one of Sean's great strengths — the ability to constantly have his finger on the

pulse of the team and know when it's time to work, when it's time to joke and have a good time and, obviously, when the guys pulled up he thought that would be a good way to welcome everybody in and it was."

The other Saints' Pro Bowlers who borrowed bellhop uniforms — white button-down coats with black shoulder patches and black pants — from the team hotel included right guard Jahri Evans, center Jonathan Goodwin, right tackle Jon Stinchcomb, linebacker Jonathan Vilma, and safeties Darren Sharper and Roman Harper.

Some of the bigger players,

like the 6-foot-4, 318 pound Evans, were too big for the getups.

"I had to stretch it out a little bit, but it felt pretty good," Evans said. "Just imagine their reaction when they got off the bus and saw us standing there. It was just pretty funny."

For the Saints, the moment brightened an otherwise dreary, rainy day in Miami.

The weather forced the club to change and delay practice plans, but Payton dismissed the inconvenience as minor. Ever mindful of what the Saints and all of New Orleans went through after Hurricane Katrina in 2005, no one on this team was about to complain about a steady rain and an extra 45-minute bus ride to an indoor field at the Miami Dolphins' training headquarters in Davie.

"It is what it is. Weather the storm. We know how to do that," Brees said. "We jumped right on the buses, went to the practice field, got a good sweat in, got a good workout in and I think it just really set the tone for us and our mindset for this week."

The Saints were initially scheduled to practice at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, where New Orleans tight end Jeremy Shockey and linebacker

Jonathan Vilma both starred. On Monday, the Saints still went to campus and changed there, then took a bus up to Davie. The plan is to return to Coral Gables for practices this week as weather permits, with the bubble at Dolphins headquarters serving as the contingency if rain persists.

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MLB

Cabrera signs with Reds

Associated Press

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"I think we've been able to do some things to improve our club where we weren't too sure we would be in position to do that," Reds general manager

Walt Jocketty said. "A lot of it was being patient and waiting for the market to drop to our level, where we could afford to do some things."

Cabrera got a deal that pays him a \$1.25 million signing bonus and \$770,000 salary this year. The agreement includes a \$4 million mutual option for 2011. If Cabrera declines it, he gets a \$500,000 buyout. If he accepts it and the team declines, he receives a \$1 million buyout.

"I'm going to do everything I can, even if I have to change my name to one Ocho."

**Orlando Cabrera
Reds shortstop**

Cincinnati traded shortstop Alex Gonzalez to Boston last August, leaving the position to Paul Janish, a solid defensive player who batted .211.

Several teams were interested in Cabrera as a second baseman, making the Reds a more attractive destination because he could play his natural position.

"A little bit," Cabrera said. "But I think the challenge of the Reds is better for me."

The 35-year-old shortstop played for Oakland and Minnesota last season, batting a combined .284 with 36 doubles, nine homers and 77 RBIs

in 160 games. Cincinnati expects to bat him second, with 25-year-old Drew Stubbs in line to bat leadoff now that Taveras is gone.

"I'm going to do everything I can, even if I have to change my name to one Ocho," Cabrera said, referring to Bengals receiver Chad Ochocinco.

The Reds thought they'd filled their long-standing hole at the top of the batting order when they signed Taveras to a two-year deal, but he struggled with injuries last season, batted .240 and had an on-base percentage of only .275 with 25 stolen bases. A free swinger, Taveras drew only 18 walks in 435 plate appearances.

Cincinnati saved \$4 million by getting rid of Taveras, who was due that much in the final year of his deal. That will cover Cabrera's deal and part of Miles' contract, which pays him \$2.7 million this season.

The 33-year-old Miles batted .175 in 84 games with the Cubs last season, when he had shoulder and elbow injuries. The Cubs traded him to the A's in December along with Jake Fox as part of a five-player deal.

Jocketty came from St. Louis, where Miles was part of the Cardinals' 2006 World Series champions. He batted .318 for St. Louis in 2008, and is pegged as a backup infielder in Cincinnati.

NFL

Lawsuit filed against Hicks and Rangers

Associated Press

DALLAS — An architectural firm and a construction company accused the Texas Rangers and owner Tom Hicks on Monday of failing to pay \$6.9 million for more than three years' worth of work.

In a lawsuit filed in state district court in Dallas, RTKL Associates Inc. and Vratisnas Construction allege that they are owed the money for work on a proposed development adjacent to Rangers Ballpark in Arlington.

According to the lawsuit, RTKL, a Baltimore-based architectural firm, and Little Rock, Ark.-based Vratisnas provided significant services relating to the planning, design and construction of the proposed Glorypark development, yet were not paid. The project was put on hold by Hicks in 2008 for what he said was a lack of financing.

Some of the companies' work also was performed on the ballpark itself, according to the suit.

John Nassen, an attorney for the plaintiffs, said payments were made to his clients initially, but they became infrequent and even-

tually stopped altogether.

"In the end, the effort of many, many people was such that \$6.9 million was invested by the plaintiff group and they were not paid," he said.

Nassen said the filing of the suit was unrelated to the Jan. 23 announcement of the pending sale of the Rangers by Hicks Sports Group to a group headed by Pittsburgh attorney Chuck Greenberg.

