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## ND, SMC recognized in rankings

*U.S. News & World Report ranks University No. 20*

By ROBERT SINGER  
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame fell two spots from No. 18 to No. 20 in U.S. News & World Report's 2010 ranking of the top universities in the nation released on Aug. 20.

Harvard and Princeton tied for first, while Yale took third. The ranking placed the California Institute of Technology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford University and the University of Pennsylvania in a four-way tie for fourth.

Notre Dame dropped two spots this year because it received lower peer assessment ratings from other universities, which account for 25 percent of the

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U.S. News & World Report

National Universities rankings

1. Harvard University
1. Princeton University
3. Yale University



20. University of Notre Dame

*College placed in top 100 of America's Best Colleges*

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY  
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's College cracked U.S. News & World Report's top 100 on their list of 2010 America's Best Colleges.

For the third year in a row, the College has been named one of the nation's Best Liberal Arts Colleges, according to an Aug. 20 press release.

"It is wonderful to be nationally recognized for the academic excellence at Saint Mary's College," President Carol Ann Mooney said in the release.

Saint Mary's was ranked 97th out of 249 schools across the country.

Students are excited about the rank-

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## Student arrested, charged with rape

Observer Staff Report

A Notre Dame junior was arrested on campus Wednesday and charged with felony rape in connection with a February 2009 incident, according to campus security logs and local media reports.

The student was arrested in or near his dormitory, Knott Hall, according to Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) crime logs, during the 3 p.m. hour Wednesday. According to reports, the student was a member of the Notre Dame swim team, but is not currently listed on the roster.

The student was released from the St. Joseph County Jail after posting \$5,000 bond, according to a WNDU report.

The South Bend Tribune reported Thursday the felony rape charges were filed on Aug. 19 by the St. Joseph County Prosecutor's Office after police were called to investigate a case on Feb. 23 in Knott Hall.

According to the charges filed by the prosecutor's office, a partially-dressed woman was found sleeping on the floor in the men's residence hall wearing a shirt belonging to the accused student.

When police questioned the student, he told officers the two had been at a party, "hooked up" and had sex,

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## Innovation Park to open in October

*University seeks to expand its research impact, bring commercial enterprises to South Bend*



DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Innovation Park, pictured above, will officially open on Oct. 23. The Park seeks to turn University research into business ventures.

By JOHN TIERNEY  
News Writer

Innovation Park, a product development facility launched by the University, seeks to connect the private sector with the research arm of Notre Dame, according to Park President and Chief Executive Officer David Brenner.

After breaking ground last September, the Park is scheduled to open Oct. 23.

The businesses that will occupy the Park's offices will "help take innovative ideas ... to viable commercial enterprise," Brenner said. Work at

Innovation Park will concentrate on "the step beyond research," as companies will develop practical uses for research performed by professors and students at the University.

Faculty members and graduate students are currently approaching Brenner with ideas for new businesses, he said. Many of the future clients of Innovation Park will be companies from the outside that are "looking to engage with the University," Brenner said.

A relationship with the University is critical for com-

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## Undergrads reflect on first week of classes

By JIM FERLMANN  
News Writer

As the school year kicks off, some students report tough classes while others enjoy the relatively easy workload during the first week.

Catherine Russell, a sophomore, said the first week of classes went great.

"I have a few teachers that I already really like. I'm a new Business major, so it's like a new world for me," she said. "There are some classes that are a lot harder than I thought they were going to

be."

She said her schedule is centered on requirements.

"I'm taking four Business requirements and Italian and Theology, which is a requirement too."

Some students said they try to take advantage of the light workload to get acclimated to their classes.

"During introductory week, you just take it easy and get your feet wet," said Ryan Ripp, a senior Finance major. "An easy second semester would be ideal, because four of the five classes I'm taking now are requirements. Hopefully I can cruise into

graduation with some easier electives."

Christina McClain, a senior English major, said her first week of classes started off well.

"Senior Seminar is a little daunting, but other than that, everything else is good," she said.

Anthony Conklin, a junior English major, said he always tries to strike a balance between electives and requirements when forming his schedule.

"I have five required electives in my major along with

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TOM LA/The Observer

Students walk to and from class Thursday near South Quad during the first week of classes.



INSIDE COLUMN

# Don't envy ND seniors

When I was a freshman here, I was kind of jealous of the seniors. They didn't have to worry about awkward Frosh-O events, finding their classrooms, or making friends. Their lives seemed so much more together than mine. Now that I've reached senior year, I'm starting to rethink that. Not much has really changed.

Despite my best efforts, I still have really poor time management skills—which explains why I'm trying to write this column, finish up another Observer article, and do 66 pages of reading for class today all at the same time.

Irena Zajickova

News  
Production  
Editor

Rather than worrying about making friends, I now worry about not seeing the ones that live off-campus (luckily, until they learn how to shop for groceries and master the use of their shiny new ovens, it appears I'll be seeing my friends just as much as before, because they still come to the dining hall for every single meal).

I still don't pay attention to where my classes are, or which classes I'm even going to. Yesterday, not only did I go to the wrong classroom, I went to the wrong building.

Instead of worrying about what my major will be, now I'm worrying that all my major changes have pushed my GPA too low for me to get into law school.

Professors still can't pronounce my last name. Actually, some still can't even pronounce my first name.

I also still lose my ID all the time. I recently dropped it into a chair in LaFortune and couldn't get it out. I don't even understand how that happens.

And I definitely still make poor life choices. But now I make them at bars instead of at dorm parties.

So yeah, it's just like freshman year. I'm actually jealous of freshmen now. Freshmen are secure in the knowledge that they have four years here. As a senior, I have one, and then I have to leave and everything changes.

I'm reminded of this a lot thanks to a particularly emotional friend who bursts into tears at random times, like while DARTing last spring or looking through an entire year's worth of facebook pictures at the library during study days. She'd go on a rant about how it was our last time DARTing (it isn't) or how after we graduate, we won't have any friends to take pictures with.

So make the most of your time here, freshmen. It goes really quickly, so try not to waste it. Do as many fun things as possible and try not to freak out too much, because there are always things to worry about. And don't be jealous of the seniors, because we really don't have it as easy as you think.

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: If you could be any Sesame Street character, who would you be?



Caitlin Ascherl

sophomore  
Le Mans

"I would be Snufalufagus just because."



Stefanie Schwab

Freshman  
Regina

"I would be Big Bird because I have always wanted to be tall!"



Emily Ehrman

Freshman  
Regina

"I would be Cookie Monster because I LOVE to eat!"



Shelagh O'Brien

Sophomore  
Regina

"I would be Grover because he is a loveable monster."



Alyssa Pinon

Senior  
Holy Cross

"I would be Kermit because it's not easy being green!"



Christina Smotherman

Senior  
Holy Cross

"I would be Bert and Ernie because I am being white and nerdy!"



ANDREW WEBER/The Observer

One of the lesser-known works of art on campus is staff member Daniel Crossen's 1967 Corvette Sting Ray.

## IN BRIEF

The film "Summer Hours" will be shown today at 6:30 p.m. at The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available online at [performingarts.nd.edu](http://performingarts.nd.edu) or by calling the Ticket Office at 574-631-2800.

Notre Dame Women's Volleyball will play Denver today at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse as part of a three day invitational. For ticket information, call 574-631-7356.

Notre Dame Women's Soccer will play Loyola-Chicago today at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field. For ticket information, call 574-631-7356.

Shakespeare at Notre Dame will present "Twelfth Night" today, Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m. at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Performances will continue through August 30. Tickets are \$12-35.

RecSports will conduct Swim Lesson Assessments today from 6 until 8 p.m. at the Rockne Pool for placement into fall swim lessons. A make-up swim assessment will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 2.

RecSports will hold a Biathlon at St. Joe's Beach on Saturday at 10 a.m. Registration is necessary, but the event is free. The biathlon will consist of a 1/2 mile swim and a 2 mile run.

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

## OFFBEAT

### Nude model arrested in New York Museum

NEW YORK – It seems the only nudes allowed at New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art are the ones in the collection.

Police say they arrested a 26-year-old woman who was posing naked for a photographer, and in full view of visitors, in the museum's arms and armor department on Wednesday.

Model Kathleen "K.C." Neill faces a charge of public lewdness.

Defense attorney Donald Schechter says the museum is full of nude art, and to call what the model and her

photographer were doing obscenity "is ridiculous."

Photographer Zach Hyman directed the shoot. He's been getting some attention locally for photographing nude models on subways.

Hyman has said he's inspired by nude paintings at the Met and his photos are not pornographic.

### Narrowest home in New York worth over \$2 million

NEW YORK – It's 9 1/2 feet wide and 42 feet long and is billed as the narrowest house in New York City. But there's nothing small about its asking price: \$2.7

million.

Located at 75 1/2 Bedford St. in Greenwich Village, the red brick building was built in 1873, sandwiched in a narrow space that used to be an alley between homes at 75 and 77 Bedford.

The narrow house is considered a curiosity and is one of the neighborhood's most photographed homes. A small plaque on the house notes that poet Edna St. Vincent Millay once lived there; so did anthropologist Margaret Mead.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 76 LOW 64	HIGH 67 LOW 61	HIGH 67 LOW 50	HIGH 65 LOW 47	HIGH 71 LOW 49	HIGH 74 LOW 52

Atlanta 80 / 65 Boston 73 / 62 Chicago 70 / 58 Denver 81 / 56 Houston 93 / 73 Los Angeles 97 / 68 Minneapolis 70 / 52 New York 74 / 67 Philadelphia 73 / 68 Phoenix 112 / 86 Seattle 75 / 60 St. Louis 78 / 61 Tampa 88 / 76 Washington 79 / 70



# 'Hydration Station' installed at LaFortune

By LAURA McCRYSTAL  
News Writer

The Hydration Station, an alternative to a traditional drinking fountain, was installed last week between the men's and women's restrooms on the first floor of the LaFortune Student Center.

"It is essentially a touch-free water bottle filler," Director of student activities facilities Ryan Willerton said. "It's something unique."

To operate the machine, the student places his or her water bottle in front a sensor, which activates a stream of water that pours into the bottle.

The Hydration Station replaced an older water fountain that was not consistently used and caused maintenance problems, Willerton said. Last June, he began to look at replacement options.

The Haws Corporation markets the Hydration Station as a cheap and environmentally friendly substitute for bottled water. According to the corporation's Web site, the filter uses carbon to polish the water, and the sensor features a several second delay to allow the user to position their

bottle under the spout.

Willerton said the new system is comparable to a traditional drinking fountain in its price and cost of maintenance. Like a water fountain, it connects to the main water line.

Although the Haws Corporation has been producing the Hydration Station for less than one year, Willerton said Notre Dame joined a number of other colleges and universities that already have the system on campus. For example, University of California Berkeley has two units in its Rec Center and the University of Alabama has 15 units in its dorms and athletic department.

While considering the option of a Hydration Station, Willerton and the Student Activities Office contacted a former colleague who works at Penn State to ask about the Hydration Station on their campus. They also asked for feedback from student employees and student government representatives who were on campus this summer.

After viewing a sample machine, Willerton said the Student Activities Office partnered with the Office of Sustainability to fund the purchase of the Hydration



Sophomore Laura Philipp fills up a bottle of water at the new Hydration Station in LaFortune Student Center.

Station.

"It's a nice new addition," he said. "Every year we try to change the student center and add something new."

Willerton said the Hydration Station is a great improvement to the LaFortune Student Center because students, professors, staff and visitors can all benefit from its installation.

Senior Mark Manley said that the Hydration Station seems like a logical installation because it is touch-free and more sanitary. He compared it to the automatic hand dryers, sink faucets and soap dispensers in the LaFortune bathrooms.

"I just saw it a few minutes ago, and it looked interesting," Manley said.

If the system continues to receive positive feedback, Willerton said that additional units might be installed on other floors of LaFortune.

"Everyone we talk to kind of raises their eyebrow and says, 'Wow, that's really cool,'" he said.

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# Block Party set for Saturday

By MADELINE BUCKLEY  
News Editor

A back-to-school tradition for many, The Show, which brings well-known musicians to the Joyce Athletic Center, is not returning to campus this year.

Instead, Legends of Notre Dame is holding the first ever B1 Block Party Saturday.

The Block Party will feature artists Matisyahu and Eric Hutchinson in an outdoor event in the B1 parking lot near the restaurant and club. Food vendors and a beer garden — for students over 21 — will be available.

Aaron Perri, general manager of Legends, said the construction in the Joyce Center played a major role in the decision to discontinue the show this year.

"The Block Party doesn't necessarily replace The Show," Perri said. "The Show just couldn't happen this year because of the construction and when we saw there wasn't going to be a major concert at the beginning of the year, we decided to fill the void with a Legends show."

"But The Show could certainly come back in its true form next year."

In order to fill the shoes of The Show, Perri said the venue needed to accommodate a large number of students, so they decided to hold the concert outdoors in a more festival-like setting.

"We wanted to fit in as

many people as possible. We're expecting 6,000 people and they can't all fit in Legends," he said. "We've never really had anything like this on campus."

The doors open at 5 p.m. for students to enjoy food and drink and several student and warm-up bands.

Eric Hutchinson will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. and Matisyahu, at 9:30 p.m.

Student body president Grant Schmidt said student government was asked for input when Legends and the Student Activities Office were reworking the entertainment for the beginning of the school year.

"A lot of us at ND always comment on the challenge of getting big names to ND's campus and also comment on the need for events that can really bring the student body together," he said. "I think Saturday will be huge."

In the past, The Show committee has struggled to get big names to commit, so the Block Party worked to make the venue a draw, as well as the artists, Schmidt said.

"This is basically the first of its kind," he said. "For this concert, the venue and the event as a whole are the high-

lights."

Freshman Matt Nelligan said he is attending the Block Party, even though he had previously never heard of Matisyahu or Eric Hutchinson.

"I'm just going to meet people," he said. "It's a great way for freshmen to get to know more people."

Freshman Grace Corrigan said she also bought tickets to the Block Party to socialize.

"It sounds like fun," she said. "I think even if I didn't know who the bands were, I would probably go just for the atmosphere."

Sophomore Mia Stenger said she attended The Show last year as a freshman, but was not impressed with the atmosphere and performances.

"I left after about five minutes," she said. "It was boring."

But Stenger said she is considering attending the Block Party.

"It seems like it will be more fun than The Show," she said. "It's better outside than in the Joyce Center."

Tickets for the Block Party are available for \$10 at [www.b1blockparty.com](http://www.b1blockparty.com)

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*"We've never really had anything like this on campus."*

Aaron Perri  
General Manager of Legends

## New SMC Finance Vice Pres. takes office

By SARAH GUNN  
News Writer

Citing Saint Mary's strong reputation as an undergraduate institution as a draw to the area, Richard Speller takes on his new position as vice president for Finance and Administration at the College.

Speller has worked as the vice president of Finance and Administration at DePauw University, vice president for Finance and Treasurer at Arcadia University and vice president for Business Affairs at Jamestown College. While fulfilling his duties at the College, Speller remains interim chief financial officer at DePauw.

"The vice president for Finance and Administration (VPFA) serves as the College's chief financial officer, oversees all matters related to the administrative and financial management of the College and is the primary steward of Saint Mary's financial, human and physical resources. The VPFA is responsible for the supervision of the financial and administrative functions of the College," Speller said of his new role. "The VPFA is also responsible for providing the leadership and vision necessary to develop and oversee prudent fiscal strategies that assure continued financial

strength of the College including short- and long-range financial planning and analysis, modeling and investment management."

The new vice president said he wants to "further the success of Saint Mary's College as it seeks to achieve its next, higher level of institutional aspiration."

