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Kramer prepared to oppose bill

Landlord plans voter registration, gatherings

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Editor

South Bend landlord Mark Kramer — who rents to 600 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students — says he is prepared to fight the proposed party permit ordinance he believes will be voted into effect by the Common Council.

"In the event the ordinance passes, I'm prepared to take legal steps to challenge that," he said. "I have secured an attorney to investigate and go forward with this."

Kramer said the proposed ordinance, which would apply to the tenants of his 80 houses, is unfairly targeted at students and

would not solve the problem of out-of-control student parties.

"By and large, the students really feel like they're being treated unfairly and targeted," he said. "They feel alienated from South Bend."

The proposed ordinance would require residents of boarding houses — buildings in which two or more unrelated people live — to file an application for a permit 10 days before hosting a party at which more than 25 people would have access to alcohol. Failure to register such a gathering would be punishable by a \$500 fine, with a \$1,000 fine for any subsequent violation.

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Notre Dame senior Casie Sweeney cleans in her house on North St. Peter's Street, which would be affected by the proposed ordinance.

CLC Council focuses on 3 issues

By GENE NOONE
News Writer

At the opening meeting of the Campus Life Council, members established three task forces to address issues of community relations, student development and the campus environment.

Discussions of the Community Relations Task Force included references to such off-campus issues as the proposed South Bend party permit ordinance and the Aug. 21 shootings outside the popular Club 23.

Council members expressed a need for the task force to address student safety on and off campus and promote healthier community relations between the student body and the City of South Bend. Atop a list of proposals was the formation of a committee to work with city officials for the establishment of better relations between Notre Dame and the surrounding community.

Meanwhile, the Student Development Task Force will address student gambling, among other issues. Student Body President Liz Brown stressed the need for the CLC to be "proactive" about the issue. Student Body Vice President Maris Braun addressed student cheating as an issue for discussion by the task force. Another proposal dealing with Student Development involved freshman orientation. Several members said the current freshman orientation program is in need of reform, particularly in the scheduling of events and conduct of students during the weekend.

Several Council members also

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SUB provides chance for game tickets

Students try for Michigan game; no lottery available for Saturday's Penn State contest



QUÉNTIN STENGER/The Observer

Students gather outside Legends to swipe their ID cards for a chance to win tickets for the football game against Michigan.

By KRISTEN EDELEN
News Writer

Many football-obsessed Notre Dame students might consider their college experience incomplete without a road trip north to the Big House in Ann Arbor or a flight out west to "shake down the thunder" over the USC's Coliseum — and often, the Student Union Board facilitates lotteries for tickets to various away football games.

Though students were able to enter a lottery Monday to win tickets for the Sept. 15 game at Michigan, there will be no student lottery for tickets to Saturday's game against Penn State.

Student response was high at the ID card swipe for tickets to the Michigan game. A line of students

stretched through Legends during most of the event, which ran from 12 to 5 p.m.

A total of 1,715 ID cards were swiped, registering each card holder for the drawing of 98 winning lottery tickets. Each lottery ticket will entitle the winner to purchase a pair of tickets to the game. Students could swipe up to four ID cards each at the registration, held at Legends.

The winning numbers will be posted on the SUB Web site Tuesday at 5 p.m., said Peter Biava, co-director of programming for SUB.

Students will then have until Sept. 13 to purchase their tickets from the LaFortune Box Office, he said. At that point, the remaining tickets will go on sale to students

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Board of Governance addresses beatification, admissions

Bounce Back program encourages high school applicants to college

By MANDI STIRONE
News Writer

At Saint Mary's, an old program is being given a new boost by Kristle Hodges, the admissions commissioner of the Board of Governance.

Bounce Back is a program through which Saint Mary's students return to their high schools to encourage young women to check out Saint Mary's during their college search.

"We're trying to get them to go back to their high schools and talk to them about Saint Mary's," Hodges said.

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KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Student body executive treasurer Courtney Kennedy and Student Body President Kim Hodges speak at Monday's BOG meeting.

Contact made with a Holy Cross university

By MANDI STIRONE
News Writer

Several issues and upcoming events were major discussion topics at the Saint Mary's College Board of Governance (BOG) meeting on Monday, but the coming beatification of Congregation of the Holy Cross founder Father Basil Moreau dominated the discussions.

It is likely that Saint Mary's will be in contact with other Congregation of the Holy Cross schools during the beatification of Father Basil Moreau, student body president Kim Hodges said. She received an e-mail from the student body president of St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, discussing how he would

like to remain in contact — and possibly collaborate — with other Holy Cross schools during the beatification.

His e-mail, which updated Hodges on St. Edward's activities for the beatification, was an attempt at establishing contact with other Holy Cross schools, she said.

"He said that he had the idea of possibly starting a conference [of Holy Cross schools]," she explained.

The e-mail detailed that he had been "fishing around and thinking of putting together a student government conference of all holy cross universities," according to Hodges.

"Right now it's simply a

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INSIDE COLUMN

The Pink Lady

One day before I left for my senior year at Notre Dame, I decided I needed a bicycle.

The commute from Clover Ridge would be 20 minutes by foot, but a bike could get me there in 10, at most.

Mary Kate Malone

Knowing it was too late to go shopping for new wheels, I rummaged through our garage to see what I could find. Buried in the back, behind the lawn mower and underneath our trampoline tarp, was my mom's rarely-ridden hot pink bicycle.

Assistant Managing Editor

This, I thought to myself, is perfect. And very, very pink.

So I squeezed it into the backseat of my black Chevy Prizm (Peanut, as I call her), and set off for Notre Dame.

I didn't realize just how bright this bicycle really was until I parked it next to the "cool kids" bikes at Clover Ridge. My bike wasn't just pink, it was BRIGHT pink. HIGH-LIGHTER pink. Head-turning pink.

I loved it even more. Plus, it was free and the seat was exceptionally comfortable.

I certainly get a few double takes as I happily bounce down the quad on "the pink lady," as I call my pretty bike. My friends, for the most part, giggle and tell me it's cute.

Others have said they would only ride my bike if they were intoxicated.

The best part of having a bike? It makes me feel like a little kid again. And when you're 21 and teetering on the edge of the real world, being young feels better than ever.

When I was nine and ten years old, I absolutely loved going for bike rides. I would hop on my purple and white two-wheeler, clip my Walkman to my Umbro shorts, and jam to "Daydream Believer" by the Monkees.

Life was good as I cruised through Kipling Forest with my oldies tunes and giant headphones. I could even ride no-handed.

My bikes rides to campus aren't nearly as entertaining, but there's something about them that just makes me smile.

Riding home from campus, however, is a different experience. After a late night at The Observer, I sometimes ride back at 2 or 3 in the morning.

I clutch my cell phone in one hand, my handle bar with the other, as I pedal furiously by the tennis courts and baseball field. On Vaness Street, stories of off-campus shootings, assaults and robberies have me constantly looking over my shoulder.

At first, I considered myself tough for surviving the late night, off-campus bike ride. But thanks to worried e-mails from my mom and too many stories about off-campus dangers, I've decided to start driving home from campus.

Don't worry, NDSP, I'm applying for a parking sticker this afternoon.

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

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CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, the Observer reported Monday that Coach Charlie Weiss lost his first three home openers. He has lost two or his first three home openers. The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE LACK OF A PENN STATE TICKET LOTTERY?



John Shekitka
Grad student

"I'm angry, mad and confused."



Brittany Perrie
Sophomore Lewis

"That's lame. I really want to go."



Joanna Batt
Senior Cavanaugh

"I think it's unfair. Students should come first."



Zach McGoldrick
Sophomore Dillon

"I don't like it at all. A road trip would be fun."



Kelly Clancy
Junior PE

"Go Irish. Beat Lions."



Kevin Sonn
Junior St. Ed's

"Makes sense because no one like Pennsylvania."



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Notre Dame students Joe Edmonds, a sophomore, and Erin Burns, a senior, talk to each other on the first Monday of the fall semester. Students around campus are adjusting to new schedules and commitments, and some are also enjoying the unusually warm weather outside.

OFFBEAT

Thief throws away over \$13,000 on accident

BERLIN — A thief stole a briefcase and threw it away without noticing it contained 10,000 euros (\$13,660) in cash. German authorities said Thursday.

"I think they'll be annoyed when they find out," said a spokesman for police in the western city of Duesseldorf.

The case's owner, a 57-year-old Iranian businessman, had reported it missing as he prepared to board a flight in Duesseldorf airport. A policewoman later found

it — ransacked, but still containing the two cash-filled envelopes.

Woman steals baby to keep boyfriend

BEIJING — A Chinese woman who stole a baby in a desperate attempt to convince her boyfriend that she had borne a child has been jailed for 18 months, Xinhua news agency said Thursday.

The 36-year-old woman, surnamed Liu, pretended to be pregnant after her prospective in-laws vetoed her marriage because a tumor in her womb had made her

infertile.

Two days after entering the hospital in east China's Zhejiang province on her "due date," she stole a baby boy from the maternity ward while the mother was napping. She then called her boyfriend and asked him to take her home.

Liu turned herself into police two days later and the child was returned to his family. Her voluntary surrender ensured her a light sentence, Xinhua said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

There will be free fitness classes offered at Rolfs Sports RecCenter this week starting at 7:30 a.m. today. Schedules can be found online. Space is limited.

The Snite museum will show "Between Figurative and Abstract," paintings by Gao Xingjan Tuesday at 10 a.m. Admission is free.

The Notre Dame volleyball team will play the College of Charleston in the Shamrock Invitational on Friday at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

The Snite Museum will show "The Camera and Rainbow: Color in Photography" on Wednesday. Admission is free.

Notre Dame men's soccer will play Rhode Island Friday night at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

The public Policy Lecture Series will hold "Latino immigrants in America: Our Past and our Future" on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in 220 McKenna Hall. President and general council of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, John Trasvina will speak.

The Show will begin this Friday night at 8:00 p.m. in the Joyce Center. OK Go and Lupe Fiasco will headline the concert. Tickets are on sale in the LaFortune Box Office for \$10.

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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The program was initially established so many prospective students would not need to contact Saint Mary's in advance to receive an information packet with information and an application. If the Saint Mary's representative set up the visit far enough in advance, she would try to work with the school she was visiting to organize it as much as possible.

Now, the program is organized with the help of the Admissions Commissioner and a number of Student Ambassadors.

"It's still like that, but [before] that was only if you did it in advance," she said. "But now we definitely have a list of the schools that are being contacted and can set it up in advance."

The program is designed to ensure that not only a specific class, club or group of girls is reached in any one school.

"We want to make sure that everyone has the chance to do this," Hodges said.

Through the 16 Student Ambassadors, including Hodges,

they hope to reach as many potential Saint Mary's students as possible. A main organizational point would be it's potential official place during the week of fall break.

"We're trying to make it an official program [for] over fall break," Hodges said. "All of our student ambassadors are required to do that when they go home, and we're trying to get other students to do that too."

That means expanding beyond the Midwest, Hodges said.

"We're trying to get everywhere," she says. "We have girls from 45 states and nine foreign countries, and we want that to keep going so we have girls from everywhere," she said.

The efforts will target California, among other states.

Bounce Back has yielded results, Hodges says. Her sister Kim, Saint Mary's student body president, has been involved in Bounce Back at their high school.

"I just spoke to a girl this morning in my class who did it over her fall break, and 11 girls from her high school are now freshmen at Saint Mary's," she said.

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Tickets

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without winning lottery tickets.

Each ticket will cost \$60, Biava said.

"This is Michigan's price," he said. "We sell completely at face value."

Colin Ethier, an off-campus senior, expressed confusion about the lack of a lottery for Penn State tickets.

"I can't imagine why we don't have a lottery for this game

because Penn State gives ... tickets to the visitors," Ethier said. "The only thing I can think would be maybe because of a huge demand from alumni."

According to Biava, SUB was assigned to administer a few student lotteries before the current administration took office.

"I think the general idea is if it's an away game that most students will be able to go to, those are the ones SUB will pick up," Biava said.

The process depends on the number of tickets the Athletic Department can get from an

opposing team and how many tickets are then sold to SUB, he said.

"I think if we were able to logistically support a ticket lottery for every away game ... it is feasible for students to go to, we would probably do that," he said.

When asked if students would be interested in purchasing tickets for future games against Penn State, Ethier said: "Oh, absolutely."

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thought," she said of the conference. "He asked for our ideas as well, and I thought that it was a good idea."

The Student Athletic Commission is working on its big event, Light the Night, which will take place all

around campus. The main event will be a 2.5-mile walk. There will also be food and music at the cost-free event.

In other BOG news:

◆ Alumnae Commissioner Christine Darche said the Academic Affairs Career Insights Day, to be held on November 6th, will have three major sections: faculty booths, a networking lunch and career insights delivered by alumnae.

◆ Executive Secretary Annie Davis, who serves as the Saint Mary's liaison for The Show?, said students can buy tickets for Friday's concert in the Saint Mary's Student Center.

◆ Activities night will be held Wednesday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Angela Athletic Facility.

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voiced their concern for the campus to become more environmentally friendly. Council discus-

sions centered on tackling energy problems by collecting research on energy use in residence halls while also promoting new energy efficient campaigns.

A proposal was also put forward to request the University architect inform students about the future look of campus. With

the construction of a new law school and residence hall, the Council agreed students should have the opportunity to better see how campus will look in the near future.

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Landlord

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An alternate proposal from the mayor's office would require residents who meet those criteria to simply notify police of such a party 24 hours in advance.

But, according to Kramer, the city's current disorderly house ordinance provides adequate legislation to control disruptive parties.

"I think [the proposed ordinance is] a feel-good ordinance for the community," he said. "My personal opinion is the ordinance they have in place is adequate enough and heavy-handed enough."

Last week, Capt. Phil Trent, a spokesman for the South Bend Police Department, said the enforcement of the ordinance

might not be an effective way to regulate large gatherings.

Patrols which operate by responding to calls will have little time to search the streets for 25-person parties, he said.

Kramer has called for off-campus students to register to vote in the Nov. 8 election. He says he plans to hold voter registration drives, which could bring about a more responsive tone toward the positive contributions made by students, he said.

Kramer was critical of Common Council members in favor of the ordinance.

"I think those folks are slapping students in the face," he said.

Just two years ago, Kramer criticized another action of the Common Council.

He advocated against revisions to the city's disorderly house ordinance made in July 2005. The amendment dropped the number

of noise violations required to send a notice to abate from three to one. Under the amendment, landlords also received a notice to abate, but were spared from fines if they evicted the offending tenants within 30 days.

That change — designed to send a strong message to people hosting rowdy parties, Council members said — pushed Turtle Creek to evict six students. Kramer, on the other hand, insisted he wouldn't evict anyone for noise violations and warned against alienating off-campus students from the community.

"Where should the priority really be?" Kramer told The Observer in October 2005. "I don't think we should be worrying about a little alcohol at a party after a football game."

In the meantime, Kramer said, he will try to ease town-gown relations within his neighborhoods by hosting block parties.

He plans to host such an event on Sept. 9 for residents of the 900-1000 block of Notre Dame Avenue, he said.

"[Students and neighbors] can get together in a relaxed setting without alcohol and get to know each other and hopefully gain a respect for each other and each other's concerns," he said.

If the event succeeds, he said, he will bring it to the other neighborhoods in which he rents.

"It can't hurt," he said. "If it's successful ... we can ease tensions and take a proactive and positive approach rather than the negative approach the council is taking."

Still, Kramer admitted student actions have played a part in the genesis of the party permit controversy.

"If students were a little better behaved and a little more considerate to [their] neighbors, we wouldn't have this happening here," he said.

If the ordinance passes, many students will still choose to move off campus, Kramer said.

"Even with the ordinance, you still have more freedom living off campus," he said.

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ATHLETIC TRAINING & SPORTS MEDICINE

There will be a meeting for any Notre Dame freshman students interested in the student athletic training program. The meeting will be held on Monday, September 10th, at 4:15 p.m. in the Joyce Center Athletic Training Room.

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Saudi Binladin Group denies 9/11 involvement

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Saudi Binladin Group is not liable for the Sept. 11 attacks, attorneys for the multinational engineering firm claim, because it made Osama bin Laden surrender his stake in the company 14 years ago.

Responding in federal court to lawsuits over the attacks, the lawyers wrote that in 1993, the terrorist mastermind was forced out as a shareholder in two companies his family owns.

The company filed the defense papers late Friday in U.S. District Court in answer to claims brought by representatives, survivors and insurance carriers of the victims. The plaintiffs, who seek billions of dollars in damages, allege the Saudi Binladin Group, along with numerous banks, charities and individuals worldwide, provided material support and assistance to al-Qaida prior to the attacks.

The plaintiffs contend Bakr bin Laden — Osama bin Laden's brother, the senior member of the bin Laden family and chairman of Saudi Binladin Group — was one of al-Qaida's principal financiers.

A judge in July had ordered Saudi Binladin Group to provide additional information about where the money for Osama bin Laden's 2 percent stake in the company went.

In the Friday filing, lawyers for Saudi Binladin Group said Bakr Binladin publicly renounced

Osama bin Laden in a statement released to the media in February 1994. Two months later, the Saudi government revoked Osama bin Laden's citizenship and froze his assets, the lawyers noted.

These actions, they said, occurred well before the United States first placed Osama bin Laden on its list of designated terrorist individuals and organizations on Aug. 20, 1998.

Osama bin Laden has more than 50 siblings who share in the fortune amassed after Osama's father, Mohammed bin Laden, built his construction empire, elevating his family to among the wealthiest in Saudi Arabia. The al-Qaida founder's financial worth has remained in dispute.

The Sept. 11 commission concluded that the Sudanese government took Osama bin Laden's assets when he left the Sudan in 1996.

"He left Sudan with practically nothing," the commission concluded. "When bin Laden arrived in Afghanistan, he relied on the Taliban until he was able to rein-vigorate his fundraising efforts by drawing on ties to wealthy Saudi individuals that he had established during the Afghan war in the 1980s."

Lawyers for the bin Laden family companies have said Osama bin Laden never received any buyout payment. They said the companies consulted with Saudi authorities, who directed that the money be placed in trust outside Osama bin Laden's control.

Southern California heat wave continues

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Parts of Southern California sweltered in triple-digit temperatures Monday as a heat wave stretched into the seventh day and contributed to power outages that left thousands without air conditioning.

Temperatures soared in the San Fernando Valley with Woodland Hills reporting 102 degrees and Van Nuys at 99, according to the National Weather Service.

Downtown Los Angeles also was expected to see temperatures climb above 100.

Southern California Edison said 20,000 customers in Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, Riverside and San Bernardino counties had no electricity, spokesman Steve Conroy said.

San Diego Gas and Electric Co., which serves San Diego County and southern Orange County, declared a power emergency and began preparing for potential rolling blackouts as demand hit a record.

About 30,000 of its customers experienced outages Monday, but electricity was restored to 22,000 of them by the afternoon, spokesman Peter Hidalgo said.

"We need immediate energy

conservation, or else there will be rolling blackouts," Hidalgo said.

About 3,500 customers in scattered parts of Los Angeles also were without power, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power spokeswoman MaryAnne Piersen said.

"Probably more than 90 percent of them are due to stress on the system due to the heat," she said. "Different pieces of equipment get fatigued and

blow out, so they have to be replaced."

Lightning strikes on grid equipment due to scattered desert thunderstorms also were adding to the strain.

The California Independent

System Operator, which oversees the state's power grid, said no major shortages were expected. But it was urging customers to conserve electricity by setting air conditioning thermostats higher and waiting to use major appliances until after dark.

Relief was in sight with cooler temperatures forecast over the next several days.

"Everyone will see a drop of eight to 11 degrees on Tuesday," said Stuart Seto of the National Weather Service. "By Thursday, things will be getting back to normal."

