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Tournament raises funds for Africa

Irish men's soccer team hosts 'Lose the Shoes' games to help Grassroot program



Irish men's soccer coach, Bobby Clark, far right, sits on the sidelines during a game. He helped organize the 'Lose the Shoes' games.

By LAURA MYERS
News Writer

No shoes? No problem. This weekend Notre Dame will become the latest school to host Lose the Shoes, a 3-on-3 barefoot soccer tournament to benefit Grassroot Soccer.

The tournament — organized by the Irish men's soccer coach Bobby Clark and MBA student Luke Scullion — will feature 32 teams of three players each. The teams will play soccer Saturday afternoon on South Quad, and the championship will be played Sunday during halftime of Notre Dame's game against Cincinnati.

"We want to get it started this year, and hopefully do it every year," Scullion said. "Like Bookstore Basketball, we want to make it part of Notre Dame tradition."

Each participant must donate at least \$10, though more donations are welcome.

Prizes will be awarded to the winning team as well as to the team that raises the most money and to the team that scores the most points in a single game. Scullion said the prizes are not final but may include basketball tickets and Grassroots gear.

Scullion said other fundraisers will be held

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ND alumni speak about real estate business

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

Notre Dame's Entrepreneurship Society has hosted speakers that have graced the cover of Forbes Magazine. But co-president Michael Streit wanted to feature something a little closer to home this year.

So when a group of recent alumni who started a business in South Bend contacted Streit about speaking to the Society, he saw an opportunity.

The 2001 Notre Dame graduates founded Rent Like a Champion, which restores run-down houses surrounding campus and rents the homes to students and visitors during home football weekends.

"I think this is an interesting case. These Notre Dame guys are true entrepreneurs, taking land lording and trying to do it a little differently," Streit said. "This is cool because it's very real and a little more close to home."

Streit said he is expecting about 140 students to attend the talk at 7 p.m. Tuesday night in room 155 of DeBartolo Hall.

Co-founder of the company Jordan Curnes said he, along with two college friends, bought a house in foreclosure in 2005 and spread the word to family and friends that they had a space available during

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GRC launches poster campaign

Week-long effort to raise awareness of eating disorders, help improve students' self esteem

By MEGAN HEMLER
News Writer

Notre Dame students may soon be seeing their friends, classmates and themselves in a whole new way. The Gender Issues Committee of student government is launching the "Love Thee Notre Dame, Love Thyself" poster campaign, which is co-sponsored by the Counseling Center, The Gender Relations Center (GRC), Feminist Voice and the Snite Museum.

The campaign posters feature pictures of body parts of anonymous volunteers that

are accompanied by phrases emphasizing what their bodies can do other than just their appearance.

"With the publicity surrounding the 'Thin' exhibit at the Snite, we wanted to circulate examples of positive body image," Robyn Grant, co-director of the Gender Issues Committee, said. "Most advertising is not truly representative of the average human body."

Grant also said that the goal of the campaign is to "dissociate emotions with physical appearance, and reclaim the body as a tool that does amazing things."

The posters will be unveiled all over campus on Oct. 1 to kick off "Body Image and Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2009" at Notre Dame from Oct. 1-8. The goal of the campaign as well as the overall event is to raise awareness of body image and eating disorder issues.

Along with the poster campaign, a screening of the movie "Mean Girls," a Mass and Coffee House Open Mic Night are all among the events planned for that week.

"Both women and men at the University struggle with eating disorders," Grant said.

"We hope to alleviate some of the pressure to maintain a 'perfect' body."

The photo shoot with volunteers took place Sunday afternoon. Twelve models participated, and the Gender Issues Committee created the positive captions for the posters. Model Aidan Gillespie said the photo shoot "was a fun experience. I can't wait to see my leg on a poster somewhere in O'Shaughnessy."

Grant hopes the posters will help improve self esteem on campus.

"Everyone came away with

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Australia program students injured

Observer Staff Report

Two Notre Dame students studying abroad in an Australia program were injured while rock climbing, according to Bill Kirk, associate vice president for Residence Life.

Kirk said he cannot comment further on the injuries without permission from the families of the students.

The Office of International Studies, Student Affairs and the host university in Australia have been corre-

sponding and offering assistance to the families and will continue to do so, Kirk said.

He said the families are asking for the prayers of the Notre Dame community.

The University has two Australia study abroad programs, according to the Office of International Study's Web site.

One program is located in Perth, Australia and the other is in Fremantle. Both are semester-long programs.

One arrested at MSU game

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Associate News Editor

While Notre Dame fans held their breath hoping the Irish would pull out a victory against Michigan State, six people were arrested and 26 people were removed from Notre Dame Stadium.

According to the director of the Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) Phillip Johnson, most of the incidents were alcohol-related.

However, one man was arrested for assaulting three

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INSIDE COLUMN

The meaning of life

Taking up the torch from my illustrious forebears, I will now endeavor to set forth a theory of the meaning of life. Unlike them, however, I will reach my conclusion in only four hundred words, proving my superior intellect and defying the strictures of this column.

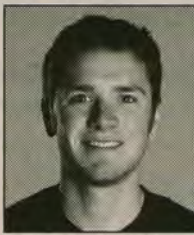
First hypothesis: life is for yourself. Model: a single, free-floating point. Epicurus and his follower Lucretius were proponents of the doctrine that the goal of life is to seek pleasure and to avoid pain. Seeking pleasure does not necessarily mean binge drinking, stuffing your face with McDonald's, and smacking' hoes every night; Lucretius admirably held knowledge to be the highest pleasure. Nevertheless, theory fails because it makes for a very cold, lonesome life.

Second hypothesis: life is for you and your soul mate. Model: two points attached by a line. Belief currently in vogue in certain circles of Hollywood and among writers of books about teenage vampires. Respectable and much cozier than the first theory, but many brains (Ovid, Augustine, Dante, Shakespeare, among others) have pointed out the fallacy of this path. Theory fails because two hopeless lovers become cut off from everyone and everything else, leading to disaster.

Third hypothesis: life is for everyone. Model: triangle. Belief that love must extend to all humans as well as God. Christian writers such as St. Bonaventure and St. Anselm reasoned that three is the smallest number of persons possible for a God who loves us. A one-person God would be wrapped up in Itself. A two-person God would be wrapped up in Its love between the two. When a third person is added, the love is opened up to extend outward, overflowing into everything. Evidence: a three-sided figure is the simplest polygon that can contain any area, i.e. that can encompass anything else. Furthermore, the number pi is built fundamentally into the fabric of the universe by means of circles, historically considered the most perfect and divine of shapes. Pi equals three (the three persons of God) plus an infinite decimal tail (the endless overflow of love from those three persons). Pi also sounds like pie (pizza or otherwise), a circular and arguably perfect food that can contain any other food as a topping and still taste amazing.

And so without further ado, here is the answer for which you have been seeking your entire life. The meaning of life is: pi.
Q.E.D.

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Scene Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR DREAM CAR?



Matt Madonia
sophomore
Dillon

"Bullitt's green Mustang fastback."



Katie Buetow
sophomore
Lewis

"An orange Lamborghini convertible."



Jessica Riese
senior
McGlenn

"A yellow '76 Camaro that transforms into Bumblebee."



Andy Spangler
senior
O'Neill

"It's not about the car, it's about the man behind the wheel."



Tom Hainert
senior
Duncan

"Anything with a blonde in the passenger seat."

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



GRACE KENESEY/The Observer

Notre Dame students Blair Rashbus and Nathan Trembly take a break and play football- Monday.

OFFBEAT

White officer ordered by superior to get haircut

PHILADELPHIA - Police in Philadelphia say a white officer who came to work with cornrows was ordered by a black superior to get a haircut because the braids violated department standards. The Philadelphia Daily News reported Monday that Officer Thomas Strain was put on desk duty this month because of the braids, even though the paper reported dozens of black officers wear cornrows.

Police spokesman Lt. Frank Vanore says Strain's boss told the officer to cut

his hair to look more "professional."

Vanore recalled only one black officer with braids in the past several years. He says that officer also was told to get a haircut.

Teens find money in fish net, hand over to police

SYDNEY - Two Australian teenagers who found almost 100,000 Australian dollars (\$87,000) in cash during a fishing trip have handed it over to police — after spending some time thinking about it. The pair discovered the money earlier this month near the New South Wales town of

Nimbin — a center of hippie culture where members of numerous communes annually celebrate a festival to promote cannabis use.

The teenagers contacted police on Friday, after revealing the find to an unidentified adult they know and getting some legal advice, police said in a statement.

Inspector Greg Moore said police were investigating whose money it might be, and whether the stash of cash was linked to crime.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Free seasonal flu shots will be provided for students, faculty and staff, as well as retirees and their spouses. Shots can be obtained in the Stephan Center today. Current Notre Dame ID cards as well as short sleeves are required. Shots will be given from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

A seminar entitled "Oxidation and Reactivity of Transitional Medical Surfaces" will be held in 129 DeBartolo Hall. The seminar will be held at 3:30 p.m. today.

The College of Science will be having Mass today at 5 p.m. Mass will be held in 101 Jordan Hall of Science.

A meeting will be held for the Entrepreneurship Society. The meeting is entitled "Rent Like a Champion," and will be held at 7 p.m. in 155 DeBartolo Hall today.

A lecture entitled "What Difference Does it Make?" will be held at 7 p.m. at Saint Mary's College in the Stapleton Lounge in LeMans Hall today.

A reading of the works of Alicia Ostriker will be held in the Hammes Bookstore at 7:30 p.m. today.

The Catholic Culture Literature Series lecture "Close to Catholic: A Celebration of Kindred Spirits" will be held at 8 p.m. in 155 DeBartolo Hall today.

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

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Rickey dies at 95 in his Minn. home

Special to The Observer

George Rickey died at his home in Saint Paul, Minn., on July 17, 2002, at the age of 95. As seems appropriate for a “kinetic” sculptor, an artist whose work needs motion no less than forged steel, his previous addresses were numerous and far flung, including Santa Barbara, Calif.; East Chatham, N.Y.; Galesburg, Ill.; New York; Chicago; Paris; Oxford; and Helensburgh and Glenalmond in Scotland.

But the very first of them was 1005 W. Washington St. in South Bend, Ind., not three crow-flight miles from the University of Notre Dame’s Snite Museum of Art’s Dillon Courtyard, where two of his sculptures, “Gyratory II” and “Two Lines Oblique,” belie their ungainly titles, elegantly and continually dancing with every breeze, gust or gale that comes across campus.

There are other Rickey works to be seen at the Snite, such as the six that sail the thermal air currents of the museum’s atrium, and there are soon to be many more, gifts from his estate to the University, along with the voluminous correspondence accumulated over the course of his unique artistic career.

Something of that uniqueness was evident during one of his frequent return visits to South Bend, when Rickey provided a Notre Dame audience a glimpse of improbable artistic inspiration. Recounting his military service during World War II, he spoke of his assignment to design machine gun turrets for aircraft. It was this grim but intriguing

work, he said, that taught him so much about the ball bearings, balancing weights, metal structure, construction techniques and hardware that he would later put to a far less lethal use in his artistic contrivances.

According to Charles R. Loving, director of the Snite Museum and curator of its George Rickey archive, “the promised gift of 20 George Rickey sculptures from the Rickey Foundation, as well as the future gift of his entire business and scholarly archives to Notre Dame’s Archives, is a coup for Notre Dame because of Rickey’s international standing as a major modern artist.”

In gratitude for these gifts and in appreciation of that standing, the Snite Museum will host a symposium Sept. 25 and 26 (Friday and Saturday) for a renewed appraisal of Rickey’s works.

The symposium, “Abstraction in the Public Sphere: New Approaches,” will bring together artists and art scholars for discussions of kinetic art in general and George Rickey in particular, and it will include major addresses by Nan Rosenthal, former senior consultant for modern and contemporary art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and author of a biography of George Rickey, and Mary Miss, an artist whose work merges sculpture, architecture and landscape design. Concurrently, two other celebrations of Rickey’s artwork will be held off campus. The Community Foundation of St. Joseph County will install five large Rickey sculptures in downtown South Bend for a year, beginning Sept. 26.

ACE program leader for Catholic service

Special to The Observer

In 1994, Rev. Timothy R. Scully, C.S.C., and Rev. Sean D. McGraw, C.S.C., founded Notre Dame’s Alliance for Catholic Education program (ACE) in response to the urgent need for talented teachers and administrators in under-resourced Catholic schools, which continue to offer high quality educational opportunities to low-income families across the nation.

Since its inception, ACE has grown from a service initiative composed of a handful of Catholic school educators to a movement that has commissioned 1,200 teachers and more than 125 administrators to serve Catholic education in the United States. ACE actively supports Catholic schools to ensure that they remain vibrant signs of hope.

Today, ACE encompasses several initiatives aimed at strengthening Catholic schools, which function as hopeful solutions for more than 2 million children.

Passionate and generous college and university graduates join ACE Service Through Teaching, a two-year post-graduate service program in its 16th year of preparing teachers to serve in needy Catholic schools. ACE annually places some 175

teachers in 31 communities throughout the United States. The program’s three pillars – professional education, community, and spirituality – encourage new ACE teachers to grow as well-formed Catholic school educators, committed community members and dedicated role models.

The Mary Ann Remick Leadership Program prepares leaders to serve Catholic education as principals and superintendents. Quickly becoming the largest program of its kind in the United States since its inception in 2002, the program has prepared some 125 faith-filled candidates who now serve in leadership positions in 28 states and 52 dioceses. In its preparation and formation of transformative leaders, the Mary Ann Remick Leadership Program quickens the nationwide renewal of Catholic schools.

The ACE Fellowship unites and forms a leadership force of alumni, families and friends of ACE eager to serve Catholic schools and support Catholic educators. Currently, 25 ACE Fellowship regional networks gather the talented ACE graduates and numerous advocates of Catholic education to promote continued service for Catholic schools in the United States and internationally.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

SGA discusses visibility

Plans are made to get the word out about the organization to students

By NIKKI TAYLOR
News Writer

Saint Mary’s Student Government Association (SGA) Board members decided to make themselves more transparent and visible to the student body at their meeting Monday night.

“I think last year one of our main issues had to do with a lack of transparency within our organization. My hope this year is that by communication students will be more aware of us and place their trust in us,” student body president Jenny Hoffman said.

Ideas to get the word out about SGA, who they are, and what they do include making a Facebook page. The page would include links to the SGA Web site and event calendar as well as posting reminders about events around campus that would appear on the news feeds of Facebook fans or friends. Public Relations Commissioner

Caitlin O’Brien and Off-Campus Coordinator Lauren Theiss hope to have the Facebook page up and running by the beginning of next week.

Other potential efforts include: an SGA promotional video in the dining hall, breakfasts to meet and get to know the SGA board and the increase of word of mouth. Board members are all looking to find new ways to reach the students without adding to the barrage of e-mails that already fill their inboxes.

“Student government is only as strong as its students,” Hoffman said. “With more participation from the student body we can be even better.”

Women’s Issues Commissioner Mia Ravasi, is working with the Women’s Heath Center to possibly have additional times when students can see doctors, specifically gynecologists.

“I heard people complaining that we are an all women’s school and we don’t have a

gynecologist readily available to students. One day a week isn’t very acceptable,” Ravasio said. “I just thought there was a need on campus for students.”

Currently students can make appointments to see the gynecologist between the hours of 9-11 am on Tuesday mornings, Ravasio said. Since doctors come to Saint Mary’s on their time off from their regular offices it might be difficult to get additional times.

The Women’s Heath Center is ready to make themselves available to help students. They offer STD testing now as well as setting up a booth in the dining hall every Thursday to answer questions on everything from the gynecologist to strep throat, Ravasio said.

Saint Mary’s T-shirts will be sold in the Student Center atrium this coming Wednesday through the following Tuesday. The thermos style cups that can be taken in the dining hall are on order and SGA hopes to have them for sale by October, vice-president Megan Griffin said.

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throughout the afternoon, including a heading tournament and a shoot-out in which students go against a goalie.