"Saint Mary's College does a lot of things very well, and I would hope to contribute to the continuing evolution of the [College]," Speller said.

Speller was drawn to the position at Saint Mary's because of the College's "out-standing reputation."

He said he wanted to continue to work at a "selective private college in a more urban setting."

As for the current economic recession, Speller said the College has been affected "just as it has put financial pressure on all of higher education and families across the country."

Because of this, he said, there is a stronger demand for "good management practices."

However rough the economy may be right now, Speller says that Saint Mary's has "the strength and capability to weather these recessionary pressures."

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## Donation establishes new scholarship

Special to The Observer

University of Notre Dame graduates Mark W. and Stacey Miller Yusko of Chapel Hill, N.C., have made a \$35 million gift to their alma mater to establish a new undergraduate scholarship program.

The Yuskos' benefaction equals the third largest gift in the University's history and will be directed to the creation of the Hesburgh-Yusko Scholars Program, a comprehensive merit scholarship and enrichment initiative that will seek to attract talented undergraduate students to the University and provide them with the tools to become transformational leaders in the image of Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Notre Dame's president from 1952 to 1987.

"On behalf of Notre Dame, I want to extend my most sincere appreciation to Mark and Stacey for this extraordinary gift," Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., the University's president, said. "Their generosity is matched only by their vision for this scholarship program, and we look forward to working with them for many years to attract high-caliber students and nurture their gifts so that they might have an enduring impact on the University, the nation and the world."

"Father Hesburgh's service to society is legendary, and I have no doubt that this program will produce young men and women who follow in his footsteps."

Mark Yusko is the founder, president and chief investment officer of Morgan Creek Capital Management, a registered investment adviser that provides invest-

ment management and advisory services based on the university endowment model of investing to wealthy families, individuals and institutional investors. Stacey Yusko is the director of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Meals on Wheels program and a member of Notre Dame's advisory council for the College of Arts and Letters.

"We are excited about making a significant difference in the future of Notre Dame and building a program that will further enhance the University's ability to produce graduates who will make significant impact on our world," the Yuskos said. "Notre Dame made a tremendous difference in our lives, and we are honored to have this opportunity to further enhance the educational and spiritual mission of Our Lady's University."

Twenty Hesburgh-Yusko Scholars will be selected annually by an advisory committee from a pool of qualified admitted students nominated by a network of approved high schools and the University's admissions staff. The students will be chosen based on distinguished academic accomplishments, exemplary integrity and moral character, demonstrated leadership abilities, and a commitment to a life of service embracing the values of Catholic social tradition.

Each scholar will receive four years of merit scholarship awards of \$25,000 per year. Other components of the program will include a complement of fully funded summer enrichment experiences, seminars and service-learning projects during the academic year, career advising, and alumni mentoring and networking.

"This is more than just a schol-

arship program," Notre Dame Provost Thomas G. Burish said. "It is a comprehensive initiative designed to fully engage the selected scholars and cultivate their God-given talents. I join with Father Jenkins in thanking Mark and Stacey for this wonderful gift."

Mark Yusko earned a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry from Notre Dame in 1985 and a master of business administration degree in accounting and finance from the University of Chicago. Prior to founding Morgan Creek Capital Management in 2004, he served for six years as president and chief investment officer of UNC Management Company, the endowment investment office for the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. From 1993 to 1998 he was a senior investment director at Notre Dame. He is a director of Carolina Meadows, the Weaver Foundation and MCNC, a not-for-profit organization that advances education, innovation and economic development in North Carolina.

Stacey Yusko earned a bachelor's degree in English from Notre Dame in 1986 and a master's degree in library science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is active in local service and education programs in their community and is a director of the Morgan Creek Foundation, the North Carolina Museum of Art and Carolina Performing Arts. The couple previously established endowments supporting academic enrichment at Notre Dame, with a focus on the Department of English and the Ward-Phillips Lecture Series, and on faculty hiring support programs within the Office of the Provost.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Korea discusses reuniting families

SEOUL — North and South Korea have no major differences on resuming reunions of families separated by the Korean War, reports said Thursday, but are far apart on the issue of South Korean prisoners of war and civilian abductees believed held in the North.

The dispute emerged on the second day of rare talks between the two sides on arranging reunions of families separated since the war ended in 1953 in a cease-fire, not a peace treaty, according to reports by South Korean media accredited to cover the talks.

The meeting, which opened at North Korea's Diamond Mountain resort on Wednesday, come as the communist regime adopts a more conciliatory stance toward South Korea and the U.S. after months of animosity over its nuclear and missile programs.

### Iran revokes claims involving the U.S.

TEHRAN — Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said claims that opposition leaders had links to Western powers have not been proven despite widespread allegations of foreign meddling by hard-liners.

The comments late Wednesday appear to mark a significant shift away from the assertions of others in the Islamic leadership, including President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, that the United States, Britain and other nations had a direct hand in guiding the violence and outrage following the disputed June 12 elections.

It also could spill over into the trials of more than 100 pro-reform activists and politicians, including some who have offered statements saying foreign agents helped stoke Iran's worst internal unrest since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Mother in abduction hoax imprisoned

DOYLESTOWN, Pa. — A white suburban mother who placed a 911 call claiming two black men had carjacked her — but instead flew to Disney World with her child to escape a looming arrest — was sent to prison Thursday for nine to 23 months.

Bonnie Sweeten, 38, pleaded guilty in Bucks County Court to identity theft and filing a false police report, misdemeanors that typically bring probation.

But a judge offended by Sweeten's performance on a 911 tape said her hoax led to a frantic national search, traumatized her daughter and, perhaps worst of all, tore open society's racial wounds.

"Your wants, your needs, your wishes and desires came before everybody," Judge Jeffrey L. Finley said.

### Sex offender kept victims in a shed

PLACERVILLE, Ca. — A woman who was snatched from a bus stop as an 11-year-old child in 1991 turned up Thursday after being held for the past 18 years in isolation in a backyard compound by a convicted sex offender who fathered two children with her, police said.

The details about her time in captivity emerged after Jaycee Lee Dugard surfaced at a police station in Northern California, nearly two decades after she vanished outside her home.

## LOCAL NEWS

### IU addresses tuition concerns

INDIANAPOLIS — A top state lawmaker said Thursday that Indiana University is making progress in addressing his concerns over tuition increases, so he is putting two time-sensitive IU projects back on the agenda for possible state approval.

Republican state Sen. Luke Kenley of Noblesville, chairman of the State Budget Committee, previously removed IU and Purdue projects totaling \$53 million from Friday's committee agenda because he was upset over their tuition increases.

IU recently approved an in-state tuition increase this school year of 4.6 percent.

## Kennedy begins final journey

*Thousands pay tribute to senator along 70-mile route to Boston*

Associated Press

BOSTON — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy began his final journey Thursday, first past landmark after landmark bearing his family's famous name and then to his slain brother's presidential library where mourners lined up by the thousands to bid farewell to him and an American political dynasty.

Crowds assembled along the 70-mile route that snaked from the family's compound in Hyannis Port, along the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway, past the John F. Kennedy Federal Building and by the JFK stop on the city's subway system.

Finally it came to the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, where his body lay in repose. As many as 12,000 people waited in line to file past his closed casket and mark the end of a national political chapter that was equal parts triumph and tragedy.

For many, it was hard to untangle Kennedy's larger-than-life role as statesman from his role as neighbor and local celebrity, whether he was taking a turn conducting the Boston Pops or throwing out the first pitch for the Red Sox.

"It was Teddy's home team. It just seemed appropriate to leave him the cap," said James Jenner, 28, placing a Sox cap he was wearing near the entrance to the library. "It symbolizes everything that he loved about his home state and everything he was outside the Senate."

The motorcade started its trip in Hyannis Port, at the Cape Cod home where Kennedy's family held a private Mass. Eighty-five Kennedy relatives traveled with the senator's body to the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, where the Senate's third-longest-serving member will lie in repose.

Among those accompanying Kennedy were nieces



An honor guard carries the casket of Sen. Edward Kennedy from the hearse as it arrives at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston Thursday.

Caroline, daughter of former President John F. Kennedy, and Maria Shriver, daughter of his late sister Eunice; and his son Patrick Kennedy, a Rhode Island congressman.

Before the motorcade departed, mourners crowded the end of the barricaded road leading to the family compound.

Virginia Cain, 54, said she walked 2 miles from her summer home in Centerville so she could watch the procession and witness history.

"I can remember where I was when President Kennedy died, and I'll remember where I was when the senator left Hyannis Port," she said.

A bouquet of white and yellow lilies lay on the lawn of David Nylan's vacation

rental near the Kennedy home, where a U.S. flag flew at half-staff in Kennedy's memory.

"The Kennedys and Hyannis and the Cape, they just kind of go hand in hand," said Nylan, 38, who said people had been stopping near his house to leave flowers since Kennedy died late Tuesday.

On Main Street in downtown Hyannis, flags, flowers and personal notes lay at the base of a flagpole outside the John F. Kennedy Museum, where about two dozen people gathered.

Someone had placed an old Kennedy campaign sign with a new inscription: "God bless Ted, the last was first," referring to his ascension to political greatness after his two older brothers were

assassinated.

Several enlarged photos showed events in Kennedy's life — meeting with Martin Luther King Jr., reading to a school girl. A rosary hung over a picture of Kennedy standing in his office.

Echoes of the Kennedy history were hard to miss as the motorcade traveled through the city.

Kennedy's wife, Vicki, put her hand over her heart as the procession rolled down Hanover Street in the North End neighborhood, past St. Stephen's Church, where his mother, Rose, was baptized and where Kennedy later eulogized her. The crowd applauded, and his niece Caroline and other family members acknowledged them with a wave from their cars.

## PAKISTAN

## Bomber attacks Pakistani border crossing

Associated Press

PESHAWAR — A suicide bomber attacked the main border crossing for convoys ferrying supplies to U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan, killing at least 19 security officers, officials said.

The strike Thursday raised fears that the Pakistani Taliban is regrouping and making good on its word to carry out revenge attacks following the slaying of its leader, Baitullah Mehsud, in a CIA missile strike earlier this month.

Also in the border region, two U.S. missiles hit a suspected militant compound, killing six people, the latest in a string of such attacks,

intelligence officials said.

Pakistan's lawless border with Afghanistan is a main front in the battle against al-Qaida and the Taliban, who are destabilizing both countries. Under heavy U.S. pressure, the Pakistani military has launched ground offensives and air attacks on the insurgents in recent months, but much of the region remains under militant control.

The suicide attacker walked up to a group of border guards outside their barracks at the Torkham checkpoint in the Khyber region and detonated his explosives, local police officer Sadiq Khan said. The victims were breaking their daylong fast during the Islamic holy month

of Ramadan. The border had closed for the day a few hours earlier.

Ali Raza, an official in the administration office, said he heard a huge explosion in the building next door.

"We rushed out and saw destruction all around," Raza said.

He said several of the wounded told him the last thing they remembered was seeing a boy approaching carrying what they thought was water. It was unclear if the boy was the bomber.

At least 19 people were killed and 20 wounded, according to Fazal Akbar, the head doctor at Landi Kota hospital, where all the victims were taken.





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**Innovation Park is located on the South end of Notre Dame on Angela Blvd.**

## Park

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panies seeking to work in Innovation Park, according to Brenner.

"We want to ensure that every one of our clients have a point of engagement with the University," he said.

He cited using Notre Dame-owned patents and research and hiring the University's faculty and staff as possible points of engagement.

The University views Innovation Park as a way to "take its research impact on the world to a higher level," Brenner said.

Other major research universities "have a place for their ideas to go develop," he said.

"We're an ingredient for the University to get from where it is to where it wants to go."

Currently, Notre Dame allows many of its innovative ideas to go elsewhere to develop, but Innovation Park should allow those ideas to stay in South Bend, according to Brenner.

Innovation Park looks to take companies to "a stage where they're ready to grow," Brenner said. It will help them build a support system and will encourage them to stay in the South Bend area when they are ready to grow.

"We want to make them feel like putting their roots down in the area," he said.

Brenner said a similar product development park estab-

lished by Purdue more than 20 years ago has added between 2,000 and 3,000 jobs in West Lafayette.

Undergraduate students have a role to play in Innovation Park, according to Brenner.

"A lot of companies are asking if there's a role for students to play as interns or part time employees," he said. "We're working with the Career Center and student employment as we start to bring in clients. We want students in there helping with the work."

Brenner also said that students will be hired to help run the building, as is the case in other buildings across campus.

"Students can learn useful life lessons," he said. "We were very excited to have students around as interns over the summer."

Innovation Park is funded by multiple sources, including federal, state and local governments, the University and private donors.

The economy has not delayed the Park's opening, Brenner said. Companies are still interested in moving into the Park, and while "the economy slowed them in putting the pieces together," it hasn't been a real problem.

Many companies are currently in final negotiations to move into Innovation Park. Brenner said he expects occupancy to steadily build throughout the remainder of the year.

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## Rape

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according to the charges.

The woman had a blood-alcohol level of 0.13 and, according to the charges, told police she did not remember much about the

evening, except that she had been drinking in a dorm room and at a "swim house" party.

When police asked the woman if she remembered having sex with the student, she told officers she would never have consented to have sex with him, according to the charges.

University spokesman Dennis Brown could not be reached late Thursday for comment, but Brown told the Tribune that NDSP did investigate the incident.

The St. Joseph County Police and Prosecutor's Offices could also not be reached late Thursday for comment.

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## IN BRIEF

### FEC allows campaign funds for staff

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators ruled for the first time Thursday that campaign funds can be used to help pay the legal bills of current and former congressional staffers.

The Federal Election Commission decided that Rep. Pete Visclosky's campaign committee could be tapped to pay these legal expenses. The Indiana Democrat is under investigation for his ties to a now-defunct lobbying firm, PMA Group. He and members of his current and former staff have been subpoenaed by federal investigators.

The agency previously had allowed campaign funds to be used only for legal expenses of officeholders or candidates. But this time around, the commissioners voted 5-1 in favor of allowing the practice.

FEC Chairman Steven T. Walther was the sole member to vote against the advisory opinion, saying he was concerned that there was not enough information to determine in some cases whether a former staff's legal bills would have been incurred independent of their work for Visclosky.

Another commissioner, Donald F. McGhan, voted to allow the funds to be used, but said that using campaign funds to pay for legal fees raised some ethical questions.

### Ford to add shifts at plants

DETROIT — Ford Motor Co. said Thursday that it would add a third shift to production plants in Michigan and Missouri to meet increased demand for its F-150 trucks and Escape crossover vehicles.

The moves offer specifics about Ford's plan to increase production of cars and trucks in the fourth quarter by 33 percent over 2008 levels to a total of 570,000 vehicles.

Ford is gaining market share in the U.S. and two of its vehicles — the Focus and Escape — were among the top-sellers under the government's Cash for Clunkers program in July and August.

The Dearborn, Mich.-based automaker said earlier this month that it would increase production to replenish inventories depleted during the clunkers program, although it expects September sales to fall below July and August levels.

# Data shows recession may be ending

*A small drop in the economy hints at recovery; analysts say growth is likely*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Further evidence the recession is ending came in a report Thursday confirming that the economy shrank at an annual rate of just 1 percent in the spring.

Many analysts say growth likely returned in the current quarter. Smaller dips in consumer spending and other areas during the April-June period led some economists to raise their forecasts for the July-September quarter.

But with unemployment aid claims stubbornly high, Americans may benefit little from a recovery if jobs remain scarce and spending stays too low to fuel a strong rebound.

The Commerce Department estimated that the U.S. gross domestic product, the broadest gauge of economic health, shrank at an annual rate of 1 percent in the second quarter. The new estimate of the nation's output of goods and services was the same as an earlier estimate released last month.