HONDURAS

Felix strands thousands

Major hurricane leaves Miskito Indians, tourists vulnerable at coast

Associated Press

SAN PEDRO SULA — Planes shuttled tourists from island resorts in a desperate airlift Monday as Hurricane Felix bore down on Honduras and Belize. But thousands of Miskito Indians were stranded along a swampy coastline where the Category 4 storm was expected to make landfall.

Grupo Taca Airlines provided special free flights to the mainland, quickly touching down and taking off again to scoop up more tourists. Some 1,000 people were evacuated from the Honduran island of Roatan, popular for its pristine reefs and diving resorts. Another 1,000 were removed from low-lying coastal areas and smaller islands.

Felix's top winds weakened slightly to 135 mph as it headed west, but forecasters warned that it could strengthen again before landfall along the Miskito Coast early Tuesday. From there, it was projected to rake northern Honduras, slam into southern Belize on Wednesday and then cut across northern Guatemala and southern Mexico, well south of Texas.

A storm surge of more than 18 feet above normal tides could devastate Indian communities along the Miskito Coast, a swampy, isolated region straddling the Honduras-Nicaragua border where thousands live in wooden shacks, get around on canoes and subsist on fish, beans, rice, cassava and plan-

tains.

"There's nowhere to go here," said teacher Sodeida Rodriguez, 26, who was hunkering down in a concrete shelter.

The only path to safety is up rivers and across lakes that are too shallow for regular boats, but many lack gasoline for long journeys. Provincial health official Efrain Burgos said shelters were being prepared, and medicine and sanitation kits were being brought in, but that 18,000 people must find their own way to higher ground.

"We're asking the people who are on the coasts to find a way to safer areas, because we don't have the capability to transport so many people," he said. "The houses are made of wood. They're going to be completely swept away. They're not safe."

The storm was following the same path as 1998's Hurricane Mitch, a sluggish storm that stalled for a week over Central America, killing nearly 11,000 people. But Felix was expected to maintain a much more rapid pace.

By Monday afternoon, crashing waves reached 15 feet higher than normal on Honduras' coast, but there was

no rain yet.

"We are ready to face an eventual tragedy," said Roatan fire chief Douglas Fajardo.

Most tourists took the free flights out, but locals prepared to ride out the storm.

"We know it's a tremendous hurricane that's coming," said real estate worker Estella Maraztito.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center said Felix could dump up to 12 inches of rain in isolated areas. In the highland capital of Tegucigalpa, more than 100 miles inland, authorities cleared vendors from markets prone to flooding.

"We're asking the people who are on the coasts to find a way to safer areas because we don't have the capability to transport so many people."

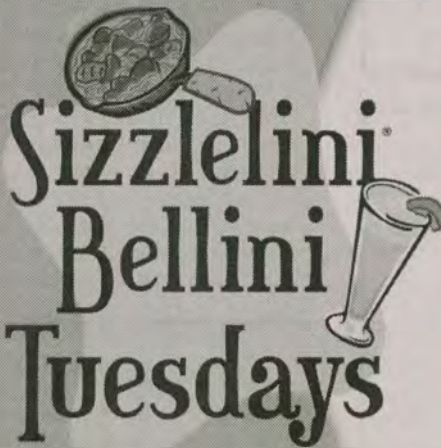
Efrain Burgos
Honduran health official

Across the border in Belize City, skies grew increasingly cloudy and winds kicked up as residents boarded windows and lined up for gas. Tourists competed for the last seats on flights to Atlanta and Miami. Police went door-to-door forcing evacuations.

Liquor sales were banned, and stores were running out supplies.

"I just wish they had more airplanes to take care of everyone who has to leave," said Atlanta, Georgia, resident Mitzi Carr, 48, who cut short her weeklong vacation on Hatchet Caye.

Belize is still cleaning up



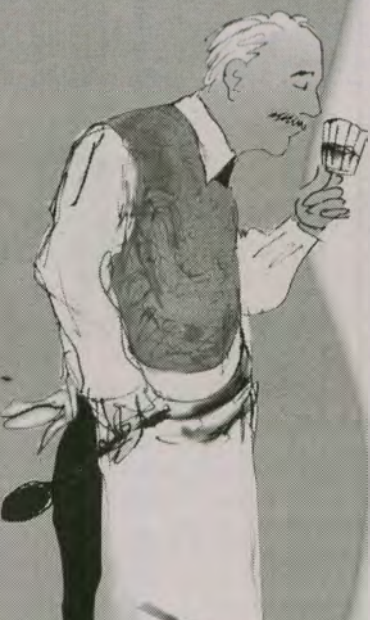
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
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Transit strike strands commuters

LONDON — Large swathes of London's sprawling transport network shut down Monday night after maintenance workers walked off the job, arousing commuter anger and drawing warnings the strike will inconvenience millions of Britons.

Around 2,300 members of the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers left their jobs at 6 p.m. to begin a 72-hour strike, in a dispute stemming from the collapse of their employer, maintenance consortium Metronet.

Many commuters were caught en route home when the strike took effect, forcing them to take overcrowded buses and taxis.

Palestinian rockets land in Israel

JERUSALEM — A Palestinian rocket exploded Monday next to a day care center crowded with toddlers in southern Israel, sparking anger and panic in the frequently targeted town of Sderot and bringing warnings of retribution from Israeli leaders.

No one was hurt, but the blast and the panic underlined Israel's ineffectiveness in the face of the primitive rockets, which fall daily despite frequent Israeli airstrikes and occasional ground offensives.

Prime Minister Ehud Olmert pledged to provide "better security for the residents," indicating he would step up the Israeli offensive against Palestinian militants.

"We will not limit ourselves in regards to targeting the rocket launchers and those who dispatch them," Olmert said at a news conference in Jerusalem. "The instruction given to the army is to destroy every 'Qassam' rocket launcher and anyone who is involved in their launching against the residents of Israel."

NATIONAL NEWS

Popular musician shot and killed

DALLAS — Jeffrey Carter Albrecht, a keyboard player for the band Edie Brickell & New Bohemians, was shot to death early Monday while trying to kick in the door of his girlfriend's neighbor, police said.

The neighbor, who was not immediately identified, was asleep in bed when he woke up around 4 a.m. to his wife screaming that someone was breaking into the house, according to a police report. The neighbor yelled through the door for Albrecht to leave and then fired his handgun through the door. Albrecht was shot in the head and died at the scene, police said.

The case is under investigation and no arrests have been made.

More kids diagnosed as bipolar

CHICAGO — A new analysis suggests there's been a huge increase in the number of U.S. children diagnosed with bipolar disorder, but experts question whether the surge is real and say some kids have been mislabeled.

Researchers looked at the number of times children under 19 went to the doctor and were diagnosed with or treated for bipolar disorder, also known as manic depression. They found a 40-fold increase, from an estimated 20,000 visits in 1994 to 800,000 in 2003. The jump coincided with children's rising use of antipsychotic medicine.

Some doctors believe bipolar disorder doesn't occur in children, and until last month there was only one drug approved to treat the illness in kids.

LOCAL NEWS

Plane lands on Indiana highway

BROWNSBURG, Ind. — A small plane landed on a stretch of under-construction highway on Monday after the pilot reported having mechanical problems, officials said.

The pilot told officials he was heading to Eagle Creek Airport on the northwest side of Indianapolis when he decided the twin-engine plane would not make it and spotted the section of Ronald Reagan Parkway being built in Hendricks County.

The pilot and the other person on board suffered no injuries.

SUDAN

UN Secretary-General pushes for peace

Ban Ki-moon travels to the war-torn country in the hopes of improving a desperate situation

Associated Press

KHARTOUM — Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon is in Sudan to "give a push" for a new round of talks to end the four-year regional conflict and mobilize support for the speedy deployment of a new 26,000-member peacekeeping force, a top U.N. official said Monday.

Ban was expected to have dinner with President Omar al-Bashir before heading to southern Sudan on Tuesday to assess implementation of the 2005 agreement that ended a separate 21-year civil war between Sudan's Muslim government in the north and the mostly Christian southern rebels.

He was then due Wednesday in Darfur to visit a camp for some of the 2.5 million people displaced by the conflict there, which has claimed more than 200,000 lives.

"It is important to move on several fronts," Jean-Marie Guehenno, the U.N. undersecretary-general for peacekeeping, told reporters traveling with Ban. This is why the secretary-general has come to Sudan at this time, he said.

Ban will "give a push" for launching a new round of negotiations between splintered rebel groups and the government to end the protracted conflict in the western Darfur region. U.N. officials hope the talks will get under way in October.

"If those negotiations are not inclusive and successful, it will be very hard to have a successful peacekeeping mission," Guehenno said. "Like any peacekeeping situation, it needs a solid political foundation. It needs an agreement that everybody buys into."

Deploying the new African Union-U.N. "hybrid" force to replace the beleaguered 7,000-



Ban Ki-moon is greeted warmly in Sudan by Abdelmahmoud Abdelhalim Mohamed, the Ambassador to the United Nations for his country.

member AU force now on the ground in Darfur will need "the full cooperation of the government of Sudan ... and the secretary-general will wish for that, too," he said.

When Ban visits Juba in southern Sudan, Guehenno said, he will be sending "an important signal" about the need to "re-energize" the north-south agreement. "It is fragile," he said, citing delays in preparations for elections in 2009, and on redeploying Sudanese forces from the south.

A senior U.N. official traveling with Ban stressed the importance of making sure that the north-south agreement is not breaking down.

"I don't even want to give the impression that it is breaking down. I just say we have to make sure that agreement is holding," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issues.

Ban said he chose this time to make the week-long trip — which will include stops in Chad and Libya — because of the "historic opportunity" provided by the U.N. Security Council's July 31 resolution authorizing the hybrid force.

"I want to create the foundations of a lasting peace and security," Ban said last week. "My goal is to lock in the progress we have made so far, to build

on it so that this terrible trauma may one day cease."

Sudan's U.N. Ambassador Abdelmahmoud Abdalhaleem Mohamed, who greeted Ban on his arrival in Khartoum, told The Associated Press that "we expect the visit to strengthen the relations between Sudan and the United Nations, and to give more emphasis on the peace process."

Mohamed called efforts to help Sudan implement the north-south agreement and last year's Darfur Peace Agreement, which has not been implemented because only one rebel group signed on, "quite good."

IRAQ

Bush hints at possible troop cuts

Associated Press

AL-ASAD AIR BASE — President Bush hinted at U.S. troop cutbacks in Iraq on Monday, saying security conditions are improving to the point "where I'm able to speculate on the hypothetical."

Bush, in a surprise visit to Iraq, was cautious to hedge his comments and make them conditional on security conditions continuing to improve. But he knew he had piqued peoples' interest by raising the prospect for Americans weary of a war now in its fifth year.

"Maybe I was intending to do that," he told reporters as Air Force

One carried him away from Iraq, after an eight-hour stop, toward Australia for meetings with Asia-Pacific leaders.

Bush did not say how large a troop withdrawal might be possible or whether it might occur before next spring when the first of the additional 30,000 troops he ordered to Iraq this year are to start coming home anyway. He emphasized that any cut would depend upon progress.

The president was joined by his war cabinet and military commanders at an unprecedented meeting in Iraq over eight hours at this dusty military base in the heart of Anbar province, 120 miles west of

Baghdad.

After talks with Gen. David Petraeus, the U.S. commander in Iraq, and Ambassador Ryan Crocker, Bush said they "tell me if the kind of success we are now seeing continues, it will be possible to maintain the same level of security with fewer American forces."

Shrouded in secrecy, Bush's trip was a dramatic move to steal the thunder from the Democratic Congress as it returns to Washington with fresh hopes of ending the war. Petraeus and Crocker will testify before lawmakers next week, and then Bush will announce how he intends to proceed in Iraq.

ENGLAND

Tower of London gets female guard

Woman first to join historic Beefeaters

Associated Press

LONDON — The first woman to join the ranks of the Beefeaters in more than 500 years has mastered the Ceremony of the Keys, the nightly locking-up ritual of the Tower of London guards.

But she says she is still learning the bloody history of the site that holds the Crown Jewels to prepare for guiding more than 2 million visitors every year.

Dressed in a knee-length dark blue coat with red trim and matching top hat, Moira Cameron on Monday became the first female Beefeater, or Yeoman Warder, since the corps of Tower guards was founded in 1485. She told The Associated Press the medieval castle is a wonderful place to work.

"You do the job for prestige, and because you meet people every day," she said. She relishes contact with visitors after 22 years of desk work as an army accountant.

"It's wonderful to meet these people because they so want to be here and are interested in anything you can tell them. And you can have a really good laugh with them as well," she said.

The Tower, arguably Britain's most famous historic site, was founded by King William I shortly after he conquered England in 1066. Henry III started his coronation procession from the site in 1236, a royal tradition that persisted into the 17th century. The fortress is also home to Britain's Crown Jewels including St. Edward's Crown, worn by Queen Elizabeth II during her 1953 coronation.

Cameron, 42, started dreaming of a job in the Tower after six years in the army. But back then, she doubted whether she would last the minimum of 22 years' service required to apply.

The attraction is the "depth of history" in the place, she said.

While there was never any formal ban on female Beefeaters, Britain's Ministry of Defense said it was only recently that many women, who can now count maternity leave as part of their service in the forces, were notching up as many years as men.

Chief Yeoman Warder John Keohane said the guards had anticipated that a woman would one day join their ranks, and only one or two had expressed reservations.

"She's been here for two months and been accepted by the community," said Keohane, very much the traditional image of a bearded Beefeater.

Cameron, who was chosen in December and has been training at the Tower since July, said only one visitor had expressed strong objections to her appointment. She shot

back: "I'd like to thank you for dismissing my 22 years of loyal service to Her Majesty's services."

Yeoman Sgt. Alan Kingshott, a member of the selection panel, said Cameron's voice made a strong impression at her job interview where each candidate makes a short presentation.

"We like to see whether they have the presence, the bearing, the voice to be able to put it across ... in front of 300 people," he said. "She's from Scotland. She's got a lovely tone to her voice."

Cameron relished telling the story of a fellow Scot who got away from the Tower in the 18th century.

"There was a Lord Nithsdale. He was part of the Jacobite rebellion, who actually escaped," she said. "His wife, she came in with her lady in waiting and dressed him up in a frock, and he escaped."

Cameron found the Beefeaters' distinctive Victorian costume an improvement over the meager provision of plain army uniforms.

"Now I've got these wonderful huge pockets," she said, revealing the pockets beneath her coattails.

Because of the style of the coat you can't see whatever it is in my pockets. "I've got a bottle of water, my phone, my diary."

Cameron says she is still learning the rich history of the Tower.

Famous prisoners — have included Sir Walter Raleigh, three times; Guy Fawkes, who tried to blow up Parliament;

Hitler's deputy Rudolf Hess; Roger Casement, later executed for his role in plotting an Irish uprising during World War I; Samuel Pepys, the diarist accused of selling naval secrets to the French; and Princess Elizabeth, the future Queen Elizabeth I.

Two wives of Henry VIII — Anne Boleyn and Catherine Howard — were beheaded at the Tower.

The Beefeater nickname is thought to derive from the guards' former privilege of having their fill of beef from the king's table. Formally, they are Yeoman Warders of Her Majesty's Royal Palace and Fortress the Tower of London, and Members of the Sovereign's Body Guard of the Yeoman Guard Extraordinary.

Cameron succeeded after two other women failed in earlier applications to become Yeoman Warders.

"I didn't think I'd actually get the job, and I've already retrained myself to be a plumber and an electrician," she said.

There was no big celebration in December when she learned that she had been chosen.

"There was no one at home except my brother's dog," she said, laughing. "There was only the dog to dance with."

ITALY

Pope calls for environmental action

Benedict XVI urges youth's responsibility to help save the planet

Associated Press

LORETO — The planet risks irreversible decline from environmentally unsustainable development, Pope Benedict XVI warned Sunday, urging young Catholics to take the lead in caring for the Earth and its precious resources.

During an open-air Mass on the final day of a weekend religious youth rally that drew about 500,000 people to the town of Loreto, Italy's most important shrine dedicated to the Virgin Mary, Benedict said the world's water supply particularly needed to be preserved and shared equitably to avoid conflicts.

The Loreto meeting organized by the Italian bishops' conference carried a strong environmental message. Participants were given biodegradable plates, recycling bags for their trash and a hand-cranked cell-phone recharger.

Benedict told the crowd, camped out under umbrellas and tents on a vast, dusty field on the Adriatic coast, that it was up to them to save the planet from development that had often ignored "nature's delicate equilibrium."

"Before it's too late, we need to make courageous choices that will recreate a strong alliance between man and Earth," Benedict said in his homily. "We need a decisive 'yes' to care for creation and a strong commitment to reverse those trends that risk making the situation of

decay irreversible."

He said water needed to be preserved since "it unfortunately becomes a source of strong tensions and conflicts if it isn't shared in an equitable and peaceful manner."

Benedict lamented this week the environmental impact of recent forest fires in Italy and Greece. And during his summer vacation in the mountains, he spoke frequently about the importance of nature — God's creation — in inspiring spirituality.

Under Benedict, the Vatican has been taking steps toward greater environmental sustainability. It has joined a reforestation project aimed at offsetting its CO2 emissions, and has also said it was installing solar cells on the roof of its main auditorium.

Benedict urged the young to "go against the grain" and not be seduced by pressure, including from the mass media, to succeed at all costs in arrogant, egotistical ways.

"Be vigilant! Be critical! Don't get swept up in the wave of this powerful persuasion," he said. "Don't be afraid, dear friends, to take the 'alternate' path indicated by true love: a sober and solid lifestyle, with loving, sincere and pure relations, an honest commitment to studies and work, and the profound interest in the

common good."

Andrea Ringressi, 29, and his girlfriend of three years, Marta Iuzzolini, 27, said they appreciated the pope's green message, particularly during an event that was producing small mountains of plastic water bottles and other refuse.

"It's a good idea here, because there's so much garbage!" Iuzzolini said as she surveyed the grounds, which by the end of the weekend had turned into a very un-ecological field of plastic tarps and garbage bags.

But the couple, who traveled across Italy from the Tuscan city of Pisa for the event, said Benedict's other

main message — about how young people should not be afraid to commit themselves to marriage even though so many marriages fail — had particular resonance.

"Marriage is a challenge that we are thinking about," Ringressi said, as he snuggled with Iuzzolini under an umbrella. "I appreciate that he says there are difficulties, but that if you have this desire, this will follow your dreams, confide in Jesus."

The meeting was an Italian warm-up for next year's World Youth Day, in Sydney, Australia, which the 80-year-old pope plans to attend.

Pope Benedict XVI

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IN BRIEF

Bush addresses housing market

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Friday announced a set of modest proposals to deal with an alarming rise in mortgage defaults that have contributed to turbulent financial markets over recent weeks.

Housing analysts said it was highly likely the limited steps Bush outlined will be expanded in coming weeks by a Democrat-controlled Congress intent on responding to growing voter anxiety as up to 2 million homeowners worry about losing their homes.

Officials in the troubled housing industry said the important thing was that the administration had finally offered a proposal, a step they said should help calm global financial markets that have been on a rollercoaster ride in recent weeks as investors worried about a serious credit crunch.

Serious pension problems in Japan

TOKYO — After reading a book this year about serious flaws in Japan's pension system, retired deliveryman Yoshikazu Hirano thought he'd check his own records just to be safe.

He's glad he did: The 74-year-old discovered the government had shortchanged him by 460,000 yen (\$3,770) in benefits he accrued while driving a truck for three years in the 1950s and 60s.