Rangers officials said the team would have no comment on the suit.

Hicks Sports Group issued a statement saying it couldn't comment on the suit because none of Hicks' entities had been served. However, the statement noted that another company named in the suit, Steiner & Associates of Columbus, Ohio, was the Glorypark developer.

Steiner & Associates filed suit against Hicks on Jan. 21 seeking to determine who has the rights to 45 acres of land tied to the stalled project.

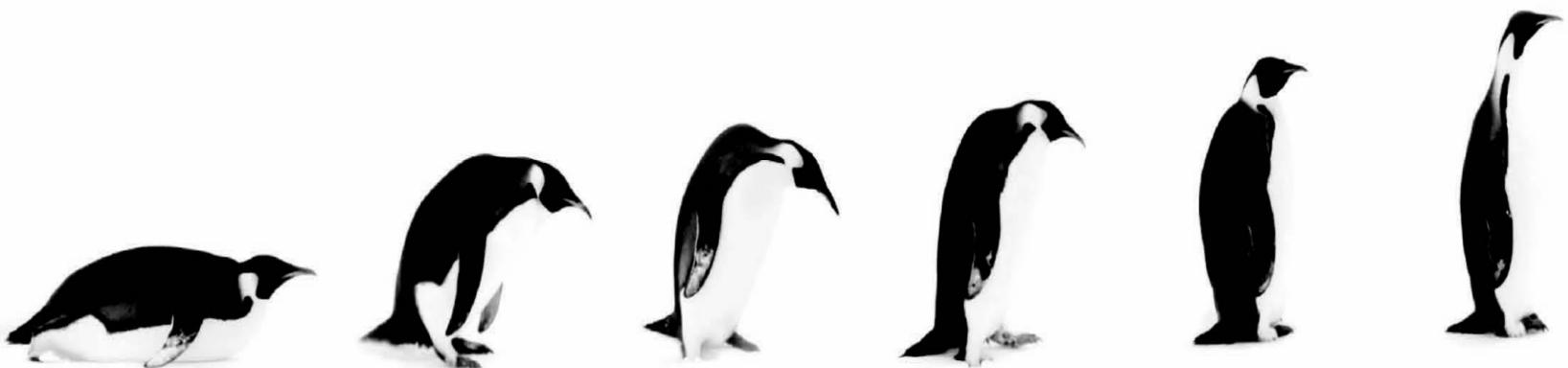


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NFL

Bears hire new coordinator

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Mike Martz, the headstrong coach who orchestrated "The Greatest Show on Turf" while molding Kurt Warner into a Pro Bowl quarterback with the St. Louis Rams, is the Chicago Bears' new offensive coordinator.

Martz's hiring Monday ended a nearly monthlong search to replace the fired Ron Turner. His job is to turn around a struggling offense and get the most out of Jay Cutler after the quarterback and team failed to meet high expectations this season.

Cutler threw a league-leading 26 interceptions after a blockbuster trade with Denver. The Bears went 7-9 and missed the playoffs for the third straight year since the 2006 team's Super Bowl run, leading to a coaching shake-up in which Turner and five other assistants were let go and coach Lovie Smith relinquished defensive play-calling duties.

The Bears still are looking for a defensive coordinator as well as a quarterbacks and tight ends coach, but they finally settled a big issue.

"Lovie was very clear at the beginning of the process that this was going to take time and he was going to go through it step by step," said Martz, who expressed interest early on. "That's always difficult, but he did it the right way — especially since I got the job."

Martz seemed like a logical choice, considering he hired Smith as the Rams' defensive coordinator in 2001 and is

known for developing quarterbacks. His history with Warner, who went from stocking grocery store shelves to thriving in one of the most prolific offenses in NFL history, is well-documented.

With Martz in his first year as offensive coordinator under Dick Vermeil, the 1999 Rams won the Super Bowl and produced the first of a record three straight 500-point seasons. Warner, meanwhile, threw for 4,353 yards and 41 touchdowns while starring alongside Marshall Faulk, Isaac Bruce and Torry Holt in "The Greatest Show on Turf."

Martz replaced Vermeil as head coach in 2000 and went on to produce a 56-36 record in five and a half seasons, leading the 2001 team back to the Super Bowl. But while making a name for himself with the Rams, Martz became known for a confidence that bordered on arrogance. He allegedly clashed with the front office there, and while on leave for a heart ailment in 2005, he announced he would miss the rest of the season before getting fired that January.

He spent the next two years as the Detroit Lions' offensive coordinator, coaxing the first 4,000-yard season out of Jon Kitna, and held the same job with the San Francisco 49ers in 2008. In both cases, he got sent packing for his pass-happy ways.

Now, after spending last season as an NFL Network analyst, Martz is reuniting with Smith, who often has said he likes "to get off the bus run-

ning." He'll also be on the same staff as former Lions coach Rod Marinelli, who's now working with the Bears' defensive line. And he'll be tutoring a quarterback in Cutler whose postgame demeanor he criticized following a season-opening loss at Green Bay in which he threw four interceptions.

Martz said he "immediately" addressed that issue when he visited Cutler in Nashville over the weekend, after interviewing at Halas Hall.