The negative figure marks a record fourth consecutive quarterly decline. But it was far smaller than the nose-dive the economy had taken during the previous two quarters.

Businesses did slash inventories at an even greater rate than had been expected in the spring. But economists were encouraged by upward revisions to consumer spending, exports and housing construction. Analysts had expected the second-quarter economic figure to show a drop of 1.5 percent.

"The big surprise in this report was that there was enough spending in the consumer sector and elsewhere to offset all the loss from inventory reductions," said Nigel Gault, chief U.S. economist at IHS Global Insight.

Consumer spending, which accounts for about 70 per-



Job seekers line up for a job fair in New York in this May 13, 2009, photo. The government said Thursday that the number of claims for jobless benefits declined last week.

cent of total economic activity, fell at an annual rate of 1 percent in second quarter. It was a slight improvement from the 1.2 percent decline reported last month.

Gault predicted the economy will gain momentum in the current quarter and final three months of this year as businesses switch from trimming stockpiles to rebuilding inventories. He expects the GDP to jump to above 3 percent in the July-September quarter, boosted by the Cash from Clunkers auto program.

Growth likely will remain around 3 percent in the fourth quarter, Gault said. But then it could slip in the first half of next year as the support from inventory rebuilding begins to fade. Consumers, faced with bleak

job prospects, won't likely be able to take up the slack, he said.

Unemployment is not expected to peak until next spring, probably somewhere above 10 percent. The jobless rate is now 9.4 percent.

White House economic adviser Christina Romer earlier this week said the unemployment rate is likely to hit 10 percent this year. Economists think the unemployment rate will inch back up to 9.5 percent for August, with 220,000 more jobs lost, down a bit from 247,000 in July. That report is scheduled for release next week.

The 1 percent dip in GDP in the April-June quarter followed declines of 6.4 percent in the first quarter and 5.4 percent in the final three months of 2008, the

sharpest back-to-back declines in a half-century. The four straight quarterly declines in GDP mark the first time that has occurred on government records dating to 1947.

The recession that began in December 2007 is the longest since the Great Depression. It's also the deepest as measured by the drop in GDP, which is down 3.9 percent from its previous peak.

Even though economists expect the economy to start growing again in the current quarter, signaling the end of the recession, that won't mean the end of job losses. Businesses likely will continue to keep tight control over labor costs until they see more evidence that the recovery will not falter.

# New coupons mean users clip less

Associated Press

PORTLAND — Electronic coupons, arriving by cell phone, Twitter, e-mail and Facebook, are helping generate an old standby's comeback and bringing in new, younger customers.

Many shoppers, especially young consumers like 30-year-old April Englebert, used to reject coupons printed in newspapers and direct-mail booklets as passe or cumbersome.

But Englebert, an accounting clerk in Portland, Ore., was so thrilled when she cut her monthly grocery bill from \$500 to \$300, mainly with electronic coupons, that she recruited friends and co-workers to try them.

"It's awesome," Englebert said. "There is a lot of free stuff to be had."

Coupon use had been declining since 1992 as consumers found less need for

or some embarrassment in using them. But as the economy worsened, frugal became cool and their popularity grew.

Use of electronic discounts and coupons more than doubled in the first half of 2009 compared with the same period last year as overall coupon use rose 23 percent, according to coupon-processing company Inmar Inc. They now account for more than 3 percent of all coupons used, up from roughly 2 percent in 2008.

While they still represent a small part of the total coupons used, they have strong potential — growing quickly and providing a new way for shoppers to stretch increasingly tight budgets.

"It does take some significant outside forces for people to wake up and pay attention to the savings opportunities available to them," said Matthew Tilley, director of marketing for Inmar.

On a recent shopping trip to the grocery store, Englebert tucked a clutch of offers under her tattooed arm. Besides the store's printed circular, there were manufacturers' coupons she'd gotten by e-mail and coupons she'd bought on eBay. Using in-store sales and coupons, she bought 14 items — including macaroni and cheese, meat and other items — for a grand total of \$5.98, saving \$24.88.

Englebert said she spends about five hours a week hunting for coupons — checking her favorite blogs for the hot deals of the day, searching manufacturer Web sites for special promotions and finding groups on Facebook or through Twitter feeds among other tools. She even hits eBay where something like a \$5-off coupon may not be of any value to someone who isn't going to use it but is worth the 99 cents she might pay for it.



## Rank

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overall rankings, said Dan Saracino, director of Undergraduate Admissions.

The peer assessment portion distributes surveys to three officials at each university — the provost, president and chief of Admissions — and asks them to rate other schools on a 5-point scale.

In addition to considering the opinions of other universities, the U.S. News & World Report ranking is also based on faculty strength and class size, graduation and retention rates, student selectivity, alumni giving rate and financial aid.

Saracino said that while the University takes note of the rankings, the administration does not base decisions on them.

"We don't go about our business in admissions with a focus on the ranking or believe in gaming the system," he said. "We like to be recognized as one of the top univer-

sities in the country, so if we weren't in the top 20, that might be a concern. But we're in the top 20. Does it occupy a great deal of attention in our daily work? Not at all."

This year's lower ranking should not deter next year's applicants, according to Saracino.

"There has been research done that shows students don't choose colleges because of rankings," he said.

Saracino mentioned some positive aspects of Notre Dame that are not weighed by the ranking system, including financial stability and the percentage of students who graduate in four years.

"I think there are other things that should be looked at," he said. "Given the economic

situation in the country, I think it's reasonable for parents to know what the financial stability of the institution. If the economy continues to sputter, will programs have to be cut?"

Notre Dame is one of only several universities on the list

that has been awarded a triple-A credit rating from Moody's Investors Service, Saracino said.

Saracino said the "Student Selectivity" criterion of the ranking system allows other universities to boost their scores in ways that do not enhance the quality of education they offer.

Because this portion rewards a lower acceptance rate, universities can increase their point total by encouraging students who have test scores below the minimum threshold for consideration to apply, Saracino said.

"This ranking system rewards those who act questionably," he said.

University administrators also expressed criticism of how the rankings are calculated.

"While we recognize that the U.S. News & World Report survey serves a useful function for some prospective students and their parents, we are on record for more than 15 years as having reservations about its methodology," University spokesman Dennis Brown said. "That said, by any measure, we believe Notre Dame belongs in the top 20 of any survey of undergraduate institutions."

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ings, but some say it wouldn't have affected their decision to come here.

"I think it is cool and well-deserved, but it doesn't make a difference in how I feel about the school," junior Jennifer DeMarco said. "I'm glad we are ranked in the top 100, but the only thing that would have had a real effect on my decision would be the top 10."

These rankings do follow closely with Mooney's goals that she set at the beginning of her presidency with the College. She made a strategic plan for the College that the school has been working towards since she began in 2004.

Mooney said in a press release that she realizes parents and high school students look to the rankings when choosing the best college or university for them.

"We know that prospective students and their parents

put value on these rankings and we are very pleased to be listed in the top 100 liberal arts colleges," Mooney said.

According to the Report's Web site, they rank schools according to their category, which is determined by the size of the school, the major programs offered and region. It then takes colleges and universities within the categories and awards them points.

Factors include admissions scores, selectivity, graduation rates, the commitment to undergraduate teaching and retention and graduation rates. After weighing all these aspects, Saint Mary's scored 51 out of a possible 100 points.

Saint Mary's was also recognized by the Princeton Review earlier this year as Best in the Midwest, a title it has held for the past seven years, which is when the Review began its Best Regional College category.

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## Classes

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the general requirements," Conklin said. "I'm taking my last lecture requirement and all of my major electives as well. I'm still trying to figure

out what to do with the rest of the year."

Renae Barilar, a senior Business and Italian double-major, said after three years, she is used to the routine of the first week of classes.

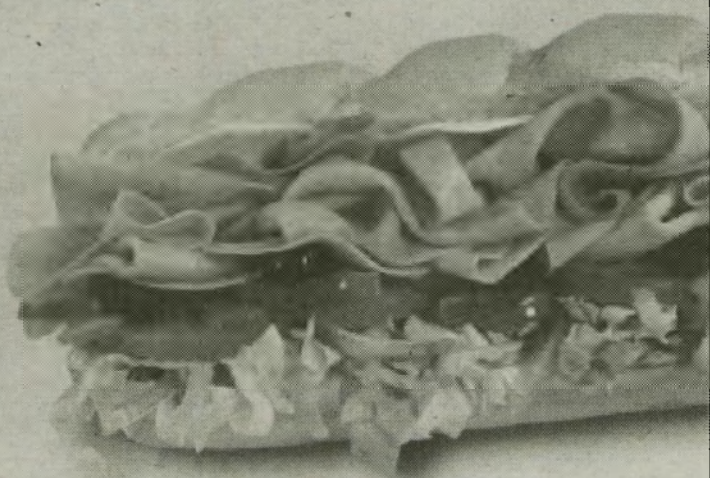
"It's going to be a hard semester but I'm excited for

it and I like all of my professors," she said. "I'm getting close to graduation now so I have all required classes. Next semester, I'm going to have a lot more leeway in what I take."

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# Tourist boom causes rifts

Associated Press

ON THE RIVER CAM, England — On the surface, it is the stuff of English postcards — champagne-swilling tourists gliding down the River Cam and listening to the lore of Cambridge University.

But a nasty undercurrent runs through this river, an otherwise placid waterway that snakes past Cambridge's many gothic buildings.

Competition for the rich tourist trade has increased recently among operators of the historic wooden tourist boats called punts — a trade estimated at 2.5 million pounds (\$4 million) a year. In some cases, the scramble for profits has turned ugly.

This month, two boats were cut to pieces with an electric saw — the apparent work of a punting rival. In other incidents, operators have cut moorings with bolt cutters, chained punts together or sunk boats to sabotage each other's business. Last year, one man dangled a competitor over the railing at Magdalene Bridge.

"They've been grabbing each other's throats, throwing drinks over each other; it's been out of control," said Tom Lohman, a 30-year-old punter who plies his trade on the 14-mile (23 kilometer) River Cam.

Punts — narrow wooden boats piloted by guides using

wooden poles — have long been a popular feature of Cambridge life.

The guides wearing tapered vests can be seen steering the boats across the shallow river year round, cracking jokes or charming their passengers with anecdotes about Isaac Newton and other famous alumni.

Tours go for 10 to 15 pounds per person, although prices can be higher for special tours. Those interested in steering the punts on their own can also rent a boat for about 15 pounds an hour.

Punt guides are usually young, although most aren't Cambridge students and don't work year round. Remuneration tends to hover around Britain's minimum wage (about 5 pounds an hour or 12,000 pounds a year; \$19,500) although Lohman said there was more money to be made in the busy summer months.

The Cam Conservancy, the body charged with managing navigation on the waterway, said competition has increased, in part, because it can't limit the number of punts on the river. Cambridge City Council said scuffling between punters has generated a flood of complaints from tourists and colleges.

"We've put an awful lot of staff time into dealing with this," said Alastair Roberts, the council's safer communities manager who said the

body is now devoting more money to enforcing regulations on mooring and soliciting business. "It is a significant issue for the city."

There are more than 200 traditional punts and nearly 60 of the newer wide-beam boats meant to carry a dozen tourists at a time, according to the Cam Conservancy. The number of boats has swelled in the past five years.

Conservancy deputy manager Jonathan Wakefield said that while overcrowding had become a problem in the past five years, his organization's remit was limited to verifying a punt's safety.

"Even in this past year it's gotten more and more tense," said Dan Scott Lintott, 17, as he guided his punt down the river.

Although incidents are often hidden from tourists or observers, many say the tension is palpable.

"That guy gives me a lot of animosity," Scott Lintott said, jabbing his pole into the bottom and pausing to look at another punter — a blond man with an upturned collar.

Ann Turner, a 65-year-old from Saltaire in northern England, said some of the promoters hustling tourists on to the river were aggressive. She said she was approached four times.

"There does seem to be a crowd of them," she said. "Some of them are a little too much."

# Checkpoint spending draws govt. scrutiny

Associated Press

DALLAS — Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said Thursday that politics did not influence the decision to spend millions of dollars in stimulus money on little-used border checkpoints while passing over higher-priority projects.

Members of Congress have asked for answers after The Associated Press showed that the Obama administration did not follow its internal priority list when handing out money to repair border stations nationwide.

Two Montana senators have taken credit for securing money for projects in their state, including \$15 million for a border crossing that sees about three travelers a day. Democratic Sen. John Tester said he and colleague Max Baucus personally appealed to Napolitano to make that and other Montana projects happen.

At a Dallas news conference Thursday, Napolitano said the AP story "was just wrong and I'll say that because there was no kind of political issues involved there."

The AP reviewed the department's priority list, which showed that some low-priority projects were being funded ahead of more pressing needs. Officials would not allow AP to keep or publish the list and would not provide justifications for deviating from it.

On Thursday, the AP renewed its request for the department to release its justification for deviating from the list, which Congress requires to be updated annually.

A House oversight committee has added the checkpoint projects to its investigation into how the stimulus money is being spent. The top Republican on that committee, California Rep. Darrell Issa, sent Napolitano a letter Wednesday, questioning why some projects leapfrogged others.

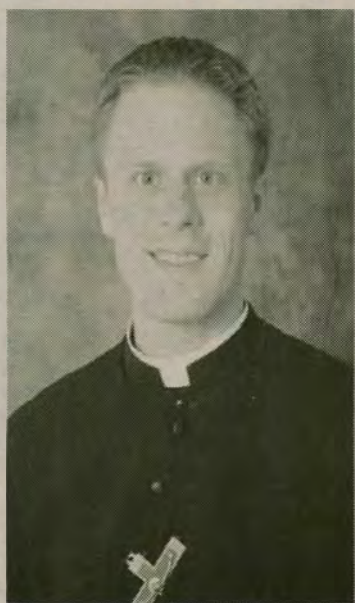
In promoting the stimulus, President Barack Obama banned "earmarks," which lawmakers routinely slip into bills to pay for pet projects, and he told agencies to "develop transparent, merit-based selection criteria" for spending.

But Customs and Border Protection, which sets the priorities for all border station projects nationwide, said it would not provide the priority list. Officials said the list was just a starting point and would be too easily misunderstood. Officials said they could select projects out of order for any number of reasons.

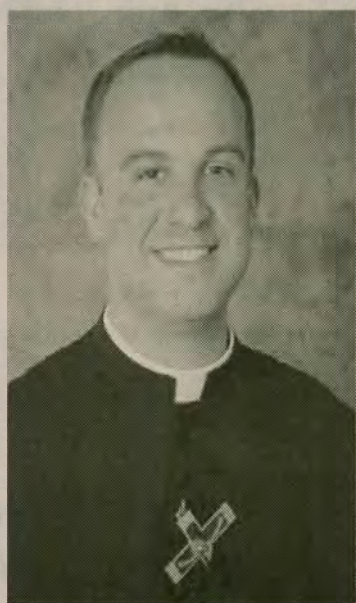
Napolitano has acknowledged that politicians can influence an administration's spending plans. A busy border station in her home state, for instance, was ranked No. 34 on the master priority list. But as governor of Arizona, she lobbied hard to get it at the top of the Bush administration's spending plan.



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## TAIWAN

# China critical of Taiwan, Dalai Lama

Associated Press

TAIPEI — China on Thursday denounced Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou's decision to allow the Dalai Lama to visit the self-ruled island, casting a shadow over rapidly improving relations between Taipei and Beijing.

However, Beijing appeared to stop short of deliberately undermining Ma's stature and jeopardizing the budding ties across the 100-mile- (160-kilometer-) wide Taiwan Strait.