Grassroot is an organization that raises AIDS awareness in Africa through children's soccer programs. Founded in 2002 by Tommy Clark, son of Bobby Clark, the program has already spread to 14 countries in Africa and two in Latin America.

Tommy Clark said he felt the need to start the organization after playing professional soccer in Africa and seeing the effect AIDS had on the community.

"People I was playing with and teaching with ended up dying with AIDS," he said. "I wanted to do something about it."

Scullion, who played semi-pro soccer in England before a broken leg cut his career short, spent his summer interning with Grassroot in

Africa.

"We went out to the villages, worked with the kids, held tournaments," he said. "I spoke with some of the coaches, who said if they didn't have these tournaments the kids would be out on the streets, and we wouldn't know what they were up to."

Scullion said the tournaments also served as creative ways to teach kids about AIDS while playing soccer. For example, children

would have to answer a question about the disease before shooting a goal.

"It gave kids someone to talk to," Scullion said. "Over there there's a bit of a stigma, they just try to hush it up, sweep it under the rug. This opens up the lines of communication."

Grassroot also provides AIDS screening for the chil-

dren and its partners then provide counseling and other services to those who test positive.

Lose the Shoes was started in 2006 by Zak Kaufman, then a student at Dartmouth, as a way to spread awareness about Grassroot to colleges and high schools. It has already held tournaments in 80 schools and has raised more than \$150,000.

"All I did was give a little talk at Dartmouth and Zak Kaufman was one of the young people in the crowd who wanted to do something," Tommy Clark said. "His idea was to engage people who like playing soccer. It was a way to gather people."

An e-mail will be sent to students today with instructions on how to sign up; spots are limited because of the small number of teams.

"Maybe next year everyone will be talking about it and want to get involved, so we could have more teams," Scullion said.

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Luke Scullion
organizer of
"Lose the Shoes"

Arrests

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people, including an NDSP officer, outside of the Stadium. One underage person was also issued a summons for intoxication but was released to an adult.

Johnson said one person was transported from the Stadium to St. Joseph County Hospital "for possible alcohol overdose."

Johnson said police are also investigating an incident that occurred at the Fisher Graduate Residences early Saturday morning.

"A student reported to NDSP that an unknown person or persons entered an apartment bedroom while the student

was away between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m.," an e-mail sent to the Notre Dame student body said. "Entry to the apartment appeared to be made by removing a screen and opening an unlocked window."

According to the e-mail, "valuable property" was stolen from the apartment.

Johnson would not elaborate on the incident, although he said NDSP does not currently have any suspects.

At the Nevada game two weeks earlier, only one man was arrested outside of the Stadium, while four people were issued summons "for alcohol violations including underage drinking and sale of alcohol without a permit," Johnson said.

Johnson said a total of three people, including two inside of the Stadium, "were transport-

ed by ambulance from the public safety office to a local hospital for possible alcohol overdose."

One man inside the Stadium was arrested for an alcohol violation, while 27 were removed from the Sept. 5 game.

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a renewed sense of confidence," Grant said. "We hope that for those who view the posters, the confidence is contagious."

There are a number of resources on campus for

those struggling with eating disorders or other issues related to body image. The University Counseling Center in St. Liam Hall can be reached by phone at 574-631-7336, and the GRC in LaFortune Student Center at 574-631-9340.

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Business

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home football weekends.

When they were able to rent it for five football games in the first year of owning the house, it dawned on the three friends that they had a real business opportunity.

"There was a big risk. People thought we were crazy for going into real estate in South Bend," Curnes said. "We had a lot to learn. There are a lot of real estate rules, but we pooled all of our savings."

Now, the company owns and rents 30 properties — some to students living off-campus for the year and some to football fans for a weekend.

"That's part of entrepreneurship," he said. "You have to be willing to take a risk."

Curnes said the company aims to buy one house about every two months, usually at St. Joseph County tax sales. He said they have bought houses for as little as \$8,000.

The company follows the city's zoning laws, and the student houses aren't clustered together to avoid problems in the neighborhood, Curnes said.

"We rehab them to make them look nicer. We put in new kitchens, new floors," he said. "We can teach students how to do it. This is a very realistic business you can get into with relatively low amounts of money."

Curnes said the company started an intern program this summer to give Notre Dame

students a chance to get some real estate experience.

"We feel a strong obligation to help out students," he said. "We got so much out of our experience at Notre Dame."

Sophomore Stephen Shin worked as an intern at Rent Like a Champion this summer, and he said the internship offered hands-on experience buying and rehabbing houses.

"For students interested in real estate, you don't always get an experience like this,"

he said. "They took the interns to tax sales and we really learned a lot about real estate development."

Curnes said the company is trying to approach the business of renting houses in a different way. He said

they struck up a partnership with the Entrepreneurship Society on campus to help educate as many students as possible about starting a business.

Although Curnes lives in Chicago — Rent Like a Champion is a side business — the South Bend company allows him to return to the area every few weeks.

"It's just fun for us," he said. "We love Notre Dame and this is a fun, interactive thing we can do with the students."

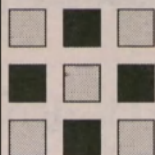
Streit said he thinks the Entrepreneurship Society will learn a lot from Curnes and his colleagues.

"Everybody kind of dreams of starting their own business and we think they can really help us out," he said.

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Jordan Curnes
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Rent Like a Champion



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Ex-president defies arrest

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — Deposed President Manuel Zelaya made a dramatic return to Honduras' capital on Monday, taking shelter from arrest at Brazil's embassy and calling for negotiations with the leaders who forced him from the country at gunpoint.

The interim government ordered a 15-hour curfew, but thousands of Zelaya supporters ignored the decreed 4 p.m. (2200 GMT) shutdown and remained outside the embassy, dancing and cheering.

Others in the capital started rushing home, lining up at bus stands and frantically looking for taxis.

The leftist leader's homecoming creates a sharp new challenge for the interim government that has threatened repeatedly to throw him in jail if he returns.

Guantanamo trials delayed 60 days

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — A military judge agreed Monday to another delay in the war crimes trial of five Guantanamo prisoners charged in the Sept. 11 attacks to give U.S. officials more time to decide how to try them.

Army Col. Stephen Henley granted the 60-day continuance at the request of President Barack Obama's administration, which has said it will decide by Nov. 16 which Guantanamo cases will be tried in a revamped military court and which ones moved to civilian courts.

NATIONAL NEWS

Killer had run-ins with the police

FARMVILLE, Va. — An aspiring California rapper who is suspected of killing a Virginia pastor and three other people had two run-ins with police in the days before his arrest, but authorities said he never acted strange or raised suspicions.

Richard Alden Samuel McCroskey III, 20, answered the door of a home the day before the four bodies were discovered there and calmly told police looking for a teenager from out of town that she was at the movies with a friend. A day later, McCroskey was ticketed for driving the pastor's car without a license — 12 hours before the reportedly decomposing bodies were discovered.

The car hadn't been reported stolen, and police said they didn't realize until later that day they had let a suspected killer go free.

McCroskey, of Castro Valley, Calif., was an aspiring rapper in the horrorcore genre, which sets violent lyrics to hip-hop beats. He is accused of killing Mark Niederbrock, a pastor at a small Presbyterian church in central Virginia, and three others whose bodies were discovered Friday at the home of a Longwood University professor Debra Kelley. Niederbrock and Kelley had been separated for about a year and had a 16-year-old daughter, Emma Niederbrock.

Accused sex tourists deny guilt

LOS ANGELES — Three men charged with traveling to Cambodia to engage in sex acts with children have pleaded not guilty in Los Angeles.

Ronald Boyajian, Erik Peeters and Jack Sporich entered their pleas Monday in federal court.

LOCAL NEWS

Child porn collectors arrested

CHICAGO — Four men have been arrested in an FBI sting aimed at shutting down what agents said was an informal group of child pornography collectors focusing on underage boys.

Two of the men, 22-year-old Jose Carlos Garcia of Schererville, Indiana, and 40-year-old Neal Maschke of West Chicago, Ill. were arrested Saturday when they met with an undercover agent and a cooperating witness at a suburban hotel.

Agents arrested 27-year-old Corey Stinefast in Kenosha, Wisconsin, where he lives, Saturday and 24-year-old Mark McGill of Crest Hill, Ill. on Monday.

China takes the environmental lead

U.N. chief says China is poised to become front-runner in global warming initiatives

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — China's ambition to grow quickly but cleanly soon may vault it to "front-runner" status — far ahead of the United States — in taking on global warming, the U.N. climate chief said Monday.

China could steal the show by unveiling new plans Tuesday at a U.N. climate summit of 100 world leaders. India has also signaled that it wants to be an "active player" on climate change.

"China and India have announced very ambitious national climate change plans. In the case of China, so ambitious that it could well become the front-runner in the fight to address climate change," U.N. climate chief Yvo de Boer told The Associated Press Monday. "The big question mark is the U.S."

The development would mark a dramatic turnabout. The United States, under former President George W. Bush's administration, long cited inaction by China and India as the reason for rejecting mandatory cuts in greenhouse gases.

Tuesday's meeting is intended to rally momentum for crafting a new global climate pact at Copenhagen, Denmark, in December. Bush rejected the 1997 Kyoto Protocol for cutting global emissions of warming gases based on its impact on the U.S. economy and exclusion of major developing nations like China and India, both major polluters.

Su Wei, director of China's climate change department, pledged a "pro-active" approach to make Copenhagen a success.

"China takes the threat of climate change very seriously and fully recognizes the urgency to take actions," he said, flanked by top climate negotiators from the U.S., India and Denmark at a news conference on Monday. "China will continue to play certainly an active and constructive role."

Jairam Ramesh, India's



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Executive Secretary of the U.N. Climate Change Secretariat Yvo De Boer speaks on moving towards a green economy at a press conference for the World Economic Forum in Dalian, China, Friday.

environment minister, said his nation was also committed to reaching a global climate accord.

"India wants a deal at Copenhagen. And India is prepared to be an active player in working towards an agreement ... It is in our interests ... because we are very climate-vulnerable," Ramesh said.

Todd Stern, the top U.S. climate envoy, said the Obama administration also is moving "full speed ahead" toward helping craft a deal.

But with Congress moving slowly on a measure to curb emissions, the United States could soon find itself with little influence when 120 countries convene in Copenhagen.

China and the U.S. together account for about 40 percent of all the world's emissions of carbon dioxide, methane and

other industrial warming gases.

At Tuesday's summit, Chinese President Hu Jintao is expected to lay out new plans that focus on extending China's energy-saving programs rather than committing to a cap on its greenhouse gases, at least not until the fast-growing nation reaches a higher level of development.

Experts say they expect as a first step that China will announce targets for reducing the "intensity" of its carbon pollution — not shrinking emissions overall, but reducing the carbon dioxide emitted per unit of economic growth.

For the past four years China has been cutting energy intensity and could include a new carbon intensity goal in a

five-year plan for development until 2015. China already has said it is seeking to use 15 percent of its energy from renewable sources by 2020.

A key point of dispute remains whether developing countries would agree to be legally bound to a Copenhagen accord. The House of Representatives passed a climate bill this summer that would set the first mandatory limits on greenhouse gases and impose trade penalties on countries that don't cap their emissions. Factories, power plants and other sources would be required to cut emissions by about 80 percent by 2050.

But action in the Senate has been delayed as lawmakers wrestle with overhauling the health care system.

INDIA

Earthquake kills at least 11 in Bhutan

Associated Press

GAUHATI, India — A 6.3-magnitude earthquake shook the remote mountain nation of Bhutan on Monday, killing at least 11 people, damaging an ancient monastery and forcing hundreds to flee, officials said. At least 15 people were also injured.

The afternoon earthquake was initially reported in Gauhati, the capital of India's northeastern Assam state, but it was centered in a little-populated eastern region of the tiny nation of Bhutan.

Much of Bhutan, a Himalayan nation sandwiched between India and China, is sparsely populated, reachable only by walking paths and without electricity or

telephones.

"We're trying to piece together information to assess the damage," Ugyen Tenzing, the country's director of disaster management said from Thimphu, Bhutan's capital.

He said at least seven people were killed when their houses collapsed in the eastern districts of Munggar and Trashigang, and rescuers were searching for survivors under the debris of other buildings. Most buildings in that region are small farmhouses made by hand from mud and stone.

Four Indian highway workers were also killed in Bhutan's Samdrup Jongkar district, near the border with India, when the road they were working

on collapsed, Tenzing said, adding that at least 15 people had been injured across the earthquake zone.

In the Trashigang district, more than 200 Buddhist monks and 100 local officials were forced to flee an ancient monastery when it was left damaged by the quake. For centuries, much of Bhutan was governed from fortified monasteries, and today many of those buildings are also used as government offices.

The U.S. Geological Survey reported the quake's magnitude as 6.3 and said it was centered about 80 miles (125 kilometers) north of Gauhati and 115 miles (180 kilometers) east of Thimphu at a depth of 4.5 miles (7.2 kilometers).

Prosecution will not retry convict

Decision comes after man spends 26 years in prison for mother's stabbing in 1983

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Prosecutors will not retry a man whose murder conviction was overturned after he spent 26 years in prison for his mother's stabbing in Los Angeles.

The decision was announced during a court hearing Monday. Retrying Bruce Lisker would be difficult because much of the evidence had been destroyed, authorities said.

Lisker, 44, said he was shocked and speechless when Deputy District Attorney Pat Dixon moved to dismiss the charges.

"I had a feeling, but you can't go on that. You have to stay on the side of caution and assume that they'll take this thing to the bitter end," Lisker said. "Justice and truth finally won out today."

Lisker was convicted and sentenced to life in prison in the beating and stabbing of his 66-year-old mother, Dorka, in 1983 in her Sherman Oaks home. A Los Angeles Times investigation in 2005 raised questions about some of the evidence against him and his defense lawyer.

U.S. District Judge Virginia A. Phillips overturned his conviction in July, saying the trial was tainted by false evidence and Lisker's attorney did not adequately represent him. He was freed on Aug. 13 and pleaded not guilty at an

arraignment.

Dixon said he believed Lisker was guilty, but the passage of time had hurt the memories of witnesses and led to the destruction of evidence, making it difficult to proceed with a retrial.

Lisker said he felt like his murdered mother and his father, who died while he was in prison, and other supporters were in the courtroom when the prosecutor announced the decision.

"The people who worked so selflessly on this for so long, just because they believed in the justice of our cause, they gave me my life back and I told them that after court," he said.

Lisker was 17 and had a history of drug abuse and fighting with his mother when she was murdered on March 10, 1983.

He lived nearby and claimed he was going to his mother's house when he looked through a window, saw her bleeding on the floor, broke into the locked house and tried to help her.

Investigators doubted the story, saying he couldn't have seen her. At his murder trial, they claimed a bloody shoe print belonged to Lisker.

Lisker confessed to the murder in prison but said he only did so in hopes of getting parole.

The Los Angeles Times reported a new analysis concluded the bloody shoe print wasn't Lisker's.

Grizzlies return to endangered list

Associated Press

BILLINGS, Montana — Facing the combined pressures of habitat loss, hunters and climate change, 600 grizzly bears in and around Yellowstone National Park are going back on the threatened species list under a federal court order issued Monday.

The ruling highlighted climate change's devastation to whitebark pine forests, which produce nuts that some grizzlies rely upon as a mainstay.

With hundreds of thousands of the trees dead or dying over the last two decades, bears striking out in search of new food sources increasingly are being shot in conflicts with humans.

"There is a connection between whitebark pine and grizzly survival," U.S. District Judge Donald Molloy wrote in Monday's ruling.

Hunting for grizzlies is illegal. But at least 20 were killed last year by hunters acting in self-defense or after mistaking them for other animals.

The greater Yellowstone area of Montana, Idaho and Wyoming has one of the densest concentrations of grizzlies in the mainland U.S. The animals were declared recovered in March 2007 after bouncing back from near-extinction last century.

At the time, the grizzly bear program was touted by the Bush administration as a model framework for restoring at-risk species, successfully balancing conservation and the pressures of human development.