Hirano wasn't alone. Shortly afterward, the government confessed to losing track of pension records linked to an astounding 64 million claims — igniting a scandal that has punished the ruling party at the polls and eroded confidence in the ability of the world's second largest economy to support its growing legions of elderly.

Hirano, who is single and lives outside Tokyo, felt defrauded. "Had I not asked, I would have never gotten the money back," he said.

The pension mess, fully disclosed in May, has landed on one of the world's fastest-aging societies: 21 percent of its 127 million inhabitants are 65 or older and some 25 million retirees are collecting pensions, rising to 35 million by 2040.

SENEGAL

Africa's economy changed by China

The emerging superpower strongly affects the finances of the continent

Associated Press

DAKAR, — Selling shoes in the sweaty afternoon air of a West African market, Ousman Ka owes his job to China — or, more precisely, to Lu Hui, the wrinkle-faced Chinese man in the blue sweater vest sitting behind him.

"Before I was out of work, for about five years. Now I get by," says Ka, 29, from behind the counter of his stall as he pulls out blue-sequined flats for a woman's inspection.

Nearly 4,000 miles away, in the copper mines of Zambia, it's a different story. Keith Mule, who maintains machinery at a Chinese-run mine, says he's making about half the salary of his counterparts at other mines in the area. Union heads say they have less negotiating power with his employer, a Chinese firm that's backed by the government. And dozens of workers died two years ago in an explosion at a nearby Chinese-owned mine.

"I am not able to live comfortably," said Mule, 52, who is supporting two daughters and his sister's son. "We are just living by chance."

From market stalls to mines, China is everywhere in Africa these days. The continent is possibly the most visible example of how China — in many ways a developing country itself — is changing the rest of the developing world, faster than virtually anyone thought possible.

Yet the China-Africa relationship comes with both significant promise and deep unease. On a continent long dominated



African women talk over business strategies with a Chinese woman in their Nigerian shop.

by Western colonial powers, China offers hope and the economic beacon of a country that has itself grown at a startling rate. But there is also the fear that once again, a world power has come to cozy up to corrupt governments and rob Africa of its resources, leaving ordinary Africans worse off than ever.

"African nations that are enthusiastic about China's arrival on the

continent may wind up to discover that they have allowed in a new colonial power with an Asian face," says Adama Gaye, the Senegalese author of "China-Africa: The Dragon and the Ostrich."

Two-way trade between Africa and China surged 40 percent to \$55.5 billion last year, up more than fivefold from 2000. That still lags behind trade between Africa and the U.S., which hit more

than the \$70 billion in 2006. But Beijing expects trade with Africa to reach \$100 billion by 2020.

Even air routes have begun to reflect the China boom. Planes head out from Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou and Hong Kong to more than 20 African cities at least once a week. By contrast, regular flights from the United States reach just eight African cities.

Wall street ends week on a high note

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street closed out another erratic week with a big gain Friday after investors took comments from President Bush and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke as reassuring signs Wall Street won't be left to deal with problems in the mortgage and credit markets on its own.

Investors balked early in Friday's session when comments from Bernanke didn't indicate a cut in the benchmark federal funds rate was imminent. However, they moved past some of their initial disappointment and appeared to concentrate on comments that the Fed would step in if needed.

Bernanke, speaking at the Fed's annual conference in Jackson Hole, Wyo., said the central bank will

"act as needed" to prevent the credit crisis from hurting the national economy.

The major indexes fluctuated but by midday extended their gains after President Bush spoke about details of a plan to help borrowers facing trouble paying their mortgages.

"You've got all the speeches working for the market here," said Michael Church, portfolio manager at Church Capital Management in Philadelphia. "What we've seen in the last few weeks is that Ben Bernanke and the Federal Reserve are paying attention to what's going on. They will help correct the credit markets. For now, we're in a trading range and we have to sort through this mess."

The Dow rose 119.01, or 0.90 percent, to 13,357.74. The Dow slipped 0.16 percent for the week;

for the year the blue chip index is up 7.2 percent despite the volatility of the past month.

Broader stock indicators also rose. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 16.35, or 1.12 percent, to 1,473.99. For the week, the S&P fell 0.36 percent, leaving it with a 3.9 percent gain for the year.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 31.06, or 1.21 percent, to 2,596.36. Bucking the trend of other major indexes, it gained 0.76 percent for the week and is up 7.5 percent for the year.

Bond prices fell. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which moves inversely to its price, rose to 4.53 percent from 4.51 percent late Thursday. The U.S. bond market closed early ahead of the holiday weekend, and will be closed Monday along with the stock markets.

SOUTH KOREA

Intelligence chief reveals role in captives' release

Kim faces criticism for working in public

Associated Press

SEOUL — The official code of conduct for South Korea's main spy agency was once "work in the shadows, aim for the light" — meaning that missions should be carried out in secret in pursuit of the national interest.

So South Koreans were surprised when Kim Man-bok, the National Intelligence Service chief, turned up in Afghanistan late last month, saying he directed negotiations with Taliban militants to gain the release of 19 captive South Koreans.

Kim personally brought back the Christian aid volunteers after six weeks in grim conditions in the Afghan desert. Now, however, he is facing harsh criticism for allegedly performing his duties too much in the public eye.

"The life of an intelligence agency is confidential," the conservative mass circulation Chosun Ilbo newspaper said in an editorial Monday. "Kim's behavior is like that of an amateur. It is a double, even triple, blow to South Korea."

Kim, a career intelligence officer, has defended himself, saying he felt the need to command his junior officers on the spot as the hostage crisis, in which two South Koreans were shot to death in the early stages, showed little sign of progress.

"If our nationals are in danger again in the future, I will not hesitate to go there even if it is a place of death," Kim told an NIS meeting he presided over hours after he returned home Sunday with the former hostages, according to reports in major South Korean media.

The NIS refused to confirm the reports.

Since he flew to Afghanistan on Aug. 22, Kim was seen in television footage several times, sometimes directly talking to journalists and accepting requests for photos.

On the weekend flight from Dubai back to Seoul, TV footage even showed Kim talking to reporters about a South Korean man seated next to him, who had announced the deal with the Taliban on the release of the hostages.

"This man persuaded (the Taliban) very well," Kim told reporters, of the mysterious figure, dubbed "sunglass man" by media for his ubiquitous shades and believed to be an NIS operative. "This guy speaks English, Pashtun and Iranian well," Kim said. "I can say he is a custom-made negotiator."

His (Kim's) behavior — publicly speaking to the media, not to mention the fact the intelligence head himself

went there, was very inappropriate," said Nam Juhong, an intelligence expert at Seoul's Kyunggi University. "It could form a bad precedent, given many kidnapping incidents are still taking place around the world."

Further creating a stir was a press release Kim's aides distributed to journalists aboard the Korean Air flight that carried the hostages home, parts of which praised Kim's role.

All South Koreans already knew the efforts made by the NIS, even if it didn't boast of them," the liberal Hankyoreh newspaper said in an editorial. "They brought down their values by themselves with careless behavior. The NIS should be more mature."

South Korea's intelligence chiefs have generally avoided the media spotlight in a country that for decades has faced tensions with communist rival North Korea.

Kim, who took the top spy job in November, was not unknown to South Koreans before the hostage crisis. He held a news conference last month announcing that he arranged the second-ever inter-Korean summit talks following secret

visits to the communist North.

The summit, originally scheduled for late August, has been postponed until early October.

Some critics are linking Kim's trip to Afghanistan to his reported intention to run in parliamentary elections next April, while others say Kim traveled to Afghanistan to deal with alleged Taliban demands for ransom.

"I believe the reason why Kim went to Afghanistan has something to do with ransom," Chung Hyung-keun, a member of the main opposition Grand National Party, told a party meeting Monday, according to an aide.

"The government has denied the allegations, but I'm moving toward a solid belief that the government paid more than \$20 million of ransom, considering foreign media reports and other materials," Chung said, according to the aide, Park Ung-seo.

Chung served as a deputy intelligence chief in the mid-1990s.

Kim denies any ransom was paid.

"There was no such deal," he reiterated Sunday at the airport when the hostages returned.

The NIS has also denied that Kim has any intention to run for election.

"We've repeatedly denied that for a long time," said an NIS official who refused to give his name, citing agency policy.

ENGLAND

Chef leads lunch reform

Jamie Oliver calls for ban on junk food and more money for meals

Associated Press

LONDON — Please sir, we don't want any more!

Naked Chef Jamie Oliver's push for healthier foods to replace greasy french fries, chicken nuggets and turkey twizzlers on British school menus is in a twist.

Apparently, the students aren't anxious to try it.

The celebrity chef has led a nationwide campaign to improve the quality of food served in schools, demanding more money for meals and a ban on junk food. His TV series "Jamie's School Dinners" exposed how cafeteria menus relied on prepared foods like chicken nuggets or the turkey twizzler — a corkscrew of mainly reconstituted turkey scraps and preservatives. Such meals, usually served with piles of fatty french fries, could cost as little as 66 cents.

Spurred to action, the government set up the School Food Trust in 2005 to help schools improve the quality of their food. Sample menus for the new program included vegetarian quiche, lentil burgers and mushroom tagliatelle.

But more than 424,000 students opted out of their school meal plans in the first two years of the program, according to government figures obtained by the opposition Liberal Democrats

and released Monday.

The figures show a 17 percent drop among secondary school students and a 9.6 percent drop among primary school pupils since the 2004-2005 school year. Students who opt out must either pack their own lunch or buy it elsewhere.

Oliver is best known as the star of the television show "The Naked Chef" — a reference not to nudity but to the bare simplicity of his recipes.

Although he remains the public face of the effort to get children to eat healthily, he has no formal role in the School Food Trust.

Nevertheless, on Monday the chef urged parents and the government to stay committed to the program.

"I'm still committed to it, but really over the next five years, we'll see that negative turn into a positive," he told British Broadcasting Corp. radio. "We have to be philosophical, we have to keep supporting it," he said. "We have to know and do what's best for our kids."

The British government has warned that one in six British children is obese, saying the figure could rise to half of all children by 2050.

The School Food Trust confirmed the numbers had dropped, but said the trend was part of a decline that began before the government commit-

ted two years ago to spending \$560 million on improving meals.

"The School Food Trust was very realistic when we began the transformation of school meals. We were always anticipating a drop," the agency said in a statement.

No "parent, caterer or head teacher would disagree that with increasing levels of type two diabetes, heart disease and obesity, something had to be done," the statement said.

One factor in the drop may be children's reluctance to change their eating habits, trust spokesman Brian Dow said.

"This is a major cultural shift in children's attitudes, in five years time I think we will see significant growth," Dow told BBC television. "Gradually, children will get used to it."

School caterers say they support the program's aims, but believe the changes may be too extreme.

"We believe that such radical changes to young peoples dietary habits are too draconian and the speed of their introduction is too fast," the Local Authority Caterers Association said in a July report.

There are also indications the government may need to spend more on the program.

The requirements for fresher ingredients mean the average primary school meal price has risen 20 percent since 2003 to \$3.88, the association said. More than 91 percent of school caterers say they are now breaking even or losing money, compared to 2003 when all caterers were profitable.



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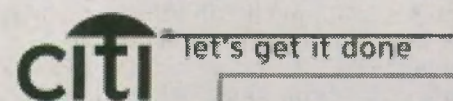
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Remembering 'The Kick'

Harry Oliver passed away a few weeks ago.

To current Notre Dame students, this probably doesn't mean a thing. However, for many of us legions of Irish football fans, particularly those around in the early 1980s, his left-footed soccer-style kick resulted in probably our fondest moment and memory in Notre Dame football. His being, however, represents something much larger that Notre Dame students and alumni aspire to achieve.

I've never written a tribute like this before, but I came across the news article that announced Harry's passing on the Notre Dame football website while I was surfing earlier today. I was moved at the news, not only because of that moment now seared into my memory, but also of the life Harry lived while at Notre Dame and after leaving. I don't consider myself a rah-rah, win-at-any-cost alum. I have simple needs and desires — that the Irish play well. ND wins and ND loses, and the sun still rises in the east.

It is a sunny Saturday afternoon in September 1980. A brisk wind is blowing from the south — remember that. Notre Dame Stadium is filled to capacity, around 60,000 in those days, for another classic battle between the Fightin' Irish and the visiting Michigan Wolverines. The lead changes hands throughout the game. Late in the fourth quarter, Michigan scores what appears to be the game-winning touchdown with 41 seconds left: the score is Michigan 27, ND 26.

Notre Dame starts on its own 20-yard line. While the rest of the game remains blurry, as are most ND games I've attended or watched on TV, these last seconds weren't. The Hail Mary's just weren't hitting their targets, and one senses the frustration throughout the crowd. An opportune pass interference penalty moves the ball to midfield. A few plays later, the ball is on the Michigan 34-yard line and four seconds remain on the clock. Coach Dan Devine sends Harry Oliver into the game to attempt a seemingly impossible 51-yard field goal into the brisk wind.

Harry Oliver never became a celebrity. He lived in Grace Hall, which, along with Flanner, was a dorm at the time. He attended classes like the rest of us and never called attention to himself even with his new-found fame. He had respectable numbers with the football team. He was humble in accepting the spotlight that was suddenly thrust in his face after "the kick." And like so many of ND's student-athletes, did not pursue a career in professional sports.

A mechanical engineering major, he

went on to work as an engineer in the construction business and became a senior estimator and project manager at a construction firm in Cincinnati. Many of his projects were geared towards charitable organizations and schools in southern Ohio, according to Pete LaFleur, who wrote the article on the Notre Dame football website.

Back in the sophomore section, and throughout the stadium, the crowd is hushed and all eyes are focused on this one guy, this one player who has been called upon to carry the weight of the game and all the Notre Dame legends on his shoulders. Well, on his kicking leg anyway. The ball is snapped, Harry kicks and there is a scramble at the line of scrimmage. The ball sails through the air and heads toward the uprights. Because of the confusion on the field, and the fact that we're witnessing this moment from the north end of the stadium, it is difficult to tell whether the football made it over the crossbar.

To this day, many who attended the game say that just before Harry kicks the ball, the brisk 15 mile-per-hour wind that wreaked havoc throughout the game suddenly went silent. Even the late Michigan coach Bo Schembechler "claimed until the day he died that the wind

ations of "Touchdown Jesus." The kick was good! Pure, unadulterated joy broke out throughout the stadium. Someone in the upper levels of our section lost his or her balance and the entire sophomore section collapsed on itself, row by row. Thankfully there were no casualties and the celebrations continued with a mad dash of students and fans charging onto the field.

"Michigan 27, Notre Dame 26, GOD 3." That's how the banner headline from the University of Michigan newspaper read the following Monday.

God calls on all of us to face challenges daily. Some great, some small, but all with the potential to impact lives, many or few. These challenges manifest themselves in the classroom, on the playing field, at Sacred Heart, with family, or in the community. When we leave Notre Dame, we are charged to go out and make contributions to improve God's world.

I don't know that Harry Oliver ever knew what the kick meant to the thousands of Notre Dame fans who were witnesses to that special moment on the field. And he probably never fully appreciated the impact in pursuing his calling with the construction company in Ohio. But countless numbers of school children, workers, and those less fortunate will benefit for years to come from him sharing his talent with us. Great things can be accomplished in just 47 years.

As Notre Dame begins another academic year and the football season is again upon us, I wish that current students will experience a Harry Oliver moment seared into their memories like many graduates before and since "the kick", moments that inspire us to take actions that have positive influences in other people's lives, moments that make Notre Dame special even in the midst of her shortcomings.

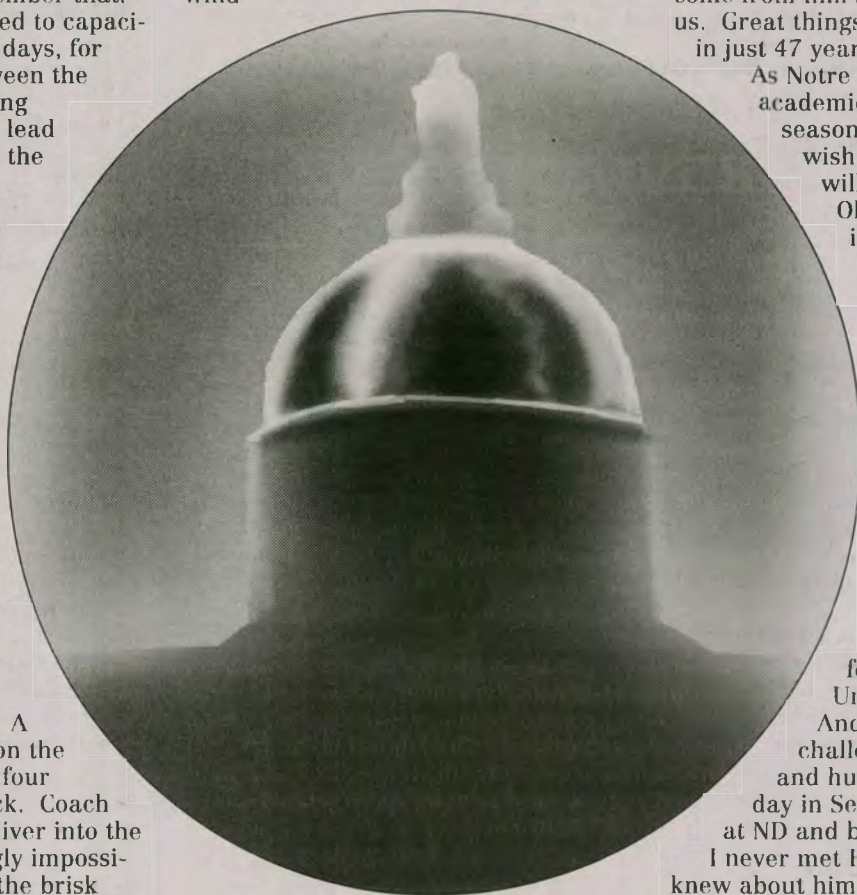
I also hope that each of us accepts the challenges God calls on us to bear and for which Our Lady's University prepares us. And that we accept these challenges with the grace and humility as Harry did that day in September, during his life at ND and beyond.

I never met Harry Oliver: I only knew about him from the game. But like everyone special in my life, he gave me a moment that can never be taken away and left us an example of a life worthy of imitation. And I pray that I am a better person for it. Rest in peace, Harry.

And thanks for the memory.

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stopped right before Harry's kick" according to former ND coach Gerry Faust. The legends would later say that the fans at that end of the field sucked air, while those of us at the north end blew fiercely to help the ball over. I guess we all wanted to feel we had a hand in the outcome of the game.

The silence of those four seconds that seemed to last forever was broken by a growing roar coming from the south end of Notre Dame Stadium as the field officials performed their imperson-

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

A positive attitude won't solve all of your problems, but it will annoy enough people to be worth the effort.

Herm Albright
author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keep fighting ordinance

In response to Andrea Laidman's attack on the United States of America, entitled "You gotta fight for your right" (Sept. 3). I first must point out that Osama Bin Laden, Jane Fonda and Hugo Chavez were all political science and peace studies majors so I simply can't help but question whether Andrea is also a terrorist or simply a misguided youth caught up in a society currently dictated by the liberal media.

As far as the content of her (mostly made up) argument, Notre Dame students are very active in the world around them, from local volunteering all over South Bend (over 300,000 hours of service per year), to traveling to D.C. every year to protest the slaughter of innocent children, also known as abortion, and even raising awareness for international issues such as the genocide in Darfur (special shout out to the kids who made me sign that Darfur banner in the dining hall).

Andrea claims that terrorists are being held without charge at Gitmo — of course they are being held without charge, they are terrorists! You would see boat loads of student activism if

the government weren't detaining terrorists. The reason you see 2,400 students protesting laws targeting students is because we are all students. You don't see a ton of Notre Dame kids rising up against Guantanamo Bay detentions because only a handful of Notre Dame students are terrorists. If I were a terrorist, I would obviously be as upset about wiring tapping as Andrea is.