Ma's announcement — which followed an invitation to the Tibetan spiritual leader by officials from Taiwan's pro-independence opposition — surprised many. The China-friendly leader has made a priority of seeking better relations with the mainland and just last December nixed plans for a visit by the Dalai Lama in what was deemed an attempt to placate Beijing.

China has long vilified the Dalai Lama for what they say are his attempts to fight for independence in Tibet, which has been under Communist rule for decades.

Ma said Thursday he was approving the Dalai Lama's visit because it could help ease the island's pain after the devastation of Typhoon Morakot, the storm that struck Taiwan earlier this month at the cost of an estimated 670 lives.

"The Dalai Lama could come to Taiwan to help rest the souls of the dead and also pray for the well-being of the survivors," he said.



Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou delivers a speech Thursday. China denounced Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou's decision to allow the Dalai Lama to visit the self-ruled island.

In its first official comment on Ma's decision, China said it "resolutely opposes" the Dalai Lama's visit "in whatever form and capacity."

Quoting an unnamed official at the State Council's Taiwan Affairs Office, the state-run Xinhua News Agency said "the Dalai Lama is not a pure religious figure."

"Under the pretext of religion, he has all along been engaged in separatist activities," the official was quoted as saying.

Taiwan's Mainland Affairs Council — the Cabinet-level body responsible for relations with China — declined to comment on the Xinhua report.

Xinhua did not mention Ma by name, placing the blame for the Dalai Lama's visit

squarely on the opposition Democratic Progressive Party. The distinction appears to be a deliberate Chinese effort to make clear its displeasure with Ma's decision, without necessarily pushing him into a corner.

Such nuance is understandable.

In his 15 months in office, Ma has turned the corner on his DPP predecessor's anti-China policies, bringing the Taiwanese and Chinese economies ever closer together, and speaking in favor of a peace treaty with Beijing.

The moves have reduced tensions between the sides to their lowest point since they split amid civil war in 1949, and raised hopes for an eventual solution to one of the

world's most enduring conflicts.

Ma's decision to approve the Dalai Lama's visit came a day after leaders of seven municipalities hard hit by Morakot issued a joint statement inviting the Dalai Lama to visit storm victims from Aug. 31 to Sept. 4. The invitation from the leaders was issued as Ma faced charges that he botched the government's response to the island's deadliest storm in 50 years.

The invitation put Ma into a bind — either risk angering China, or give further ammunition to the opposition, which accuses him of hewing too closely to Beijing's line.

It also created great difficulties for Beijing. The communist leadership is trying to build on its historic rapprochement with Taiwan while at the same time seeking to isolate the 74-year-old spiritual leader whom the mainland accuses of fomenting separatist violence in China-held Tibet. Too harsh a reaction risks alienating Taiwanese while playing down the visit might encourage other governments to welcome visits from the Dalai Lama — something Beijing has battled mightily to discourage.

Taiwan and Tibet share similar histories. Both are territories that Beijing believes should be under its rule. Despite a failed 1959 uprising that sent the Dalai Lama into exile, China controls Tibet and has refused the Tibetan religious leader's request for greater autonomy.

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## Bernanke's identity stolen with wife's purse

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — No one is safe from identity theft, not even the chairman of the Federal Reserve.

Ben Bernanke's personal checking account became entangled in an elaborate identity-theft scheme after his wife Anna's purse was stolen last August at a Capitol Hill Starbucks. According to a District of Columbia police report, it contained her Social Security card, checkbook, credit cards and IDs.

It's not been revealed how much money was stolen from the Bernankes' account. But someone started cashing checks on their bank account just days after the purse was stolen from her chair. The thefts helped fuel an ongoing investigation into a sophisticated ring.

Losses from the fraud totaled more than \$2.1 million and involved at least 10 financial institutions, court document said. Clyde Austin Gray Jr. of Waldorf, Md., a suspected ring-leader in the scheme, pleaded guilty on July 22 in Alexandria, Va., federal court.

The banks bore primary responsibility for the losses and the victims' accounts, including the Bernankes, were most likely made whole.

"Identity theft is a serious crime that affects millions of

Americans each year," Bernanke said in a statement. "Our family was but one of 500 separate instances traced to one crime ring. I am grateful for the law enforcement officers who patiently and diligently work to solve and prevent these financial crimes."

Prosecutors wrote that Gray hired pick pockets then made counterfeit IDs for the participants. The coconspirators conducted the bank transactions, and Gray took a cut of the proceeds.

At least one check from the Bernanke account for \$900 was deposited Aug. 13, 2008, into the account of another identity theft victim at a Bank of America branch in suburban Maryland, according to an affidavit filed in D.C. Superior Court. Authorities alleged that George L. Reid, 41, of Washington, cashed checks that day amounting to at least \$9,000 in a string of transactions after the fake deposits inflated the related account balances.

Bank of America spokeswoman Tara Burke said Thursday, "We're looking into it. We're still gathering facts."

Brian Lapidus, an identity theft expert with Kroll Fraud Solutions, said it's not unusual to hear of high-ranking officials caught up by identity theft. His firm has worked with celebrities, senators and others who have been victims.

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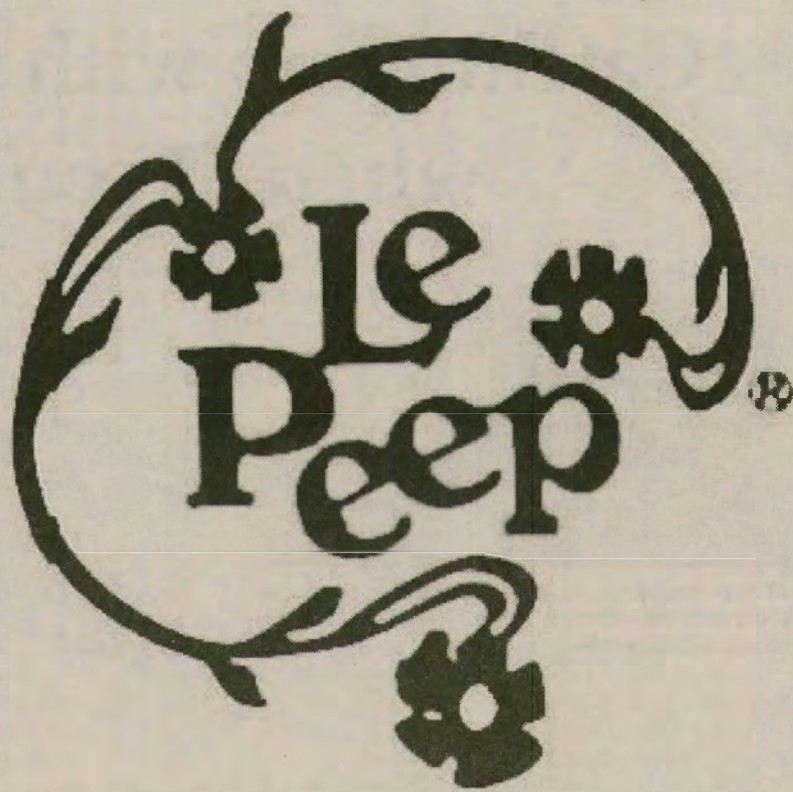
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## Catching up with the Ivies where it counts

U.S. News & World Report announced its annual Best Colleges 2010 last week, and Notre Dame has fallen two spots in the rankings. After a tie with Emory and Vanderbilt for 18th among national universities in 2009, Notre Dame was passed by both southern schools and fell to 20th.

Though we are sure that this is cause for concern, and are prepping our transfer applications to top-19 schools as we write this, there's a different set of rankings that we'd also like to bring to your attention.

GQ Magazine recently put out its inaugural list of America's 25 Douchiest Colleges. The eclectic grouping of schools ranges from the obvious (Duke, No. 2) to the obscure (Deep Springs, No. 5). Notre Dame ranked No. 15, but we believe, just as in U.S. News & World Report, we again might be underrated.

As the home of the "moral douche," GQ notes the favorite Notre Dame student pickup line: "You know, I thought about the seminary, but then I decided it wasn't for me. If you know what I mean."

It is this perception of Notre Dame as the home of the mere moral douche that left us at No. 15 in the rankings. We think we can do better. When it comes to douchiness, a unique convergence of athletics, legacy and Catholic guilt give Notre Dame a

potential that no other university has.

When it comes to the U.S. News & World Report we'd like to point out an interesting correlation between academic excellence and perceived douchiness — the four douchiest schools (Brown, Duke, Princeton, Harvard, respectively) all are ahead of Notre Dame in the Best Colleges ranking. Clearly this is no coincidence. We believe that if Notre Dame could just be recognized for being the douchiest college, it would find itself near the top of the list of Best Colleges in 2011.

Then again, no rankings tell the whole story. U.S. News & World Report may believe that there are 19 better places to be getting an education. GQ might think that there are only 14 larger collections of douches among the nation's

universities. But we know that neither number really says anything about the quality of this university, or the students who attend. Though it can be entertaining to attach numbers and assign rankings, it is missing the point. We are all at Notre Dame, and not any other school with any other ranking, because we know that this is a special place, and that no number could ever encapsulate what Notre Dame means to each of us individually. At the dawn of the new school year, we say: Enjoy this place. Make the most of your time here.

And try not to be a douche while doing it.

## THE OBSERVER Editorial

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"No matter what side of the argument you are on, you always find people on your side that you wish were on the other."

Jascha Helfetz  
Russian-American violinist

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try."

Beverly Sills  
U.S. opera singer



## The freshmen hippies of Lyons Hall

Forty years ago today, we Lyons Hall freshmen had barely completed a week's worth of school work taught by eminent University professors as well as mere graduate assistants wearing sweaters and smoking pipes to appear more professorial. During the Fall of 1969, our chaotic and iconic decade was in decline, but most of us had no idea how our lives and time could someday come full circle. Those who were most relentless in their desire for a peaceful society were labeled "hippies."



Gary Caruso

### Capitol Comments

That autumn was the first time in Notre Dame history that every dormitory on campus reserved a fourth of its residential space for freshman. We each chose a typical freshman dormitory like Stanford and Keenan. None of us imagined that a computer would thrust us to the outreaches of the South Quad. Lyons was an upper-class study hall with grade point averages bottoming out in the 3.8 range. But in a matter of weeks, my class of freshman hippies shattered that reputation with a flurry of course failures and pink slip warnings.

In 1969, the world — and more

directly the Notre Dame computer — bestowed a mix of blessings and curses like my 8 a.m. classes every day, including Saturday morning. Yet thanks to that computer, the first freshmen of Lyons became lifelong friends. Blue-collar conservative-thinking, Vietnam War-supporting, short-haired Democrats like me survived random placement. My Orange County, Calif. conservative Republican roommate who worshiped the free market system brought his girlfriend and mother to help him move. His mother left after two days ... his girlfriend after two weeks.

Our other two New England long-haired, peace-advocating liberal hippy roommates anchored their half of the 318 quad. One left school after a month. The other hippy roommate, Jim Hynes, had just attended an outdoor festival in New York called Woodstock. His large flowing, curly Afro-styled hair dwarfed his face and thick, geeky glasses as he passionately described the incredible music and ultimate love-fest in the mud. Someone called him "Hairman," which has stuck as his nickname now for four decades.

Gradually we nicknamed our diverse group of guys with abbreviations like Murph, Sol, Leps and Kelly along with more cryptic names like the Duck, E-well, Ratman, Bird, Mouse, the Cretan and the Pumpkin — our late class president, Steve Pallucca, who not only

shared his birthday with John Belushi, but lived "Animal House" with us years before it was ever written. In 1969, we were a society scarred by the raging Vietnam War, and yet I could laugh at the Pumpkin's antics while learning personal generosity from him.

Blue-collar students learned what wealth lay beyond their neighborhoods. Chicagoan and fellow freshman Mike Paulius sometimes worked 12-hour days at his summer job in a steel mill for two solid weeks to defray tuition. Being indoors all summer left him with uncharacteristically pale skin. He too believed Woodstock a chaotic failure until hearing Hairman's firsthand account.

Our generation's now classic music evolved through genres like Led Zeppelin's new heavy metal sound or The Beatles' "Abbey Road" album. It was a year when "Sesame Street" excitedly debuted in hopes that low-income children could learn through the medium of television. Yet "The Brady Bunch" premiered between the Charles Manson mass murders and the My Lai Massacre in Vietnam. Senator Ted Kennedy drove off a bridge killing his passenger, but NASA launched four Apollo missions which included two moon landings.

Our government prepared the first military draft of us freshmen. At Harvard University, nearly 300 students seized a building where 45 were

injured and 184 arrested. Protests continued through the convergence of the civil rights and women's rights movements with the first gay protest at Stonewall. All were labeled hippies. Nationwide, my fellow freshman hippies used Woodstock as the benchmark of free speech and equality for the anti-war, gender and civil rights movements. Music resonated as the soul behind our ideals of civility and sharing.

Some places are made sacred by the people and events that grace them. Today, as the Class of Lucky '13 finds its way on campus, they may hear the songs of generations past whispering to them if they dare listen. The blood of the Notre Dame bricks gently oozes if they but look. Insight comes when stepping away from the crowd. Truth derives from unconditional acceptance of others, and respect for all of mankind. In many ways, today is no different than 1969. It merely has fewer freshmen hippies.

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### U-WIRE

## Proposed texting-while-driving ban is federal overreach

Our fast-paced society appeared seemingly overnight. In a span of only a few years, the world imploded: suddenly anyone and anything was attainable on little more than a whim.

This explosive, or implosive, societal change wasn't without its fair share of growing pains: Internet stalkers, phishing scams, Nigerian princes, Y2K, I Love You e-mails, poorly planned software

"updates" and literally countless other problems that appeared over time. Once again, we, as a society, are navigating a technological obstacle course of our own creation.

We've created a monster, but a ban on texting while driving isn't the answer.

My beef with an outright ban on drive-texting is not with the ban itself; simply put, it's a stellar idea. It will remove a dangerous condition from our roadways and certainly make them safer and more pleasant for everyone. My problem lies solely with the backhanded, sneaky and overbearing way in which the federal government is forcing its hand.

If you're unfamiliar with the basics of the Constitution then you may not yet see the issue at hand. A brief, over simplified, lesson in constitutional law: if the Constitution doesn't expressly say the federal government can do

something, then it can't.

At least, that's the idea.

Our founding fathers realized that the Constitution could not possibly cover all future situations so they added the 10th Amendment. This amendment states that any power not specifically given to the federal government is left to each state's government to decide individually.

This simple and elegant system has been abused, re-interpreted and mangled beyond all recognition. The federal government forgets the 10th Amendment with amazing frequency. Sometimes, an issue that could easily be left for the states to decide is iron-fisted in Congress instead.

No example is as poignant or easy for citizens to understand as the "federal" drinking age. Contrary to popular belief, there is no federally-mandated drinking age. Under the National Minimum Drinking Age Act of 1984, the federal government has the power to withhold 10 percent of a state's highway funds should it fail to set its legal drinking age at 21. Technically, states still have a choice, but from a practical standpoint they do not.

We're standing by idly as our federal government mires itself in yet another constitutionally-questionable situation where a state's rights are ignored. The texting ban is currently framed in exactly the same way as the drinking age. States failing to pass a ban on texting within a time limit would face a 25 percent reduction in annual federal highway funds.

This is my issue with the texting ban: when

laws are structured to intentionally use tax dollars as leverage, the states lose their individuality.

The federal government has taken 50 hostages, and with budgets already teetering on the brink, they know state governments will knuckle under and give in to demands to avoid complete meltdowns.

A ban on texting will undoubtedly make roads safer, but that does not mean that the federal government needs to put sanctions on its own states to achieve this goal.