But in his ruling, Molloy sharply criticized the rationale behind the decision and ordered the Obama adminis-

tration to immediately restore the animal's threatened status.

The 46-page ruling resolves a lawsuit brought by the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, a Bozeman, Montana, group that had argued the bruins' recovery remained tenuous. A separate lawsuit in federal court in Idaho still is pending.

Molloy cited as a key factor in his decision the decline of whitebark pine, which has suffered widespread damage from forest fires, pine beetles and other factors that researchers say are exacerbated by a warming climate.

Government researchers have made similar links. However, those results were downplayed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in its 2007 decision.

"There is a disconnect between the studies the agency relies on here and its conclusions," Molloy wrote.

Molloy also said that state and federal conservation plans meant to protect Yellowstone-area grizzlies were inadequate. He said the government relied too heavily on population monitoring and failed to spell out what steps would be taken if grizzly numbers started to fall.

A Fish and Wildlife spokesman said Monday that Molloy's ruling was under review. Grizzlies were first listed as endangered in 1975. The government has spent more than \$20 million on its effort to restore the species.

"We're going to take some time with this ruling because it's so significant," Fish and Wildlife spokesman Matt Kales said. "This is obviously a pretty big policy matter for us. Our first and foremost concern remains with the sta-

tus of the bear."

Wyoming U.S. Rep. Cynthia Lummis called Molloy's ruling an "abuse" of the Endangered Species Act.

"Subverting the Endangered Species Act through judicial activism under the auspice of climate change would be laughable if the impacts weren't so dire for Wyoming's public land users," she said.

The conservation director for the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Craig Kenworthy, said threats to grizzlies "are likely to accelerate" as climate change intensifies and more tree-killing beetles survive milder winters.

It's unknown how many of Yellowstone's grizzlies are heavily dependent on whitebark pine, said Gregg Losinski with Idaho Fish and Game.

"Yes it was a concern, but as far as a food source it never was found universally across the ecosystem for all the bears," said Losinski, member of a federal-states coordinating committee that oversees the region's grizzlies.

Four other groups totaling about 900 grizzlies — all in the Northwest — have never lost their threatened status.

Full grown male grizzlies can weigh 800 pounds (362 kilograms) and stand 8 feet (2.4 meters) tall. Most are omnivores, meaning they eat both plants and animals.

As many as 50,000 of the animals once ranged the western half of the United States — striking terror in early European settlers who routinely shot, poisoned and trapped grizzlies until they were reduced to less than 2 percent of their historic range.

Companies able to be sued to cut emissions

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal appeals court ruled Monday that states trying to combat global warming can sue six electric utilities to force them to cut the greenhouse gases emitted by their power plants in 20 states.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan reinstated the lawsuits after a lower court judge tossed out the actions brought in 2004 by eight states, New York City and three land trusts.

The lawsuits accuse the companies of being among the largest emitters of carbon dioxide in the world and sought to force them to reduce their carbon dioxide emissions.

The appeals court said the lower court judge erred in ruling that the issue was a political one that was not meant to be decided by the courts.

The court said that not every case with political overtones has to be kept out of the courts.

"It is error to equate a political question with a political case," the court wrote. "Given the checks and balances among the three branches of our government, the judiciary can no more usurp executive and legislative prerogatives

than it can decline to decide matters within its jurisdiction simply because such matters may have political ramifications."

The appeals court noted that the legislative branch was free to amend the Clean Air Act to regulate carbon dioxide emissions, and the executive branch can regulate emissions through the Environmental Protection Agency.

It also rejected arguments by the companies that any pollutants must be "poisonous" or "noxious," local in nature and capable of producing immediate harm to be challenged in a lawsuit.

"The touchstone of a common law public nuisance action is that the harm is widespread, unreasonably interfering with a right common to the general public," the court wrote.

The ruling was made by two judges rather than the usual three because the third judge was supposed to be Sonia Sotomayor, who is now a Supreme Court justice.

The states bringing the lawsuit are California, Connecticut, Iowa, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wisconsin. New York City and three nonprofit land trusts also are part of the litigation.

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Unfinished condos to be demolished

BROWNSVILLE, Texas — Touted as the Texas Gulf Coast's most luxurious tower and later ridiculed as the "leaning tower of Padre Island," an incomplete 31-story condominium project on South Padre Island will be demolished, its developer announced Monday.

The Ocean Tower, a 151-unit luxury project slated for a spa and other amenities, started construction in 2006, but stopped last summer when it became obvious the tower was sinking more rapidly than attached parking garages, causing cracks in beams and columns.

A lawsuit filed by developer Ocean Tower LP last year said the tower's core had sunk 14 to 16 inches, while the attached garages sank less than half that amount. Ocean Tower is seeking \$125 million in damages from two engineering firms.

"Unfortunately, multiple engineering studies have led us to the conclusion that it is not economically feasible to complete the building and to provide the caliber of condominium tower that we intended to build," a prepared Monday statement from Ocean Tower LP said.

Call for end to offshore drilling

WASHINGTON — Opponents of offshore drilling — including some dressed as salmon and a polar bear — delivered more than 250,000 postcards and letters to the Interior Department Monday on a proposal to open vast waters off the Pacific and Atlantic coasts to oil and gas drilling.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar invited public comments on a sweeping blueprint for expanded offshore drilling that was initially proposed in the final days of the Bush administration. He didn't rule out expanded offshore drilling. But he criticized "the enormous sweep" of the Bush proposal, which envisioned energy development from New England to Alaska, including lease sales in areas off California and in the North Atlantic that have been off-limits for a quarter century.

The proposed five-year plan includes newly identified areas for drilling in the Beaufort and Chukchi seas off Alaska's northern coast, which are home to polar bears, whales, seals, walrus and other wildlife. It also would allow drilling in Alaska's Bristol Bay watershed, home to the world's most productive wild salmon streams.

Facebook quits Beacon program

Concerns over user privacy lead company to end use of the marketing system

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Facebook is shutting down its much-maligned Beacon marketing program, launched nearly two years ago amid fanfare only to generate a storm of privacy complaints over the tracking of user activities at partner Web sites.

Facebook agreed to end Beacon and create a foundation to promote online privacy, safety and security as part of a \$9.5 million settlement in a lawsuit over the program. A federal judge in San Jose, Calif., still must approve the terms.

Meanwhile, Facebook is teaming up with the Nielsen Co. to help advertisers grab the attention of the hordes that are spending more of their time at the Internet hangout. Sheryl Sandberg, Facebook's chief operating officer, is expected to unveil the new marketing program, called "Nielsen BrandLift," at an advertising conference Tuesday in New York.

Facebook thought the Beacon marketing program would help users keep their friends better informed about their interests while also serving as "trusted referrals" that would help drive more sales to the participating sites. Sprinkled in with status updates and photos were alerts on what items their friends had bought or reviewed.

But users complained that friends could learn of holiday gifts they had bought at the online retailer Overstock.com or learn of the mindless movies for which they had purchased tickets through Fandango.

Users were able to decline tracking on a site-by-site basis, but not systemwide — at least not initially. Many users simply didn't notice a small warning that appeared on a corner of their Web browsers; the box disappeared after about 20 seconds, after which consent was assumed.



Canadian Privacy Commissioner Jennifer Stoddart speaks to the media about changes to the popular social networking site Facebook during a news conference in Ottawa, Canada Thursday.

After an uproar, Palo Alto, Calif.-based Facebook ultimately let users turn Beacon off, and CEO Mark Zuckerberg publicly apologized for it.

The service never really caught on, though, and Facebook said late Friday it agreed to end it as part of the proposed settlement.

The lawsuit was filed in August 2008 on behalf of 19 users against Facebook, as well as Blockbuster Inc., Fandango, Overstock.com Inc. and other companies that used Beacon. It claimed the defendants disclosed users' personal information for advertising purposes, without their consent.

"We learned a great deal from the Beacon experience," said Facebook

spokesman Barry Schnitt in a statement. "For one, it was underscored how critical it is to provide extensive user control over how information is shared. We also learned how to effectively communicate changes that we make to the user experience."

While Beacon was unsuccessful, out of the experience grew Facebook Connect, which lets the online hangout's 300-million-plus users access other sites using their Facebook log-ins and share with Facebook information on activities elsewhere.

Unlike Beacon, however, Facebook Connect gives users, rather than Facebook and advertisers, control over the information they share.

The multiyear partnership with Nielsen marks Facebook's latest attempt to persuade advertisers to spend more money promoting their brands on the site. Among other things, Nielsen will develop opt-in polls that attempt to measure Facebook users' responses to the ads that show up on their pages.

Facebook's huge audience already has been luring more advertisers to the site. The company is expected to bring in more than \$500 million in revenue this year, according to Facebook board member Marc Andreessen. The money cascading into Facebook is enough to cover the 5-year-old company's operating expenses, a major milestone for startups.

New Univision president embodies future

Associated Press

MIAMI — When Cesar Conde walks into a room, his youthful looks and earnest countenance have at times led people to confuse the trim executive with an intern.

But such confusion is increasingly rare. The 35-year-old was tapped last month to head Univision Networks, the most prominent holding of Univision Communications Inc. — the largest Spanish-language media empire in the U.S. Its signature network regularly ranks fifth among all broadcast and cable networks, English or Spanish.

Conde, who takes over Oct. 1, is the Miami-born son of Peruvian and Cuban immigrants who came to the U.S. "with absolutely nothing except

for the spare change and the clothes they had on their back," according to their son. He is also a Harvard graduate with an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania, embodying not only the immigrant dream but also the network's future — including second- and third-generation Hispanics drawn to the network because of cultural, as well as language ties.

It is his Gen X ability to move from talk of political empowerment to market statistics to the company's latest reality TV offerings that makes Conde such a force in shaping the future of one of the nation's fastest growing networks.

Former Secretary of State Gen. Colin L. Powell, whom Conde served as a White House Fellow from 2002

to 2003, said he quickly noticed something special about the young businessman.

"It was clear to me that he had great potential," Powell said in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "I believe a person's early accomplishments are an important signal of their future success, and Cesar has had many of them. His sense of purpose and maturity allow him to lead by bringing out the best in those around him despite his young age."

Univision, and Spanish-language media in general, have long embraced advocacy journalism providing a "we're on your side" ethos for its audience, but Conde is part of a new leadership looking to expand the tradition.

Flood kills 2-year-old boy

Son swept away from father's arms after downpours hit Atlanta

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Surging floodwaters ripped apart a west Georgia trailer home, drowning a 2-year-old boy swept from his father's arms. In Atlanta, stranded motorists scrambled to the tops of their car as waters rose on one of the city's busiest highways. To the north, crews worked furiously to shore up a levee holding a surging river back from an isolated town.

Storms that pounded the Southeast on Monday turned sleepy creeks into rivers, and rivers into raging floodwaters. Six people were killed across the region, including five in the Atlanta area. Aerial shots showed schools, football fields, even entire neighborhoods submerged by the deluge, sending some unlucky residents scurrying for higher ground.

"It's a mess all over," said Lisa Janak of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency.

At least two people were missing, including a Tennessee man who went swimming in an overflowing ditch on a dare and a 15-year-old Georgia teen who never returned from a swim in the surging Chattooga River.

The storm came after days of rain pounded most of the region and saturated the soil. Some parts of Georgia have had more than 20 inches since Friday.

"Any rain that fell has no place to go," said Georgia climatologist David Stooksbury. "This rainfall on top of already saturated soils really made the situation worse."

Many parts of north Georgia have experienced "historic" amounts of rain well in excess of so called 100-year predictions,

which describe a storm with the likelihood of happening once every century, said Stooksbury. The downpours come just months after much of the region emerged from an epic drought that plagued the region since 2007.

As the storm front rumbled through west Georgia, it turned a normally docile creek into a surging headwater that tore apart 2-year-old Preston Slade Crawford's mobile home around 2 a.m. The boy's body wasn't found until hours later, but his parents had been rescued as another son, age 1, clung to his mother's arms in the county west of Atlanta.

"By the time we got into our vehicle, they were screaming at the back of our house," said Pat Crawford, the boy's grandmother, who watched as the family's mobile home was whisked away. "We could see them, but the current was so bad, we couldn't get to them."

Crawford said she was on higher ground, unable to help her family members. Craig Crawford clung to his 2-year-old son, but the boy was pulled away in a strong undercurrent.

To the northwest, crews in the tiny Georgia town of Trion worked to shore up a levee breached by the Chattooga River and in danger of failing. The town evacuated more than 1,500 residents, and Red Cross workers quickly set up an emergency shelter able to help hundreds nearby.

"It's a grave situation for us," said Lamar Canada, Chattooga County's emergency management director.

Most of the dead were motorists trying to navigate the treacherous roadways. Seydi Burciaga, a 39-year-old woman from Georgia's

Gwinnett County, was found dead in her vehicle after it was swept off a road by flooding, said Gwinnett County Fire Capt. Thomas Rutledge.

But the surging waters weren't just dangerous for drivers. A 22-year-old Alabama man, James Dale Leigh, drowned when a pond's rain-soaked bank collapsed beneath him, said Etowah County Sheriff Todd Entekin.

Among the hardest-hit areas was Georgia's Douglas County, where as much as a foot of rain fell Monday. Flooding there was blamed for the deaths of a man and two women in three separate situations, said county spokesman Wes Tallon.

Emergency officials were often forced to improvise to rescue dozens of people stranded in their homes and cars.

"We're using everything we can get our hands on," Tallon said. "Everything from boats to Jet Skis to ropes to ladders."

Other southeastern states were hit less severely.

In Kentucky, rescue crews went on more than a dozen runs to help stranded people after 4 inches of rain fell on parts of Louisville Sunday, said Louisville fire department spokesman Sgt. Salvador Melendez.

Water rose as high as window-level on some houses in North Carolina's Polk County, forcing emergency officials to evacuate homes along a seven-mile stretch of road. Flooding in more than 20 counties in western North Carolina closed roads, delayed school and forced evacuations.

The forecast held little good news for Georgia: Another round of storms was expected to move in Tuesday from the west.

Terror suspect faces charges for possession

Associated Press

DENVER — The attorney for a Colorado man suspected of being involved in an alleged terror plot faces a marijuana possession charge in northern Colorado, but he says the drugs in question weren't his.

Court records show Arthur Folsom, 37, was cited in June in Larimer County with possession of less than 1 ounce of marijuana, a petty offense that typically carries a fine of no more than \$100 if convicted but no jail time.

Folsom spokeswoman

Wendy Aiello (eye-EHL'-oh) says he was cited because he was the owner of the boat where the marijuana was found during a safety inspection. She says the marijuana belonged to one of Folsom's friends who was a guest on the boat.

A pretrial conference in the marijuana case is scheduled for Oct. 13.

Folsom's client, 24-year-old Najibullah Zazi (nah-jee-BOO'-lah ZAH'-zee), faces charges of lying to the government in a matter involving terrorism. He has denied being involved in a terror plot.



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Dept. of Justice commits to stop violence, gangs

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The U.S. Department of Justice is committed to helping American Indian communities battle a rising tide of violence against women and children, gang activity and other crime, a top agency official said Monday.

Associate Attorney General Tom Perrelli said Indian communities have done a tremendous job fighting crime considering their limited resources, but it's clear more needs to be done.

"We all recognize the only way to address these problems is through a long-term and sustained effort," he said. "That's what we at the Department of Justice are committed to doing — finding concrete solutions that we can implement right away and deciding what are the best long-term strategies we can work on together as partners."

Perrelli and other agency officials were meeting Monday and Tuesday in Albuquerque with Indian leaders and law enforcement experts as part of a national initiative to address tribal justice. The meetings will set the stage for a listening session that Attorney General Eric Holder has planned for all tribal leaders next month in

Minnesota.

The Justice Department's renewed attention to issues that have plagued Indian country for decades has instilled hope in Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley Jr. and the governors of several New Mexico pueblos.

"Every time there's an election, new leadership comes in and that new leadership sometimes doesn't know what's going on out there in Native America," Shirley said. "They have to get educated, and I think that's what these work sessions are about. The more they know, the better position they're in to help us."