The reason students are so upset about the ordinance is because this is supposed to be college. There are at least 2,400 students who understand that the freedom to choose whether or not they wish to drink is a part of college (and America for that matter). I encourage all students to continue respectfully fighting the South Bend ordinance and ask that you all keep defending America from the terrorists, wherever they may lie.

Tom Martin
senior
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Sept. 4

Bumper sticker defense

It was with humor and pride that I read the viewpoint regarding the Bush/Cheney bumper sticker that closes out the video highlighting the class of 2011. The writers, while heralding the ethnic diversity showcased in the video, disdainfully lament the impression left that Notre Dame may be regarded as endorsing the current administration. What about political diversity? As the owner and driver of the vehicle in question, I should note that the car has transported to campus not one, but two students who embrace decidedly opposing political viewpoints from that of their parents. Ours continues to be a household where members are encouraged to discuss varying viewpoints and welcomes and accepts political differences.

Diversity calls for one to step outside previously held considerations and assumptions. The inclusion of the bumper sticker in the video, if notable at all, should be seen as an indication of the diversity present on campus, not as an indication of its absence. The University of Notre Dame fosters a climate of critical epistemology and it saddens me that the writers have seemingly lost that open-mindedness and choose to make their own political statement by zeroing in on a small, and what could have been an unremarkable, inclusion on the video.

Donna Shelton
Yorktown, Va
Sept. 4

U-WIRE

New technology plays key role in 2008 election

Kisses are planted on the foreheads of infants, the hands of stern fathers are shaken and staged photographs of candidates at blue-collar barbecues are taken as part of the traditional campaign trail for the presidency of the United States. But as the 2008 election approaches, candidates on both sides of the aisle must embrace new technologies to maximize their campaign's success.

Nicolas Persac

*The Daily
Reveille*

James Garand, political science professor at Louisiana State University, said candidates are looking to technological developments for new campaign strategies.

"At the beginning of every campaign, particularly in recent years, candidates and the political consultants who advise them do not want to be in the position where they have not been at the forefront of the technology," Garand said.

This year one such obstacle is the rising popularity of voter-to-candidate communication via the Internet. The CNN-YouTube Democratic Party debate, which aired on July 23, allowed people to video record

themselves asking candidates questions. CNN and YouTube.com officials selected nearly 70 questions to be viewed and answered by the eight Democratic contenders who participated in the debate. The Republican candidate's installment is scheduled to air Sept. 17.

"This is a new application of the technology," Garand said. "This opens up a whole set of unpredictable aspects. The possibility of questions and comments being non-traditional becomes much greater."

Garand said these formats may cause some candidates to be wary of participating in such debates.

"The YouTube format permits questions coming from regular people, and the possibility of new issues coming up is substantial, which is of course one of the reasons candidates get nervous," Garand said. "It's one thing if I'm a candidate and I know members of the new media are going to ask me questions one through 10, but it's a little bit more difficult for me to prepare if I can also get questions 11 through 500."

According to Reuters, Nielsen Media Research shows the Democratic installment of the debates had the highest ratings in the 18 to 34 demographic of any debate

broadcast on a cable news network. The 407,000 viewers between ages 18 and 34 broke the previous record in that demographic of 368,000 people viewing the June 3 Manchester, New Hampshire Democratic debate. The New Hampshire debate had a higher total number of viewers, 2.8 million, compared to 2.6 million who watched the CNN-YouTube debate. In the 25 to 54 demographic, only 890,000 viewers watched the CNN-YouTube debate while 1.1 million watched CNN's New Hampshire debate.

"We know young people are the least likely to participate in the electoral process and the least likely to vote," Garand said. "In one sense, this is reaching one group of citizens who are usually low-participation [voters]."

Robert Hogan, associate political science professor, said the content of the CNN-YouTube debate may have drawn the younger crowd.

The YouTube debate was comical," Hogan said. "Part of the reason people watched was the same reason people watch the Super Bowl. It's not so much the game but the commercials. And in this case it's what sort of nuance way people are

going to use to ask questions."

Hogan said the non-traditional aspects of the debates may cause candidates such as Republican front-runner Mitt Romney to speak out against participating in the next CNN-YouTube debate — in which only two Republican candidates, Arizona Sen. John McCain and Texas Rep. Ron Paul have committed to participate.

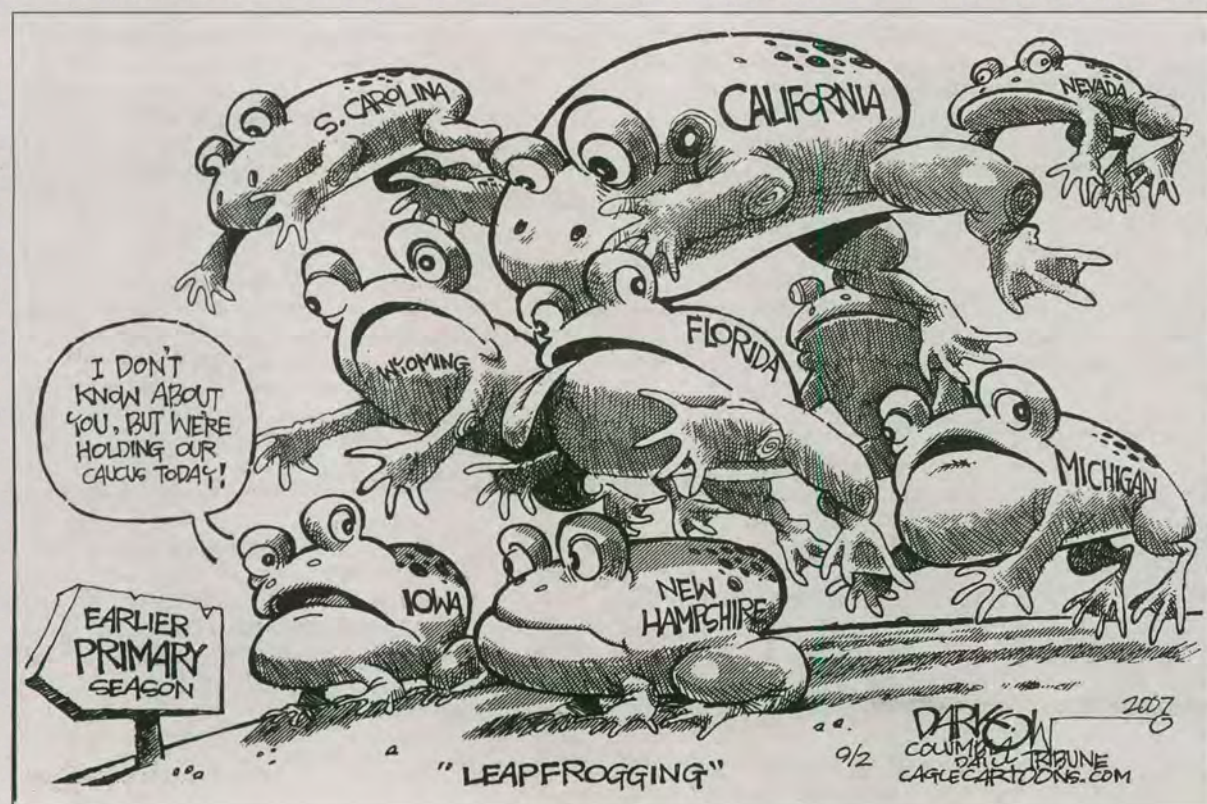
Garand said the user-friendly format of the CNN-YouTube debates opens the democratic process to more people. He said technology broadens participation and is viewed as a democratization of the process.

"Candidates will try to use available technology as best they can," Garand said. "And whatever that new technology is in 2012 you can rest assured that candidates will use it to try to reach voters that are traditionally not being reached. They will take advantage of the technologies as we develop them."

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Chris Rice

Rice's latest borders on poetry

By ANALISE LIPARI
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Chris Rice's latest album, "What a Heart Is Beating For," is so delectably endearing that repeated listening is not only recommended, but delightfully inevitable. The most recent in the Christian musician's library, "What a Heart Is Beating For" is more than a shiny pop confection, touching on issues of faith and substance with a lyrical, poetic feel.

All right, freeze. Before any mainstream music fan stops reading their newspaper in annoyance, rest assured

that the "Christian" label consists of far more than volumes like "Worship and Praise 152" and anthologies of Gregorian chanting (despite the genuine merits of both). Christian music courtesy of Chris Rice is both spiritual and accessible - he expands on traditional themes and broadens their message, coupling their meaning with catchy, smart lyrics and doing it all in a way that feels more peaceful than preachy. What ultimately results is a highly successful crossover album, appealing to both pop/rock listeners and fans of Christian musicians like Matt Redman and Stephen Curtis Chapman.

The album opens with "So Much for My Sad Song," a sweet little ditty about a sour mood turned right. With elements of piano, trumpet and electric guitar, Rice creates a more complex track than the admittedly cute subject matter might indicate.

Immediately following is the title track, "What a Heart Is Beating For," a sweeping creation whose unassuming beginning gives way to

some of Rice's most powerful (and, truthfully, spiritual) songwriting. "Why be afraid, no reason to hide/ take the chance, put it all on the line/ draw in a deep breath and throw open the door/ 'Cause that's what a heart is beating for," the chorus goes, gently urging listeners to simply be open to the transformative power of love. It's a refreshing message, and an unexpectedly welcome one in modern times of anger, stress and anxiety.

Further on, Rice muses more seriously on the outside world with "You Don't Have to Yell," a subtle indictment of the talking heads and vitriol in today's media. Rather than condemning, however, Rice presumes a real goodness in his fellow man by asking this hyperactive world to just take a deep breath. With a straightforward, understated rhythm that couples well with its message, "You Don't Have to Yell" is a successful version of the multifaceted modern protest song.

Other notable tracks include "Here Come Those Eyes," with Rice sounding something like a rockabilly version of

Jack Johnson; "Lemonade," whose sweet-without-being-saccharine version of the "life gives you lemons" metaphor is enough to make Oscar the Grouch crack a smile; and "Tell Me the Story Again," the album's final song, a downright lovely opus devoted to the unending power of the Gospel narrative. "Now plunge/ With his guilty sins/ In the cleansing waves/ Wash his sins away/ Oh, happy day," Rice sings in the chorus, creating a beautiful image of salvation without pushing his listeners too far.

The iTunes version of "What a Heart Is Beating For" adds two bonus tracks: "Kids Again," Rice's spunky ode to the joys of childhood, and "Baby Take Your Bow," a gentle song of goodbye. Both are fine additions, but the album would be just as good without them.

"What a Heart Is Beating For" is that rare breed of crossover album - it attracts new listeners at no expense to its original fans, and holds true to its roots without feeling restricted by them.

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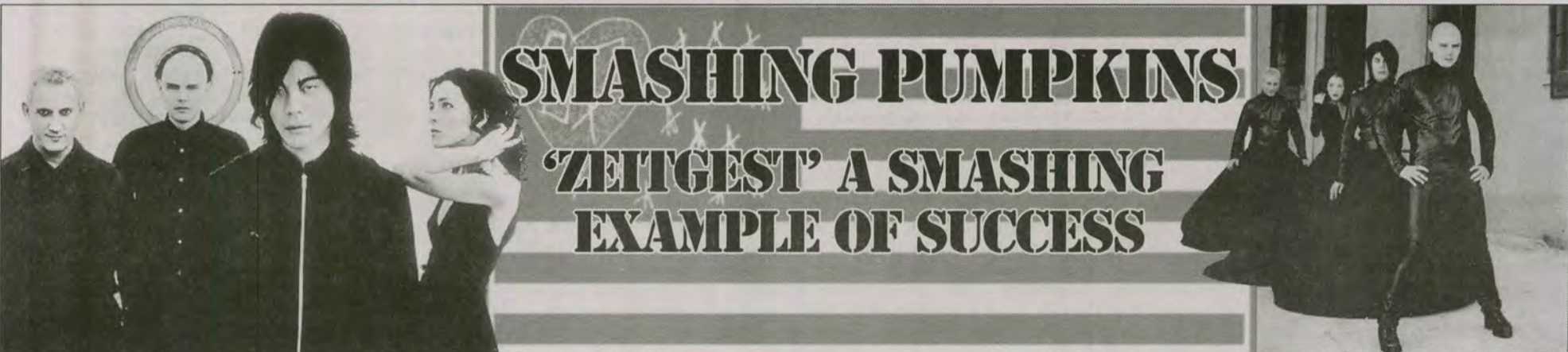
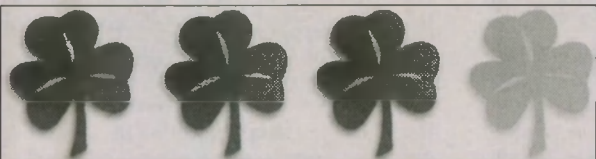
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What a Heart Is Beating For

Chris Rice

Released by: Sony

Recommended Tracks: So Much for My Sad Song, What a Heart Is Beating For



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SMASHING PUMPKINS

'ZEITGEST' A SMASHING EXAMPLE OF SUCCESS

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

Zeitgeist, (n.) the general intellectual, moral and cultural climate of an era. In other words, the word "zeitgeist" means the spirit of the times. If "Zeitgeist," the latest album from the newly-reformed Smashing Pumpkins, is indeed the spirit of these times, what a dark and turbulent age we live in.

"Zeitgeist" features a lot of political turmoil, dissent, disquiet and discontent, plus a slew of heavy guitars and slamming drum beats. The Pumpkins have crafted a moody, brooding album which conveys the malaise and mistrust of our

times in the light of the current political landscape. On an album featuring tracks with such names as the apocalyptic "Doomsday Clock," "United States," "For God and Country" and "Pomp and Circumstances," there can be no mistaking the highly charged political rhetoric splashed across all 13 tracks of "Zeitgeist."

Perhaps singer and frontman extraordinaire Billy Corgan and Co. would have been better off releasing this album a decade earlier, when they could actually lay claim to existing as one of the signature alternative sounds of the 1990s. Beyond just the nature of the album, there's the issue of whether or not these latest hard rockers are, in fact, the Smashing Pumpkins.

The band exploded onto the American music scene with the hit double album "Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness." The album debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard Charts in October of 1995. From there the Smashing Pumpkins went on to sell over 18 million albums and were one of the most popular and best-selling bands of the decade.

Unfortunately, the

alternative band broke up in 2000, leaving the Pumpkins in rotting shards.

The new Smashing Pumpkins might be better named The Smashed Pumpkins, as the new Pumpkins consist of only singer and guitarist Billy Corgan and drummer Jimmy Chamberlin. Original band members guitarist/vocalist James Iha and bassist/vocalist D'arcy Wretzky declined to help reform the Smashing Pumpkins for another go-around, so these new Pumpkins feature a much different, stripped-down sound, somewhat akin in composition if not nature to the guitar-and-drums-only musical approach of The White Stripes.

That being said, the Smashing Pumpkins are still the Smashing Pumpkins, replete with the inimitable Billy Corgan, whose shaved, pale gourd and somewhat screechy singing voice retain very much their same flair from years of Pumpkins past. The eclectic and strong-willed frontman, for better or worse, remains very much the creative force and the man behind the music for the band, and the Pumpkins still exist today mainly due to

his stubbornness and unwillingness to give up.

The band still has its signature sound and hard-rocking, rebellious nature, which will inspire large amounts of head-banging and fist-pumping from its listeners. The first single "Tarantula," in particular, has a fresh, edgy sound and features a catchy guitar romp. The melancholy "That's the Way (My Love Is)" shows a rare glimpse of Billy Corgan's softer side and is vaguely reminiscent of the earlier Pumpkins smash single "1979." The second single off the album, "Doomsday Clock," is every bit as foreboding and doom-and-gloomy as you'd expect it to be.

The Smashing Pumpkins, despite their many previous successes and dwindling numbers, have put a hungry, aggressive touch on "Zeitgeist" that smacks not of has-been rock star hacks trying to reclaim previous glory, but rather of an up-and-coming, still-trying-to-make-it garage band. The Smashing Pumpkins have returned, and they paint a spirited, if dark, picture of our times with "Zeitgeist."

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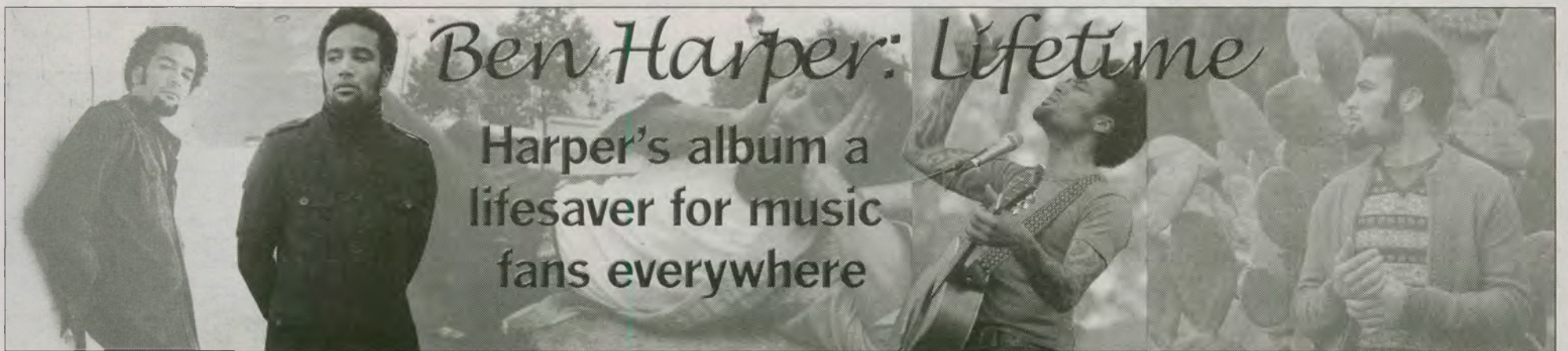
Zeitgeist

The Smashing Pumpkins

Released by: Martha's Music / Reprise

Recommended Tracks: Doomsday Clock, Tarantula, United States





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By CHRIS MCGRADY
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Ben Harper is undeniably one of the premier musical talents in the modern popular scene. His skills resonate through every high and low of his grainy tenor voice, jump down the strings of his signature Weissenborn guitar, and settle softly, but strikingly, on the ears of his listeners.

Ben Harper was born in Claremont, Calif., and has been playing the guitar since he was a child. He released his first LP, "Pleasure and Pain," as a joint effort with folk guitarist Tom Freund.

Lifeline

Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals
Released by: Virgin Records America
Recommended Tracks: Say You Will, Paris Sunrise #7, Fight Outta You



"Fight For Your Mind," released in 1995, became a college radio favorite and established Harper's position in the music scene. Collectively, Harper has released 11 albums and has climbed as high as No. 7 on the Billboard Music 200. Perhaps Harper's most well-known track is "Steal My Kisses," from his 1999 album "Burn To Shine."

In Harper's most recent effort, "Lifeline," collaboration with his band The Innocent Criminals, Harper tosses a life preserver to the average listener drowning in the sea of musical homogeneity.

The album, released by Virgin Records America, was recorded in seven days in Paris. Perhaps more impressively, the album went straight from the instruments to analog tape, sans digital enhancement. For some musicians, this would be a sure recipe for disaster. With Harper, however, the transition works perfectly in his favor.

His soulful voice, with surprising range, never

falters, and his bandmates — guitarist Jason Yates, drummer Oliver Charles, bassist Juan Nelson, keyboard player Leon Mobley and percussionist Leon Mobley — provide stellar backup. The album has the gritty feel of a live performance, but with the audio quality of a studio recording.