First and foremost, each state has unique circumstances that will help make roads safer. For instance, a texting ban may make congested roads in New Jersey safer, but perhaps South Dakota would be better served enforcing speed limits and adding more streetlights and guardrails.

Why should South Dakota be penalized for prioritizing different ideas than New Jersey? In a country as vast as the United States it's naive to think that an overarching law can solve all problems in all locations.

Secondly, no highway funds are tied to bans on eating, reading, putting on make-up or countless other distractions. If the federal government is going to regulate the roads, they should do it right or not at all. Half-baked plans never satisfy like a well-baked cake.

Finally, states should be encouraged to pioneer new ways to make roads safer. The federal government should focus less on penalizing and implement a system that rewards states for using their own methods. This allows states to

experiment with ideas without fear of fund-reductions.

Rather than requiring a texting ban, states could be required to reduce road accidents by 10 percent before 2015 using any policies they see fit. This would promote a combination of many methods for the advancement of road safety not just those the federal government has selected.

Certainly a 10 percent reduction could be attained by a plethora of ideas, including adding traffic signals and street lights, increasing police patrols, banning more distractions, improving driver education, imposing teen driving restrictions, resurfacing more frequently, adding guard rails, purchasing more snow plows in northern states or creating congestion reduction projects.

Each of those ideas is a good one, but each is best-suited for specific situations, which the federal government should not attempt to dictate.

Banning texting is a good idea, but that doesn't mean we should support this bill. Sometimes you can do the right thing the wrong way. Sometimes being safe isn't as important as being free. Sometimes what is right doesn't need to be mandated. Sometimes states should be permitted to progress on their own terms.

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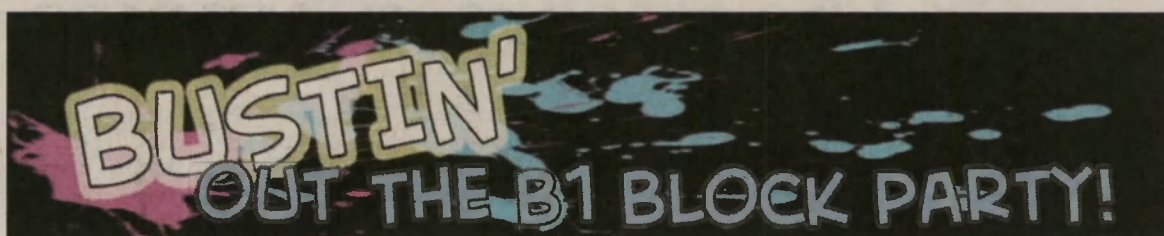
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- 2 "New In Town" - Little Boots
- 3 "Candy" - Paolo Nutini
- 4 "Sweet Dreams (Beautiful Nightmare)" - Beyonce
- 5 "Electric Feel" - Katy Perry Cover
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- 7 "It's Not Fair" - Lily Allen
- 8 "Good Girls Go Bad" - Cobra Starship
- 9 "Australia" - The Shins



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By SARA FELSENSTEIN  
Scene Writer

On Saturday from 5 to 11 p.m. Legends will host one its biggest events to date — the B1 Block Party — in the B1 parking lot outside of Legends. The 6,000-person party will feature reggae/hip hop sensation Matisyahu, backed by pop band Eric Hutchinson and two student bands, Samurai Jim and the Pat McKillen Band. There will also be appearances by DJ That's Right, New Orleans' New Wave Brass Band, the RhythmWorks Drum Team, BET's DJ ProStyle and DJ Cartiac live from the Legends rooftop.

How did Notre Dame go from having The Show the first weekend back to a huge outdoor party with some of the nation's top performers? Says Legends General Manager Aaron Perri, "The idea arose from ... the confidence I had in the Legends team to pull something like this off ... I can't think of a better way to showcase what we do here at Legends week in and week out than to unleash the B1 Block Party right at the beginning of the year."

The party is open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students and will be complete with a huge Lollapalooza-style main stage, promotional giveaways, cornhole, a text to screen and LED video walls. The first 2000 through the door will receive free Chipotle chips and guac (that's right, free guac). Popular food chains including Chick-Fil-A, Sonic, Papa Murphy's Pizza, Kona Ice and ND Concessions will be stationed throughout the lot. Every food item will be affordably priced at \$3 or below, and a beer garden will be available to the 21-and-over crowd.

The concert's supporting act, singer-songwriter Eric Hutchinson, blurs the boundaries between rock, folk pop and powerpop, combining various influences to create a sound that is uniquely his. Hutchinson's song "Rock and Roll" ('if he wanna rock he rocks, if he wanna roll he rolls') reached No.1 airplay in the U.S. and gained him wide publicity. Hutchinson has been compared to Ben Folds and Jason Mraz, and has toured with acts like O.A.R and Matt Nathanson.

The headlining Matisyahu will give a truly unique performance. The Hasidic Jewish reggae musician blends his passion for the Jewish faith with the cultural sounds of reggae, rap and hip-hop. As a young teenager, Matisyahu was a self-proclaimed dreadlocks-bearing, Birkenstock-wearing "Deadhead." However, after discovering a latent connection to God in the mountains of Colorado followed by taking a pilgrimage to Israel, Matisyahu ultimately decided to become a Hasidic Jew and abide by traditional Jewish law.

He released his first album in 2004 but his career really took off after doing a guest set for Phish at Bonnaroo in 2005. He has since released three studio albums — the latest, "LIGHT," was released on Aug. 25. Matisyahu's spirituality comes through his music clearly and powerfully, which makes for a riveting concert experience.

*The first 2000 through the door will receive free Chipotle chips and guac.*

The party still isn't over when Matisyahu finishes up around 11. Head inside to the Legends Nightclub for an after party with New York City's DJ Prostyle

until the early hours of the morning.

According to Perri, a common reaction to the B1 Block Party is almost incredulity. He says, "In talking to people the continuous reaction is 'I can't believe you're doing this! A party in the parking lot? A DJ on the roof? A beer garden? ... To say this will be an exciting event is an understatement.'"

Don't miss this one, because there won't be another party like it right in Notre Dame's backyard all year. The B1 Block Party will surely be the most packed place on campus Saturday from the early evening on. So start the year off right — catch up with friends, eat some good food and dance to good music. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door or pre-ordered online. For more information check out [www.b1blockparty.com](http://www.b1blockparty.com).

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Matisyahu will perform Saturday at the Legends B1 Block Party. His latest album "Light" was released on Aug. 25.



# (500) DAYS OF SUMMER

By ADRIANA PRATT  
Scene Writer

Unrequited love hurts, but what hurts even worse is the kind of love that draws you in, leads you on and then drops you off the cliff with barely a moment's notice. Today's romantic comedies usually ignore that sometimes-inevitable sequence of events but this summer's best one delves into the stickiest mess of all in an ironic, funny, and bitingly real way. "(500) Days of Summer" winds its way through the tale of a young man named Tom Hansen (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) who, while stuck in an unsatisfying career looking for the fulfilling relationship he always dreamt of, jumps at the first ray of hope he sees — a lovely woman named Summer Finn (Zooey Deschanel). He soon learns though that sometimes the sunshine fades and eventually burns out and all that is left to do is move on. Tom comes away realizing that sometimes the most trying experiences provide the best opportunity for growth.

In a startling but attention-grabbing opening to the film, the writers, Scott Neustadter and Michael H. Weber, print a vengeful but entertaining shout out to the woman who inspired "(500) Days" on the big screen. The opening not only provokes laughter from the audience, but also sets the tone for what will be a moving, painful and funny trip down love's treacherous lane. Citing Cameron Crowe (writer of "Almost Famous," "Jerry Maguire," etc.) as their stylistic inspiration, Neustadter and Weber's alternative approach to romance and their desire to grasp reality and force it into a film is not only refreshing but more insightful than most of today's Hollywood romantic comedies.

In a unique approach to chronology, the film

toys with the past, jumping from moment to moment in a random but coherent way. This method mimics the sporadic journey through the memory that a freshly distinguished relationship forces on its victims as they try to sort through the "hows" and "whys" of a failed romance. Only once Tom learns that it is time to pick himself up and move on, does the film finally land both the audience and Tom in the present day. This final realization comes after a painstakingly desperate search to figure out when his relationship with the aloof but vulnerable Summer soured.

One particular scene does a fantastic job of highlighting the genius of "(500) Days" writers and director (Marc Webb). Through its juxtaposition of Tom's fantasy post-break-up Summer encounter with the reality of what actually takes place, both scenes of fantasy and reality run simultaneously on screen showing the harsh differences between what one desires versus what one actually gets. When Summer invites Tom to a party at her apartment, visions of her falling back into his arms and successfully becoming his quickly overcome him. However, what he meets in actuality not only leaves his dreams unfulfilled, but also successfully crushed. This harsh choking of any future Tom might have had with Summer reminds the audience that, as the Rolling Stones once sang, "You can't always get what you want."

The film's strengths don't solely lie in its artistic and unique compilation. In fact, the characterization and development of the characters by the actors is flawless and the movie's best asset. Many of us have found ourselves in the shoes of Tom Hansen or Summer Finn, or maybe even both. The hopefulness and innocent naivety of Tom in his determined pursuit of Summer calls to mind painful memories of chasing the one believed to

be "the one" only to discover that the feelings were unmatched. On the other side of the spectrum, the cool and charming Summer had the capability to woo any man she wished but also the prudence to choose not just anyone. Her outlook on the unlikelihood of love made her ultimately unreachable until the right one came along. Her important character development reminds the audience that love is not something that can be forced, but has to be found naturally.

"(500) Days of Summer," complete with an outstanding soundtrack that compliments Tom's highs and lows, is one worth paying \$9.75 to see. The light shed on the nature of love is poignant and clear with a dose of bittersweet reality. The only flaw with "(500) Days of Summer" is that it outshines the numerous other romantic comedies in existence, setting the bar too high for Hollywood to live up to.

## (500) Days of Summer

**Directed by:** Marc Webb  
**Starring:** Joseph Gordon-Levitt,  
Zooey Deschanel



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# PONYO: An Adventure for All

By Maija Gustin  
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The Japanese import "Ponyo," released across the country on Aug. 14, is sure to be one of the best-reviewed movies of the fall. However, you've probably never even heard of it. That needs to change.

"Ponyo," from legendary Japanese animation master Hayao Miyazaki, takes Hans Christian Andersen's "The Little Mermaid" and transplants it in modern-day Japan. In the film, a young boy named Sosuke finds a goldfish and decides to care for it. This goldfish, named Ponyo, goes on a quest to become human because of her love for Sosuke. What follows is a whimsical journey that ends in a profound message about love. Bear in mind, this movie is for children. The cheese factor is high.

When Ponyo, hungry for adventure, leaves her father's submarine-like home to travel to

the surface, she immediately stumbles upon Sosuke. He brings her a bucket and takes her to school. The bond is instant and strong. After her father finds her and brings her back home, she escapes and takes on a human form. However, in becoming human, Ponyo has upset the world's ecological harmony. She must either revert back to being a goldfish or become a real human through true (but platonic, as they are five years old) love with Sosuke.

The overt environmental themes are no accident. Miyazaki, it would seem, is just as concerned with making a film about friendship as he is about making an eco-friendly one. That being said, his statement is sincere and an important message to send to his younger audience in particular.

Miyazaki's films, which include "My Neighbor Totoro," "Princess Mononoke," "How's Moving Castle" and 2003's Oscar-winning

"Spirited Away," are never domestically popular but are consistently well-reviewed. This is generally because he is so unabashed about them being cliché. He fills his films with overt messages about love, friendship, hard work and helping others. He makes them accessible to all and revels in their playfulness. But even though it seems as if he often sees with the eyes of a child, his films have such poignancy that adults are usually just as entranced as children. He creates magical worlds where even the most childish themes seem to have depth. His entirely hand-drawn worlds become lenses through which one can look at what is really important in life.

"Ponyo" is no exception. It is cheesy and childish, but it is made with such a tailored maturity that all can at least appreciate it. It needs to be seen with an open mind and a willingness to forgo reality. The dialogue is unsophisticated and the relation-

ships don't always seem fully formed, but it is still worth seeing. Aided by a great cast of voices, including Tina Fey, Liam Neeson, Matt Damon, Betty White, Noah Cyrus and Frankie Jonas (those last two have some famous older siblings you might know), "Ponyo" is a wonderful adventure fit for kids of any age. Just sit back and enjoy its simplicity. If you can do that, you might be surprised.

## Ponyo

**Directed by:** Hayao Miyazaki  
**Featuring:** Tina Fey,  
Liam Neeson, Matt  
Damon



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## NFL

# Browns to split reps for QBs in preseason

Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Brady Quinn has a new home in the Browns' renovated locker room — behind a pillar in the far back corner.

It's in contrast to his role with the team, where he's front and center with Derek Anderson in Cleveland's quarterback race.

The saga will continue Saturday night in the Browns' third preseason game against Tennessee, when both Quinn and Anderson could play into the second half. Which player starts, however, will have little bearing on the ultimate winner of the competition.

"I wouldn't read anything into that at all," coach Eric Mangini said Thursday. "Somebody has to (start), but the goal is to get a balance. That hasn't changed."

Quinn and Anderson equally shared all the practice snaps throughout training camp. Quinn started and played well in the preseason opener against Green Bay, while Anderson's moment came last week against Detroit, when he led the offense to its first touchdown in seven games.

If the rotation continues, Quinn would be in line to start against the Titans. Mangini plans to sit down with both quarterbacks Friday to inform them who will start. Both are expected to see significant time with the starters.

"When you're unsure if you're starting or not, you have to prepare as the starter," Quinn said Thursday. "If you're the No. 2, that's still the same

way you prepare. If the No. 1 guy goes down, the No. 2 guy has to be ready to go. Otherwise, he's doing his team an incredible injustice."

Quinn replaced Anderson as the starter halfway through last season, but his year ended after just three starts because of a fractured finger. Quinn is in line to receive hefty bonuses should he win the starting job.

"Obviously there's a financial side to everything we do with this job," Quinn said. "But it's not something you think about. We're compensated well. We're just trying to play the game."

A day after the New York Jets, Mangini's old team, named rookie Mark Sanchez as the starting quarterback, the Browns' quarterback competition shows no sign of ending.

Mangini has never indicated when he plans to announce his starter for the Sept. 13 season opener against Minnesota, and this week he didn't dismiss the idea that the decision might not come until the day before kickoff. Despite the uncertainty, Mangini has been impressed with how Anderson and Quinn have handled the scrutiny.

"It's a credit to both of them," Mangini said. "Both have been competitive, both have worked hard at the things we've asked them to do. They've both been good teammates in the process, and I respect that. It's not always easy to be fiercely competitive and fiercely loyal to the team. I think they've been that. That's what you ask guys to go. How you deal with that situation tells you a lot about who that person is."

## NFL

# Sanders pondering future

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts are in no hurry to push the return of oft-injured strong safety Bob Sanders.

Sanders is on the Colts' physically unable to perform list after undergoing surgery on his right knee in the spring. He has not practiced since the start of training camp. The 2007 NFL Defensive Player of the Year has spent the last few days meeting with renowned orthopedic surgeon Dr. James Andrews at his clinic in Birmingham, Ala.

Andrews, who performed the initial surgery on Sanders, has told Colts officials Sanders' rehabilitation is on schedule.

"(Sanders is) doing well. Dr. Andrews has looked at him and really feels he's on target and coming along," coach Jim Caldwell said this week. "He'll be there for a couple days and when he comes back, he'll continue on with the process he's going through here in terms of his rehab."

"He's making progress. He's moving forward. He feels good about where he is. Dr. Andrews feels good about

where he is. That means I should feel good about where he is."