On the sprawling Navajo Nation, which spans parts of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah, Shirley said gangs are running rampant and alcoholism and substance abuse have led to domestic violence, drunken driving and other crimes.

"The crime rate is high on Navajo land. We've done everything we can ourselves to try to address those issues, but we need more help," he said.

Some help came Monday with Perrelli announcing more than \$82 million in federal grants for public safety and criminal justice initiatives on the Navajo Nation and at several New Mexico pueblos.

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Fla. man accused of killing wife, kids

Husband detained in Haiti after being named person of interest in murder case

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — A Florida woman slain along with her five children endured regular abuse from her husband but seemed overwhelmed by trying to raise the kids herself and wanted him around as a father figure, Department of Children and Families records show.

Police in Haiti on Monday detained Mesac Damas, wanted for questioning in the slayings of his wife, Guerline Damas, and the couple's three boys and two girls in their Naples, Fla., apartment. A relative said detectives told them their throats had been slit.

Collier County Sheriff's deputies have called Mesac Damas a person of interest in the slayings. The 33-year-old boarded a flight to Haiti from Miami International Airport on Friday, a day before police found the bodies.

Mesac Damas told The Associated Press at the police station where he was being held in Port-au-Prince that he had planned to surrender and that he returned to his native Caribbean nation "to say goodbye to my family."

"I was going to turn myself in. You see I've got my suit on and everything," Damas said as police led him from a backroom where he was interrogated to a jail cell.

He did not respond when asked if he killed his wife.

Just days before he left the country, a Department of Children and Families caseworker

assigned to the family had made an unannounced visit to the apartment and noted in a report that the children, ages 11 months to 9 years, seemed healthy and safe.

Mesac Damas was home and dinner was cooked. The toddler was wearing a sundress and playing with her doll while the older daughter, dressed in pink, asked the caseworker if she had brought her a pink book bag, because she was going to school next year. The boys were in T-shirts and shorts and the worker didn't see any bruises or marks.

Mesac Damas was due to finish a court-ordered battery intervention course in November.

"There is no safety concern," the file reads. "Children are doing fine."

But relatives of Guerline Damas, 32, said her husband was a "loose cannon" who would take away his wife's cell phone and be rude to her family.

"You'd never know what he'd do," said her younger brother, Mackindye Dieu, 23, who lived with the couple several years ago.

Dieu said his sister wasn't open about the details of her personal life and her family didn't know she was being abused until January, when Mesac Damas was arrested and charged with misdemeanor battery after he hit his wife as she held their baby daughter in her arms.

According to DCF records, he choked her and ripped her shirt off.

Man pleads guilty to student's murder

Associated Press

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Five years after college student Brooke Wilberger disappeared, a man arrested in her abduction pleaded guilty to murder and pointed police to the spot near the rugged Oregon coast where he had dumped her body.

Defendant Joel Courtney, 43, avoided a possible death sentence by pleading guilty Monday to aggravated murder after revealing the location of Wilberger's remains.

The developments ended one of the most publicized murder investigations in Oregon history and brought long overdue relief to the family of the 19-year-old victim.

"It might be hard for you to understand, but at this time we really feel gratitude, even to Mr. Courtney," said Cammy Wilberger, the mother of the teenager.

Courtney was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole after entering the plea in Marion County Circuit Court in Salem.

Benton County District Attorney John Haroldson made the surprise announcement in the case of the Brigham Young University sophomore who vanished in May 2004 from an apartment building near the Oregon State University campus in Corvallis.

"He abducted her, he raped her, he murdered her and left her body in the woods," Haroldson said.

The prosecutor once vowed to seek the death penalty in the case, but Wilberger's family said they would sup-

port a plea deal if Courtney would reveal the location of the her remains.

"Our family has kind of likened this to an iceberg experience," Cammy Wilberger said. "Although what the public sees seems raised and maybe devastating, it's nothing compared to what we see on the inside."

Police found strands of Wilberger's hair among evidence collected from Courtney's van when he was arrested in 2005 in the rape of another student in New Mexico.

He was eventually convicted in that case and extradited to Oregon to stand trial for the killing of Wilberger. But it wasn't until last weekend that Courtney admitted the crime and revealed the location of the body.

Wilberger disappeared from an apartment complex managed by her sister. Before she was kidnapped, she had been scrubbing lampposts outside the apartment building. Her flip-flop sandals were left behind.

Haroldson said Courtney has admitted approaching two other young women in Corvallis before abducting Wilberger. Those two women became alarmed and were able to avoid abduction.

Courtney approached Wilberger, trying to make it appear he was delivering an envelope, then threatened

her with a knife and forced her into the van, Haroldson said.

Courtney bound her with duct tape and drove into the remote Coast Range but returned to Corvallis when he got hungry, with Wilberger in his van.

He went back to a remote spot in the mountains and raped her, and when she tried to fight him off, Courtney killed her by bludgeoning her skull, Haroldson said.

Courtney's sister told investigators Courtney began using drugs at age 11, devel-

oped an interest in Satanism by the age of 15, and once had to be hit over the head with a clock to prevent him from raping her.

He served time in jail in Oregon for a 1991

sex abuse conviction in Washington County, where he grew up.

Courtney grew up in the Portland area before moving to Alaska, Florida and New Mexico, working at times as a fisherman, mechanic and janitor.

He eventually married and settled in Rio Rancho, N.M., an Albuquerque suburb.

As part of the plea deal, Courtney will be returned to New Mexico to serve the remainder of his 18-year sentence there before being returned to Oregon to serve the life sentence.

"Although what the public sees seems raised and maybe devastating, its nothing compared to what we see on the inside."

**Cammy Wilberger
victim's relative**

Deputy caught after killing wife, laborer

Associated Press

DECATUR, Ga. — A former DeKalb County sheriff's deputy who fled after he was charged with killing his wife and a day laborer has been caught in Central America.

Special agents from the U.S. State Department located Derrick Yancey in Punta Gorda, Belize on Saturday. Yancey was arrested by Belize law enforcement and is awaiting return to the U.S.

Authorities say Yancey was under a \$150,000 bond when he boarded a westbound Greyhound bus April 4 and disappeared somewhere between Phoenix and Los Angeles.

He is accused in the 2008 shootings of Linda Yancey, 44, and Marcial Cax Puluc, a 20-year-old Guatemalan immigrant he had hired to work at his home in the suburban Atlanta community of Stone Mountain. Yancey told investigators that Puluc had killed his wife and he killed Puluc in self-defense.

He resigned from his job with the sheriff's department shortly before he was indicted on murder charges in August.

Yancey was under orders to stay at his mother's home in Jonesboro, just south of

Atlanta, when he removed his ankle monitor and left. The monitoring firm BI Inc. of Colorado received an alert on Yancey's bracelet at 5:41 a.m. April 4, but the sheriff's office was not notified for hours, DeKalb County Sheriff Thomas Brown said.

Authorities said that Yancey had cashed out his \$18,000 pension and paid cash for his bus ticket. Video from the bus station showed him with a new mustache, longer hair and the beginnings of a new beard.

Jeffrey Mann, chief deputy for the DeKalb Sheriff's Office, said officials have some indication that family members might have been helping Yancy but no charges were pending against any of his family.

Yancey was featured on "America's Most Wanted" soon after his disappearance.

State department agents in Belize got a tip on Yancey's whereabouts and tracked him to a local bar on Saturday evening. Authorities said an agent tapped him on the shoulder and told him, "It's time to go."

Authorities refused to identify the tipster, who stands to collect a \$20,000 reward.

Yancey is expected to be returned to the U.S. within days.



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Omission not a cure-all

The abortion issue has reduced the health care debate to confusion. Let's try to put it in focus.

When Congressman Joe Wilson (R-SC) shouted "You lie!" to President Barack Obama's denial, in his address to Congress, that his health care reforms "would insure illegal immigrants," Obama retorted, "It's not true." Wilson later properly apologized to the president for disrupting the session but he reaffirmed his accusation. In the very next sentence of his speech, however, the president lent credibility to Wilson's accusation by claiming that "under our plan, no federal dollars will be used to fund abortions." Amherst Professor Hadley Arkes fairly described that statement as "a manifest lie." (www.catholicthing.org, Sept. 15). Let's evaluate it by looking at the main health care bill, H.R. 3200, which Obama has endorsed.

The Capps Amendment to H.R. 3200, approved by the House Energy and Commerce Committee by a 30-28 vote, states: "The public health insurance option shall provide coverage for ... abortions for which the expenditure of Federal funds appropriated for the Department of Health and Human Services is permitted." That limitation refers to the Hyde Amendment, a rider to the annual Labor/Health and Human Services Appropriation, which prohibits use of those funds to pay for abortions except to save the life of the mother or where the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest. The Hyde Amendment, however, is not itself a restriction on the use of funds under H.R. 3200 which itself appropriates the funds for its own operation. The Capps Amendment further states that "Nothing in this Act shall be construed as preventing the public health insurance option from providing for or prohibiting coverage of ... abortions for which the expenditure of Federal funds appropriated for the Department of Health and Human Services is not permitted." That refers to elective abortions other than those for life of the mother, rape or incest.

The Capps Amendment further requires that, among the health benefit plans "offered in each premium rating area of the Health Insurance Exchange ... there is at least one such plan that provides coverage" and "at least one such plan that does not provide coverage" of the abortion services permitted, and also those forbidden, by the Hyde Amendment.

Obama has proposed no "plan" of his own separate from the bills he has endorsed, including chiefly H.R. 3200 and other bills which allow federal funding of abortion. The question remains: Is he correct in claiming that, "under our plan, no federal dollars" will be used to fund abortions? The Capps Amendment is complicated. It provides that the federally funded subsidy for individual public option health care premiums known as an "affordability credit," H.R. 3200, Sec. 241, "may not be used for payment for" abortions for which the Hyde Amendment forbids federal payment. However, the Health Care Commissioner "shall estimate the basic per enrollee, per month cost, determined on an average actuarial basis, for including coverage" for such elective abortions. The premium charged to all enrollees in the federally operated public option would be increased by the proportional amount (at least \$1 a month) required to pay for all those elective abortions. The abortionists would bill the federal agency for such abortions performed on subscribers to the public option. The abortionists would be paid by checks drawn on the United States Treasury. Everyone subscribing to public option health insurance would be required to pay the premium surcharge to support all the abortions for which the Treasury would pay the abortionists. The dollars paid to the federal government under that surcharge would obviously become "federal dollars" which would then be disbursed by the Treasury to the abortionists. Obama's flat statement to Congress and the American people that "under our plan no federal dollars will be used to fund abortions," is either evidence of an inconceivable ignorance of what is in H.R. 3200 and similar bills or it is knowingly false, that is, to borrow the words of Congressman Joe Wilson, "You lie!"

The nation's Catholic bishops, including principally Cardinal Justin Rigali and Bishop William Murphy of Rockville Center, New York, view health care "as a basic right" and "have long supported health care reform that respects human life and dignity from conception to natural death; provides access to quality health care for all, with a special concern for immigrants and the poor; preserves pluralism, with respect to rights of conscience; and restrains costs while sharing them equitably." The bishops rightly insist that payment for abortion must be excluded from any health care reform.

It would be a mistake, however, to conclude that merely excluding abortion coverage would make the proposed "reforms" acceptable. Other problems are involved. One is the definition of abortion. Many so-called contraceptive pills can operate as abortifacients. The "morning after pill,"

which can cause abortion, is sold over-the-counter as an "emergency contraceptive." A prohibition of funding for "abortion" would not prevent funding of such abortifacient "contraceptives." On another point, consider H.R. 3200, Sec. 1713, page 768, which provides funding for "home visits by trained nurses to families with a first-time pregnant woman, or a child (under 2 years of age), who is eligible for medical assistance." One of the preconditions for such home visits is that they "are effective" in "improving maternal or child health and pregnancy outcomes or increasing birth intervals between pregnancies." A federal functionary, therefore, would come into a low-income home to improve "pregnancy outcomes," one of which could be abortion, and to "increase birth intervals between pregnancies." By the time the bureaucrats get through writing the regulations for this, it could operate as a covert version of China's "one-child policy."

In a joint statement, "Principles of Catholic Social Teaching and Health Care Reform," the Kansas City bishops, Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann and Bishop Robert W. Finn, analyzed both the inadequacies and strengths of our current health care system. Significantly, they emphasized that the principle of subsidiarity requires that "health care ought to be determined at the lowest level rather than at the higher strata of society ... The writings of recent Popes have warned that the neglect of subsidiarity can lead to an excessive centralization of human services, which in turn leads to excessive costs, and loss of personal responsibility and quality of care."

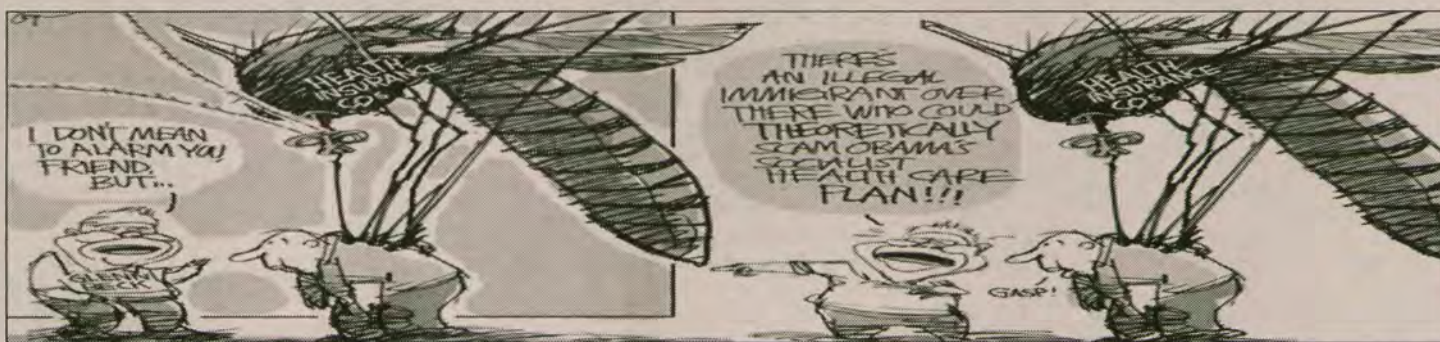
"The right of every individual to access health care," said Naumann and Finn, "does not necessarily suppose an obligation on the part of the government to provide it. Yet in our American culture, Catholic teaching about the 'right' to healthcare is sometimes confused with the structures of 'entitlement.' The teaching of the Universal Church has never been to suggest a government socialization of medical services. Rather, the Church has asserted the rights of every individual to have access to those things most necessary for sustaining and caring for human life, while at the same time insisting on the personal responsibility of each individual to care properly for his or her own health."

Here, as elsewhere, the social and moral teachings of the Church offer principles supportive of human dignity, freedom and common sense as well as the right to life.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Between two evils, I always pick the one I never tried before."

Mae West
U.S. movie actress

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No laughing matter

Dear "Toolman,"
Thank you for providing your comedic enthusiasm to the Notre Dame community via our Observer comic strip. Yes, I realize the point of a comic strip is to make fun of groups of people.

However there is one thing that is socially unacceptable to mock: women and their weight. If you haven't seen the Snite Museum already, there are images full of women who struggle with their body image because media, society, and peers have convinced them that they need to look a "certain way." Unfortunately, these women have taken their body images to an extreme. But women with eating disorders are not the only ones who struggle with their appearance; women on this campus and worldwide also have issues with their weight. A size 0 is not attainable for every shape and frame. Nor can you expect every woman to have the body of a Victoria's Secret model. You may have been "joking" but your senseless comments affect many of us. Please watch what you ridicule.

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Know thine enemy

I myself was not altogether pleased by the arguments put forward by Mr. Damian in his earlier letter ("The sexist church," Sept. 16). Although he shares my belief that women cannot be ordained, he incorrectly assumes that arguments citing "nature" or "the Church" would be effective in an increasingly secular environment such as Notre Dame.