I felt like I had a pretty good understanding of who he was, the integrity and the dignity that he has and how classy a guy he is," said Martz, who first met Cutler when he was coming into the league. "And how he kind of misrepresented himself with that, really totally out of frustration from that game. He's going to be one of the elite players in this league for a long time and those are things he's going to have to deal with. It was a very difficult situation for him, very difficult."

Martz said their visit went "even better than anticipated."

There was an instant connection," he said.

Smith, meanwhile, dismissed the idea that Cutler was calling the shots. He pointed out that center Olin Kreutz met with former Minnesota Vikings head coach Mike Tice, who has been hired as Chicago's offensive line coach. And tight end Greg Olsen talked with Rob Chudzinski, who also was in the running for offensive coordinator.

NFL

Colts hope Freeney able to play Sunday

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The hope is that Dwight Freeney will play in Sunday's Super Bowl for the Indianapolis Colts.

The plan is to play the game without him.

After Freeney missed all four practices last week, Coach Jim Caldwell said Monday the team was preparing to play without the injured All-Pro defensive end.

"He hasn't been practicing, so if he's not practicing, we are preparing to not have him," Caldwell told reporters after arriving in South Florida. "If he can't go, we'll do some rotations, and Raheem (Brock) will be a big part of that."

Freeney is listed as questionable on the team's injury report with a sprained right ankle. Caldwell reiterated the team's position, saying Freeney has a third-degree, low-ankle sprain and is improving.

A week after team president Bill Polian said Freeney would play, he now says the player's chance of seeing action was 50-50.

One report indicated Freeney had torn a ligament and a person close to Freeney told The Associated Press on Sunday that the ankle was "really bad." The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because his information differed from the team's.

However, the Colts remain optimistic.

"I'm very hopeful he will play," quarterback Peyton Manning said. "He has special characteristics about him and I'm counting on those this week."

Freeney also has a penchant for disproving conventional wisdom. From the moment the Colts drafted him with the No. 11 pick in 2002, some criticized the team for reaching on a player that had been described as a situational pass rusher. Freeney came off the bench for the first eight games his rookie season and finished with 13 sacks. He became the first Indy player to win the league sacks title in 2004, with 16, and has produced at least 10 sacks in six of eight NFL seasons.

Freeney has a rare combination of speed, leverage and uncanny spin moves, which makes life difficult for opponents.

That's why the Saints would prefer seeing as little of the five-time Pro Bowler as possible.

"Obviously, Dwight Freeney is a great player. Obviously, we would love for him not to play in the game," New Orleans running back Reggie Bush said. "But we're going to prepare like he's playing in the game. We're going to continue to chip block. We're going to continue to do whatever we can to keep the pressure off (Drew Brees)."

Freeney's teammates understand how big a blow Freeney's absence could be.

They are also convinced that Brock, an eight-year veteran who has been a key part in Indy's expanded blitz packages this season, would be a capable replacement.

"Of course you hope he'll be out there. You want to look to your right and see Dwight," defensive tackle

Daniel Muir said. "Even with Dwight not out there, though, we've had success. It's next man up. If he can't go, we've got to pick up the bayonet and go."

That's been the Colts motto since former coach Tony Dungy arrived in 2002, and it has never been more imperative than this season.

Indy won its first 14 games despite losing starters Bob Sanders, Marlin Jackson, Tyjuan Hagler and Kelvin Hayden for long stretches. Only Hayden has returned.

Now, though, the concern is focused squarely on Indy's most important defensive player and whether he'll be as effective — if he plays at all.

"Dwight is playing and he will be 100 percent by the game," Brackett joked, poking fun at the intrigue before turning serious. "Honestly, I have no clue. But if anybody can come back from an injury, it's Dwight. He's had weird things all season. People said he would miss 10 weeks and then he plays in seven days."

The question is: Can he do it again?

"It's a tough deal, but injuries happen in football. Come Sunday, I'm confident he'll be there," said Hayden, who is best remembered for scoring the game-sealing touchdown in the Colts' Super Bowl victory three years ago. "I'm kind of certain and confident that he'll be out there and that he'll be effective."

"He has special characteristics about him and I'm counting on those this week."

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Irish guard Ashley Barlow shoots during Notre Dame's 84-59 victory over Providence at the Purcell Pavilion on Jan. 27.

Rutgers

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energy defense to disrupt Notre Dame and was able to cut the lead down to two points several times.

"They're a great team," McGraw said. "They are just so, so athletic. Their press, their defense. They're an outstanding defensive team. Their backs were against the wall, they needed a win."

However, Notre Dame's leaders stepped up just as the younger Rutgers squad began to get tired.

With a 57-53 lead and 3:10 left to go in the game, senior guard Ashley Barlow hit a 3-pointer to spark a 9-2 run by the Irish. Two minutes later Notre Dame led 66-55 and simply needed to run out the clock.

"That was a huge shot," McGraw said. "[Barlow] is certainly somebody we'd like to have shoot the ball in that situation. It was really big."

In a low-scoring first half, Rutgers was up 9-5 after five minutes of play. Notre Dame soon erased that lead with a 10-2 run punctuated by six Scarlet Knight turnovers. Rutgers turned the ball over 15 times in the first half, and the Irish made the most of the opportunities to score 14 points. Notre Dame went into halftime leading 31-23.