Team president Bill Polian told an Indianapolis radio station on Wednesday that he will wait before making a final decision on placing Sanders on the Colts' 53-player roster or to leave him on the physically-unable-to-perform (PUP) list.

"We would have basically two choices with Bob. Right now, he's on the physically unable to perform list. And we have to either put him on the physically unable to perform list at the cut to 53 or activate him," Polian explained. "Now if we put him on PUP, he's not eligible to come back until the sixth week of the season. And because the bye week is in there, that would really be after our fifth game."

"If we carry him active as one of the 53, he would be eligible to come back at any time we wanted to dress him for the ballgame. He's, in effect, active but if he was unable to play, would not dress," he told ESPN 1070.

"Right now, I can't tell you what list would be most appropriate until we hear from Dr. Andrews and then see what

kind of a timetable he's on. If you had your druthers, obviously, you'd like to have him active and available, if not for the first game, soon thereafter. I mean if I had to guess, I'd say that's what it would be. But PUP is still available to us, too, if it's going to be longer than that. Then we could put him on that and bring him back for our sixth regular-season game."

Placekicker Adam Vinatieri continues to make progress in his rehab from offseason knee and hip surgeries. Vinatieri is also on the PUP list.

"He is making real good progress. He's working diligently at being ready. He's moving along quickly," Caldwell said, adding he doesn't expect any problems for Vinatieri working with a new holder. Rookie punter Pat McAfee has taken over that role from former Indianapolis punter Hunter Smith.

"You know how important that timing is. That is something we are just going to have to work out. As (Vinatieri) starts to ramp up his activity, it'll all start to work together at some point. By the time he takes the field, those problems will be ironed out."

## NCAA FOOTBALL

# Penn State to play at FedEx Field

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana coach Bill Lynch wanted to expand his program's recruiting base. The cash and a chance to play at an NFL stadium helped, too.

The Hoosiers announced Wednesday that they've agreed to move next season's home game against Penn State to FedExField, home of the Washington Redskins, for \$3 million.

"It's a great opportunity for our program from the financial end of it, and it's a great opportunity to play at FedExField," Lynch said. "We've not actively recruited that area, but we have talked about it, so we think it's a win-win."

The Hoosiers will be required to sell 7,000 tickets in a stadium that seats more than 91,000.

Penn State, meanwhile, will play a road game Nov. 20, 2010, in an area where it has a strong

fan base. The Nittany Lions have 13 players on the roster from Maryland, four from Virginia and five from Delaware.

It's the first time they have played in metropolitan Washington since an Oct. 2, 1993, visit to Maryland.

Penn State officials said Indiana was approached by a third party about moving the game, and the Hoosiers contacted Penn State in the late spring or early summer to discuss the possibility. The deal apparently was completed a few days ago with the Redskins paying out the \$3 million.

"This game will provide a great chance for some of our players to play close to home and for our fans and the more than 40,000 Penn State alumni in Maryland, Virginia, Delaware and Washington, D.C. to see the Nittany Lions play in person," Penn State athletic director Tim Curley said.

It's not the first time Indiana

and Penn State have played in an NFL stadium. The Nittany Lions beat the Hoosiers 27-24 at the now-demolished RCA Dome in October 2000, and are 12-0 in the series between the schools.

Indiana officials said they will try to add a nonconference home game in 2010.

FedExField has hosted other college games, including the 2004 BCA Classic between Virginia Tech and Southern Cal that drew 91,665 fans. It also will host Boise State and Virginia Tech on Oct. 2, 2010.

But Indiana sees this as more than just a moneymaking opportunity.

"We believe that this will be an outstanding, bowl-like experience for our student-athletes, provide us with added recruiting visibility on the East Coast, and will serve as a wonderful opportunity for our student-athletes to spend time in and around the nation's capital," Glass said in a statement.

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## NSCAA/ADIDAS Division 1 Women's Soccer

	team	points	previous
1	North Carolina	824	1
2	NOTRE DAME	761	3
3	Portland	740	4
4	Stanford	736	2
5	Florida State	682	6
6	Texas A&M	668	7
7	Florida	594	10
8	Penn State	567	12
9	UCLA	543	5
10	Virginia	436	9
11	Duke	426	16
12	Southern California	412	8
13	Illinois	314	17
14	West Virginia	296	14
15	San Diego	292	13
16	Georgia	257	18
17	Minnesota	235	19
18	Colorado	229	RV
19	Santa Clara	226	22
20	Boston College	203	23
21	Oklahoma State	195	11
22	Missouri	186	24
23	Rutgers	157	20
24	Washington State	150	21
25	Texas	132	15

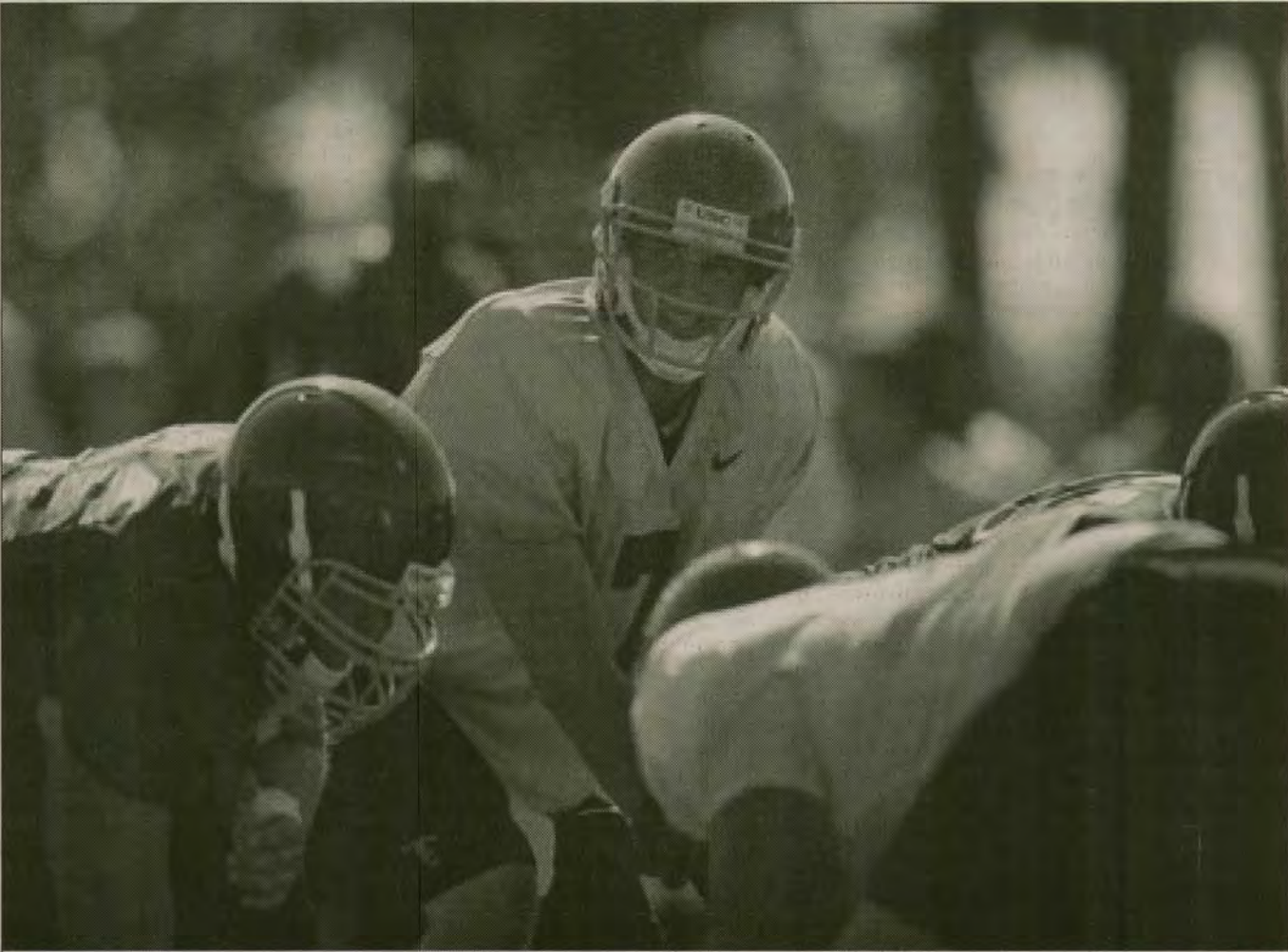
## NCAA Men's Soccer Division 1 Preseason Top 25

	team	previous
1	St. John's (N.Y.)	3
2	Creighton	5
3	Wake Forest	2
4	North Carolina	4
5	Maryland	1
6	Akron	9
7	Indiana	6
8	California	10
9	Northwestern	8
10	Dartmouth	27
11	UIC	12
12	Tulsa	13
13	South Florida	7
14	UC Irvine	11
15	Loyola (Md.)	18
16	NOTRE DAME	20
17	UCLA	28
18	Dayton	19
19	UC Santa Barbara	21
20	Connecticut	16
21	Drake	23
22	Virginia	NR
23	Boston University	25
24	St. Louis	22
25	Michigan State	14

## NGCA Women's Golf Division 1 Coaches Poll

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

## NCAA FOOTBALL



Freshman Matt Barkley was selected by Southern California's head coach Pete Carroll to be the team's starting quarterback for the Trojan's season opener against San Jose State on Sept. 5.

## Barkley named USC's starting quarterback

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Freshman Matt Barkley was named No. 4 Southern California's starting quarterback on Thursday.

With an outstanding performance at training camp, Barkley beat out sophomore Aaron Corp to get the start in the Trojans' season opener against San Jose State at the Coliseum on Sept. 5. Coach Pete Carroll unexpectedly announced his decision several hours before practice and two days before USC's mock game.

"He has exceeded all our expectations," Carroll said in a statement. "He has all the physical ability. He has

the mentality and temperament to handle the position. His personality is very well received by all the players, and he's extremely talented. At this point, he's ready to be the guy for us."

Barkley was perhaps the nation's most sought-after football recruit last year at Orange County's Mater Dei High School, the alma mater of fellow USC quarterback Matt Leinart. After choosing the Trojans, Barkley graduated from high school one semester early to participate in spring practice.

Corp, in his third year at USC, was named the Trojans' starter out of spring ball, but Barkley took advantage when Corp

missed two weeks of workouts this month after breaking a small bone below his left knee Aug. 10.

Barkley is thought to be the first non-redshirt freshman quarterback to be picked to start a season opener for the Trojans.

"He's the starting quarterback at USC—it's not a one-game deal," Carroll said. "He seized the opportunity that was in front of him and took control. He deserves all the credit in the world, and we expect nothing but great things from him."

Barkley also beat out Mitch Mustain, the former Arkansas starter who played eight games as Mark Sanchez's backup last season. Sanchez, now the New

York Jets' starting quarterback, left USC with a year of eligibility remaining, a decision that initially bothered Carroll and set off the three-way competition.

Now Barkley must shoulder the enormous expectations of his position at USC. He's following nearly a decade of outstanding college quarterbacks, including Heisman Trophy winners Carson Palmer and Leinart, along with John David Booty and Sanchez.

USC opens the run for its eighth consecutive Pac-10 title next weekend against the Spartans before Barkley's ultimate early test: a trip to Columbus to face No. 6 Ohio State on Sept. 12.

## IN BRIEF

### Vick makes debut with Eagles, take six snaps vs. TB

All eyes were on Michael Vick - for all of six plays.

Playing his first NFL game since his release from prison, the Eagles quarterback got a standing ovation in a half-empty stadium, avoided any ugly protests and completed four passes for 19 yards.

"It's been a long journey for me," Vick said. "I just want to do it right this time around."

Though his minutes were limited Thursday night, Vick was ready to take on any assignment. He played quarterback, ran the wildcat formation, even lined up at wide receiver and completed a pass right-handed.

Philadelphia even won the game, beating the Jacksonville Jaguars 33-32 on David Akers' 34-yard field goal in the final minute. Vick's return overshadowed a somewhat sloppy effort by an Eagles team that has Super Bowl aspirations.

### T.O. returns to practice after suffering toe injury

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y.—Bills wide receiver Terrell Owens took a step closer in recovering from a sprained toe after working out and catching passes in individual drills during practice.

Coach Dick Jauron was encouraged by Owens' progress Thursday. He added it's possible the receiver will be cleared to start practicing fully next week. It was the third straight day Owens has worked out, and marked the most time he's practiced since jamming his foot in the Hall of Fame game on Aug. 9.

Owens has been ruled out from playing in a preseason game at Pittsburgh on Saturday.

Jauron all but ruled out Fred Jackson from playing after the running back missed his second practice with a sprained wrist.

### Rockies' new pitcher Padilla throws 3-2 win vs. Dodgers

DENVER—Vicente Padilla gave the Los Angeles Dodgers a shot in the arm and the Colorado Rockies a punch to the gut.

The right-hander, jettisoned by Texas earlier this month after angering the Rangers by throwing at hitters, returned to the National League on Thursday and pitched the Dodgers to a 3-2 win over the Rockies.

"I can do a lot for this team," said Padilla, who allowed two runs and six hits in five solid innings.

Rafael Furcal, in the game for his defense, delivered a tiebreaking RBI single in the sixth and Matt Kemp hit his career-high 19th homer as the Dodgers put the brakes on the surging Rockies by taking two of three at Coors Field. They also opened a four-game lead in the NL West over the wild-card leaders.

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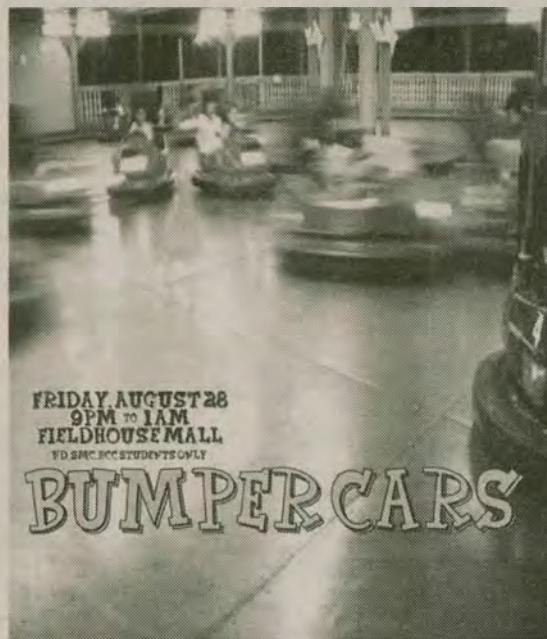
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## NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Gillispie charged with DUI

Associated Press

LAWRENCEBURG, Kent. — Former Kentucky basketball coach Billy Gillispie was arraigned on a drunken driving charge Thursday after refusing sobriety tests during an early morning traffic stop in which officers said they smelled alcohol on his breath.

Police say they arrested Gillispie at 2:47 a.m. along a highway in Lawrenceburg about 30 miles from Lexington, where Gillispie coached the Wildcats until he was fired in March. Charles F. O'Connor, a passenger in the car, also was arrested on a charge of alcohol intoxication in a public place.

Gillispie was jailed overnight in neighboring Franklin County and wore an orange prison jumpsuit at his video arraignment later that morning, a copy of which The Associated Press obtained. Attorney William L. Patrick entered a not guilty plea on Gillispie's behalf.

Judge Linda Armstrong also told Gillispie his right to drive in Kentucky was being suspended for up to 120 days and set his next court appearance for Sept. 23.

Gillispie talked little during the brief hearing. When Armstrong asked if he had any questions, he replied: "No ma'am. Thank you."