There are two separate currents of popular thinking which meet under the shade cast by this question. The first is that no one but oneself is the authority over oneself. It is individualism gone wrong. We, as a society, perpetuate the myth that we can determine our final state in life absent any serious inquiry as to the quality of that final state. If one by some miracle does inquire, radical individualism would dictate such inquiry be limited to the realm of ones experiences. "No one else can tell me how to be happy."

The second current, related to the first, is that we all have "rights" which undermine any authority's attempt to direct our lives. While in many cases, these rights have helped liberate an oppressed minority, these rights have also given rise to another myth: that we can do whatever we want because we have a right to. Want something? Make up a right. In this line of thinking, many opponents of Mr. Damian's original letter have implicitly stated, in one way or another, that women have a "right" to become a priest. No one will point out in the public conversation, however, that priesthood is not a right. Because that would be the oppressive Roman Catholic Church, perpetrator of the Inquisition and the Crusades, rearing its ugly head again.

Mr. Damian and many others may hold the views they wish to hold but, to be persuasive in a public forum, must understand their opponent. Citing any authority (even nature), especially in this debate over women ordination, will cause the rivers of individualism and "rights" to flow with passion.

Daniel Amiri
alumnus
class of 2009
Sept. 21

This is space.

That you didn't fill.

Write in a Letter to the Editor.

Priesthood 101

In response to Malcolm Phelan's letter ("Bless me Father, for I have questioned," Sept. 21), here is the Church's answer.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1577: "'Only a baptized man (vir) validly receives sacred ordination.' The Lord Jesus chose men (viri) to form the college of the [12] apostles, and the apostles did the same when they chose collaborators to succeed them in their ministry. The college of bishops, with whom the priests are united in the priesthood, makes the college of the twelve an ever-present and ever-active reality until Christ's return. The Church recognizes herself to be bound by this choice made by the Lord himself. For this reason the ordination of women is not possible."

The Church cannot make women priests because Christ instituted a male priesthood. It is a doctrinal issue and it cannot change. Neither Pope Benedict XVI nor University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh can create a female priesthood.

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A true American hero

I was disappointed this past week to find that The Observer omitted the newsworthy passing of not just an American icon, but a world hero: Norman Borlaug. Borlaug, a scientist and humanitarian from Cresco, Iowa, put his Midwest farming background to good use and focused on feeding the hungry people of the world. He helped develop new forms of wheat that enabled famine-ravaged countries like Mexico and India to feed their own population and eventually produce enough to export food to other nations.

His contributions are widely credited with helping save over one billion lives ("Forgotten Benefactor of Humanity," 1997). He founded the World Food Prize, which recognizes individuals and groups that help to eradicate famine and hunger across the world. Among his many accomplishments, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, a Congressional Gold Medal and a Nobel Peace Prize. Borlaug joins six others, including the likes of Mother Theresa, Nelson Mandela, and Martin Luther King Jr., as the only people to have been awarded each of these distinctions.

It is incredible to think that, while many people dream of being doctors, police officers, firefighters, or other professions, in hopes of saving or impacting lives, that Norman Borlaug did just that, and more. Perhaps the World Food Prize website characterized his contributions best by recalling him as, "the man who saved more lives than any other person who has ever lived."

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U-WIRE

American PC goes overboard

Old Western films were always my dad's favorites, but never mine. More and more though, I find myself watching them for a reason that took until now to materialize. I find it amazing that those old films can be showing the same ground we live on today. America has become a powerhouse in the world with its booming, metropolitan cities, filled with some of today's best and brightest people. Sure, problems plague us like any other country. But overall, I would say our

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country is in a good state on the surface. But that's on the surface. What is happening to the people of this country? Forget about the economy. Forget about immigration issues. Forget about the rising price of your cappuccino. The quandary is one that is developing, day-by-day, inside of all of us.

Here it is: You're too damn sensitive. Now, don't take this term the wrong way. When your mom says, "It's good that you're sensitive," she's right. It's nice to have emotions. I wish I did. Also, don't think I want to disregard any humanity. Issues such as racism or women's rights are issues that one should be sensitive about.

I'm talking about the everyday, little things that people — you and I included — get pissed about. Someone bumps into you. The bus is crowded. They were out of your favorite muffin at Starbucks. One, muffins are gay ... but not gay in the homosexual way. I have no problems with homosexuals, I love homosexuals ... but not in that way ... not that would be a problem or anything ...

See? That sentence is the physical manifestation of the problem. No one in their right mind actually thinks a muffin can have an agenda and be homosexual, even though it is from Starbucks. The problem is that someone, somewhere, was just offended when I called his or her muffin gay. I'll do it again. Your muffin is gay.

That someone is an example of the sensitive people making decisions for the rest of us. One person's dissenting voice can bring down the whole lot of us. Just because they feel that gay is being used in a derogatory manner, the rest of us have to watch what we say everywhere we go.

Not me. Not anymore. If I thought I was deeply hurting someone, of course I'd stop. You and I both know that's not that case though. America, get it together. What happened to you? What happened to our leather skin? What happened to whiskey instead of appletinis? What happened to having fun and worrying about the consequences later? We need a little more of that old western feel back in our lives. That doesn't mean everyone needs a six-shooter on them at all times. But we do need to get our spines back and fight for what we believe in. We need to get back on the horse and show people that America still has a little Wild West in them, that we still have our balls.

Or ovaries if any ladies are reading.

See?

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NBC "COMMUNITY" SHOWS PROMISE

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By COURTNEY ERCKERLE
Scene Writer

The new NBC comedy "Community," starring comedian Joel McHale ("The Soup") is surprisingly funny, considering the ideals it has pitted itself against. At first glance it looks like the latest installment of "The Office" spin-offs, especially since it premiered right after the hit show on NBC's exclusive comedy powerhouse Thursday nights (also featuring a weekday edition of SNL's "Weekend Update", "Parks and Recreation" and "30 Rock" when it starts up in October) and on second glance ... it still kind of looks like that. The surprising part is that it is not a bad thing — a group of quirky misfits who are thrown into a boring environment, stir in some clever dialogue and awkwardness and voilà, comedy fiesta.

"Community" centers around smooth-talking (he makes a tear jerking argument that begins, "We're the only species on Earth that observes Shark Week,"), recently disbarred lawyer Jeff, who has essentially been sentenced to community college if he ever wants his license back. While trying to seduce a Spanish classmate, he accidentally forms a study group of the school's strangest, where the culture clash

archetype works its magic for this show. Characters that hail from nearly every stereotype possible: the uptight girl, the washed-up jock, the sassy black woman, the smart unattainable girl, the skeezy old man, the kid who can't control anything he's saying and the guy who is all-too in control of what he's saying.

With "Arrested Development" alums Joe and Anthony Russo directing a lot of the episodes, the style has the majority of the same dry comedy that needs to simmer for a little while to have its full effect, like a background quote by Donald Glover's character Troy, "I am the Barack Obama of this group!" "Community" also catches several references that are meant to embrace a middle aged demographic with some hilarious "Breakfast Club" and "Dirty Dancing" lines.

There are several outset stars of this stellar ensemble, aside from lead Joel McHale who seamlessly makes the leap from stand up to prime time, and they are John Oliver and Danny Pudi. "The Daily Show" fans will recognize mock correspondent Oliver, who has a small role as a friend of McHale's character Jeff, a professor at the college, whom Jeff himself describes as a "spineless

British twit," and he is totally right — that is, until he is comically wrong. Pudi's lanky, loveable Abet has probably twice the dialogue of the other characters and delivers it all with such dead pan sincerity and innocence that his constant chatter becomes hardly noticeable.

The "Community" pilot didn't totally dazzle, but truly talented comedies rarely do — it's hard to introduce a whole talented cast in a half-hour show, especially with so much expectation. This quirky combination of all of comedy's favorites has not earned its place among them yet, but is definitely one to keep an eye and ear on. Look for comedy favorite Ken Jeong ("The Hangover," "Knocked Up") in upcoming episodes.

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'Community'

Directed by: Joe and Anthony Russo
Starring: Joel McHale, John Oliver,



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Q&A with JOEL McHALE

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By COURTNEY ERCKERLE
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Question: How similar is your character to yourself?

Joel McHale: Well, you know, with any — with any acting role you have to kind of go, "how do I relate to this person" and how do I make this and how do I not and how do I — how do I communicate, who this person is on screen. And so I — boy, how is he similar to me? I guess he — this guy — I mean similar to me in that I did everything I could not to, you know, work hard in school because I was much more interested in acting and trying to do that. And I always felt like I was kind of putting in — you know, just kind of clocking time at school until I could get out and do something, you know, and perform. But that's not the greatest parallel. I mean my — this guy is — he starts off very selfish. I hopefully am

not that way. And he cheats and he lies to get what he wants. And I don't really — I have not done a lot of that. But I've — I have — I have cheated in a math class or two. But ... Right. I was so bad. I literally had to take a math class in college that was for no credit. It was literally just to get into college while I was already in college. And they were like just — they basically were like look, you're going to pass. You just don't ever take math again, you moron. So, you know, it's fun to play a guy who has kind of — he's kind of — he's kind of reckless in how he approached life in that he just kind of did what he wanted to do. And people kind of let him get by with it. And this is the first time that he actually has to do work. And it's a change in his world completely.

Q: How do you think people who are actually in community college are going to view

the "Community" depiction of their schools?

JM: I personally think this show will show, that is that this I hope, and in its success will do what, you know, "The Office" has done for people who, you know, in the workplace that this will do for what, you know, the six million people that go to community college. And so I kind of see that the backdrop of school is the same way like a bar is a backdrop for "Cheers" and the Korean War was a backdrop for "MASH." So, you know, in no way is this show going to, you know — it's not like going to be a show about making fun of community college in any way. But my character will definitely lash out about it because he doesn't want to be there and this group of misfits, this study group that he's in, slowly kind of shows him that, you know, you can be a human being.

Q: How do you see

"Community" fitting into the line up of the other NBC Thursday night shows?

JM: I mean from the nature of, you know, what it is is it's a character-driven show that, you know, takes place at the community college which obviously is in setup is different from the other shows. But as far as — as far as, you know, the format, it's strong characters in a situation that would be similar to those shows, which, you know, if people will compare us to those, I would be honored ... I feel like, you know, hopefully it has the same sort of vibe for Thursday night comedy on NBC and I cannot believe I'm even on that night. I mean it's so strange to think about it. So let's hope — let's hope that it's different enough that it separates itself and that it's similar enough that people will tune to it.

Q: What does it feel like to have this great cast and crew

behind you right out of the gate?

JM: Oh it's crazy. It's, you know, it's a dream come true. It's something I never imagined. It's — you know, I feel like, you know, I can really phone in my performances because everyone else is amazing. And no, but, you know, it's really is ideal because Dan Harmon is such an incredible writer. The Russo brothers who did "Arrested Development" and they're directing most of the episodes. And then you've got this cast of, you know, from Chevy Chase to John Oliver to Ken Jeong to Jim Rash to everyone in, you know, everybody. I mean it's really ideal. And I can't, you know, it's one of those things where it's like yeah, it's awesome and I'm so excited. That's kind of like I can't believe it.

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Jamming to PEARL NEW JAM's Upbeat Album

By ALEXANDRA KILPATRICK
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Pearl Jam was once considered to be the most popular American rock 'n' roll band of the decade. Back in the early '90s, the Seattle-based band was well known as the quintessential grunge band and part of a complex called the Seattle Sound. With such hit singles as "Alive," "Jeremy," "Daughter" and "Better Man," the grungy surfers rose to critical and commercial success writing rock 'n' roll anthems that dealt with such heavy issues as physical abuse of children with learning disabilities, teenage suicide and abusive relationships. The alternative rock band quickly grew uncomfortable with the fame that came along with commercial success and shied away from the spotlight but continued to make exceptional records and took on an overwhelming sense of political responsibility.

Today, Pearl Jam is still well respected, however culturally irrelevant they have become, as one of the few bands with a good raw sound and minimal electronic amplification of vocals. Avid Pearl Jam fans can certainly see that the Seattle-based band has renewed that juvenile, raw, honest, rock 'n' roll sound, although much of the album is actually influenced by punk, New Wave and pop.

"Backspacer" finds Pearl Jam seizing the moment with President Barack Obama's entry into the White House and moving away from bellyaching political activism. Frontman Eddie Vedder has even credited Obama's election as inspiration for the new album's optimistic lyrics and the shift in the direction of his songwriting towards the positive, saying in an inter-

view with "Rolling Stone" magazine: "I've tried, over the years, to be hopeful in the lyrics, and I think that's going to be easier now." There's no doubt that Vedder and company take carpe diem to the next level with the new LP.

The album gets rolling right off the bat with opener, "Gonna See My Friend," a three-minute track thickly packed with rocking guitars, pounding drums and loud lead vocals in which Vedder belts out nonsensical lyrics, "I'm gonna see my friend, make it go away / I'm sick of everything." "Got Some," which made its debut on Conan O'Brien back in June, follows with punk-influenced electric guitar riffs, along with intense vocals and lyrics enticing the audience to get up and live their life, "Get it now, get it on, before it's gone, let's everybody carry on, carry on / Turn it up, set it off, before it's gone, let's everybody get it on, get it on."

"The Fixer," the first single off "Backspacer," is a catchy rock tune clearly influenced by pop and punk alike, as the rampant use of handclaps as instrumentation during the verses demonstrates. The insightful lyrics point toward relationship issues, "When something's broke, I wanna put a bit of fixin' on it ... / If there's no love, I wanna try to love again," and as Vedder commented in "The Globe and Mail," "Men, we all think we can fix anything. It's not necessarily a good thing ... These wonderful people, the woman you're in a relationship with, they don't want you to fix it. They just want you to listen to what's happening ... This is a reminder song to me, to stop fixing."

"Just Breathe" is a much slower number than the first few fast-moving punk-sounding tracks. The folk-pop ballad tack-

les relationship issues and has all the makings of a wedding dance song with romantic lyrics, "I wonder everyday, as I look upon your face, everything you gave." The quiet love song sounds very similar to many of the tracks on Vedder's 2007 soundtrack to "Into the Wild." "Amongst the Waves" serves as another reminder that the band is back to their fun-loving surfing days with excellent rock and roll riffs, a rockin' guitar solo, passionate vocals and image-evoking lyrics, "Love ain't until you feel it / Up riding high amongst the waves."

Vedder's lead vocals throughout the album are passionate indeed and seem to want to prove that the Seattle boys are back to their surfing days, but at times, the vocals strain to such an unnecessarily loud and high-pitched level that they go from sounding endearingly juvenile and raw to simply sounding like out of tune noise. "Backspacer" certainly won't be remembered as one of Pearl Jam's best albums, but overall, the album is certainly a solid effort and fun to listen to.

'Backspacer' Pearl Jam

Noteworthy Tracks: "The Fixer," "Gonna See My Friend," "Just Breathe," "Amongst the Waves"



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Chatting with Vince Vaughn

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You may have spotted Vince Vaughn, beloved comedian, wandering the Notre Dame campus last weekend. Hopefully you had your very own Vince Vaughn sighting, whether that be in the form of a furtive glance during his LaFortune Huddle run or blatantly gawking at him as he stood on the sidelines with the Miller Highlife Guy at Saturday's game.

Still, you didn't have to have a personal viewing of Vaughn to know he's a campus figure ... his image from the "Wedding Crashers" cover dorm room walls and DVD boxes that seem to be ever-present on campus, his great one-liners inundate our conversation, and many of us still debate his relationship with Jennifer Aniston on and off the screen. Recently, I got a chance to talk to Vaughn during a phone interview and got the inside scoop on his new film "Couples Retreat," the affect of his Midwest upbringing, and his current emphasis on family values both in and out of his work.