It's the best of both worlds.

The album opens with the addictive track "Fight Outta You," one of the Harper-esque signature tracks that borders on being an anthem. Harper's lyrical prowess shines through, urging listeners "to not let them take the fight out of you."

"Needed You Tonight" is a tribute to legends of the past, with the type of soulful, R&B sound that has come to be expected from Harper. The song showcases Harper's moving voice.

The sixth track, "Say You Will," sounds like the echoes of a Sunday church service, and will have the listeners tapping their toes to the beat. Followed by the morose "Younger

Than Today," Harper's well-known falsetto makes an appearance for one of the more stirring tracks on the album.

The beauty of the album lies in its diversity and the musical honesty that drips from every song. Every lyric is genuine and full of emotion, the guitar chords echo with meaning, and the bass line moves forward with confidence.

Perhaps the most impressive song on the album is the instrumental "Paris Sunrise #7," where Harper's signature slide guitar plays beautifully. The track even "sounds" like a sunrise — progressing forward more quickly

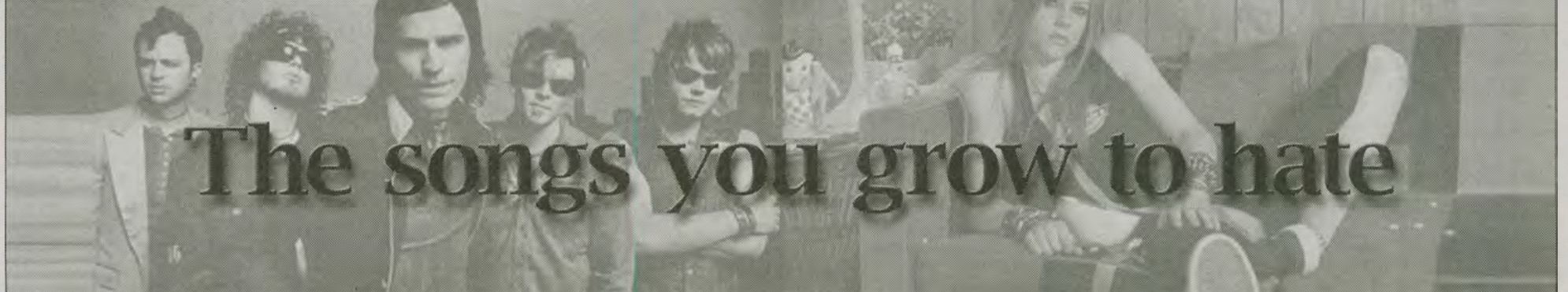
until the activity of daybreak is portrayed in the pace of the song.

The album is a striking success, particularly in the modern music landscape. The genuine nature of the album is a breath of fresh air in a stale music scene, and "Lifeline" proves to be a complete success.

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The beauty of [Lifeline] lies in its diversity and the musical honesty that drops from every song. Every lyric is genuine and full of emotion.

Scene and Heard



OBSERVER GRAPHIC | Matt Hudson

By CASSIE BELEK
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There are always those songs that you love at first, but then the radio stations ruin them by playing them over and over again. Eventually happy feelings toward those hot new singles vanish into a bottomless pit of hatred, and you're left wondering how you ever liked the songs in the first place.

I find this particularly problematic when I'm home during breaks because that's when I actually listen to the radio while driving around town. Last Christmas, I developed a passionate loathing for Hinder's "Lips of an Angel." I never really loved it, but thought it was pleasant and didn't feel the urge to turn the dial to look for anything better.

However, as time progressed, the radio stations began playing it nonstop. Every time I turned on the radio, "Lips of an Angel" would be playing.

At first I laughed about it, but in the end I embraced that oh-so-familiar feeling of hatred toward both the song and Hinder. A close examination of the lyrics reveals that this "love song" is about a

cheating lover yearning for someone other than his current squeeze.

It's not exactly what I want to be singing along to on the radio.

I never thought I could hate a song as much as "Lips of an Angel" until this summer — the summer of "Girlfriend." Every time Avril Lavigne releases a single, the radio stations feel the need to overplay her songs more than any other artist's. Don't get me started on my dislike for "Sk8er Boi" or "I'm With You."

I'll admit that I loved "Girlfriend" at first. I was still abroad in Spain so I was able to listen to the song at my discretion. I thought it was fun and I could totally see it being in "Bring it On 5: It's Already Been Brought IV Times." Turns out, it's already been featured in a preview for the early Oscar front-runner "Bratz: The Movie" (which happens to be the only movie preview that's ever been booted at a movie I've attended).

Eventually the song wore on my nerves. I grew tired of Avril's "Hey, hey, you, you!"'s and her continual girl-bashing. I mean, does Avril hate every other female on the planet except for herself? Did the popular girls make fun



Photo courtesy of files.ducat.kz

Avril Lavigne, female vocalist and artist behind pop-hit "Girlfriend," has taken the lead in the race to be the most annoying tune on the airwaves.

of her in junior high?

So this summer I entered into yet another battle with my favorite Top 40 radio station. Every time I got in the car, I would hear the shouts of "Hey, hey, you, you!" until I switched to rap or soft rock.

Anything but Avril.

One day, my patience was wearing thin as yet again, "Girlfriend" was playing as soon as I turned on the car for my drive home from work. I quickly turned the station, but then made a tragic mistake. I thought to myself, "This reminds me of when they kept

playing Hinder all Christmas break." I must have angered the radio gods with my resistance to their master plan of killing all enjoyment from the radio. Surely they heard my mental footnote because what would you suppose was playing on the Top 40 station a minute and half after I turned it from Avril?

That's right — "Lips of an Angel."

You've got to be kidding me.

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MLB — AMERICAN LEAGUE

Mariners pull within a game in Wild Card

Sabathia continues Indians' dominance of Twins; Pena hits 35th homerun to lead Devil Rays over Orioles

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The video system wasn't working very well, so Ichiro Suzuki didn't get to study any of Roger Clemens' outings.

He still managed to do pretty well against a banged-up Rocket.

Suzuki had three hits off Clemens to equal another record, Felix Hernandez pitched seven sharp innings and the Mariners beat the New York Yankees 7-1 Monday in the opener of a crucial series.

"I was very anxious. The first time in my seven-year career that I thought I might say something mean to Carl Hamilton, our video coordinator," Suzuki cracked.

Clemens (6-6) allowed eight hits and five runs in four innings, and left to get an MRI exam on his balky right elbow before the clubhouse opened after the loss.

"First three innings it was a manageable situation for him and then it started to tighten up," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "Hopefully it's just something that needs a little rest."

Seattle ended its season-worst nine-game losing streak and trimmed New York's wild-

card lead to one game, winning for the first time since it beat Texas 4-2 on Aug. 24.

"I can sleep tonight," manager John McLaren said. "That's a start."

Suzuki homered in the third inning to reach 200 hits for the seventh consecutive season, tying the AL mark. He also singled twice against Clemens to raise his career average against the right-hander to .217 (5-for-23).

"Two-hundred hits is always special for me, no matter what the situation," Suzuki said through a translator. "But I did have the plus also today of getting a win after nine consecutive losses and getting it off of Roger Clemens."

Indians 5, Twins 0

If the Cleveland Indians avoid a colossal collapse and finish with the AL Central title at the end of this month, they can count their mastery of Johan Santana and the Minnesota Twins as one of the reasons for the success.

C.C. Sabathia threw eight shutout innings, and the Indians topped Santana and the Twins yet once more with a on Monday that extended their lead over the defending division champs to 10 1/2



Mariners second baseman Jose Lopez, left, slides around Yankees catcher Jorge Posada to score a run in Seattle's 7-1 win Monday over New York. Lopez also had two RBIs on the day.

games.

Cleveland is 12-4 against Minnesota and 5-0 against the reigning AL Cy Young Award winner this year.

"He's a great pitcher, one of the best in the game," Indians manager Eric Wedge said. "Fortunately for us, we had our guy out there who is also one of the best in the game."

The last time a Twins pitcher went 0-5 in one season against the same opponent was 1974, when Joe Decker lost five straight to the Oakland Athletics. Ryan Garko homered, and each of the three batters walked by the left-hander scored. Santana (14-11) gave up six hits and four runs in six innings, and he struck out three.

"It's never a fun at-bat," Garko said. "When we see the schedule coming up we all kind of roll our eyes and say, 'Here he comes again.' I think, though, the more you see a pitcher — no matter how good his stuff is — the more ready you are to face him."

Sabathia (16-7) bested Santana for the second time in a week. He gave up six hits and one walk while striking out six in his ninth straight start with two runs allowed or fewer. Sabathia is 4-1 with a 1.51 ERA against the Twins this year.

"I don't have to face him.

The guys in the lineup do," Sabathia said. "They're doing a great job, and I just go out and try to focus on their lineup."

Devil Rays 9, Orioles 7

Carlos Pena spent most of last season toiling in the minors for the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox. One year, he's become the one of the top power hitters in Tampa Bay's short history.

Pena hit his team-record 35th homer, a tiebreaking two-run drive in a three-run seventh inning that helped the Devil Rays overcome a four-run deficit and beat the Baltimore Orioles Monday night.

"It's pretty cool," Pena said. "I'm extremely excited. At heart, I'm just a kid playing baseball still."

The Devil Rays almost missed out on Pena, who signed as a free agent with Tampa Bay during the offseason. The only reason he made the opening-day roster was because Greg Norton hurt his knee at the end of spring training.

"I don't take it for granted," Pena said.

Pena avoided a potential injury earlier in the game when he was hit on the helmet above the right ear by a Rocky Cherry pitch in the fifth.

"It hurt a lot," Pena said.

"I'm fine."

Pena's drive off Jim Hoey (1-4) struck an overhanging catwalk and gave Tampa Bay a 6-4 lead. Pena's home-run total is one more than Jose Canseco (1999) and current Orioles designated hitter Aubrey Huff (2003) hit for the Devil Rays.

"That ball was crushed," Devil Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "He got us going again. Another big knock."

James Shields (11-8) gave up four runs — one earned — and seven hits in seven innings for the Devil Rays, who have won nine of 11. Delmon Young had three RBIs, including a run-scoring double in the seventh. Akinori Iwamura added a two-run homer in the eighth off Brian Burres that made it 9-4.

Ramon Hernandez hit a three-run homer in the ninth off Al Reyes.

Baltimore has lost 12 of 13 — getting outscored 128-56 — and is just three games ahead of the Devil Rays for fourth place in the AL East. Tampa Bay has finished last in all but one of its first nine years — it was fourth in 2004.

"It's usually not one thing that's your downfall," Orioles manager Dave Trembley said. "It's a combination of things, but I would say tonight, the pitching was probably a lot more predominant than anything else."



Cleveland first baseman Ryan Garko extends to hit a solo homerun Monday during the Indians' win 5-0 over the Twins.

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Major League Baseball

American League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Boston	83-55	.601	6-4	-
New York	76-62	.551	5-5	7.0
Toronto	70-67	.511	6-4	12.5
Baltimore	59-77	.434	1-9	23.0
Tampa Bay	57-81	.413	8-2	26.0

American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Cleveland	79-58	.577	9-1	-
Detroit	73-64	.533	5-5	6.0
Minnesota	69-69	.500	4-6	10.5
Kansas City	62-75	.453	5-5	17.0
Chicago	58-79	.423	2-8	21.0

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Los Angeles	80-56	.588	6-4	-
Seattle	74-62	.544	1-9	6.0
Oakland	68-70	.493	4-6	13.0
Texas	63-74	.460	7-3	17.5

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New York	77-60	.562	5-5	-
Philadelphia	72-65	.526	6-4	5.0
Atlanta	70-68	.507	4-6	7.5
Washington	61-77	.442	3-7	16.5
Florida	60-78	.435	3-7	17.5

National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Chicago	70-66	.515	5-5	-
Milwaukee	69-68	.504	4-6	1.5
St. Louis	67-67	.500	6-4	2.0
Cincinnati	62-76	.449	4-6	9.0
Houston	62-76	.449	5-5	9.0
Pittsburgh	60-77	.438	4-6	10.5

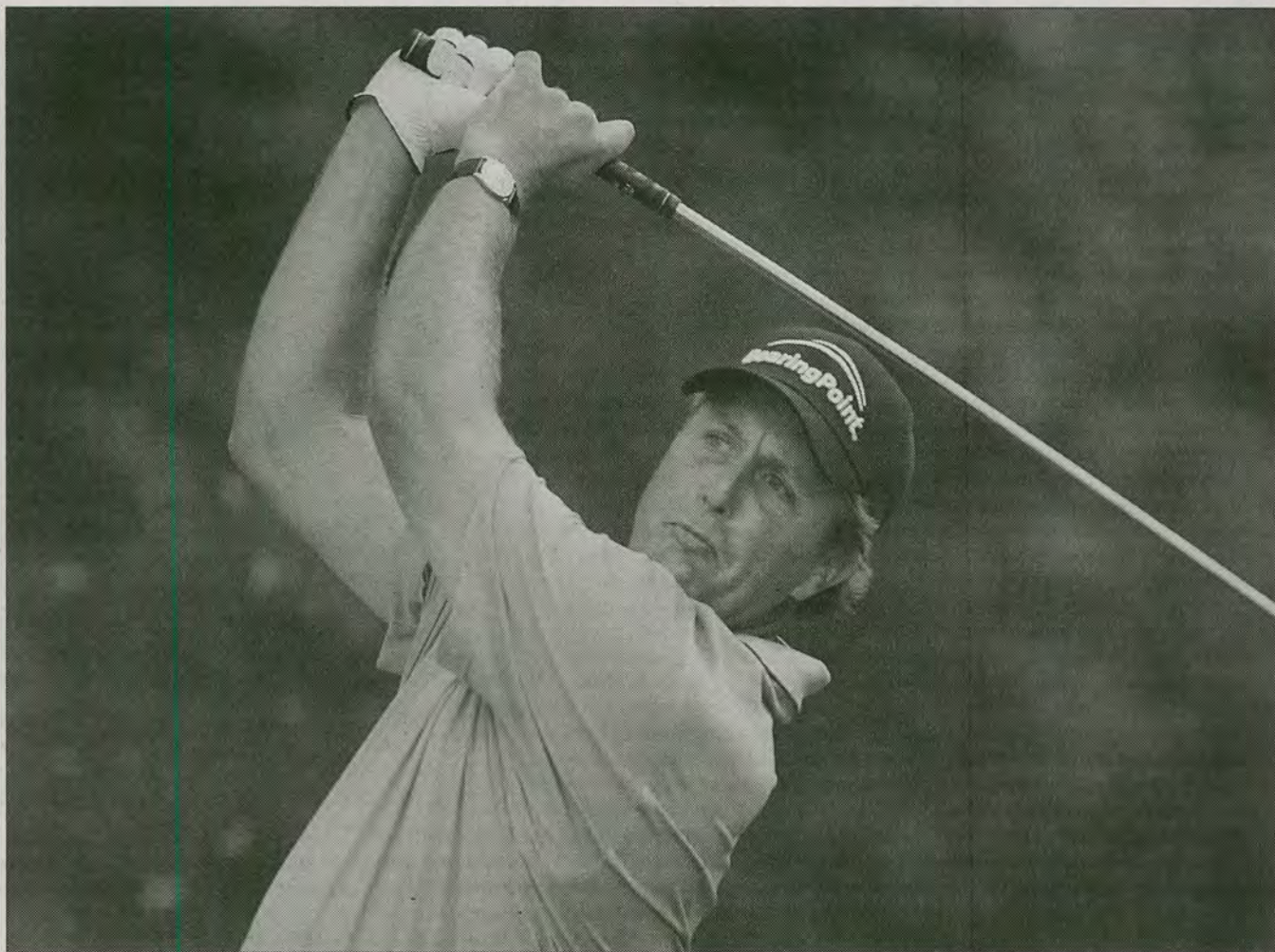
National League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
San Diego	76-61	.555	7-3	-
Arizona	76-63	.547	4-6	1.0
Los Angeles	72-65	.526	6-4	4.0
Colorado	71-66	.518	7-3	5.0
San Francisco	62-76	.449	6-4	14.5

Preseason Division I NCAA Men's Soccer

team	2006 record	previous
1 UCSB	17-7-0	1
2 UCLA	14-6-4	2
3 Wake Forest	18-3-4	3
4 Duke	18-4-1	5
5 Virginia	17-4-1	4
6 Santa Clara	13-5-5	7
7 Indiana	15-5-2	9
8 SMU	17-2-4	11
9 Maryland	16-5-1	10
10 NOTRE DAME	15-6-2	6
11 Cal	13-6-1	12
12 Clemson	13-5-2	13
13 West Virginia	15-3-3	18
14 Northwestern	14-8-0	8
15 New Mexico	14-4-3	22
16 North Carolina	11-6-3	19
17 St. John's	14-6-2	23
18 Washington	13-7-1	20
19 Lehigh	15-2-3	15
20 Towson	15-2-3	16
21 Old Dominion	14-6-2	14
22 Saint Louis	13-5-2	21
23 UNC Greensboro	16-8-1	17
24 Harvard	14-5-0	24
25 UConn	10-7-2	NR

PGA TOUR



Phil Mickelson follows through on a swing at the Deutsche Bank Championship, the second event of the PGA Tour Playoffs for the FedExCup, held on Monday. It was his first victory since a wrist injury in May.

Mickelson returns to form with FedEx Win

Associated Press

NORTON, Mass. — Phil Mickelson's return to Beantown was sweeter than he ever imagined.

He was sitting in a suite at Fenway Park on Saturday night when Boston Red Sox rookie Clay Buchholz threw a no-hitter. And on a Labor Day finish that brought play-off atmosphere to the PGA Tour, Lefty pitched a gem of his own.

With thousands of fans standing six-deep behind the greens, and hundreds more camped out in front of video boards, Mickelson blew away Tiger Woods with a flawless front nine and held him off down the stretch to

win the Deutsche Bank Championship, a sign that Lefty is healthy enough to again challenge the world's No. 1 player.

"I had a lot of fun - not just today, this whole week," said Mickelson, who closed with a 5-under 66 for a two-shot victory Monday. "We went and saw the no-hitter in Fenway Park. How often does that happen?"

More often than Mickelson going head-to-head in the final round against Woods and winning the tournament.

That was a first.

But the way he played all week, including the first two rounds with Woods and Vijay Singh, it might not be

the last.

"This is what we hoped the summer would be," swing coach Butch Harmon said from Las Vegas. "And if it hadn't have been for the hand injury, it would have been."

It was the first victory for Mickelson since The Players Championship in May, when he looked ready to make another run at Woods. Then he injured his left wrist that cost him his summer, and only recently has Mickelson been able to swing without flinching.

The pain on this Labor Day belonged to Woods.

He couldn't make a putt on the front nine, and couldn't deliver enough clutch putts

while trying to make up ground on the final holes. He wound up with a 67 despite taking 32 putts, which left him tied for second with Arron Oberholser (69) and Brett Wetterich (70), who played in the final group of what seemed like a Nationwide Tour gallery.

The buzz outside Beantown was on the biggest names in golf, and Mickelson relished this victory.

"For 10 years I've struggled against Tiger," Mickelson said. "This sure feels great to go head-to-head ... and over the last five or six holes when he's making a run, it was fun to match him with birdies."

IN BRIEF

Elbow injury may keep Clemens out for a time

NEW YORK — Roger Clemens got banged up by the Seattle Mariners, and then quickly left the clubhouse after the Yankees' 7-1 loss on Monday to get an MRI exam on his balky right elbow.

The 45-year-old Clemens, who allowed five runs and eight hits in four innings to lose for the first time since July 28 at Baltimore, felt his elbow tighten up during the game, manager Joe Torre said.