Jail records say he was released at 9:33 a.m. to the custody of Darran Winslow, a Louisville attorney. O'Connor was not arraigned Thursday.

Police responded after dispatchers received complaints of an intoxicated driver. Gillispie was driving a white Mercedes with Texas plates.

Lawrenceburg police officer Michael Corley clocked Gillispie doing 63 mph in a 45 mph zone and pulled up behind him at a red light. When the light turned green, Gillispie's car stayed motionless for one or two minutes before continuing down the road, Corley wrote in his report.

Corley eventually pulled Gillispie over in a school parking lot.

"Billy had a strong fruity smell coming from his person [possibly wine] and had red, glassy eyes and slow, slurred speech," Corley wrote.

Corley asked Gillispie for his license. Gillispie said it was in the trunk. The coach appeared to be unsteady on his feet, Corley wrote. When Corley asked Gillispie if he had been drinking, Gillispie replied no, that he had been golfing all day.

The report said Gillispie refused breath and blood tests for alcohol.

At a Lawrenceburg golf course near the site of the arrest, Wild Turkey Trace, Gillispie's name did not appear on a sign-in list of Wednesday's golfers.

Police Chief Tommy Burris said in an interview he didn't know where Gillispie had been drinking but assumed it was somewhere outside the county and he was just passing through.

"It was just a routine DUI arrest like the guys do a dozen times a night," Burris said. "They didn't even know who he was until he was out of the car."

Gillispie was replaced by Memphis coach John Calipari this year after a rocky two-year tenure in which the Wildcats went 40-27. The arrest comes

five months after Gillispie was fired, and the fallout has been messy.

Gillispie sued the university in federal court in Texas, alleging that the school's athletics department owes him \$6 million for firing him two years into a seven-year agreement. The university says he never signed a formal contract and the school doesn't owe the money.

Despite the firing, Gillispie has retained a high profile in Kentucky and was a fixture at Keeneland Race Course during its spring meet, standing in the paddock before races and talking to fans.

The arrest marks at least the third time Gillispie has been accused of driving under the influence. In 1999, Gillispie was arrested on two charges: driving while intoxicated and improper use of a lane in Tulsa, Okla., where he was an assistant coach under Bill Self.

He eventually pleaded guilty to a charge of reckless driving. The other charges were dismissed.

In 2003, in his first year as head coach at the University of Texas-El Paso, he was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving. The charges eventually were dismissed after a specially appointed prosecutor decided that there was not enough evidence to suggest that Gillispie was drunk. The coach, then 43, maintained his innocence through that process.

Gillispie addressed his mistakes during his introductory press conference at Kentucky in April 2007, saying he wasn't "proud of some of things that I've done."

## NBA

## Dunleavy could come back by early season

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Pacers guard Mike Dunleavy says he could return from a severe knee injury earlier than expected.

Dunleavy says he can do everything except have physical contact, and he expects that to change within weeks. Pacers coach Jim O'Brien has said he didn't expect Dunleavy to be available until at least January 2010.

He had surgery in March to remove a bone spur from the patella tendon on his right knee.

But Dunleavy is back on the court running. Though there is work ahead, he says he's "at a good place right now."

"If it goes pretty well, yeah, I could be back pretty early in the season," Dunleavy said. "There's still a lot of time for that to happen."

His teammates say they like what they've seen.

"I've been in and out of Indianapolis, and I've seen Mike from time to time, and he's doing great," Pacers forward Danny Granger said. "They're saying he's ahead of schedule, that he's ahead of where we thought he was going to be at, which is great for us because we're really going to need him this year."

Dunleavy finished sixth in the most improved player award voting two seasons ago after averaging 19.1

points, 5.2 rebounds and 3.5 assists per game.

The wing combination of Dunleavy and Granger was expected to carry the Pacers last season. Instead, while Granger emerged as an All-Star, Dunleavy missed the first 34 games with lingering pain in the knee. He returned and averaged 15.1 points in 18 games before shutting down and opting for surgery because the pain continued to increase.

In June, he had an unrelated minor surgery on his left hip.

Dunleavy said he's healing well from both surgeries. He said he can do most of his normal work, but can't take contact.

"Right now, I'm not playing and doing any live basketball," he said. "I'm not playing against guys, I'm not playing up and down, but I'm getting close to that."

He may need to return quickly if he wants to regain his starting job. His replacement, Brandon Rush, scored 29 points in back-to-back games in late March against Washington and Chicago last season. The Pacers added free agent Dahntay Jones, a starter in Denver, as insurance.

Pacers forward Troy Murphy is excited about Dunleavy's progress.

"I've seen him," he said. "He looks great. I think he's going to have a big comeback year and he's going to do really well."

## MLB

## Keppinger's ninth-inning blast lifts Astros over Cards

*Rangers climb closer to Red Sox in wild-card race after 7-2 win over Yankees on back of Kinsler's pair of homers*

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — One big swing from Jeff Keppinger, hardly a long-ball threat, eased the Houston Astros' frustrations after getting worked over by St. Louis Cardinals pitchers.

Keppinger hit a tiebreaking homer with two out in the ninth inning and Houston rallied to beat the Cardinals 4-3 on Thursday, avoiding a three-game sweep.

Keppinger's shot to left on a 2-2 pitch from Kyle McClellan (4-3) was his fourth of the season and first since June 19. He has only 17 homers in 1,116 career at-bats, so he was running when the drive barely cleared the wall.

"It was kind of nice to see the outcome," Keppinger said. "You ever look up at the scoreboard and see my totals?"

Jose Valverde (2-2) pitched two scoreless innings for the Astros, who scored all four runs with two outs and won for only the fifth time in their last 19 road games. They avoided a second three-game sweep in St. Louis this season by taking the final game of a series that featured only 13 runs in three one-run contests.

The Astros rallied a day after Roy Oswalt complained of a "dead" team atmosphere. The Cardinals won the first two games 1-0 and 3-2.

"This was real big," Keppinger said. "You don't give up just because you're 10 games or 11 games back. You know, you play it all the way out to the end."

Matt Holliday homered for the NL Central-leading Cardinals, who lost for only the fourth time in 19 games. St. Louis, which had won four straight overall, went 1 for 10 with runners in scoring position and missed chances to score in each of the last three innings.

"We all want to come in here and high five and play music and have fun," Brendan Ryan said. "But we can't do that."

The Astros tied it on Darin Erstad's RBI double off McClellan in the eighth, spoiling Chris Carpenter's bid for his 15th win. Keppinger's first homer in 116 at-bats barely cleared the left-field wall. Holliday made a try for it but the ball appeared to sneak under his outstretched glove.

"It was close," Holliday said. "I felt I had a chance at it and timed it pretty well. Those are

hit or miss plays."

Ryan Ludwick's two-run single off Brian Moehler in the sixth, only his third hit in 17 at-bats against the right-hander, put the Cardinals ahead 3-2. Holliday's 18th homer came in the second and was his seventh in 31 games with St. Louis.

Rescued by Erstad's hit, Moehler remained 5-0 against the Cardinals over 10 starts. He's one of only five pitchers and the only active one with 60 or more innings and no losses against St. Louis.

"We didn't roll over," Moehler said. "We battled."

Kaz Matsui and Michael Bourn each drove in a run in the second for the Astros. Matsui doubled in Carlos Lee before Carpenter set up Bourn's RBI single with consecutive walks to eighth-place hitter Chris Coste and Moehler.

Carpenter finished the third with strikeouts of Miguel Tejada and Lee, the third- and fourth-toughest batters to fan in the NL, and the Astros had two hits in his final four innings. He allowed five hits total before leaving after the sixth.

## Rangers 7, Yankees 2

NEW YORK — Ian Kinsler and

Chris Davis launched the loudest shots of the afternoon. The way Jason Grilli and his bullpen pals kept things quiet, that tilted this game to Texas.

Kinsler homered twice, a trio of relievers pitched shutout ball and the Rangers became the first visitors to win a series at Yankee Stadium since mid-June, beating New York on Thursday.

"This sends a statement that we can play with anyone out there," Grilli said.

Davis also had a three-run homer for Texas, which took two of three from the team with the best record in the majors.

Grilli, C.J. Wilson and Frank Francisco combined for 5 1/3 innings of two-hit relief. The Rangers remain in the thick of the pennant race, trying for their first playoff spot since 1999.

"We're treading into territory we've never been in before," Texas manager Ron Washington said.

Cut by the Colorado Rockies this season and activated from the disabled list over the weekend, Grilli (2-2) entered in the fourth with Texas ahead 3-2. He escaped a first-and-third jam by getting Alex Rodriguez on an

easy comebacker and pitched 2 1/3 innings.

Grilli was aware he'd done well against Rodriguez — the Yankees' cleanup man is 0-for-5 facing him. Grilli also realized his early relief appearance was an important one.

"It's not always so glamorous, but sometimes it's the tipping point," he said.

Neither starter let the other side hit the ball much, either — for different reasons.

A.J. Burnett (10-8) lost despite striking out a season-high 12 in six innings. Texas' Dustin Nippert was pulled after walking seven in 3 2/3 innings.

Through 7 1/2 innings, in fact, only 33 of 66 hitters overall managed to put the ball in play. By the end, the teams combined for 25 strikeouts and 11 walks.

"Obviously, I had a good breaking ball today," Burnett said. "Everything was there."

Kinsler got Texas' first hit, a three-run homer in the fourth. Burnett retired the first 11 batters before walking Josh Hamilton and Nelson Cruz on full counts, bringing up Kinsler.

Catcher Jose Molina went to the mound to talk with Burnett, and Kinsler lined the next pitch over the left-field wall.



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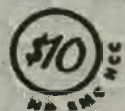
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## NFL

# Sanchez settling in at QB

Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Mark Sanchez won't have to do it all himself for the New York Jets to be successful.

The rookie quarterback's support staff is ready to help shoulder the load.

"I think he understands that he doesn't have to win it," right tackle Damien Woody said Thursday. "He shouldn't feel that way. We have enough good parts around us where all he really needs to do is not mess it up and make a couple of plays here and there, just grow on the job."

Coach Rex Ryan announced Wednesday that Sanchez won the starting job over Kellen Clemens with a solid training camp. While Sanchez has been hailed as the new face of the franchise, the pressure to win now won't be entirely on him.

"Having a young guy like Sanchez in there, having the O-line we've got and the Pro Bowl-caliber running backs we have in the backfield is a heck of a complement," running back Leon Washington said. "We look forward to helping him out, just like we look forward to him helping us out."

Sanchez, the fifth overall draft pick out of Southern California, is slated to make his regular-season debut at Houston on Sept. 13. He'll become the first rookie in Jets history to open a season under center, something

not even Joe Namath accomplished.

"I think any quarterback would feel good about having those guys in front of him and those backs behind him," offensive coordinator Brian Schottenheimer said. "Not only good players, but there's a lot of experience there. That's something we feel gives us the ability to have a stable attack, still be balanced but yet we know when we need to run the ball, we can run the football. We obviously still feel comfortable that we'll be able to throw the football when we need to as well."

In fact, most of the pressure entering the season might actually be on the offensive line to protect Sanchez and keep the running game flowing.

"We've shown we can do it, and the good offensive lines and good offenses show they can do it back to back," center Nick Mangold said. "That's really where the main pressure comes from. Mark has shown that he can make the throws and get us in the right position."

Along with Mangold and Woody, who have both made Pro Bowls, the Jets have left tackle D'Brickashaw Ferguson, left guard Alan Faneca and right guard Brandon Moore all back from a unit that helped New York rank ninth in the league in rushing.

"As an offensive line, we always believe we lead the offense," Mangold said. "We set

the tempo up front, we provide the protection and open the holes, so it's on us. If you have a rookie quarterback or whoever back there, we're going to be the ones out there leading and trying to get things in perfect position for all the skill guys."

Ryan has made it clear he wants to pound the football on offense rather than air it out, especially since the Jets have Thomas Jones, who led the AFC in rushing, the speedy and versatile Washington and bruising rookie Shonn Greene in the backfield.

"We can take off some of the pressure of him being a rookie quarterback in New York," Washington said. "He's going to depend on us and we've emphasized to him in the huddle and off the field in the meeting rooms that, 'Hey, if we need to dump it down and make a completion, dump it to the running backs. If you're ever in doubt, just hand the ball off and let the big guys up front take care of it.'"

Safety Jim Leonhard saw firsthand what a rookie quarterback can do with a solid supporting cast, as Joe Flacco led Baltimore to the AFC championship game last season. He thought the Ravens' defense and special teams unit played a major role in helping Flacco be successful by establishing favorable field position. Leonhard can visualize a similar situation developing with the Jets.

## NFL

# Hester to field punts again in preseason

Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Devin Hester is ready to start fielding punts again.

Bears coach Lovie Smith Thursday said plans are for Hester to play at returner in Sunday's Bears game at Denver for the first time this preseason.

"I think it's important for us to see," Smith said. "This week we're playing the game like the regular season is here. You'll see most of our guys in a role that they will play during the course of the season."

"I don't think that there's a reason why we would let Devin do a lot of that before now, but things change about this third game of the preseason."

Hester hadn't even fielded many punts prior to this week's practices, and wants to do it Sunday to get off the rust.

"I feel like I need to get back into the groove, but at the same time it's up to the coaches — it's not up to me," he said. "All I can do is go by what the coaches say."

Hester's big challenge until now has been learning new starting quarterback Jay Cutler so the two can become a viable passing combination.

They hooked up for two connections in the first preseason game, but failed to connect

four times. Last week against the New York Giants, Hester failed to go deep enough to catch up to a 60-yard heave by Cutler.

"The thing is, he has a great arm and he proved it that night, on the move and throwing it, what, 60 yards on the move?" Hester said. "That's pretty tough for a quarterback. You don't really see a quarterback who can get it out that far away."

"Jay's a quarterback who can do it. And now we know what we have to do now."

Because he knows Cutler's arm strength now, Hester said he has one simple adjustment to make.

"To just keep running as fast as I can, no matter what," Hester said. "If he gets flushed out of the pocket don't come back, don't do any scrambling drills, just keep going."

Cutler remarked after the first preseason game about Hester's inability to go up and break up an interception, and later said he never meant it as a slam of his receiver.

His thoughts on Hester now are obviously more supportive.

"He's fine, he's doing a great job," Cutler said. "We missed a couple routes, I put him in some bad spots a couple times and he's going to be explosive out there."

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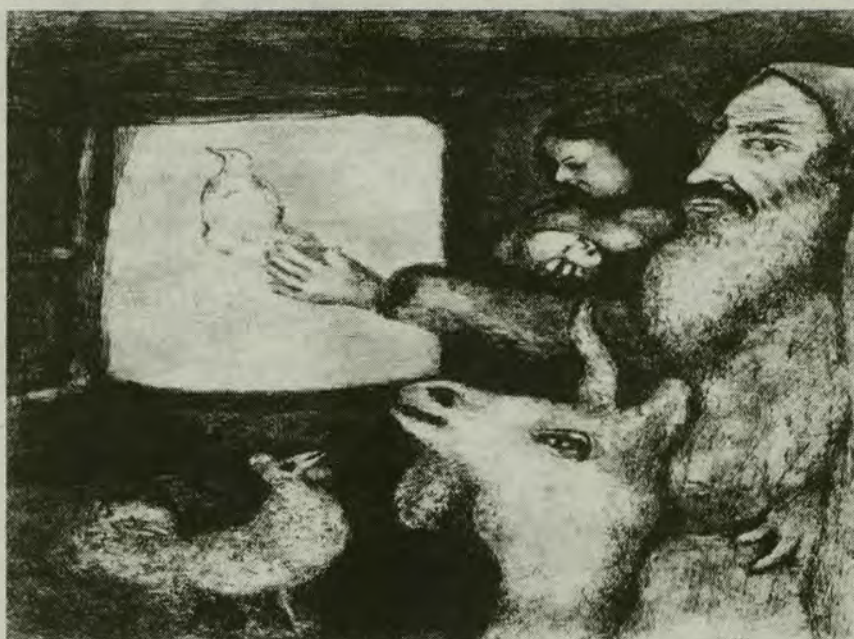
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here is what the teams in the BCS are doing,' and those teams are averaging 4.6 yards per carry and we're averaging 3.3," Weis said.