"Couples Retreat," Vaughn's new comedy premieres Oct. 9 in theatres, centers on four Midwestern Couples that retreat to a Tropical paradise for and sun, unaware that that couples' therapy is less than optional. As Vaughn explained, "It was an idea I had about of Midwestern Couples ... makes four

archetypal couples with all seemingly prominent problems with their relationships." The film on the whole, "comes back to the basics of family and relationships. So that was sort of the mission: to take some regular folks from the Midwest and put them in an extreme type of circumstances." The trailer promises plenty of "extreme circumstances," previewing scenes fully equipped with sharks, beaches, and oversexed yoga instructors.

Vaughn was highly active in the new picture, not only creating the basic concept and plot, but also helping to assemble the cast, which includes Jon Favreau, Jason Bateman, Malin Ackerman and Kristin Bell, and co-writing the film's script. This active role in film making is not unusual for the actor, who in the past has contributed heavily to "The Break-Up," "Made," "Wedding Crashers" and "Swingers" without screen credit. He elaborated on the creative process behind "Couples Retreat" saying, "Jon [Favreau] wrote the first draft, and then I wrote it from there as he started to get busier with 'Iron Man II.' He also added that 'actors would bring their ideas and sometimes we do two or three takes and sort of improvise, but we had a pretty good screenplay.'"

The creative process behind "Couples Retreat" was clearly driven heavily by Vaughn's comedic talent and his relationship with people he'd worked with in

past films, like Favreau, who's costarred with Vaughn on numerous films throughout their careers, or director Peter Billingsley who notably directed "The Break-Up." He seemed to express confidence in the talent of his costars when he said "It's good to be funny. But when you can be an actor too and be believable with stuff ... in our comedy there's always a story to it or hopefully circumstances that you are buying into. So that when things go awry you can laugh harder because you're invested in the characters rather than just being a series of scenes or sketches."

Vaughn's motivation and inspiration behind the new release was affected by his personal life, specifically his recent engagement to 29-year-old Canadian real estate agent, Kyla Weber. Vaughn clarified that "a lot of stuff coming out of Hollywood I've always found, being from the Midwest and coming from the background that I did" didn't match up with his concept of healthy lasting relationships. Instead he "wanted to make something that was pro-marriage and pro-family and pro-staying together. That was the concept of 'Couples Retreat.' I'm now engaged and getting ready to start a family. I wanted to make fun and have fun with the concept of new age, always looking for answers, far out ideas of how to handle a relationship."

But don't be fooled by all the talk of traditional Midwest family values and

emphasis on starting a family in healthy relationships, "Couples Retreat" will not be in the same vein of Vaughn's recent PG works, "Fred Claus" and "Four Christmases." Vaughn warned "'Couples Retreat' is more like 'Dodgeball' and those movies than 'Four Christmases' or 'Fred Claus.' ... This is very dialogue driven and has adult themes that are done in a take that's kind of hip and fun. When I say family values, it's not that the movie is PG or saying this is how people should live their life. I think that it's more contemporary with real relationships and what people go through."

While inspired by his Midwestern upbringing, upcoming marriage, and relationship with his costars, Vaughn noted that he got his start on Notre Dame's campus during the filming of "Rudy." He explained "Growing up in Chicago, I was always a fan of Notre Dame. And going to shoot Rudy was one of the first films I did, was a special experience for me being there. And playing a football player gave me access to the locker room and some of those things just made me a bigger fan. It is different there ... it's a great history a great tradition. It's fun to go and be a part of it."

While Vince Vaughn loves Notre Dame, we all know that Notre Dame loves Vince Vaughn, and looks forward to his new film and future visits to the campus.

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MLB

Braves smash three homers in rout of Mets

Cardinals continue run towards NL Central title; Blue Jays down Orioles in front of nearly record low crowd

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Chipper Jones homered and drove in four runs to power the Atlanta Braves to an 11-3 victory over the New York Mets on Monday night.

Garret Anderson and Matt Diaz also connected for the Braves, who have won nine of 11 to keep a grip on their faint playoff hopes. They moved within five games of idle Colorado for the NL wild-card lead with 12 games left.

Atlanta opened a six-game trip with its most runs since it set a season high in a 15-2 win at New York on Aug. 19. Martin Prado had three hits, Nate McLouth scored three times and Derek Lowe (15-9) pitched five innings to help the Braves improve to 11-5 against the Mets this season.

Daniel Murphy homered and Luis Castillo had two hits for New York, which has lost seven of nine. Castillo was replaced by Anderson Hernandez with Atlanta leading 11-1 in the fourth and All-Star third baseman David Wright was taken out in the sixth.

Murphy, who doubled and scored in the second, is batting .358 (19 for 53) with three homers and 12 RBIs in his last

14 games.

Atlanta jumped all over Pat Misch (1-4), scoring four times in each of the first two innings. Anderson capped the scoring in the first with a two-run drive into the second deck in right and Diaz started the second with a liner into the seats in left-center.

Jones, who has been bothered by a slew of physical ailments during a disappointing season, said before the game he was feeling better but his swing was still off. He also reiterated he could retire if he struggles again next season.

"Money will not keep me in this game," he said. "Nor will numbers. When I stop having fun, when I stop feeling like I'm productive, I will walk away."

Jones sure looked all right while adding to his stellar career numbers against New York.

The 37-year-old third baseman drove in the Braves' first run with a groundout and chased Misch with a towering three-run drive to left in the second for his 17th homer and first since Aug. 29, at Philadelphia.

Jones has a .324 batting average, 42 homers and 133 RBIs in 203 games against New York. He was booed

before each of his at-bats.

Lowe allowed three runs and six hits, and helped himself at the plate with his sixth career two-hit game. Kenshin Kawakami pitched four innings of one-hit ball for his first career save.

Lowe left his previous start Wednesday against the Mets after two innings because of a blister on his right ring finger. The right-hander reached the 15-win mark for the fourth time in his career and first since he went 16-8 for the Dodgers in 2006.

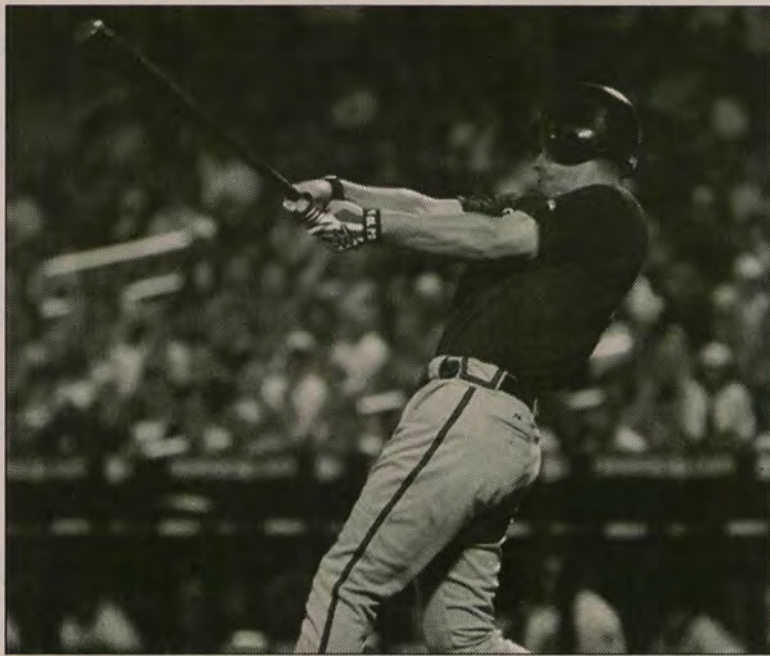
St. Louis 7, Houston 3

Mark DeRosa homered twice at Minute Maid Park for the second time this season and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Astros on Monday night, a few hours after Houston fired manager Cecil Cooper.

Third-base coach Dave Clark was named Houston's interim manager for the last two weeks of the regular season, but the Astros lost their eighth straight game in Clark's major-league managing debut.

DeRosa also had a two-run double for the Cardinals, who reduced their magic number for winning the NL Central to three.

Kyle Lohse (6-8) allowed three runs and five hits in six



Braves third baseman Chipper Jones follows through on his second inning home run in Atlanta's 11-3 win over New York.



Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols is tagged out at the plate by Astros catcher Humberto Quintero during the seventh inning of St. Louis' 7-3 win over Houston Monday.

innings to earn his first win since Aug. 10.

Houston starter Wandy Rodriguez (13-11) had given up no more than one run in 11 of his previous 14 starts, but trailed 3-0 after the first inning in this one.

Albert Pujols doubled to right center with two outs and scored on Matt Holliday's single to left. Ryan Ludwick singled and DeRosa drove in two with a double off the right-field wall. Ludwick beat the throw home, but DeRosa was tagged out trying to stretch his hit to a triple.

Miguel Tejada homered off Lohse in the bottom of the first, his 12th of the season.

Jason LaRue and Skip Schumaker led off the second with singles and LaRue scored on Julio Lugo's fly ball to right. Brendan Ryan beat out an infield single and Schumaker scored for a 5-1 lead.

DeRosa homered to left in the third off Rodriguez, who came in with a 1.58 ERA at home this season.

Lohse retired nine straight before Lance Berkman's one-out single in the fourth, but Carlos Lee grounded into a double play.

Geoff Blum doubled in the fifth and scored on Humberto Quintero's one-out single to left. Lohse struck out Houston's next two hitters to end another quick inning.

Chad Paronto relieved Rodriguez for the sixth and DeRosa led off with a homer to left.

DeRosa hit two homers at Minute Maid Park on July 21,

one off Rodriguez, in an 11-6 Houston win. The third baseman has 10 homers since the Cardinals acquired him from Cleveland on June 27.

Berkman homered to left-center in the sixth, his 23rd of the season and fifth in the last 10 games.

The Cardinals' bullpen gave up only one hit over the last three innings.

Toronto 9, Baltimore 2

Lyle Overbay and John McDonald homered, David Purcey won for the first time in more than a year and the Toronto Blue Jays beat Baltimore on Monday night, handing the Orioles their fifth straight loss.

Toronto has won 11 of 13 home games against Baltimore and 25 of 35 dating to 2006.

Adam Lind, Edwin Encarnacion and Travis Snider each hit a two-run single for the Blue Jays, who batted around in the third and eighth.

Attendance was 11,598, the third straight game Toronto has drawn fewer than 12,000 fans. Toronto's all-time low is 10,074, set April 17, 1979, against the Chicago White Sox.

Purcey (1-2) had not won since pitching eight shutout innings on Sept. 7, 2008, against Tampa Bay. The left-hander allowed one run and four hits in a season-high 7 2/3 innings. He walked four and struck out four.

Baltimore loaded the bases with two outs in the eighth but Shawn Camp came on and got Melvin Mora to ground into a fielder's choice.

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Men of the Fisher Junior House: I hereby sincerely apologize for the antics bestowed upon your humble abode on Saturday evening. I behaved rather unDiligently and will accept responsibility and retribution for my actions. I hope the flooding in your basement subsides.

AROUND THE NATION

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AP College Football Top 25

	team	record	previous
1	Florida	3-0	1
2	Texas	3-0	2
3	Alabama	3-0	4
4	Mississippi	2-0	5
5	Penn State	3-0	5
6	California	3-0	8
7	LSU	3-0	9
8	Boise State	3-0	10
9	Miami (Fla.)	2-0	20
10	Oklahoma	2-1	12
11	Virginia Tech	2-1	13
12	Southern California	2-1	3
13	Ohio State	2-1	11
14	Cincinnati	3-0	17
15	TCU	2-0	15
16	Oklahoma State	2-1	16
17	Houston	2-0	21
18	Florida State	2-1	NR
19	BYU	2-1	7
20	Kansas	3-0	22
21	Georgia	2-1	23
22	North Carolina	3-0	24
23	Michigan	3-0	25
24	Washington	2-1	NR
25	Nebraska	2-1	19

USA Today FBS Coaches' Poll Top 25

	team	record	previous
1	Florida	3-0	1
2	Texas	2-0	2
3	Alabama	3-0	4
4	Penn State	3-0	5
5	Mississippi	2-0	6
6	California	3-0	7
7	LSU	3-0	7
8	Boise State	3-0	10
9	Oklahoma	2-1	12
10	Southern California	2-1	3
11	Ohio State	2-1	11
12	Virginia Tech	2-1	14
13	Miami (Fla.)	2-0	22
14	TCU	2-0	15
15	Cincinnati	3-0	21
16	Oklahoma State	2-1	17
17	Georgia	2-1	20
18	North Carolina	3-0	19
19	Kansas	3-0	23
20	BYU	2-1	9
21	Missouri	3-0	25
22	Michigan	3-0	NR
23	Houston	2-0	NR
24	Nebraska	2-1	18
25	Florida State	2-1	NR

Golf World/NIKE Division I Men's Golf Top 10

	team	previous
1	Oklahoma State	5
2	Washington	5
3	Georgia	3
4	Alabama	15
5	Stanford	20
6	Arizona State	5
7	Texas A&M	1
8	Arkansas	2
9	Florida	19
10	Southern California	5

NFL



San Francisco 49ers top draft pick Michael Crabtree speaks at a news conference on Apr. 26 in Santa Clara, Calif. The New York Jets have been sued for tampering charges regarding Crabtree.

49ers filed tampering charges over Crabtree

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — The 49ers have filed tampering charges against the New York Jets regarding top San Francisco draft pick Michael Crabtree, Jets coach Rex Ryan confirmed Monday.

"My understanding is they filed charges with the league," Ryan said. "I'm saying my response is it's not true. I mean, it's not accurate. It's not true, but, hey, we'll let the league figure this out."

When asked Monday if his team filed charges, 49ers coach Mike Singletary said it's a situation "the league is going to handle internally."

"I'm not going to get into that. We'll let that play out, the process," Singletary said. "I'm not even going to go there. We'll let the league handle that and go from there."

The 22-year-old Crabtree, selected No. 10 overall by the Niners in April's draft, is the last draft pick not signed. The wide receiver is seeking money comparable to higher picks and hasn't accepted the 49ers' offer for approximately five years and \$20 million, with a reported \$16 million guaranteed.

The Jets, in need of a game-changing wideout, declined comment. The

tampering charges were first reported by the New York Daily News.

Earlier, Ryan commented during a radio interview that he wished the Jets played the 49ers this season.

"Yes, and I'll stand by that comment," he told reporters later in the day. "That means we're in the Super Bowl, so I'll definitely take that."

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said in an e-mail to The Associated Press the league doesn't comment on alleged tampering, but would announce any disciplinary action taken against a team found in violation of the NFL's tampering policy.

While Crabtree falls further behind with each passing day — former 49ers great Jerry Rice questioned Sunday what kind of impact Crabtree would have if he did finally show up — Singletary isn't ready to say he's better off without the Texas Tech star in San Francisco's run-oriented offense.

"I would never say that. ... We need every football player that can help us win that's supposed to be here, here," Singletary said. "I think he's a talented guy. Hopefully it works out that he gets here. If he doesn't, I feel comfortable with what we have."

IN BRIEF

NASCAR requests evaluation of Mayfield

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR asked a federal judge Monday to order a mental and physical examination on suspended driver Jeremy Mayfield to determine if he has a substance-abuse problem and/or attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder.

The filing in U.S. District Court includes three affidavits and one deposition from four different people who claim to have witnessed Mayfield using methamphetamines multiple times since 1999.

The deposition is from former brother-in-law David Keith, who testified he witnessed Mayfield snort methamphetamine in his house, garage and car from 1998 through 2000. The deposition was taken Aug. 19, with attorneys for NASCAR and Mayfield in attendance, and Keith testified the drivers' drug use escalated to daily usage.

Kevin Kolb to start if McNabb cannot go for Eagles

PHILADELPHIA — Kevin Kolb will make his second straight start for the Philadelphia Eagles if Donovan McNabb can't play against Kansas City.

Coach Andy Reid isn't sure whether Jeff Garcia or Michael Vick would be the backup quarterback in that scenario. Vick is eligible to play for the first time after serving a two-game suspension as the final league penalty for his role in running a dogfighting ring.

"Is he 100 percent back and ready to play a whole game? I can't tell you that, I don't think so, and I don't plan on putting him in that position right now," Reid said.