"First three innings it was a manageable situation for him and then it started to tighten up," Torre said. "Hopefully it's just something that needs a little rest."

Torre was noncommittal about whether Clemens would remain on schedule in the rotation. His next start would likely be Sunday at Kansas City.

"For safety sake, we may skip a turn but it all depends on what the tests show," Torre said.

Frye to start as Brown's quarterback over Quinn

BEREA, Ohio — The suspense is over. Charlie Frye will start at quarterback for Cleveland's season opener Sunday against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Frye, who started 13 games last year, battled in training camp to keep his job after coach Romeo Crennel turned the starting position into an open competition. After offseason workouts and minicamps, Frye entered training camp slightly behind Derek Anderson.

But Frye outperformed Anderson during preseason games and directed one touchdown drive against the Denver Broncos. Anderson produced no touchdowns when he led the offense during preseason games.

Frye said he's made strides since last season.

"I think I'm a lot more poised and my game management is better," Frye said. "It comes from experience and being pushed by other guys. You make sacrifices and those sacrifices end up helping your game out."

Strahan reports to Giants after five week holdout

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Seventime Pro Bowl defensive end Michael Strahan reported to the New York Giants on Monday, six days before the season opener.

Ending a holdout that may cost him more than \$500,000 in fines, Strahan arrived unobserved at Giants Stadium around 4 p.m., handled some paperwork and met with general manager Jerry Reese and coach Tom Coughlin. He also took a physical and left after 45 minutes, not making himself available for comment.

The 35-year-old Strahan, who held out for more than five weeks and missed all four preseason games while deciding whether to play a 15th season or retire, will practice on Tuesday.

"It's all behind us," Reese said, sitting in his car beneath Giants Stadium. "We're moving forward and getting ready for Dallas."

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MLB — NATIONAL LEAGUE

Martinez gets 3,000th strikeout in return from DL

McCann, Braves send Phillies to third straight loss; Snell throws seven strong innings to beat Cardinals

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Working with a fastball that was past its prime, Pedro Martinez made a vintage comeback.

Back on the mound for the first time in almost a year, the right-hander got his 3,000th career strikeout Monday and led the resurgent New York Mets to a 10-4 win over the Cincinnati Reds.

A victory and a little bit of history, too.

"Can't ask for anything better than that," manager Willie Randolph said. "He's amazing. I shouldn't even be surprised, really. Pedro was superb."

Martinez (1-0) had major shoulder surgery last Oct. 5. He returned after just four rehabilitation appearances in the minors, leaving some questions about his readiness. The Mets decided to put him on a 75-pitch limit that left him no margin for error to get through five innings and get a win.

Somehow, he managed.

Martinez threw 76 pitches while limiting the Reds to three runs and five hits in five innings. Four of his pitches came on an intentional walk. With two runners aboard in the fifth, Martinez got Adam Dunn — the last batter he'd get to face — to hit into a rally-killing groundout.

Then, he pumped his fist.

"Indescribable," the three-time Cy Young winner said. "So far, so good. It was good enough. I did what I was supposed to do. I got 75 pitches in. I gave my team an opportunity. I felt I settled down after the first inning and got everything in control again."

His performance helped the NL East leaders get control of their division again, increasing their lead to five games over Philadelphia. The lead was down to only two games last week, when the allure of adding a pitcher with playoff experience became too much to resist.

Martinez didn't disappoint.

"That's Pedro, and he's going to get better," catcher Paul Lo Duca said.

Even though the Reds didn't do much against Martinez, they could see he had a long way to go.

"He didn't look like he had his old stuff, and I wouldn't expect him to," said first baseman Scott Hatteberg, who was his 2,999th strikeout victim. "He has a long way to go to get back to his old stuff."

"He had just electric stuff, with a 94 mph fastball and a sharp, breaking curve. He may get there, but he isn't close now. It's obvious he knows how to pitch."

Martinez fanned Aaron Harang in the second inning to become the 15th pitcher with 3,000 career strikeouts. Boston's Curt Schilling was the most recent to join the group, getting his 3,000th in August last year.

Moises Alou had three hits, including a solo homer, and

scored three times. David Wright also had three hits, including a two-run homer that put the Mets in position for their fourth straight victory, matching their season high. Carlos Delgado hit a solo home run in the ninth, his 22nd.

Harang (14-4) had been 4-0 in his last five starts, but matched his season high by giving up 10 hits and six runs in 5 2/3 innings.

"I can't be perfect all the time," Harang said. "The ball just carried today."

Braves 5, Phillies 1

Maybe it was the heat. Perhaps it was carryover from a bad loss to the Marlins. Whatever it was, Ryan Howard and Aaron Rowand couldn't make contact, and the Philadelphia Phillies lost again.

Howard and Rowand combined to go 0-for-7 with five strikeouts and the Phillies lost to the Atlanta Braves on Monday.

Philadelphia, only two games out of first place four days ago, suddenly is five back in the NL East, and last week's optimism is fading as the deficit grows.

"We've got to find a way to recreate some momentum here and turn this into a respectable trip," Jamie Moyer (12-11) said after giving up four runs in 5 2/3 innings.

The Phillies swept New York in a four-game series last week to pull to within two games of the Mets. Since then, they've lost three of four, including two of three at Florida.

"Those four wins against New York don't mean as much at this point," Moyer said.

Manager Charlie Manuel suggested the Phillies hadn't recovered from Sunday's 7-6 loss to the Marlins, when Philadelphia blew a 5-0 lead.

"I'd say some of the game yesterday carried over to today," Manuel said, adding he is worried about the growing gap between the Mets and his team.

"We're losing ground with 25 games to play," Manuel said. "Yeah, of course we do [worry]."

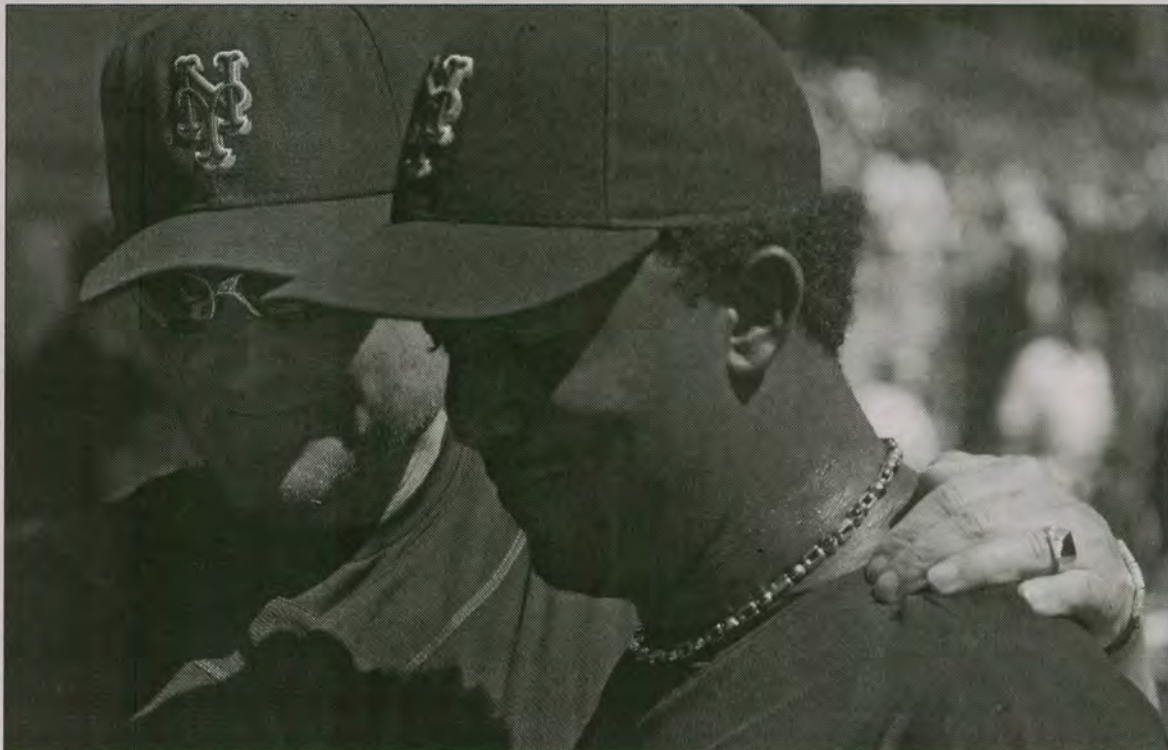
Added Moyer: "You can't make up five games until you make up one game. You can't look down the road."

The Braves recovered after being swept by New York in a three-game weekend series, but they are still 7 1/2 behind the Mets.

"We're gonna just have to run a streak here, see what happens," said Braves manager Bobby Cox.

Cormier did not allow a home run for the first time in seven starts. He had given up 13 homers in 32 innings before Monday's start, but he relied on his curveball to hold the Phillies to only four hits — including three to Chase Utley — and one run in 5 2/3 innings.

"I built on it last start, threw it a lot more, and today that was the pitch I went to when I needed it," Cormier said. "It was a good one today."



Mets pitcher Pedro Martinez, right, is congratulated by pitching coach Rick Peterson after finishing the fifth inning Monday. Martinez threw his 3,000th strikeout in New York's 10-4 win Monday over Cincinnati.

Cormier (2-4) struck out five with one walk in his second straight win.

"I feel like I'm where I need to be," Cormier said. "You're not always going to have the best outing of your life, but it feels good to get a win today."

Brian McCann hit a two-run double in a three-run fourth inning as the Braves snapped a three-game losing streak and avoided falling to .500 for the first time since June 24.

Peter Moylan, Manny Acosta, Tyler Yates and Rafael Soriano combined to pitch 3 1/3 hitless innings for Atlanta.

Moyer struck out seven but gave up nine hits in 5 2/3 innings. He walked two batters while suffering his first loss in three starts against Atlanta this season.

The Phillies took a 1-0 lead in the fourth when Utley doubled to right and scored on Pat Burrell's single to left.

Philadelphia's only other serious threat came in the sixth, when Burrell popped out to end the inning with runners on first and third.

"It wasn't our day," Utley said. "We didn't swing the bats very well. ... Playing today's game in warm weather didn't help. The heat wears on you."

Pirates 11, Cardinals 0

The last two times Ian Snell has beaten the Cardinals on the road, he's knocked them back to .500. This time, it really had to hurt for St. Louis.

Snell threw seven scoreless innings to end a six-game road losing streak since winning in St. Louis on April 16, and the Pittsburgh Pirates halted a five-game losing streak, routing Kip Wells on Monday.

The Cardinals, coming off a three-game sweep over the Reds, entered the day two games back of the Cubs in the NL Central. On Sunday, the defending World Series champions moved above .500 for the first time since April 15.

Snell sent them back to 67-67, just as he evened their record at 6-6 in mid-April.

"Today was a great start for him," catcher Ronny Paulino said. "He was throwing his fastball in and out. He wasn't

just throwing it in there, he was making it happen."

Jack Wilson matched a career high with four hits, including a two-run home run, and had three RBIs as the Pirates emerged from a skid in which they were outscored 35-13. Paulino and Freddy Sanchez both went 3-for-4 with two RBIs.

Wilson missed a chance to hit for the cycle in the ninth when he lined into a double play, although he said he hadn't been aware until St. Louis catcher Gary Bennett informed him.

"He goes 'Single, single, double, home run,'" Wilson said. "I was taking because he had just walked a guy on four pitches, but Bennett is a guy who's so nice he'll give me a first-pitch fastball just to try it. Sure enough."

The Pirates had 15 hits in 25 at-bats when reliever Andy Cavazos was chased in a five-run fifth that made it 11-0. They scored in each of the first five innings.

Cardinals pitchers gave up a double-digit run total for the 17th time this season, five of them in games started by Wells (6-16), and dropped back to

.500. Wells and Jose Contreras of the White Sox are tied for the major league lead in losses.

"His biggest problem today was throwing the ball in the middle of the plate, mostly up where guys can get to it," manager Tony La Russa said. "That's his biggest problem, by the way."

"He put us in a big hole."

A good portion of a sellout crowd cheered when La Russa emerged from the dugout to yank Wells, who lasted 3 1/3 innings and gave up six runs and 10 hits. Wells was booed heavily as he left the field.

Wells entered 2-0 with an 0.75 ERA against his former team, beating them on May 23 to snap a personal worst seven-game losing streak. Wells was bumped from the rotation in mid-June after going 2-11 with a 6.93 ERA and lately he's been struggling again, going 0-3 with a 10.80 in his last three starts.

"Having already been through the adversity I've had this year, it's not like I'm going to bury myself," Wells said. "I'm just going to do what I can to give myself the best chance to be successful."

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Cameron looks to rebuild in Miami

First-year coach will try to end Miami's 6-year playoff drought

Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — Bob Knight remembers well how the new Miami Dolphins coach got his start in the profession.

It was 1984, and after playing two sports at Indiana, Cam Cameron wanted to pursue a football coaching career. He sought help from Knight, and the Hoosiers basketball coach made a call to Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler, who had an opening for a graduate assistant.

"Bo said, 'Get him up here tomorrow morning,'" Knight says. "I told Cam, 'Schembechler will be in his office at 8 o'clock. You be sitting on the step at 7.' He said, 'Where is it?' I said, 'You'd better find it.'"

"He was there when Bo came in, and Bo really liked him."

Some 23 years later, Cameron is starting another new job. He makes his debut as an NFL head coach Sunday for the Miami Dolphins at Washington.

"Coaching is all I know," Cameron says. "My mother married a coach when I was 13. I don't know anything else."

Does he know enough to transform the Dolphins into champions? It has been six seasons since their last playoff game, 15 since they reached the AFC championship game, 23 since they made the Super Bowl, and 34 since their most recent NFL title.

Miami went 6-10 last year under Nick Saban, and the Cameron era begins with expectations of at least modest improvement in 2007. But it's clear the Dolphins are rebuilding: 11 rookies are on the roster, including nine draft picks, the most to make the team in 10 years.

"You talk about rebuilding, and veterans don't want to hear that word," All-Pro defensive end Jason Taylor says. "But any time you have a new coaching staff, you're rebuilding."

"Cam brought in Joey Porter and Trent Green, guys he's trying to use to get this thing fixed now and not just waiting for down the road. Even with rookie guys, you never know what can happen."

"It may not take five years. It may not take one year. We'll have to wait and see."

Cameron has yet to lose a game, and he dissipated the oppressive atmosphere created by his successor, so it's no surprise his players praise him. Some of his decisions have left observers scratching their heads, however.

Cameron passed on taking Brady Quinn in the first round of the April draft, even though the Dolphins desperately needed a quarterback. He instead drafted Ted Ginn Jr., touting his return skills, then gave the kickoff-return job to starting running back Ronnie Brown. He declared the QB job open when it was a

foregone conclusion Green would be the starter. He called a Statue of Liberty style play to score a touchdown in an exhibition game, instead of waiting until the regular season to pull it off.

During the preseason, such issues create only a ripple. Once the games start to count, every decision can carry seismic force.

Especially if Cameron loses.

"I'm not a worrier. I don't go down that road," he says. "The head coach is put in a position to succeed here, and I knew that before I took the job."

He was hired after five years as offensive coordinator for the high-scoring San Diego Chargers. He's the first Dolphins head coach with an offensive background since George Wilson in the late 1960s, and he'll even call plays himself.

Offense is where the Dolphins were desperate for an upgrade. The unit will have six new starters, along with Cameron's intricate playbook, which emphasizes speed, precision, creating mismatches and spreading the ball around.

"Cam understands this offense," Green says. "His extensive background in it is going to be very beneficial for everybody."

Green and Cameron worked together when both were with the Washington Redskins, and Cameron relied heavily on such past associations while putting together his staff and roster. He has previous ties with at least eight players, and he has worked before with seven of his assistant coaches.

He's much more inclined to delegate to players and assistants than Saban.

"The thing that's impressive about coach Cameron is he does

not mind leaning on the people who have been around this game a long time," says defensive tackle Vonnie Holliday, a 10-year pro. "As a head coach, that's probably tough to do sometimes as the guy on

top. It shows something about his character that he's able to do that."

Cameron is also quick to acknowledge his many mentors, including Marty Schottenheimer, Dick Vermeil and Knight.

"They're a phone call away," Cameron says. "And that helps."

Knight, now coach at Texas Tech, says he talks with Cameron several times a year. Knight's a fan of his protege even though Cameron went 18-37 in five years at Indiana — until now his only head-coaching job.

Cameron was fired after a 5-6 season in 2001.

"Sheer stupidity," Knight says. "He took over when they had hit a low spot in recruiting. Just as Cam got the thing going, they fired him."

"He's a very bright guy and has a great work ethic. He'll work very hard. He communicates very well, and he'll work at getting players ready to play both physically and mentally. I think it'll be a really good situation for the Dolphins."

WNBA PLAYOFFS

Detroit advances to finals again

Nolan's 30 points help Shock continue quest to defend title

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Deanna Nolan scored 20 of her franchise playoff-record 30 points in the first half to help the defending champion Detroit Shock advance to the WNBA finals with an 81-65 victory over the Indiana Fever in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals Monday night.

The Shock will face Phoenix starting Wednesday night as they go for their second straight title and third in five years. Detroit has won both postseason series this year 2-1 after losing Game 1 on the road, and is now 7-0 when facing elimination the last two seasons.

Indiana led by 13 points in the opening minutes, but lost both the lead and All-Star forward Tamika Catchings in the second quarter. Catchings, who missed the final 13 regular-season games with a left-foot injury, strained her right Achilles' tendon in the last minute of the first half and did not return.

Cheryl Ford, playing her third game in four days on a bad knee, had 15 rebounds in just 18 minutes. Swin Cash scored 12 points and Katie Feenstra added 11, matching her total in Detroit's first five playoff games.

Indiana was going for its first conference title, but Tammy Sutton-Brown (17)



Detroit center Katie Feenstra, left, guards Indiana center Tammy Sutton-Brown during the Shock's 81-65 win Monday.

and Tully Bevilacqua (14) were the only Fever players to reach double figures. Tamika Whitmore, who had a league-record 41 points against Detroit in a first-round game last year, finished with nine on 3-for-10 shooting.

The Shock, known for their slow starts, trailed 16-3 with Ford on the bench in foul trouble.

Nolan, though, singlehandedly kept Detroit in the game. She had 20 points in a 14-minute span to help the Shock tie the game at 28.

Plenette Pierson's jumper gave the Shock their first lead — 30-28 — and drew a standing ovation from the previously silent crowd.

Detroit used a 28-10 run over a 13-minute stretch to

take a 35-30 lead at the half, and scored the first six points of the third quarter to go up by 11.

Indiana came back, pulling within 44-43, but two straight put-backs by Ford helped the Shock build a safer margin.

Ford had nine rebounds and a blocked shot in the period, and Detroit took a 57-47 lead into the fourth. The Shock led by as many as 20 in the fourth.

Ford was called for a technical with 5:11 to play after taking a swing at Sutton-Brown.

Detroit Pistons All-Star Chauncey Billups attended the game, one day after helping the United States win the FIBA Americas tournament in Las Vegas.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

O'Brien dreading return to BC

New NC State coach returns to Boston to take on former team

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — During a decade at Boston College, Tom O'Brien grew familiar with every nook and cranny of cozy Alumni Stadium.

Except one: the visitors' locker room.

He'll find out what it's like in there soon enough, at the end of a week he has been dreading seemingly since he was hired by North Carolina State.

O'Brien is bracing for an uncertain reception during his first trip north to face the BC team he deserted in December when he made a rare in-conference switch.

"I had a great experience at BC, and those kids are special kids up there, but come Saturday, my job is to win the football game and do the best I can for these kids at N.C. State, and with every breath and passion I have, that's what I'm going to do," O'Brien said Monday.