"They were focused in the beginning, they came out ready to go," McGraw said. "We matched their intensity. I was really proud of the team."

The Scarlet Knights cut the Irish lead quickly after half-time. Though they did not even attempt a free throw in

the first half, they scored six in the first five minutes to cut the lead to 38-33. In the period, Rutgers shot 14-of-18 from the line.

Freshman guard Skylar Diggins led the Irish with 14 points. Junior forward Becca Bruszewski (13), senior guard Melissa Lechlitner (12), junior forward Devereaux Peters (11) and senior guard Lindsay Schrader (10) all scored in double figures as well.

"Our strength is in our balance," McGraw said. "We don't rely on one person and that makes us hard to guard. We share the ball, we work for the good shot."

Rutgers guard Khadijah Rushdan scored 16 points to lead her team, while forward Myia McCurdy added 14, all in the second half. Center Chelsey Lee recorded a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

The Scarlet Knights outrebounded the Irish 46-38, though each team grabbed 20 boards in the second half. The Irish have struggled with rebounding all season.

"We've got a lot of work to do there," McGraw said. "We've got to figure that out. It's going to cost us a game. So we'll be working on that in practice this week."

Notre Dame will have a short break before returning home to face Pittsburgh Saturday.

"We need it. We're exhausted," McGraw said. "Four games in eight days, that was a brutal stretch of the season."

That game will begin at 2 p.m. in the Purcell Pavilion.

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NFL

Ochocinco to cover Super Bowl

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Chad Ochocinco and other prominent NFL players will be asking the questions and giving reports during Super Bowl week.

The media-savvy Bengals receiver plans to attend news conferences and parties leading up to the title game in Miami, gathering insights from coaches, players and celebrities for his array of social networks.

He'll have help in the unprecedented plan. Redskins tight end Chris Cooley, Ravens Pro Bowl running back Ray Rice and Cardinals Pro Bowl defensive lineman Darnell Dockett also will be toting microphones and tossing questions at the Colts and the Saints — and maybe even commissioner Roger Goodell.

It's the first such venture since the receiver formed his "Ochocinco News Network" with Motorola.

"It'll be something new, something never done before," Ochocinco told The Associated Press in a phone interview from Miami, where he played in the Pro Bowl on Sunday night.

Ochocinco and his three helpers plan to function as reporters, updating a Web site and a Twitter feed during the week. The players have hundreds of thousands of regular followers on their personal Twitter accounts and other social network platforms.

They expect to attend media sessions where players and coaches are available, conduct interviews with guests at the

media headquarters, and provide behind-the-scenes glimpses at the nightly Super Bowl parties in Miami.

The goal is to provide players' reactions to the whirlwind week.

"That's what everybody wants to hear," Ochocinco said. "They want to hear the players' perspective. They don't want to hear what the other (media) outlets say about what they feel is going on. People want to hear what the players feel about the events, the whole nine yards."

The Pro Bowl receiver launched his "News Network" last October, planning to enlist other NFL players in breaking news. He didn't do much with it during the season as the surprising Bengals won the AFC North title before losing to the Jets in the playoffs.

"At that time as the season neared the end, I had to slow down a little bit on most of the social media stuff," he said. "Coach (Marvin) Lewis never said anything directly to me, but you understood that it wasn't the right time to be doing as much as I used to. So this is the perfect time to do what I'm doing right now, and I'm the perfect fit for it."

Motorola, which is promoting its MOTOBLUR technology, assembled the four-player crew that will cover the Super Bowl.

"When OCNN first launched, the goal was to give fans unprecedented access into Chad's life and the game he loves," Motorola marketing officer Bill Ogle said. "Expanding OCNN with more correspondents for the Super

Bowl just made sense."

All four players are adept at social networking, but have never been involved in such a project.

"To be honest, I don't really know Chad that well," Cooley said in a phone interview. "He's so outgoing, he's such a prevalent figure in social networking. When Motorola asked me to do this, I was excited because I get to hang out with Chad for a week."

Dockett got to experience the other side of the Super Bowl last year when the Cardinals lost the title game to the Steelers. The other three players will be experiencing it for the first time.

"I can't wait," Cooley said. "It should be a lot of fun. Just to be interviewing Peyton (Manning), to talk to Drew Brees — that will be great."

They're taking it seriously. The four players had a production meeting on Monday. They plan to attend media day with the Colts and Saints on Tuesday, arriving in their own OCNN van. When evening comes, they'll split up to attend the parties and report on them.

Ochocinco should have the inside scoop on one event. He's hosting a party for 400 people at his South Beach home on Friday night that will raise money for Haiti.

The NFL commissioner traditionally holds a question-and-answer session with reporters during the week. Ochocinco plans to be in the media contingent and hopes to get called.

What would he ask Goodell? "I'm not sure right now," he said. "When that time comes, I'll be prepared for him."

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Cousins grows up at Kentucky

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — DeMarcus Cousins doesn't answer questions after games so much as he holds court.