McNabb missed Sunday's 48-22 loss to New Orleans with a cracked rib. Kolb made his first NFL start, throwing for 391 yards, two touchdowns and three interceptions. Garcia, signed last week as insurance, was the backup.

Giants prospect Villalona charged with murder

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — A top prospect for the San Francisco Giants was charged with murder in the death of a 25-year-old man last weekend at a bar in his Caribbean homeland.

Angel Villalona, who received a club-record \$2.1 million bonus when he was signed by the Giants in 2006, wore a bulletproof vest Monday to his hearing at a court in the city of La Romana. He pleaded innocent to the murder charge.

The 19-year-old Villalona could face up to 20 years in prison if found guilty in the Saturday night shooting death of Mario Felix de Jesus Velez.

Judge Aranibal Manzano Zapata ordered Villalona jailed for two months while authorities prepare their case in the Dominican Republic. Villalona turned himself in 12 hours after the shooting at a La Romana bar.

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MLB

Cooper fired with 13 games to go

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros fired manager Cecil Cooper on Monday with 13 games left in another disappointing season. Third-base coach Dave Clark was named interim manager. The Astros were 70-79 headed into Monday's home game against St. Louis.

General manager Ed Wade said the change couldn't wait until the end of the season. He added that more changes could be coming for a franchise just four years removed from its only World Series appearance.

"We're tasked with evaluating all aspects of our situation," Wade said. "At the end of the day, we're going to try to address those off-field issues that exist. We're not walking away from it. The issue we had to address here, in the short term, was the managerial issue and that's why we moved forward today."

The 59-year-old Cooper was hired on Aug. 27, 2007, to replace Phil Garner. Houston went 171-170 under Cooper, who was the bench coach under Garner between 2005-07.

Cooper became the fourth manager to get fired this season, all of them in the National League. Arizona dismissed Bob Melvin on May 7, Colorado replaced Clint Hurdle on May 29 and Washington fired Manny Acta on July 13.

Wade said Clark would be considered a candidate during the search for a new manager. Cooper did not answer calls to his cell phone and his voicemail was full.

Wade, owner Drayton McLane and president of baseball operations Tal Smith met with Cooper in his office on Monday afternoon to give him the news.

While Cooper took the blame, he could not be blamed for all the Astros' shortcomings in

2009.

A number of offseason moves fizzled and All-Star first baseman Lance Berkman and pitching ace Roy Oswalt have had subpar seasons.

"It stinks when you know that your performance, that you're responsible for somebody else's job security," Berkman said. "Say what you want, we didn't get it done on the field. The players have to take the full responsibility. Coop never threw a pitch or batted with runners in scoring position."

McLane pointed out that the Astros' payroll — almost \$103 million — is among the highest in baseball and that he thought the assembled roster was capable of having a better season.

"We felt, at the time, and with the investment we made, that there was the potential to have a winning team here," McLane said. "We'd love to have had different things occur with the players we selected. It's just a very complicated process. It's not easy to say the manager, the coaches or the players or management (can be blamed). It all weaves together."

Cooper's initial contract ran through the 2009 season and the Astros picked up his option for 2010. Houston won 86 games in 2008, a 13-game turnaround from 2007. But this season, the Astros are almost guaranteed their second losing record in three seasons and only the third since 1991.

Wade said the extension was the right decision at the time, but "things changed" as the season unraveled.

"You don't have control over a lot of things that changed," Wade said. "We felt, at the time, that exercising the option sent the right message to our club, and to Coop about how we viewed our overall situation at that particular time."

Cooper was a first-time major league manager and the first

black manager in Astros history. He played 11 seasons for the Milwaukee Brewers and his hiring as Houston's manager got the personal blessing of commissioner Bud Selig, who owned the Brewers from 1977-87.

Houston scored only 15 runs during their latest losing streak. The Astros are 28-46 away from Minute Maid Park this season and the problems went beyond Cooper.

Oswalt (8-6, 4.12 ERA) has been hampered by back and hip pain most of the season and won't pitch again in 2009. His ERA is a career high and his win total a career low.

Berkman is hitting .270 with 22 home runs and 73 RBIs, but he came into the season with a career average of .302 and had reached 100 RBIs the past three seasons.

The Astros hoped Russ Ortiz and Mike Hampton would bolster the pitching staff, but Ortiz was released on July 30 and Hampton's season was cut short by more injuries.

Houston is 311-323 since winning the NL in 2005, and Berkman feels the franchise has been heading in the wrong direction.

"We haven't been to the playoffs in four years and it seems like we've been on a gradual downward spiral," he said. "You can't just point to one thing. I think there are several factors involved in that. But, if there was an environment for sweeping change or reform, this would be it."

Clark will become a major-league manager for the first time. He managed the Astros' Triple-A affiliate in Round Rock in 2008 and was in his first season as Houston's third-base coach.

"The main thing is to finish the season on a strong note, bring out the best in these players and get back to that winning-type attitude," Clark said.

NFL

Turner says San Diego needs work

SAN DIEGO — Whether he's trying to deflect criticism of his play-calling or delivering some kind of pre-emptive strike, coach Norv Turner has a message for fans — the San Diego Chargers aren't as good as outsiders think they are.

Turner said he thinks he has a good handle on where the Chargers are after two games — a close call against the Oakland Raiders in the season opener and a 31-26 home-opening loss to the Baltimore Ravens on Sunday.

"I don't think right now we're as good as you that cover us think or expect us to be; I don't think we're as good as what our fans want us to be," Turner said Monday at the start of his weekly news conference. "But I believe we can get there. We've got a lot of work to get there."

The Chargers went into the season having been picked by some as Super Bowl favorites. The players themselves have Super Bowl expectations, although they're not as chatty about them as they have been the last three seasons, when their playoff runs ended short of the NFL championship game.

There are some in the media who believe the Chargers have the most-talented roster in the NFL. The Chargers organization often brags about the depth that's been stockpiled via long-term contracts.

Naturally, the Chargers are expected to mop up the anemic AFC West, with many feeling they can clinch their fourth straight division title by Thanksgiving.

Two games in, they're not even leading the division. Denver, which collapsed down the stretch last year, allowing San Diego to win the title at 8-8, is 2-0. San Diego is tied with Oakland at 1-1, and Kansas City is 0-2.

The Chargers came out of the Raiders game looking like they'd lost a street brawl. LaDainian Tomlinson, center Nick Hardwick, right guard Louis Vasquez and defensive tackle Jamal Williams all were hurt.

Williams, a run-stuffer, was put on injured reserve on Saturday, meaning he's done for the season. Tomlinson, Hardwick and Vasquez all missed the Baltimore game, and there's no word when they'll be back.

"We obviously went through a lot of change last week," Turner said. "We had an assortment of

young guys play, and in a lot of cases, those young guys came in and played pretty good. Obviously we're playing an outstanding football team, you know, and as I said, I thought we did a lot of good things. We let some things get away from us. They did a lot of good things. They let some things get away from them."

"We've got to play better, and that's going to be our approach."

Philip Rivers, who threw for a career-high 436 yards, agrees with the coach.

"I guess it kind of seems that the expectation outside of the building is that we never should lose a game, we should score every single time in the red zone, we should never punt," Rivers said. "It's just a little bit unrealistic."

"We aren't as good as we want to be or that we can be, yet," Rivers said. "You can look at that negatively or positively. On the positive side, if we're peaking at Week 2, sitting at 1-1, we'd be in trouble. But we're here climbing the mountain right now, early in the season, just took a team that was in the AFC championship to the wire and had opportunities to win. There's nothing to hang our head about. There are definitely things to correct, that we didn't do so well. Our mindset is very positive."

Fans booed when Turner called for a field goal on third-and-goal on the Baltimore 5 with 10 seconds to go before halftime.

Turner said he knows the Chargers can get a play off in 10 seconds, but didn't like what had been going on inside the Ravens' 20-yard line, including Rivers getting sacked prior to an earlier field goal by Nate Kaeding.

"We were having a tough time with a particular blitz they were running up the middle, and I wasn't going to take the risk on a ball being tipped and batted up in the air and intercepted; a ball being completely short," Turner said. "We didn't have a timeout. I was more comfortable taking the three points."

"No one more than me would have liked to throw a touchdown pass in that situation, but I also felt that at that time we had to regroup because we weren't handling some of the things they were doing."

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NBA

Marion excited to play with Kidd

Associated Press

DALLAS — Shawn Marion had it easy when he broke into the NBA. All he had to do was grab rebounds for Jason Kidd to start fast breaks, then hustle to the other rim to try finishing off those quick scoring chances.

It's been eight years since they were last together in Phoenix and a lot has changed. Marion has gone from rookie to All-Star to journeyman, while Kidd has gone from All-Star in his prime to elder statesman polishing off a Hall of Fame resume.

Now they're teammates again, reunited as part of a new Dallas Mavericks lineup built around versatile 30-somethings seeking their first championship. The master plan would get a big boost if Kidd and Marion can rekindle their old Suns success.

"You will see it," Marion said.

Kidd, Marion and fellow newcomers Drew Gooden, Tim Thomas and Quinton Ross were introduced on their new home court Monday as part of a news conference/fan event that also included the unveiling of a new alternate uniform and upgraded video boards.

Most of the talk was about all the different lineup combinations, with Gooden joking about coming into the league as a small forward but now being viewed as a center. Marion, of course, is nicknamed "The Matrix" because of how many roles he can play.

"Shawn makes the game so easy, especially above the rim, he gets easy baskets," Kidd said. "He can get out there and defend (point guards) through (centers). He's a great teammate in the locker room, so I'm glad to have him by my side."

Kidd spent the last 1 1/2 seasons in Dallas, but was considered an offseason addition because he was a free agent and could've signed anywhere.

Once he decided to stay, owner Mark Cuban, team president Donnie Nelson and coach Rick Carlisle began putting together a supporting cast for Kidd and Nowitzki, players who are certainly in the win-now part of their careers.

The Mavs pried Marion from Toronto as part of a blockbuster trade that didn't cost any key players. Nowitzki, Josh Howard, Jason Terry and Erick Dampier are all back from last season's squad that knocked off San Antonio in the first round, but of course many of their Western Conference foes are improved, too.

"It excites me to have our quarterback (Kidd) back, to have Shawn Marion on one wing, Josh Howard on the other," Nelson said. "We're ready for any challenge that comes our way."

Carlisle figures he already has a better defensive team than last season, calling Marion "one of the best in the league the last 10 years."

Marion averaged 21.8 points

and 11.8 rebounds in 2005-06, when the Suns lost to the Mavericks in the Western Conference finals. He was 27 and made the All-Star team for the second year in a row and third time in four years.

Since that peak, Marion has dipped to 12.9 points last season, which began in Miami and ended in Toronto. He's gone from being a franchise player in Phoenix to a role player. It was a tough adjustment, but now that he's been through it he understands how to fit in with the Mavericks.

"Regardless of what I'm doing, what the situation is, I'm a better basketball player than I was before," Marion said. "I've definitely learned the game and I'm going to help everyone around me. That's what it boils down to."

Marion and Howard will trade off as the shooting guard and small forward, perhaps every possession. If they can mesh with each other and with Kidd, defenses will have a harder time loading up to stop Nowitzki.

"Everybody's got to get the chemistry right," Marion said. "That's the most important thing, getting a feel for each other and learning to have fun playing with each other."

Training camp starts Monday, but being on center court with his teammates had Marion ready to lace 'em up. He'd come straight from a workout and was eager to start catching alley-oops from Kidd again.

NFL

League says game will not be moved

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The NFL said Monday it will not swap sites for this season's Packers-Vikings games in case the baseball playoffs get in the way at the Metrodome.

Green Bay plays at Minnesota on Monday night, Oct. 5, pitting Brett Favre against his old team in front of a national TV audience.

Meanwhile, the Minnesota Twins trail Detroit by three games in the American League Central with 13 games left to play. If the two teams finish tied for first place, the Twins will host a tiebreaker game if they beat the Tigers in the overall season series. Minnesota leads 9-5, with four games remaining in Detroit next week.

The Twins and White Sox needed a 163rd game to decide the division last year, a game that was played in Chicago. Major League Baseball typically schedules tiebreaker games for the Monday right after the regular season because playoff series begin that week.

NFL spokesman Dan Masonson said the Packers-Vikings game next month will not be moved, however. Green Bay later hosts Minnesota on Nov. 1.

"There is no swap under consideration," Masonson said in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "We are closely monitoring the situation."

Potential conflicts like this are nothing new for the Twins, who have shared the Metrodome with the Vikings since 1982 and will move to their own ballpark next spring.

"It would certainly be a fitting way to end our time in the Metrodome," Twins president Dave St. Peter said of the potential hassle.

Until this fall, the University of Minnesota also played football at the dome, forcing the Twins into plenty of 11 a.m. game times over the years. In 2004, a game was halted in the 11th inning during a September pennant drive because crews needed time to convert the field for football later that night.

St. Peter said he wasn't worried about this season, though.

"There's a long way to go before that's going to be a reality. That's the first thing I'd say," St. Peter said. "I suspect it'll sort itself out over the next week or so."

"We're more concerned about getting home-field advantage than what day the tiebreaker game would be played on."

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NFL

Jets' defense turning heads early

Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — The New York Jets' stifling defense has made the end zone unfamiliar territory for opposing offenses.

Two games down, and no touchdowns allowed. The Jets can't possibly remain this stingy, could they?

"Hey, the New England Patriots went undefeated during the regular season," cornerback Darrelle Revis said with a laugh Monday, "so I don't know."

The fact is, Rex Ryan's big-talking, aggressive defense has already caused fits for two high-powered offenses in shutting down Houston 24-7 — the Texans' only TD came on a fumble return off an interception — in Week 1, and New England 16-9 on Sunday. It's the first time since 1993 that New York didn't allow an offensive touchdown in consecutive games.

"There's two ways to handle pressure: either feel it or you apply it," Revis said. "We want to apply the pressure as a defense."

That's exactly what the Jets have done so far, and it has them ranked second in the NFL in total defense. They're behind only Indianapolis, which still had to play at Miami on Monday night. And they're doing it without perhaps their best pass rusher in Calvin Pace, suspended the first four games for vio-

lating the league's performance-enhancing substances policy.

"This is one of the more talented defenses I've played on, just across the board," cornerback Lito Sheppard said. "It seems that everybody's doing their job and doing it well. When plays are presented for guys to make, we've been making them right now. I think that's the biggest change for me from any defense I've been on."

The Jets kept Tom Brady off-balance for most of the game, with 23 combined hits and pressures. They constantly disguised coverages and blitzes out of their 3-4 base defense, and the Patriots quarterback never really had much time to find Randy Moss — or anyone else — downfield. His longest pass was a 29-yarder to Julian Edelman that began as a short loss over the middle.

"That was the key to that game," Ryan said. "We had to get pressure on him. If you can bring three to get there, great. Four, five, six, seven, eight, whatever it takes. You can't let Tom Brady be comfortable back there."

The Patriots went 0 for 3 in the red zone, marking the first time New England had three or more chances inside the 20 and failed to score since 2003.

"Our defense showed a lot of pride, showed a lot of guts keeping New England out of the end zone," Ryan said. "That's

critical in that type of game. You've got to keep them out."

With Brady given a final chance to tie it and facing a fourth-and-10 from the Patriots 28, the Jets kept rushing the passer.

"No prevent," Revis said. "We don't even have that in our playbook."

The Jets had no sacks against the Patriots, but Brady was knocked on his back often.

"It's definitely exciting when you know that you can rattle arguably the No. 1 QB, and we know offenses are going to look at that," defensive back Donald Strickland said. "Even though we didn't get a sack, we got 23 hits on him and we rattled him. He didn't make the clutch throws that he usually makes. It was definitely exciting. We're going to take that into the next game."

That would be at home against Tennessee, which had Chris Johnson run for 197 yards and two TDs and catch nine passes for 87 more and another TD in a 34-31 loss to Houston. While the Titans might not have the reputation the Jets' first two opponents have on offense, New York intends to keep the heat turned up.