"Now I know those kids on the other sideline, (their job) is to win the game for BC, and that's what they're going to do. And then, after the game we can all talk after it's over and then we'll never talk about this again. It will be over with."

O'Brien, who says he only occasionally passed through the guests' locker room, isn't sure what to expect from the Boston College fans.

He knows many of them felt jilted nine months ago when

he bolted the Atlantic Coast Conference contending Eagles for an N.C. State team that fell into the Atlantic Division cellar under fired coach Chuck Amato.

"I'm pretty sure they love Coach O'Brien up there," linebacker Ernest Jones said. "So I don't think they're going to be negative toward the coach because he left a pretty good team there. They should have a positive vibe."

The coach hopes they remember fondly how in 1997 he took over a BC program ravaged by a gambling scandal, built the Eagles into Big East contenders and shepherded them through a messy switch to the ACC.

The appeal of coaching at a state university with deep pockets, expansive facilities and a rabid fan base was enough to convince O'Brien to make just the second in-conference switch in the league's football history.

"You get an occasional shot here or there, but it's probably 50 to 1," O'Brien said. "People recognize what went on in the 10 years at Boston College, from what I inherited to the scandal ... to restoring the integrity of the program and becoming a solid Top 25 program."

"Certainly you want to leave a program better than you inherit it, and there's no question we did that."

There are times when O'Brien misses the enthusiasm of college hockey, the buzz of a Red Sox crowd at Fenway Park and the camaraderie of friends with the NFL's Patriots.

"I guess maybe that's bad now that I'm here in Panther

country," he joked, referring to New England's Super Bowl victory over Carolina in 2004.

His new players say their taciturn taskmaster doesn't bore them with tales of Boston.

"We don't get too many stories from Coach O'Brien," tight end Marcus Stone deadpanned.

Still, it's clear O'Brien has a soft spot for the former players he'll try to beat. Defensive ends Alex Albright and Nick Larkin graduated from the same Cincinnati high school that O'Brien attended, and he called cornerback DeJuan Tribble "another of my Cincinnati boys."

And he praised quarterback Matt Ryan as "definitely the best quarterback in this conference, and maybe the top quarterback in the country."

There are plenty of ties connecting the schools' coaching staffs, too.

O'Brien brought six members of his BC staff to Raleigh, including offensive coordinator Dana Bible and longtime recruiting coordinator Jerry Petercusk.

One of the coaches left behind, defensive coordinator Frank Spaziani, led the Eagles to a Meineke Bowl victory after O'Brien's departure. He was retained by new coach Jeff Jagodzinski — whom O'Brien hired a decade ago to coordinate BC's offense.

"Frank and I go a way back, a lot of shared ideas back and forth, and he and Dana have been going against each other for eight years," O'Brien said. "There isn't going to be anything that they don't know about each other."

NFL

Colts looking to gallop past Saints



Colts quarterback Jim Sorgi tries to escape Lions defensive end Ikaika Alama-Francis in a 37-10 win over Detroit Aug. 25.

Dungy's squad will rely on offense in start of title defense

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts would do almost anything to avoid slowing down.

They live on a no-huddle offense and quick-hitting scores, and rely on defensive speed to force opponents into mistakes. So in Thursday night's season opener against New Orleans, the Colts hope to do — what else? — start fast.

"I believe it's important because you can get out in front and force other teams to play perfect football to catch you," coach Tony Dungy said Monday.

The evidence supports Dungy's theory.

Since Dungy's arrival in 2002, no team has had more early-season success than the Colts, and no team has been to the playoffs more often. Over the last five Septembers, Indy has turned a league-best 14-2 record into five straight playoff appearances, four straight division titles, two AFC championship game appearances and a Super Bowl title.

The Colts also are the only team in league history to go 9-0 in back-to-back seasons.

More impressive is that the Colts have gone 7-1 in season openers since 1999 despite playing on the road six times. The only loss came at New England in 2004 when Mike Vanderjagt missed a 48-yard field goal in the final minute, a score that could have forced overtime.

Consider, too, that Indy has 14 active veterans who have never lost an NFL game in September or October. The impeccable stats also include only one pre-Thanksgiving Day loss in 2005 and 2006.

What's their secret?

"I think we're always really prepared and we usually have a simple game plan," said starting linebacker Rob Morris, now in his eighth season with Indy. "We're not trying to do too many things and guys are ready to go, mentally and physically."

Dungy believes the success has more to do with veteran leadership.

While many offenses are still trying to refine timing early in the sea-

son, the Colts, with Super Bowl MVP Peyton Manning and Pro Bowl receivers Marvin Harrison and Reggie Wayne, are already in sync.

"Our offense usually comes out of the box functioning very well," Dungy said. "That's usually what takes time and we kind of hit the ground running."

Or throwing, in the case of Manning.

In his last 16 September games, the two-time league MVP has completed at least 60 percent of his passes in 11 games and thrown 31 touchdowns versus 10 interceptions. That includes a six TD performance at New Orleans in 2003 and five more against Green Bay in his record-setting 2004 season.

Yes, there has been the occasional stumble, such as an uninspiring 9-6 win at Cleveland in the 2003 opener, but the Colts have consistently figured out ways to win.

"I think we practice well in camp and get a lot done," tight end Dallas Clark said. "I think our guys prepare well and the game plan usually allows us to get in a groove early."

Manning and his teammates cannot afford a lapse Thursday against a team they easily could have faced in last year's Super Bowl.

New Orleans reached its first NFC championship game in January, and with a star-studded cast on offense has become a trendy pick to win this year's conference title.

Most expect this game to be a shootout between the league's two best passing offenses of 2006. Manning, who is from New Orleans, was the AFC's Pro Bowl starter at quarterback last year, while New Orleans' Drew Brees, who played at Purdue about an hour north of Indianapolis, started for the NFC.

Some have even billed it as a potential Super Bowl preview, something the Colts won't buy.

The reality is that because the Saints and Colts play in opposite conferences, the game has more hype than impact.

But that doesn't mean it won't set the tone for the rest of the season — something the Colts, as usual, want to establish quickly.

"We like to start fast and make other teams chase you," Pro Bowl center Jeff Saturday said. "But the reality is it's only one of 16 games."



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MLB — NATIONAL LEAGUE

Astros' comeback keeps Brewers in free-fall

Zambrano hears boos at Wrigley in blowout loss to Dodgers; bat-around third inning lifts Rockies over Giants

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Milwaukee Brewers owner Mark Attanasio can't quite understand why manager Ned Yost is being blamed for the team's recent slide in the standings.

The grumbling is likely to get louder after the Milwaukee's bullpen gave up a three-run lead in the eighth inning on Monday, allowing the Houston Astros to steal a 9-7 victory and end the Brewers' three-game winning streak.

"There seems to be more day-to-day, inning-to-inning commentary on Ned's managing than any team in the major leagues," said Attanasio, who gave Yost a firm vote of confidence during a mid-game session with reporters. "I mean, I get all the New York and Los Angeles papers, they don't do daily commentary on how the manager's managing. ... We're not the only team that's had rough going here."

The Brewers have lost a major league-worst 15 games in which they led by at least three runs.

"We still were in a nice position to win the ballgame and didn't," Yost said. "That's what makes it tough."

Astros rookie Hunter Pence hit a key two-run triple during the rally. But the bullpen wasn't solely responsible for the loss, as a passed ball by catcher Johnny Estrada allowed Pence to score and gave the Astros to take the lead.

"It's hard. It [stinks]," Estrada said. "We can't [give] any more games away, not in September."

But at least it was a happy homecoming for Astros interim manager Cecil Cooper, who took over for fired manager Phil Garner last week. Cooper was a five-time All-Star in 11 seasons with the Brewers.

Cooper said he was "out of

steam" after the three-hour, 50-minute game — but also said it was the most fun he has had so far as a major league manager.

"Those are the kind that build you up, get you excited to come out tomorrow and play," Cooper said.

Houston's Mark Loretta said Cooper's arrival has given the team energy. The Astros are 4-3 since Cooper took over.

"I think he's set a very good tone," Loretta said. "I think we've played very hard since he took over. Not that we weren't playing hard under 'Gar,' but sometimes a change is kind of a wake-up call to the players."

It was the Brewers' bullpen that needed a wake-up call in the eighth. With Milwaukee leading 7-4, Yost brought in setup man Derrick Turnbow. But Turnbow, whose struggles last season cost him his role as Milwaukee's closer, loaded the bases with one out and was removed for left-hander Brian Shouse, who allowed a sacrifice fly to pinch-hitter Craig Biggio to cut the Brewers' lead to two.

Yost then brought in righty Greg Aquino (0-1) to face Pence, a right-handed hitter, and Aquino threw a wild pitch to give the Astros runners on second and third with two outs.

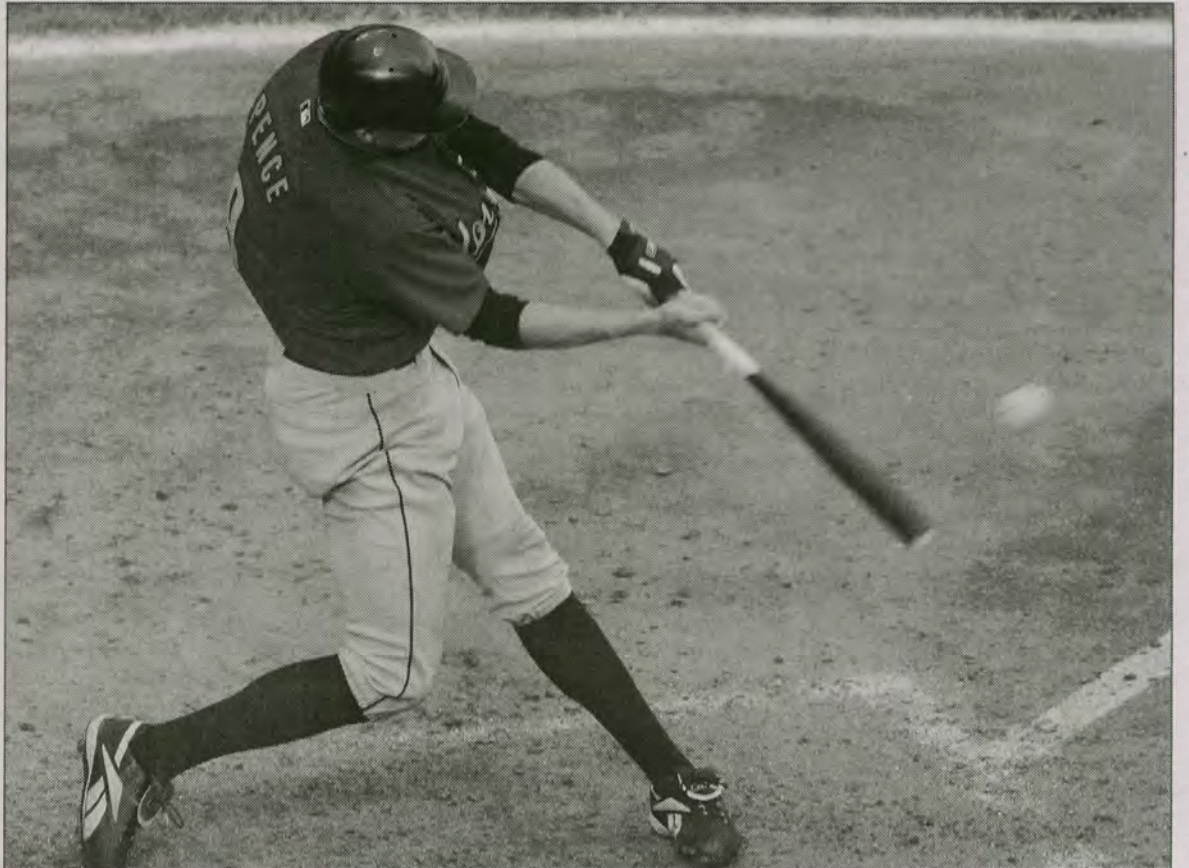
Pence then drove a ball past center fielder Bill Hall for a game-tying triple.

Yost said he was simply playing the logical matchups; Pence hits 61 points higher against lefties.

"We didn't make the pitch," Yost said. "We didn't make the pitch."

Dodgers 11, Cubs 3

Carlos Zambrano heard the boos from the Wrigley Field faithful and pointed to his head. Esteban Loaiza had just gotten the Los Angeles Dodgers a win in his first try, while



Astros center fielder Hunter Pence hits a two-run triple to give Houston a lead they would hold on to in its 9-7 win Monday over Milwaukee. Pence had three hits in the game.

Zambrano remained winless for more than a month.

Loaiza allowed three runs in seven innings and hit a two-run single, leading the Dodgers over the Chicago Cubs 11-3 Monday.

"I will remember that," Zambrano said of the fan reaction. "I don't want to stink and [have] bad outings. I know the great moment of my career will come."

Zambrano (14-12) lost his fifth straight start, giving up eight runs for the first time since June 22, 2005, at Milwaukee.

"I don't understand why the fans were booing at me. I can't understand that," Zambrano said. "They showed me today they just care about them. That's no fair. Because when you are struggling, that's when you want to feel the support of the fans."

He lasted 4 1/3 innings, his shortest outing since he went four innings against Cincinnati on April 13. He gave up seven hits and five walks.

Zambrano has a 9.56 ERA in three starts since the Cubs gave him a \$91.5 million, five-year contract extension through 2012, and he is 0-5 with an 8.29 ERA in six starts since beating Cincinnati on July 29.

"We need Carlos straightened out," Cubs manager Lou Piniella said. "His stuff is plenty good. I liked his stuff today. I was expecting a really, really, bang-up effort after seeing him come off the mound, and then all of a sudden he gives up a run. Loaiza gets a big base hit. That's not Zambrano like."

Loaiza (1-0) was claimed off waivers from Oakland on Wednesday, with the Dodgers assuming more than \$8 million in guaranteed salary this year and next. He did not pitch this season until Aug. 22 due to a bulging disk in his neck, and the two-time All-Star was 1-0 with a 1.84 ERA in two starts with the Athletics.

"He didn't make very many mistakes in the middle of the

plate," Dodgers catcher Russell Martin said. "I thought he did a great job, stayed aggressive throughout the whole game, and when we got the lead he was being even more aggressive and using his defense."

Loaiza gave up nine hits, struck out three and walked one, throwing 96 pitches. His single was his first major league hit since Aug. 26, 2005.

"I haven't swung the bat for two years since I was with the Nationals," Loaiza said. "I tried to make contact and I got a base hit with two RBIs with two outs. I think that was a big hit of mine."

James Loney had three RBIs for Los Angeles, which is four games back of San Diego and three behind Arizona in the NL West.

NL Central-leading Chicago maintained a 1 1/2-game lead over Milwaukee and a two-game margin over St. Louis.

Rockies 7, Giants 4

Jeff Francis has emerged as the Colorado Rockies' staff ace, but his biggest contribution Monday came with his bat.

Francis' one-out double started a seven-run third inning, and Chris Iannetta's two-run triple highlighted the rally as the Rockies opened a crucial six-game homestand with a win over the San Francisco Giants.

The Rockies, who started the day five games back in both the National League West and the NL wild-card race, improved to 71-66. They are five games above .500 for the first time since Aug. 15.

A year ago, the Rockies were 10 games under .500 and out of the postseason hunt.

"It's a lot more fun," Francis said. "Guys out here are playing for the team, playing for the guy next to you. This time last year guys were going out and maybe playing a little bit for themselves. Now they have no choice but to do otherwise."

Francis (15-6) went 5 2/3 innings, giving up three runs and nine hits. His 15 wins are the most by a Colorado left-

hander since Shawn Estes had 15 in 2004.

"Those are bonuses," Francis said. "Right now, we're trying to win games."

Manny Corpas got three outs for his 13th save in 15 chances, and his 13th straight since replacing Brian Fuentes as closer.

Colorado's big third inning came mostly at the expense of Giants starter Matt Cain. The Rockies roughed up Cain (7-14) for six runs and five hits in the inning before he was lifted in favor of reliever Pat Misch.

Francis battled Cain, fouling off four pitches before doubling to center.

"I hit it obviously in the right spot," Francis said.

Francis scored on a single by Kaz Matsui, and Matt Holliday's sacrifice fly scored Willy Taveras. After consecutive walks to Todd Helton and Garrett Atkins loaded the bases, Brad Hawpe lined a two-run single to right field.

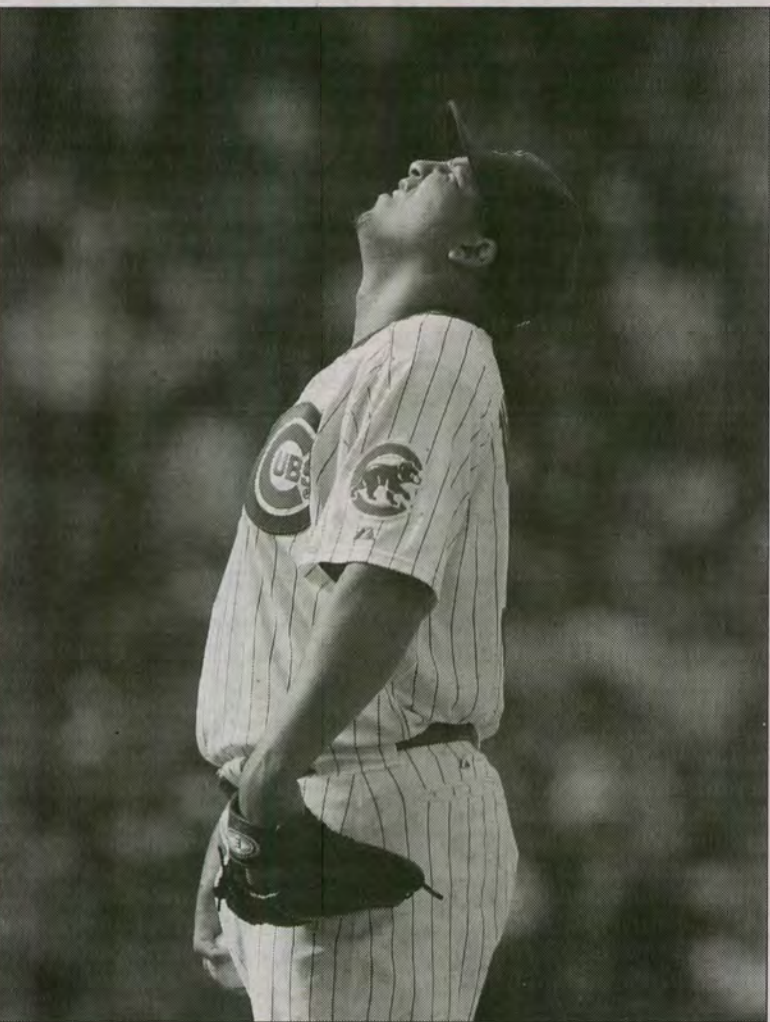
Misch came on and gave up an RBI single to Troy Tulowitzki and a triple to right to Iannetta.

Taveras had three hits and Helton and Iannetta had two hits each.

"Very rarely do you win when you score in one inning here and you don't add on," Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said. "It was a big inning. It was a good inning. It was enough for us to win a game."

Cain, who went 2 2/3 innings, had the shortest start of his career in a ballpark where previously he was dominant in 2007. In his two prior starts at Coors Field this season, Cain was 1-0 with a 0.69 ERA in 13 innings. He started strong Monday, striking out five of the first eight batters he faced before Francis' double.

"Francis, that's a huge at-bat there, then he just couldn't get out of it," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said of Cain. "It's a game we let get away from us, because Matty had good stuff. It's a shame we couldn't get out of that inning."