The gregarious freshman center is as refreshingly unfiltered as head coach John Calipari is polished. Blunt and direct, Cousins is unapologetically honest whether the topic is his sometimes eccentric postgame attire or his ability to attract controversy wherever he goes.

Yes, Cousins thinks he may be the best center in the Southeastern Conference. Yes, he believes the referees swallow their whistles sometimes when the ball is in his hands. Yes, he may have pushed a South Carolina student out of the way while trying to get off the court last week, but he didn't punch him as at least one reporter claimed.

Hey, it's all a part of the game when you're "Big Cuz," one of the handful of monikers Cousins goes by.

"I'm just doing my part," Cousins said from behind his nonprescription black-rimmed glasses, part of what he calls his "Peter Parker" swag.

And he's playing his part as well as any player in the country.

Powered by nimble footwork, soft hands and a relentless intensity that sometimes gets him in trouble, the 6-foot-11, 260-pound Cousins is challenging the notion that heralded teammate John Wall is the most NBA-ready player on the fourth-ranked Wildcats (20-1, 5-1 Southeastern Conference), who host No. 25 Ole Miss (16-5, 4-3) on Tuesday.

Cousins is averaging 16.2 points, 9.7 rebounds and 1.8 blocks a game, good numbers that become staggering when Cousins' limited court time is factored in. He plays barely half the game—21 minutes a night—because of his inability to stay out of foul trouble.

"A lot has been made about John Wall, because he is a terrific player, and deservedly so," said Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings. "But Cousins, even though at a different position, is just as much a factor right now for their team."

Stallings got an eyeful on Saturday when Cousins scored 21 points and 10 rebounds in 24 minutes of Kentucky's 85-72

victory.

The Commodores thought they had the right game plan to slow Cousins down, double-teaming him with A.J. Ogilvy and Jeffery Taylor whenever Cousins touched the ball in the post.

"We told our players what he would do when he was double-teamed, and he did it," Stallings said.

The Commodores just couldn't stop it.

Cousins dunked on Kentucky's first possession, then spun around Ogilvy for a layup while getting fouled the next time down the floor, one of four three-point plays Cousins converted in the opening 10 minutes to help the Wildcats build a 16-point lead.

"I saw a lot of stuff saying I never played against a real big man and (Ogilvy) is the best big man in our conference," Cousins said. "Not even close."

All that contact, however, comes with a price. Cousins complained of a sore chin after getting smacked around against the Commodores. The referees rewarded his effort with 13 trips to the foul line. It's a number he thinks should increase.

Fencers

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a thrashing of top-ranked Ohio State.

"At this moment we didn't lose any bouts against conference teams," Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said. "They will be coming for revenge in

our duals in Notre Dame."

It is important for the team to establish a presence within the conference as the Midwest Championships approach. The next few weeks will be a crucial test of the team's preparedness to take on the fierce competition that comes with qualifications for nationals.

"Midwest Championships

will be in the beginning of March, we will try to prove ourselves to the conference," Bednarski said.

The Irish will play host to the annual Notre Dame Duals this weekend, lasting all day Saturday and Sunday at the Joyce Center.

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Schultz

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ing fifth in the 400 at the NCAA Midwest Regionals.

Schultz had knee surgery in September and worried that it would hinder her performance in the indoor and outdoor seasons. So far, there is no evidence that she is struggling at all. On the other hand, this is the best start to the season that Schultz has put forth in her four years at Notre Dame.

"I'm ahead of where I was last year at this time and I've been able to stay healthy," Schultz said.

Irish sprints coach John Millar had only good things to say about Schultz's dedication and athleticism.

"Joanna has a terrific work ethic and is very disciplined in her training," Millar said. "She realizes the commitment it takes to be successful in track and she takes care of the little things that make a difference in performance."

Millar also mentioned the leadership role that Schultz has assumed along with her senior status.

"She not only leads by example but is willing to offer advice and criticism when needed," he said.

Both Schultz and Millar have high hopes for the rest of the

season.

"I would love to make another appearance at the indoor national meet in March," Schultz said. "I'm definitely looking forward to the outdoor season. My goal is to continue scoring points for my team at both the indoor and outdoor Big East championship meets."

Millar echoed these hopes and spoke further about Schultz's potential success.

"She certainly has the potential to become an All-American in both the indoor and outdoor season" he said.

Though facing the end of her Notre Dame track career at the conclusion of this outdoor season, Schultz is thankful for her time on the team.

"My experiences with Notre Dame track and field have been nothing but wonderful. I couldn't have asked more for better

teammates or coaches. It has been a lot of hard work, but I'd do it again in a heartbeat," Schultz said.

She said she hopes to continue training after she graduates.

"I love running and competing and it would be hard for me to give it up after this year," Schultz said.

Schultz and the Irish will next compete at the Meyo Invitational Saturday and Sunday in the Loftus Sports Center.

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NBA

Cavs score 46 in first quarter, maul Clippers

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — When LeBron James hit his fourth 3-pointer of the first quarter — from 30 feet away — Los Angeles Clippers coach Mike Dunleavy sat silent in his chair while the sold-out crowd roared around him.

There was little Dunleavy or his team could do to stop the Cleveland Cavaliers during their 114-89 win Sunday night.