Emerging as the top back over the past year is junior Armando Allen, who brings the most speed and pass-catching ability to the table. Allen led the team with 585 yards rushing in 2008 and averaged 4.4 yards per carry while also tallying the second most receptions on the team with 50.

"They're all gunning for Armando," Weis said. "Armando is the guy, you're going to have to take it away from him first."

Fighting for carries behind Allen are junior Robert Hughes and sophomore Jonas Gray. Freshmen Cierre Wood and Theo Riddick may also be a factor out of the backfield or in special teams.

"Those are all different types of backs. Allen is the small fast guy, Robert is the pounder, and Jonas is the guy who's got a lot of both of them in him but with the least experience," Weis said.

A huge change made during the offseason was the move of senior James Aldridge to full-back, hopefully providing a powerful short yardage or receiving threat in two back sets. A highly touted running back out of high school, Aldridge has struggled with injuries throughout his Irish career, but Weis said he took the change in stride.

"James has taken the new role very well, and was named the leader of that unit," said Weis.

The final change of the winter took place with the hiring of a new running backs coach, with veteran Tony Alford coming in from Louisville. Alford has 14 years of experience coaching the position.

Weis said establishing a consistent running attack will have a positive impact on all the other offensive units.

"It all starts with the run game. If you can run the ball, everything is easier," Weis said. "Protection is easier, throwing the ball is easier, everything is easier. It all starts with being able to control the line of scrimmage."

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## Ireland

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match-play format on five different courses, including Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, which is among the world's top courses. The trip also included sightseeing opportunities of the Cliffs of Moher and the Aillwee Caves.

"[The trip] was amazing. I think we all had so much fun playing golf, having friendly competitions, and just getting pumped for playing golf," said Huffer.

The team returning to play

in the fall of 2009 is very similar to last spring's, with Mauna being the only loss.

"We have no new freshmen coming in so we are all familiar with one another," said Huffer, who will be one of only two sophomores on the team this year.

*"I think we all had so much fun playing golf."*

**Becca Huffer**  
Irish golfer

"We can build on that and keep the team going," she said.

Huffer and the Irish will open up their season at the

Mary Fossum Invitational in East Lansing, Mich. beginning on Sept. 11.

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high enough in the first half versus the Badgers," Waldrum said. "I'd like to see us start the game this Friday the way we played the second half against Wisconsin."

A higher intensity will limit Loyola's attacks on Irish goalkeeper Kelsey Lysander.

Waldrum has warned the Irish of Loyola (0-2) junior midfielder Laura Trevillian, whom he describes as a "very good attacking player."

Loyola began the year with back-to-back losses to DePaul, 4-0, and Dayton, 1-0.

"[The Ramblers] are a hard working team that can disrupt your playing rhythm," Waldrum said. "We have to be patient in our possession. We don't want to get caught up in a 'kick and run' game

with them."

When the Irish maximize their possessions, they will frequently rely on sophomore forward Melissa Henderson. While not yet at 100 percent following summer surgery, the Irish offense seems to run through her.

"[Henderson] has that natural ability to get herself into scoring positions," Waldrum said. "A lot of our attacking will go through her."

Against Wisconsin, Waldrum said he felt the Irish did not pressure enough on offense to create goal-scoring opportunities.

"Most of our chances [for goals] were developed by our midfielders," Waldrum said. "Defensively we dropped off too deep and overcompensated."

Notre Dame faces Loyola-Chicago tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

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## Denver

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season 25-7 overall, including a third-place finish in the conference championship.

The Irish are 2-5 against LSU all-time, and this year's matchup will not be easier than any before. The Tigers were unanimously chosen to win the SEC West this season after finishing 18-10 last season and making an NCAA Tournament appearance.

But the toughest opponent of the weekend may be No. 5 Stanford, against which Notre Dame is winless in six tries. The Cardinal enter the weekend with a high ranking in the National Volleyball Coaches Association preseason poll following a 31-4 record in 2008 and an unmatched 12th Pac-10 title.

Nevertheless, Brown is confident that her team's experience on offense will be enough to carry them to victory.



Observer File Photo

Senior hitter Christina Kaelin spikes the ball during Notre Dame's 3-2 victory over Connecticut on Nov. 11, 2008.

"Both Christina Kaelin and Kellie Sciacca are certainly really strong attackers for us," Brown said. "I think that we have really strong attacking from the other three positions as well, so I think really the strength is going to be in our balance more so than resting on any one or two

people's shoulders."

The Irish are slated to take the court at 7 p.m. Friday against Denver, 6 p.m. Saturday against Stanford, and 1 p.m. Sunday against LSU at the Joyce Center.

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## Juniors

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The Belles will rely on several juniors to lead them to their ultimate goal, an NCAA Championship.

Leadership should come from junior Rosie O'Connor, a first team all-MIAA honoree last season. O'Connor was recognized as the leader in the conference with an 80.2 stroke average in MIAA events and earned All-Region distinction by the National Golf Coaches Association.

In addition to O'Connor, junior Mary Kate Boyce looks to provide a boost to the Belles. Last year, her first on the team, Boyce shot a 77 in only her second round of competition and later medaled in an MIAA spring qualifier.

Another returning golfer hoping to make an impact is sophomore Natalie Matuszak, who earned second team all-conference honors last fall.

Eight-year head coach Mark Hamilton has seen his share of success while at Saint Mary's, including a 2003 run that saw the Belles end the season at No. 4 in the nation. After winning the MIAA conference championship from 2002-2005, Saint Mary's has seen conference rival Olivet take the crown for the past three years.

This weekend's Trine Invitational will be followed by the O'Brien D-III Championships, which the Belles will host Sept. 13 and 14. Saint Mary's will begin its conference schedule Sept. 17 with a match at Albion.

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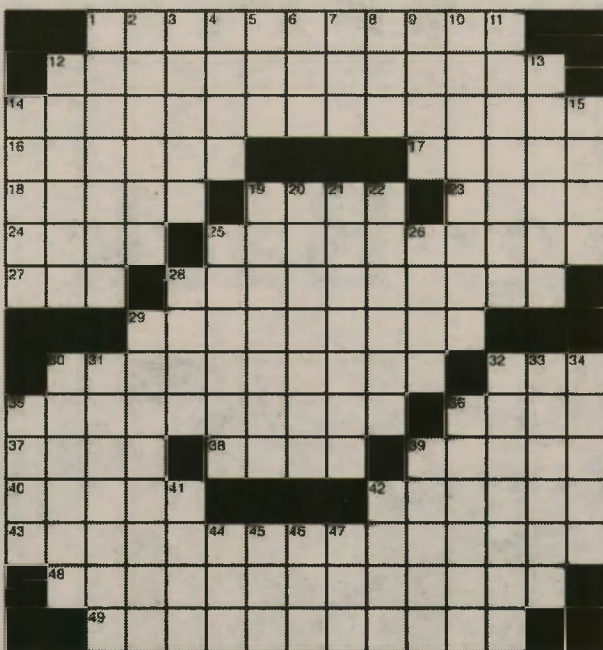
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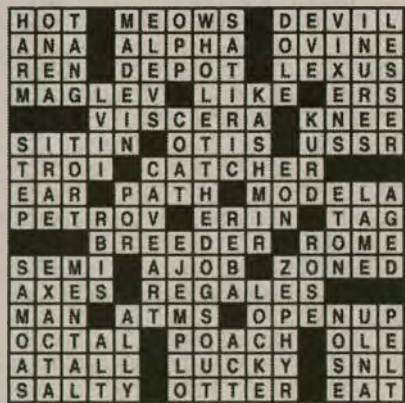
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**Happy Birthday:** Making plans and not following through will lead to emotional upset and unexpected changes in your personal life. This is a good year to take a look at who you are and consider what's required to update your appeal. Now is not the time to back down when you have so much to gain. Your numbers are 6, 19, 22, 26, 32, 41, 49

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Get a better handle on your finances: budget and change some of your deals to suit your current needs. Once you feel better about your spending habits, you will be able to move on to a new project with confidence. Love is in the stars. ★★★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** There may be a conflict between the changes you want to make at home and who else is willing to go along with your plans. Don't back down but do compromise. A happy home life is well worth giving up a few minor things. ★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Take the time to listen to someone who interests you and you can form a coalition that will benefit you both. A change in plans will help you manipulate your professional situation. Your efforts can lead to a higher paying or more interesting position. ★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You'll get all worked up over nothing. Not everyone will agree with you, but does it really matter? Organization and good preparation will help you succeed and prove your point without rancor. ★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You can win at whatever you do if you go about it the right way. Concentrate on making everyone comfortable with your plans and you will get help, admiration and love from someone in your life who really matters to you. ★★★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Be careful with whom you share information. Someone may not be as honest or loyal as you hope. You can excel but only if you are willing to do the work yourself. Uncertainty will be your downfall. Proceed with confidence. ★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You can talk your way into any deal or activity or group that you wish to be a part of but, before you do, make sure that you really want to be involved. Chances are good that your motives may not be in the right place. ★★★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** A work problem may leave you feeling emotionally down. Don't let this stand in the way of moving forward with one of your own plans. You don't have to spend money to get something off the ground. ★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You can skillfully market your talent and grab interest but, if you cannot follow through, you will face the wrath of someone with more experience. Know what you are doing before you proceed. ★★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't let anyone take advantage of your talents, your financial position or your ability to bring people together. Be sure that the people around you are sound and can offer what they say before you get involved. ★★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Your playfulness will capture interest and get you involved in something perfect for you to pursue. An idea that can earn you extra cash will intrigue you but, before you get involved, make sure it doesn't go against any rules. ★★★★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Your inability to make up your mind will unnerve someone you are trying to befriend or get into a partnership with. Don't get involved with someone personally if you have a business or work relationship with this person. ★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are strong-minded, willful, sensitive, caring and passionate about whatever you do. You are sophisticated and classy.

Eugenia's Web sites: eugenialast.com for confidential consultations, mspace.com/eugenialast for Eugenia's blog, astroadvice.com for fun

This gray box can't make fun of Charlie Weis, Saint Mary's, or ND squirrels.

Can you?

If you have an idea for a comic strip, e-mail Jenn Metz at [jmetz@nd.edu](mailto:jmetz@nd.edu)

**JUMBLE**

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

RUHTT

ILPAT

FOUNSI

LISGRY

www.jumble.com

A: HE

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ELEGY DECAY ORPHAN LOCATE  
Answer: Some homemakers preserve summer vegetables because — THEY "CAN"

JEFF KNUREK  
MIKE ARGIRION

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

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

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**FOOTBALL**

# Running: Back

*Weis makes changes to improve ground game*

By MICHAEL BRYAN  
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The running backs have been there, but the running game has not.

This year, with a stable of talented backs and one of the most experienced offensive lines in the nation, there is no excuse why the Notre Dame rushing attack can't be just as much of a threat as the pass.

For several seasons the Irish offense has been plagued more than anything by an inability to run the football, and Irish coach Charlie Weis said it was a top priority in the offseason. "We looked back at all the teams that played in the BCS, took the highs and lows, and said,

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Junior running back Armando Allen runs in for a touchdown at the Hawaii Bowl on Dec. 24, 2008. The Irish hope to improve their running game this season.

IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

**SMC GOLF**

## Belles head to Trine for '09 opener

By BRENDAN CORSONES  
Sports Writer

The Belles will kick off their season this weekend at the Trine University Invitational in Angola, Ind.

Featuring a young, talented squad, the Saint Mary's golf team looks to build upon last year's 10th place finish at the NCAA Championships. They also hope to recapture the MIAA crown for the first time since 2005 and to push back into the NCAA finals in the coming spring.

Though its roster contains just one senior, the team returns four of its top five golfers from last year, many of whom garnered national merit.

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**ND VOLLEYBALL**

## Irish to kick off season with Shamrock Invitational

By CHRIS MASOUD  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will open its season at home today at the 15th annual Shamrock Invitational.

The Invitational is the first step in what may be a very difficult schedule. However, Irish coach Debbie Brown said she believes her team is better

prepared than ever to handle the punishing schedule ahead of them. Notre Dame will face eight NCAA Tournament teams from 2008, including No. 17 Michigan, No. 10 Florida and national runner-up Stanford.

"We had the opportunity to go through a couple weeks of two-a-day practices, and the team came in great shape and definitely motivated and competitive," Brown said. "It's definitely

time for us to get out on the floor and compete against somebody other than ourselves, so we're looking forward to that."

The Irish maintain an all-time record of 35-6 (.854) at the Shamrock Invitational. The squad posted a 2-1 record last year after taking two games against IPFW and Nevada before falling to Valparaiso. However, this

year's field promises to be one of the most challenging in recent history. The Irish will face Denver, LSU and Stanford in an exhibition of elite volleyball.

"It's the first match of the season so there's no tape, nobody's played yet," Brown said. "Certainly each of the teams lost significant contributors to their teams, so we're not going to know their lineup

or the exact systems they're playing until we actually see them. The first weekend is always a challenge that way."

Notre Dame and Denver have never met before on the hardwood, but the Irish are 3-0 all-time against Sun-Belt Conference opponents. The Pioneers finished the 2008 season 25-7 overall, including

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**ND WOMEN'S SOCCER**

## Squad to try for 30th straight

By DOUGLAS FARMER  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame looks to win its 30th consecutive regular-season game tonight against Loyola-Chicago.

The last time the Irish lost outside of the postseason was Sept. 23, 2007, to No. 14 Penn State in a 2-1 game.

The No. 2 Irish (1-0) topped Wisconsin 3-0 in their season opener on Aug. 21, scoring twice within the first five minutes of the second half. The victory raised Notre Dame over No. 4 Stanford in the rankings. Only No. 1 North Carolina remains above the Irish.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum said he feels the team can and should continue its winning ways, but will need to improve upon its game against Wisconsin.

"Our intensity level was not

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Sophomore midfielder Courtney Barg heads the ball during the 2008 NCAA Championship game against North Carolina.

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**ND WOMEN'S GOLF**

## Huffer looks to build on freshman year success

By CHRIS MICHALSKI  
Sports Writer

For someone who won Big East Freshman of the Year for women's golf and led the team in stroke average in her first season, the next three years carry huge expectations. Sophomore Becca Huffer will do her best to fulfill those expectations and more as she leads the Irish into the Fall 2009 season.

"I just want to improve on last year, keep playing consistent," said Huffer, who was named Colorado's High School Athlete of the Year in January, joining an elite group that includes Carmelo Anthony.

To keep her swing and gain confidence, Huffer has been playing in tournaments in her hometown of Denver, Colo. for much of this summer. These tournaments also allowed her to

work on her putting, which she said was "kind of a problem" in 2008.

The Irish team as a whole also has a tough act to follow this year after finishing a program-best 16th place in the NCAA Central Regional in the spring.

"We definitely want to get to the finals this year," said Huffer. "We also want to reclaim our Big East Title, and just keep getting the top teams every year."

The Irish finished second behind Louisville in the Big East Championships in the spring, with then-senior Lisa Mauna claiming the overall individual championship with a score of minus-1.

As part of this preseason, the golf team also traveled to Ireland for an eight-day trip beginning Aug. 8. They played a

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