Cubs pitcher Carlos Zambrano grimaces in disgust during Chicago's 11-3 loss Monday to Los Angeles.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Carr, Wolverines try to regroup after upset

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Two days after enduring a loss that sent shock waves through the college football world, Michigan coach Lloyd Carr already has shifted his focus forward.

He is doing so while much of the national attention remains centered on what lingering effects the Wolverines' historic 34-32 season-opening loss to Appalachian State will have on a team that started the season ranked fifth and a national championship contender.

Carr said Monday that Michigan, which was penalized seven times and committed two costly turnovers against the Mountaineers, is starting from scratch heading into Saturday's game against Oregon.

"What we have to do in a short time here is become a more disciplined team, a smarter team and a team that executes better," Carr said at his weekly news conference.

Appalachian State's win at Michigan Stadium marked the first time a Football Championship Subdivision team — formerly I-AA — beat a team ranked in The Associated Press Top 25.

"There were a lot of people on the team were really in a bad mood and a lot of people who took a lot of blame on themselves," offensive lineman Adam Kraus said. "But we had a lot of missed opportunities in there, and it ended up really hurting us."

The final blown chance came with Michigan in prime position to kick a game-winning field goal after Appalachian State had taken a two-point lead on Julian Rauch's 24-yard field goal with 26 seconds remaining.

Michigan set up for a 37-yard field goal after Chad Henne connected with Mario Manningham on a 46-yard pass with six seconds remaining. But Jason Gingell's kick was blocked by Corey Lynch, clinching the Mountaineers' stunning upset.

"With a chance to win the game, we didn't execute a fundamental play — a play that we have worked extremely hard at all fall," Carr said. "That's the way it is."

Gingell also had a 44-yard field goal attempt blocked with 1:47 remaining with Michigan clinging to a 32-31 lead. Carr said he initially believed Gingell's kick was low, but that after watching game film, he blamed it on Michigan's protection team.

"You can't fault [Gingell] for those last two [blocked kicks]," Carr said. "He made two [field goals] and for a guy that has not been in games before, to go in there and kick two in a row in his first start is a very positive thing for him."

Now Michigan is left to recover while preparing for an Oregon team that will present many of the same challenges, running the same spread offense the Wolverines struggled to defend against Appalachian State.

But as tough as Saturday's loss was to swallow, it provided Michigan's players with an unexpected source of motivation.

"It hurts because you don't like losing," linebacker Chris Graham said. "But how far can you hold your head down? I'm not holding my head down at all. You've got to move on for-

ward."

Indianapolis Colts defensive back Marlin Jackson, a former Michigan standout, said he was embarrassed by the result.

"We lost to a I-AA program, and we were a top-five team," he said. "To go out and be the first team in history to lose to a I-AA team, it hurts."

Jackson said the loss has been an almost nonstop topic of conversation for him.

"That's all I've been getting the last couple of days. Every text message I get just says 'Appalachian State.' That's all it says," he said.

"The Ohio State guys have been all right. It's everybody else around here. Even coach [Tony] Dungy said something to me about it."



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Appalachian State running back Kevin Richardson celebrates the Mountaineers' 34-32 upset over Michigan Saturday in Ann Arbor. The Wolverines are trying to regroup after the upset.

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Brey

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Forces Entertainment. Brey's team faced off against Prosser's team in the finals of the tournament, with Prosser's squad claiming the title.

"At the funeral, I had a flashback because I walked into the foyer of the church and there's a picture of him in the championship game coaching in the background," Brey said. "The funeral was unbelievably emotional and unbelievably classy. It was a real tribute to him and the people he touched."

Aside from the memory of one of his best friends, Brey left Kuwait with a different outlook on life and coaching.

On the fourth day of the trip, the delegation visited Camp Buehring. The camp — located 15 miles from the Iraq border — is a staging and training area for U.S. troops bound for Iraq.

"Buehring was the soldiers' camp. That was the locker room before the game," Brey said. "They're going north into Baghdad and all the hot spots."

But before Brey arrived there he met someone that made him feel a little more at home.

"[Camp] Arifjan where we were, is command logistics," Brey said. "But on the tarmac before the ride to [Camp] Buehring, the pilot gets out and puts his Notre Dame hat on."

The pilot was Capt. Ben Lacy, a 2000 graduate of Notre Dame. Lacy is in charge of operations at Camp Buehring. Lacy showed Brey and his colleagues the exercises troops go through before heading into combat, which include simulating a war zone so the troops know what to expect once they enter Iraq.

"The only way I could describe today was intense and a real reality check for all of us," Brey said in a diary on

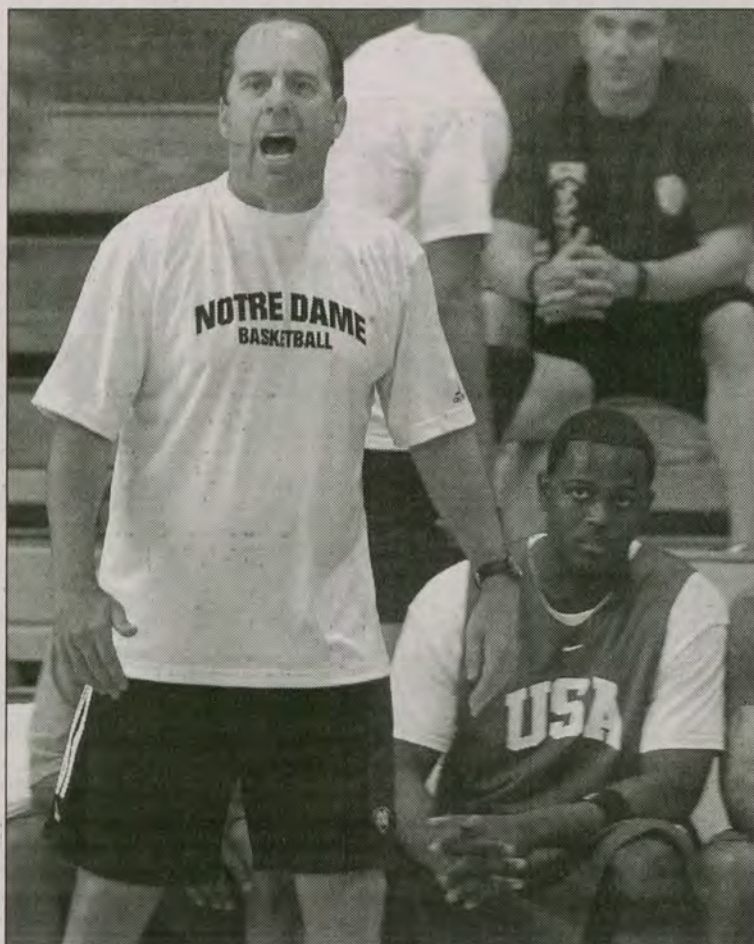


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Irish coach Mike Brey coaches during a May 25 game while in Kuwait as part of the USO's Operation Hardwood.

und.com. "It was one helluva day."

Brey said he was moved by the focus and the gratitude of the troops he met. His experience as coach of a team comprised of troops changed the way he coaches his team back on campus.

"I think I've become a better leader and a better team builder from that experience. I'm using lines, sayings, things that I heard with my team over the summer. It was really motivating for me," Brey said. "It was embarrassing at times, because soldiers over there would come up and thank us and we said, 'Whoa, whoa. First of all thank you. We're honored to be here.' I still get e-mails from guys over there."

When Brey returned home, he got to see Prosser one final

time before the Demon Deacon coach's death. The two shared a flight together on their way to Las Vegas and discussed possible changes they were trying to make as part of the NCAA Men's Basketball Rules Committee.

The trip to Kuwait was a fulfilling experience, Brey said, but the death of Prosser will leave a hole in his heart and in college basketball that will be hard to replace.

"I miss him and I think the profession will miss him," Brey said. "We need more guys like him. I wish more young coaches would watch his style and not take themselves so seriously. He never did."

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VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer
Irish linebacker John Ryan attempts to tackle Yellow Jacket tailback Tashard Choice in Notre Dame's 33-3 loss Saturday.

Weis

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sophomore.

These youngsters will be here for the long haul, but what Saturday showed is that they have a lot to learn.

And Weis can teach it to them. He just needs to concentrate on teaching and not outrageous game plans that waste valuable learning time.

The offensive line needs to be taught to make pre-snap reads, so they aren't flat-footed and getting pushed around when the ball is snapped — and also so defenders aren't running past them unmolested every play.

They are behind in that task because they spent time on the spread option before Georgia Tech, but that should and will end now. And they will get better.

What will also end now is the quarterback carousel. Weis is announcing or has already announced the starting quarterback for Penn State today. That quarterback will be "the" guy and the coach can do what he does best — teach him the

position.

Of course, while all this learning is taking place, the team will still have to play games. While they may not win all of them, they won't look as bad as they did last Saturday.

As the season rolls on, the team will get better and more confident. They will execute, and they will win.

And come next year and the year after, when the nucleus of this team returns, they will win even more.

And then, if he deems it necessary, Weis can have fun crafting some off-the-wall game plans to beat teams the Irish don't match up well with.

But for now, consistency is the watch word. Install the basic offense and teach the team to run it well.

Because while they're young, they're also talented — and they can do big things in their time at Notre Dame.

So long as Weis and the fans have a little patience.

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Shots

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Gates came up with a career-high 10 saves in the game, but the Irish could not hit one home, despite catching the junior goalie out of position several times.

After the final whistle, several Michigan players threw their arms up in triumph, highlighting the skill gap between the two squads that was evident throughout the 110 minutes of play.

But the Irish righted the ship Sunday at Florida. The team capitalized on their opportunities, scoring on two of their four shots on goal in a 2-0 win over the No. 7 Gators.

"We definitely had a better game [against Florida]," Greathouse said. "We were more efficient, especially in the final third of the game."

In just their second official contest of the season, the No. 2 Irish proved they are easily able to beat a top-tier opponent like Florida.

The Irish also proved this weekend that efficiency and focus will be the keys to their hopes of advancing deep into the NCAA Tournament.

If they struggled to finish on so many occasions against the unranked Wolverines, they will likely struggle against opponents that do not grant them so many



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer
Irish midfielder Amanda Cinalli slides against Wolverine defender Emily Kalmbach during Notre Dame's 0-0 tie Friday.

opportunities. But if Notre Dame can finish its scoring chances, it can beat anyone in the nation.

As Notre Dame head coach Randy Waldrum pointed out after Friday's disappointing regular-season opener, the draw against Michigan will not kill the Irish.

In fact, if the Florida game was any indication, the Irish will ben-

efit from an increased focus on finishing all their chances around the goal.

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Adrian

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in the [Monmouth] tournament: our defensive positioning," she said. "We will need to have our floor defenders in the right position early and ready to defend against Adrian's attack."

The most important step in counteracting Adrian's strong attack is the play of Saint Mary's seniors.

Setter Amanda David averaged 10.39 assists per game — the second best in the MIAA — during her second full season at that position.

Defensive specialist Marisa Gross started more than 100 games last season and finished with an average of 2.36 digs per game.

"Both [seniors] are such strong players with great court presence and winning spirits," Schroeder-Biek said. "They will be great leaders on the court."

Although she will rely heavily on her seniors, Schroeder-Biek has made some changes

with her upperclassmen this season. Junior blocker Cathy Kurczak will be starting at right-side blocker instead of middle hitter, where she played last season.

"We are positioning [Kurczak] on the right side to strengthen our blocking game," Schroeder-Biek said. "She did a great job out there this past weekend as both a blocker and an attacker."

Taking Kurczak's place at starting middle hitter will be junior Kaela Hellmann.

Underclassmen fill out the rest of the Belles starting six. Sophomore outside attacker Lorna Slupczynski looks to continue to improve after winning the MIAA freshmen of the year award in 2006.

"She is a strong all around player — very talented and smart — she really sees the court well," Schroeder-Biek said.

Rounding up the starting lineup are freshman middle hitter Andrea Sasgen and outside attacker Jacee Watson.

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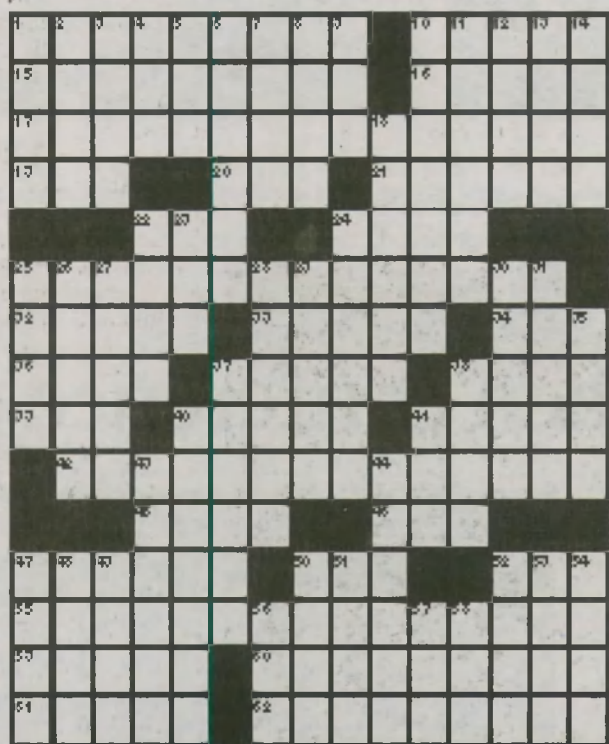


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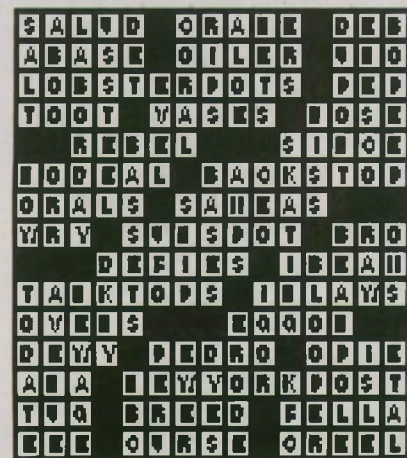


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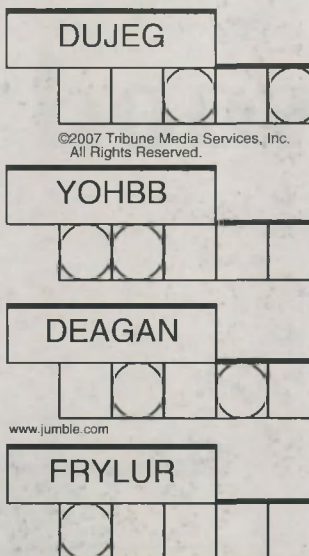


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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Avoid romance with friends or family. Things will escalate, leaving you in a precarious position. Don't make any relationship decisions that you cannot revoke. You will accomplish the most if you work quietly on a creative idea or hobby. 3 stars.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If something is bothering you, say so. Keeping things quiet won't resolve the existing problems. You may not like controversy, but now is not the time to let someone walk all over you. Expect change to occur as a result of your actions. 2 stars.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Trust, integrity, honesty and trying something new will all assist you. Before you jump in with both feet, consider the consequences. Problems with traveling or with authority figures are prevalent and being informed is a must. 3 stars.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): With a little ingenuity and knowing in something you believe in, you can do very well. People are in the show, but you must overcome without letting the limitation. Stop waiting for others to give you the go-ahead. 3 stars.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You are right on the money, so move quickly to secure your position and take what rightfully yours. Don't let anyone drag you down or lead you astray. Don't wait for others to catch up when you are so far ahead. 3 stars.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Everything is hanging in your favor. Make your choice and continue going in a direction that suits you best. Move on to your next big challenge with confidence. You've finally got it together, so don't let it slip away and lose your momentum. 5 stars.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hardwood & hard times

Coach went to Kuwait as part of USO tour; lost good friend Prosser

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

When Mike Brey went to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, with his friend, former Wake Forest basketball coach Skip Prosser, in early July, he was struck by the intense and immediate reality of war he saw in the soldier's faces.

He was shocked a few weeks later when he learned Prosser had died — on July 26 — of a heart attack.

"We connected because we had similar backgrounds. We both started as high school guys. So we had struck up a pretty good friendship," Brey said. "He and I talked a lot two years ago when we were both having tough years and he was having a really tough year. Of course, we got going last year and they had another tough one."

"I'm not naïve to think that doesn't take its toll because well, it does. It is what it is. We all know what we signed up for and it takes its toll."

Brey and Prosser were in Kuwait as part of an eight-man delegation to coach teams in Operation Hardwood, a basketball tournament sponsored by the United Service Organizations and Armed



Top, Irish coach Mike Brey poses with an M-240 aboard a Navy battleship. Left, Brey wears fatigues while coaching an Operation Hardwood game. Right, Brey meets soldiers from Camp Buehring.

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FOOTBALL COMMENTARY

Where do we go from here?

Weis' game plans needs consistency for Irish to be successful

Saturday was a disaster. Saturday was the worst loss since Ty Willingham's inept 2003 squad.

Saturday was the worst home opener ever. And Saturday is over.

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis felt like he had to come up with a surprise new offense to beat Georgia Tech. He knew he had an inexperienced team — and in order to achieve his goal of winning every game, he thought he needed to break out some new wrinkles to give the Irish a chance.

In retrospect, that was a mistake. But it can still be corrected.

No, Weis can't travel back in time and re-gameplan for the Yellow Jackets. But he can make up for lost time.

This is a very young team. They weren't going to undefeated this season — and they almost certainly aren't going to win out and go 12-1. They need to learn and grow and the only way to do that is to have a consistent game plan every week.

Doing that may require patience. There may be ugly losses, but at least the team knows what it's going to do each week and can concentrate on improving that.

If the Irish are confident in their game plan, they will execute better, which will lead to confidence in their abilities, which will lead to better results.

It may take a while, but the steady improvement will be obvious, and it might even start against Penn State on Saturday.

A few years back, when the Chicago Bulls were trying to replace Michael Jordan with a host of young players, sports-writers dubbed them the "Baby Bulls."

Well, these are the Baby Irish. They are trying to replace a legend of their own, and they are extremely young.

Notre Dame's leading rusher on Saturday was a sophomore quarterback, Demetrius Jones. Its most effective tailback was a true freshman, Armando Allen. Its leading receiver was a sophomore, Robby Parris. Three of its offensive linemen were making their first start — and one of the other two was a



Chris Khorey

Sports Editor

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER COMMENTARY

Team can't let chances slip past

When a single goal is the difference between a win and a loss — at least mentally — teams need to capitalize on every chance they get.

And despite having 28 chances — including 10 on goal — Notre Dame still only managed a 0-0 tie Friday against unranked Michigan, ending a 32-game home win streak.

"We were disappointed in the fact that we weren't able to put one away," Irish assistant coach Dawn Greathouse said. "But at the same time, we were able to create all those chances so we were happy about that."

Michigan goalkeeper Madison

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles open conference play

Saint Mary's faces Bulldogs in early MIAA showdown

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Sports Writer

Several days after a fourth-place finish in its season opening tournament, Saint Mary's begins conference play tonight with a showdown at Adrian at 7 p.m.

The Bulldogs (3-1) are coming off a second-place finish in the Mount Union tournament last weekend. Saint Mary's enters the matchup 1-2, after finishing fourth in the Monmouth College tournament Saturday.

"Adrian is a good team, and they will have a lot of returning players and strong attackers," Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. "Their veteran setter graduated, but they will have a lot of experienced players on the



Senior setter Amanda David sets the ball during the Belles' 3-2 loss against Hope on Oct. 11, 2006.

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court."

Although the Bulldogs are more experienced, Schroeder-Biek feels her team is prepared for the

challenge.

"We will be working on the one thing that concerned me

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