James scored half of Cleveland's 46 points in the first quarter and the streaking Cavaliers tied an NBA record with 11 3-pointers in the opening period of their season-best eighth straight victory.

The whole spectacle left Dunleavy stunned.

"I've got money that I'll put them in the gym naked, nobody else on them, and they probably can't make 11 out of 13 again from the same spots," Dunleavy said. "They hit some shots in that first quarter that I know in 30 years of being in the NBA that I've (never) seen a team make."

The 46 points tied a franchise mark for most in a quarter, and Cleveland's 16 3-pointers fell one shy of the team record for a

quarter, as usual, was James. He made his first seven shots and finished with 32 points and 11 assists. His five 3-pointers in the first equaled the team's mark for most by a player in a quarter.

The hotter James got, the deeper he started firing — shots he playfully refers to as "heat checks." By the end of the first quarter, the Q was sizzling with a 46-20 Cleveland lead.

James heaved baskets from 30 and 28 feet as the Cavaliers made 3-pointers on seven consecutive possessions in the period.

"There's no description of a player getting into the zone like that. It just happens," James said. "And when it happens, everything you put up, you feel like it's going in."

Early on, that was true. Anderson Varejao appeared to toss an alley-oop to Jamario Moon in the second quarter, but ended up making the basket when his lob sailed high. Varejao had 11 points and seven rebounds off the bench.

All of Cleveland's first-quarter 3-pointers came within the flow of the offense—either Shaquille O'Neal passing out of the post or James passing out of double teams.



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Notre Dame goaltender Mike Johnson makes a save in the Irish's 3-2 win over Nebraska-Omaha Saturday. The Irish are currently fourth in the CCHA standings heading into a five-game road trip.

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Nebraska-Omaha, while junior center Ben Ryan was listed as inactive for undisclosed reasons in Saturday night's 3-2 victory over the Mavericks.

The Irish only dressed five defensemen in the series, with All-American junior Ian Cole, junior Teddy Ruth, freshman Sam Calabrese and sophomore Eric Ringel all listed as injured.

"I want to get to the bye week and try to get people healthy and try to get as strong as we can," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "We need to start playing as a team again, getting ready to go into the playoffs. But all we're worrying about right now is how we're playing right

now, because it matters the most."

The Irish will get a chance to make up some ground in the CCHA with upcoming road series against conference bottom-feeders Western Michigan and Bowling Green, before taking on rival Michigan in a home-and-home matchup. Notre Dame will not return to the Joyce Center until Feb. 27, the final game of the season and the last chance for the Irish to stake out a spot near the top of the CCHA.

Notre Dame will need every point it can get, with only four points separating the fourth-place Irish and 10th-place Northern Michigan. The top four teams in the CCHA will earn a first-round bye in the conference tournament and host a second-round matchup.

"You look at the standings, there's six teams in the mix, anywhere from third to 10th," Jackson said. "So the teams we're playing down the stretch we have to play well."

Despite scrounging up 10 points in its last six games, Notre Dame has certainly left some points on the ice. Most recently, the Irish squandered a 2-1 lead Friday evening, allowing four straight Nebraska-Omaha goals en route to a 5-3 loss.

"We've had some games where the opponents made the games more challenging towards the end, and we didn't respond the way we could," Jackson said. "We want to start building some consistency."

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Notre Dame freshman Blas Moros hits an overhead shot during a 7-0 win against IUPUI on Jan. 24. The Irish are 2-2 early in the spring season.

Doubles

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Despite their 4-3 loss to Tulsa this past weekend, the Irish are hoping to rebound from failing to clinch tight matches last season.

The Irish dropped seven matches by the score of 4-3 last year, and with more experience the team hopes to turn those close losses into wins.

Helgeson is the only starter who did not return from last

season, leaving a strong core group of players that are helping the freshmen adjust and make an impact on the lineup.

Talmadge, Moros and Moore are contributing as they have combined for three singles wins already through the early portion of the spring schedule.

The Irish will next travel to Durham, N.C., to take on Duke Sunday with first serve set for noon.

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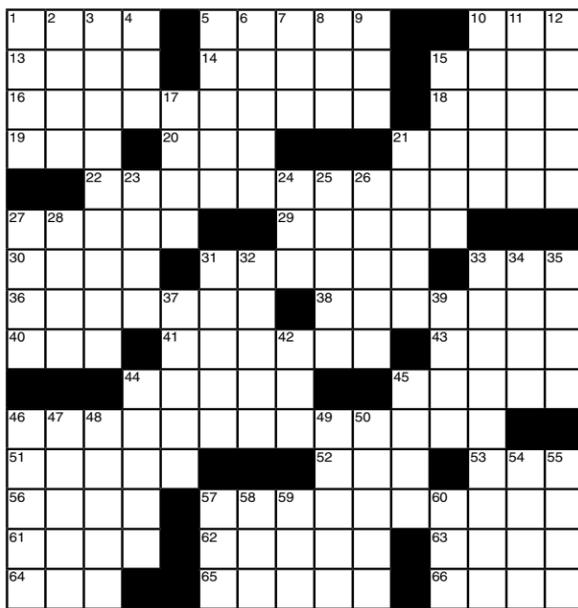
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WILL SHORTZ

- Across**
- 1 Hipster's jargon
 - 5 Shrewd
 - 10 Yank's foe
 - 13 Black, to bards
 - 14 Outranking
 - 15 "A ___ bagatelle!"
 - 16 *Did a dog trick
 - 18 Toiling away
 - 19 The Wildcats of the Big 12 Conf.
 - 20 Took charge
 - 21 Rebounds, shooting percentage, etc.
 - 22 *One who's often doing favors
 - 27 Tylenol alternative
 - 29 Martinez with three Cy Youngs
 - 30 -Rooter
 - 31 Shrimp-on-the-barbie eater
 - 33 Fancy dresser
- Down**
- 1 So-and-so
 - 2 Nigerian natives
 - 3 "B," maybe, in an encyclopedia
 - 4 Photo lab abbr.
 - 5 Officer-to-be
 - 6 "Humble" dwelling
 - 7 White House Web address ending
 - 8 Eden exile
 - 9 "___ out!" (ump's call)
 - 10 Mark down for a sale, say
 - 11 Verdi aria
 - 12 ___ Wetsy (old doll)
 - 15 San ___ (Bay Area county)
 - 17 Additional
 - 21 Hinge holder
 - 23 Songwriter Novello
 - 24 Rotational speed meas.
 - 25 Homes for 46-Down
 - 26 ___-proof (easy to operate)
 - 27 Guthrie who sang about Alice's Restaurant
 - 28 Nut case
 - 31 Cornice support
 - 32 Of service



Puzzle by Peter A. Collins

- 33 Salaries, e.g., to a business owner
- 34 Leftmost compartment in a till
- 35 Parker products
- 37 German indefinite article
- 39 Lounge around
- 42 Part of P.E.I.: Abbr.
- 44 Salt's "Halt!"
- 45 Creamy cheese
- 46 Things hidden in the answers to this puzzle's six starred clues
- 47 Zoo noises
- 48 "Gimme a break!"
- 49 Quick with the zingers
- 50 Autumn shade
- 54 "Render ___ Caesar ..."
- 55 Horse halter
- 57 PC pop-ups
- 58 Teachers' org.
- 59 Neighbor of Que.
- 60 Singer Corinne Bailey ___

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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Lee Thompson Young, 26; Big Boi, 35; Michael C. Hall, 39; Lisa Marie Presley, 42

Happy Birthday: Taking action by being responsible will be the key to moving in the right direction this year. Look at the past and present and do your best to make the future the place you want to be. It's up to you to make the personal decisions necessary to redefining your position and to place yourself where you know you will do much better. Your numbers are 4, 8, 14, 20, 22, 32, 39

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A lot can be accomplished if you concentrate on what's been asked of you and combine it with what will make your efforts most effective. You have to maintain your principles if you want to move forward positively and graciously. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get to know new people and network all you can. Offers that can bring you greater recognition, wealth and professional advancement will come to you unexpectedly. Don't let personal problems stand in your way. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may have some interesting ideas but, for the time being, keep the peace and try doing things according to the rules and regulations you've been given. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stop talking and start doing. You have to be willing to go the extra mile if you want to draw other people into your plans. Don't pass up an opportunity to travel or experience a different lifestyle. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let impulsive behavior lead to personal problems. Patience will be necessary if you want to keep the peace. If you can incorporate what others want into your plans, it will make a huge difference to the outcome. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be willing to accept change and make the alterations necessary to move forward financially, personally and in your relationships. If something or someone is holding you back, cut your losses and move on. Focus on business and learning. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep your thoughts and feelings to yourself until you know exactly how you are going to handle the situation you face. Changes at home will come about if you allow arguments to develop. Offer and ask for help and you will succeed. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may have to question what the people around you are doing. Don't give in to someone because you don't want confrontation. A change of plans will disrupt matters too much. Insist on everyone sticking to the agreed upon agenda. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Not everyone will be on your side. Before you enlist the help of others, find out where they stand. You don't need one of your insiders working against you. You may be tempted to travel but make sure it's cost efficient. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can make some extra cash or get involved in an investment that will bring you higher returns. A solid offer will bring about an opportunity you hadn't anticipated. Act quickly and you will enjoy plenty of benefits. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will be back and forth regarding a personal relationship. Before you make a move, enlist the advice of someone you respect who has a lot more experience. Someone will want to invest in your future. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't partner with someone who wants to call the shots. A disagreement with someone you work with, for or are indebted to will leave you feeling empty. Listen but do not let matters evolve to a situation that is irreversible. ★★

Birthday Baby: You are intelligent, sensitive and passionate. You are creative and imaginative and have an abundance of energy.

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DAN POHLMAN

Notre Dame is all about football. I'm sick of it! Well I see your claim, but where is your evidence my friend? Here! I made this chart. This proves it!

Statistically relevant* Notre Dame event:

Wait! what is that statistically relevant event? That peak corresponds to the graduation ceremonies in 2009. I'll compromise: Notre Dame is all about football and saving babies!

*Data dependant on my abilities to normalize as well as seasonal fluctuations of searches for Notre Dame cathedrals and/or high schools.

JUMBLE

JEFF KNUREK
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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

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

ORRAM
 RALUR
 SHOOE
 USEBUD



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

Answer: "OOO" OOOOOO

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: MUSTY QUOTA ELICIT LADING
 Answer: He didn't laugh at the boss' jokes because he was — QUITTING

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MEN'S TENNIS

Team focused on finding right doubles combinations

By KATELYN GRABAREK
Sports Writer

With a wealth of experience and young talent, the problem for the Irish hasn't been finding quality players, but how to pair them up.

The Irish have been focusing on doubles play and combinations in practice heading into the start of the season and will continue to try different teams together.

"[Casey] Watt and [Tyler] Davis played together last fall and had some good results, but they need to buy into a system that gives them a better chance to win, playing higher percentages and being more consistent, or perhaps find other partners," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said.

"[Stephen] Havens and [Niall] Fitzgerald have been a pleasant surprise so far. After that it will be our challenge to find a solid No. 3 team

from [Matt] Johnson, [Spencer] Talmadge, [Dan] Stahl, [Michael] Moore, [Blas] Moros, [Sean] Tan and [Sam] Keeton."

The No. 30 Irish are coming off of a 1-1 road trip that saw them lose a tight decision to Tulsa and then rebound for a 4-1 victory over New Mexico.

The Irish have been relying on a lot of their depth already this season to help fill in the gaps in certain positions.

Junior David Anderson has played a key role already this spring, winning the clinching match against New Mexico Sunday.

Anderson has also been a force for the Irish at doubles, picking up a win with Talmadge against the Lobos.

Watt has established himself at the top of the singles lineup for the Irish taking over for graduated senior Brett Helgeson.

"Casey has a top-20 ranking

because he beat several of the country's better players in the Midwest Regionals, and he deserves it," Bayliss said. "Now he will become a target rather than a hunter and we will see how he handles it, as plenty of players have trouble with expectations. It is good that we have four players in college tennis's top 100 and I hope that we will have that kind of balance this year."

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Garden State escape

Notre Dame holds off tough Rutgers squad

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

No. 3 Notre Dame held off a scrappy Rutgers team Monday to defeat the Scarlet Knights for the first time since 2005. Prior to their 75-63 win at the Louis Brown Athletic Center in Piscataway, N.J., the Irish had lost five straight to Rutgers.

Notre Dame (20-1, 7-1 Big East) took the lead with 12 minutes to go in the first half but had to work to keep it.

"It was a great win," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I thought the seniors really came in focused, they hadn't beaten them in their last three tries, and they were all instrumental in the win."

Though the Irish were up by as many as nine early in the second half, Rutgers (12-10, 4-4) employed a high-

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Freshman point guard Skylar Diggins drives for a layup during an 84-59 Notre Dame win over Providence on Jan. 27. The Irish defeated Rutgers 75-63 on the road Monday.

PAT COVENEY/The Observer

ND TRACK & FIELD

Schultz leads ND sprinters

By KAITLYN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Senior sprinter Joanna Schultz has been nothing short of dominant during the first few weeks of the indoor track season, setting an NCAA provisional qualifying mark on Jan. 23 at the Notre Dame Invitational with a time of 53.82 seconds in the 400-meters.

Schultz is familiar with success, as she began setting records in high school and has been impossible to stop since arriving at Notre Dame. Last season, Schultz posted the team's top times in both the 200 and 400 races.

She also won the Big East title in the 400 hurdles with a time of 53.12 seconds. Last year, Schultz narrowly missed a bid to the NCAA Championships for the outdoor season after finish-

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HOCKEY

Battered Irish hit the road

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

The Irish have spent the last two months trying to stay afloat in the CCHA. Despite clawing their way into a tie for fourth over the weekend, the waters ahead look choppy.

Notre Dame begins a five-game road trip this weekend, the longest stretch of the season away from the Joyce Center. The Irish (12-11-7, 8-8-6-2 CCHA) are clinging to a tenuous fourth-place tie in the conference and will have to hold their ground despite a depleted roster.

A half-dozen skaters were listed on the injury report for Notre Dame's weekend series against

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Freshman wing Nick Larson handles the puck last Saturday during a 3-2 Notre Dame win over Nebraska-Omaha.

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FENCING

Squads stay perfect at Northwestern duals

By KEVIN BALDWIN
Sports Writer

Continuing a tradition of excellence with an undefeated performance at the Northwestern Duals this past weekend, the Irish men's and women's fencing teams remain perfect through the 2010 intercollegiate season.

Both squads, ranked No. 2 nationally, trumped Duke, Princeton and No. 3 regional threat Ohio State.

Competition started off well, especially with the men's foil, in which juniors Zach Schirtz and Grant Hodges turned in perfect performances Saturday.

Sophomore Reggie Bentley followed up their performances with a 6-0 record Sunday to secure a close win over the Buckeyes.

The men's saber squad has shown improvement all year, and sophomore Anthony Schlehber and junior Avery Zuck led the pack with undefeated performances Sunday including a collective 9-0 victory against Cleveland State.

The women's foil has also showed their ability to shift their performance into the next gear over the last week with sophomore Christina LaBarge boasting a perfect 8-0 record in contributing to

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