"A lot of teams don't really know how to handle it, but we'll see how they catch on to it," Revis said. "If they don't, they don't, and if they do, we're still coming."

NFL

Seahawks' QB fractures rib in loss

Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — The Seahawks are preparing to play without Matt Hasselbeck on Sunday against the Chicago Bears, though the three-time Pro Bowl quarterback is hoping to start despite a broken rib.

Seattle coach Jim Mora confirmed Monday that Hasselbeck has a fractured rib from a hard hit in the back by 49ers linebacker Patrick Willis while the quarterback dived for the goal line late in the first half of San Francisco's 23-10 win on Sunday.

Asked if he had to plan to face the Bears without Hasselbeck, Mora said, "Right now, we'll probably do that — unless we get word otherwise."

Mora did say Hasselbeck "seems to be doing a lot better today."

Backup Seneca Wallace, who started eight games last season when Hasselbeck was out with a bulging disk in his back, would make his 13th career start if Hasselbeck can't go. Wallace completed 15 of 23 passes for 127 yards with a touchdown and interception while finishing Sunday's loss.

Hasselbeck, who turns 34 on Friday, said the fracture is on

the back of a top rib and that the pain is near the shoulder. He said he broke a rib once before while with the Seahawks and played the next game. He didn't specify when.

"I have definitely felt worse. I have definitely woken up on a Monday and felt worse," Hasselbeck said Monday in an empty locker room, standing stiffly with his hands on his hips.

"I'm absolutely hoping to play. ... I think it's one of things you just got to suck it up."

Hasselbeck struggled toward the sideline after Willis' hit, making it look as if he was loopy. He said he was light-headed because he couldn't breathe. He took a trainer's advice to go to the ground before leaving the field, while Wallace scrambled to enter the game.

An X-ray at the stadium was negative. The Seahawks then had him rushed to Stanford Medical Center, because they feared blood in his urine or internal injuries such as a damaged lung. He underwent an electrocardiogram test and a CT scan. The scan showed the fractured rib.

"Never had to go to the hospital during a game. That was different," he said.

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the end of the game. Instead, it took a late interception by senior safety Kyle McCarthy to hold off a potential game-winning drive for Michigan State.

"You get the ball with a little less than five minutes, somewhere in that mark right there. The intent is to try to use it all up," Weis said. "We put ourselves in the same position that we did the previous week. But the difference between one week and the next week was somebody making a play."

That play — McCarthy's third interception in as many games — may have been the biggest for Notre Dame in the early portion of this season. In fact, it may have been the difference between a 2-1 record and a 1-2 mark for the Irish.

"If it weren't for Kyle McCarthy and sometimes Harrison Smith, as well,

"We put ourselves in the same position that we did the previous week. But the difference between one week and the next week was somebody making a play."

Charlie Weis
Irish coach

they've saved us on a number of occasions," Weis said. "Obviously, the play at the end of the game, nothing was more critical than that one."

Still, there exists some concern about the defense's play against a Michigan State offense that wasn't supposed to dominate by any means, particularly

through the air — yet the Spartans threw for more than 300 yards.

"I think the first thing we have to do better on defense, to be perfectly honest with you, is be better fundamentally," Weis said.

"There's just too many easy yards, too many

easy yards that we're giving up that we have to make those yards tougher."

How the Irish will do that remains to be seen.

"I'm not saying cut down or simplify, but I think you got to be able to hang your hat on something that's working on a regular basis," Weis said.

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NBA

Replacement refs don't worry Hornets' Paul

Associated Press

Because of his size, many teams will always try to be physical with Chris Paul.

Yet the All-Star guard isn't worried about play getting out of hand if his games are being called by replacement officials.

"No, no," Paul said Monday. "I don't worry about replacement referees. End of the day, you're reffing the game."

The NBA and its referees union have failed to reach agreement on a new contract and the league announced last week it will begin training replacement officials. Without a new deal soon, replacements will be used when preseason play opens Oct. 1.

The league hasn't begun a season without its regular referees since 1995.

"They probably won't know us as well and we won't know them on a first-name basis like we do the regular referees, but you've got to play the game," Paul said.

The 6-foot Paul is one of the NBA's shortest players, but his size has never stopped him. And he wants kids to know it doesn't have to stop them, either.

Paul was at the NBA Store reading and signing copies of his new book, "Long Shot: Never Too Small to Dream Big," a children's book Paul wrote about overcoming his height to try out and make a team as a youngster growing up in North Carolina.

Paul said he has faced skepticism throughout his career, and hopes the book teaches children how to deal with it.

"The book is about basketball, but it's a bigger story than that," Paul said. "It may be in the work force, it may be anywhere that you want to succeed, there's going to be people that doubt you and think that you can't do it. But if you believe in yourself and things like that, the sky's the limit."

It has been for Paul, who went on to become Rookie of the Year, a two-time All-Star and a member of the gold medal-winning U.S. Olympic team in 2008. There was even some question if he would make that team

because of his size, since coach Mike Krzyzewski wanted his backcourt to have players who could deal with the bigger and more physical international guards.

Paul's New Orleans Hornets struggled at the

end of last season because of injuries and were quickly eliminated from the playoffs. They made a big trade over the summer, dealing starting center Tyson Chandler to Charlotte for Emeka Okafor.

Chandler had his best offensive seasons in New Orleans, where Paul often set him up for easy dunks with alley-oop passes. Paul said he won't have the same relationship with Okafor — but doesn't want one.

"Tyson's a totally different player from Emeka, Emeka's a totally different type. They play two totally different style games," Paul said. "I don't want Emeka to come in and try to be Tyson. And I think starting from day one in training camp, me and Emeka have the opportunity to start our own thing."

"I don't worry about replacement referees. End of the day, you're reffing the game."

Chris Paul
Hornets guard

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add better net skills, the ability to counter well with his slice backhand, playing more up in the court and the ability to use the width of the court into his comfort zone in order to handle the load at No. 1."

Junior Dan Stahl also proved vital for the Irish last season moving up to play No. 3 singles and also spent some time in the ITA rankings during last season.

Bayliss also noted his success last year while at the No. 3 position, and notes that Stahl is good at taking the ball early but needs to work on taking advantage of his opportunities to come in and finish off the point.

The most likely candidate it seems to take the No. 1 position this season is junior Stephen Havens, who played in the second slot for the Irish last season. Havens also joins Watt in the ITA rankings this season debuting at No. 98.

"Last year Stephen Havens at times played like that player, but he needs to demonstrate the match-to-match consistency that was missing a year ago," Bayliss said. "Certainly he has the ball-striking ability to win at the top. Adding a stronger presence at the net will give him a chance to see just how good he can become."

When comparing last season's No. 1 Helgeson to Havens, Bayliss said that what proved key for Helgeson was his ability to bounce back after some tough losses.

Helgeson lost at least 10 dual

matches last season and with the tough schedule the Irish face, the No. 1 for the Irish this year will also face a tough challenge.

"The results you will be able to achieve will be based on your ability to respond to adversity," Bayliss said. "Stephen has added some new weapons to his arsenal — a better slice backhand, more punch on the volley, better variety on his serve. Now the challenge is to see how he

integrates them into his overall scheme, how quickly he reads opportunities to come forward and how well he assesses situations."

While the Irish don't have a clear cut No. 1, they will work towards finding that person when they next take the court on Oct. 9 in Cambridge, Mass., at the Harvard Invitational.

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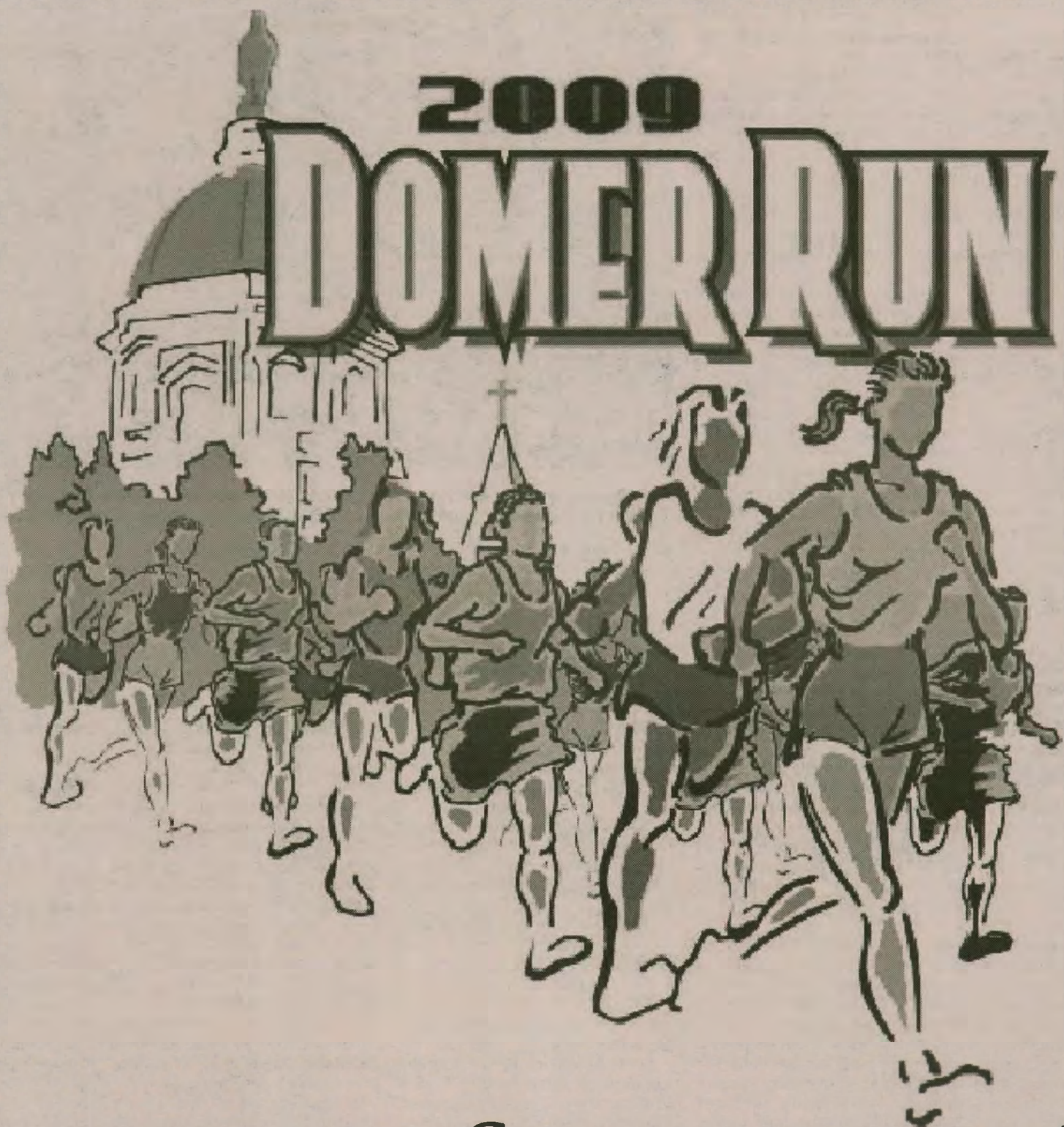
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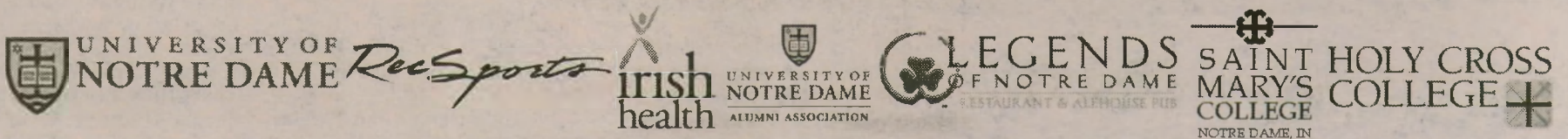
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of field goal range.

As time ran down in the first half, Spinelli marched Sorin down the field, turning several broken pass plays into long scrambles, a skill he used throughout the game.

"I did a lot of running in high school," Spinelli said. "I have a thumb injury which affects my passing, so I took that into account. We were lucky on a couple big plays."

One of those big plays came at the end of the drive, as Spinelli hit the freshman Robinson on a 50-yard touchdown pass to put Sorin up 14-0.

"I looked off the safety and threw it up," Spinelli said. "[Robinson] is a big guy and I knew he would make a play."

Sorin closed out the victory with a strong defensive effort in the second half. The Otters employed a "bend but don't break" mentality, giving up a few first downs but preventing big plays. This enabled them to control the whole second half en route to the victory despite the noted absences of highlight-reel playmakers Jon Beckerle (family wedding) and Bobby Sullivan (personal reasons).

"We know that in this league, big plays win the game," Spinelli said. "We let up some little ones but in the end we were fine."

Knott 7, Duncan 0

Knott senior quarterback Aidan Fitzgerald's first-half touchdown pass to fellow senior Jeff Skorup produced the only points of the game in Knott's 7-0 win over Duncan.

The two defenses dominated the game, with both teams forcing multiple turnovers on downs. Knott's high-pressure defense, led by senior Joe Raupp and his several big hits, made things hard on the Highlanders and starting freshman quarterback Chris Palmquist all game long.

"Our defense really picked us up today," said Fitzgerald. "It's great to start out with a shutout."

Both offenses struggled to move ball for the majority of the game. Knott held a sizeable edge in total yards by the end of the game, but only converted on one of three scoring chances.

"We executed pretty well at times, but we had a couple miscues," said Fitzgerald.

The miscues, a fourth quarter fumble on the goal line and a missed 35-yard field goal a quarter earlier, kept Duncan within

striking distance.

After the fumble on the goal line, Duncan was left with one last possession to try and tie the game. The drive held promise as it began with an athletic 20-yard catch over the middle by sophomore receiver Adam Zaabel. A 10-yard sack of Palmquist two plays later forced a fourth-and-long, killing any momentum Duncan had gained, and thus essentially sealing the outcome.

"Throughout the day we were scattered on play making," said Zaabel.

Duncan was also foiled several times by costly mistakes. The Highlanders fumbled three times throughout the day, twice in their own territory. Though Knott never directly scored following the turnovers, they clearly played a role in the battle of field position.

None were more costly than a swing pass by Palmquist that flew behind his receiver and the line of scrimmage. The ball rolled back seven yards, until it was recovered by the Juggernauts at the Highlander 25-yard line.

"It felt like we were trying to find a rhythm all day on offense," said Zaabel.

The Highlanders, coming off a disappointing inaugural year, were able to take some positives from the game.

"Palmquist showed good composure in his first game as a freshman," said sophomore captain Paul Scheel.

"It wasn't a bad game," said Zaabel. "Our defense definitely made some plays and we stuck with them."

Keough 7, Keenan 3

Keough started its season in terrific form with a 7-3 victory over Keenan in both teams' season opener on Sunday.

Senior Matthew Bruggeman persevered at quarterback for the Kangaroos, completing a pass to senior wide receiver Kevin Nosek for the only touchdown of the game. Sophomore running back Reed Looney ran for many key gains on the scoring drive.

Trailing 7-3 in the third quarter, sophomore PJ McHugh kept Keenan's hopes alive with a clutch interception. The Knights' offense tried one last time to score on the Keough defense as freshman quarterback Trevor Yerrick led Keenan to some short gains.

Ultimately, it was the Kangaroos' defensive line that overwhelmed the Keenan offense. The Knights' only points came on a field goal by junior



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Carroll junior quarterback Brian Vaio gets rid of the ball just before a St. Edward's defender levels him. The Vermin squeaked by the Gentlemen 7-6 in an opening weekend game Sunday.

kicker Pablo Martinez.

"[Freshman] Robert 'Paint Can' Toole was a force at defensive end," sophomore co-captain Sean Mullen said.

Toole finished the game with several sacks for the Kangaroos, including one which effectively ended Keenan's final drive.

"The defensive secondary also came in big late in the game," Mullen said.

The defenses held both teams scoreless in the second half.

"I was frustrated with our performance," Keenan sophomore captain Terry Mahoney said. "We couldn't push [the ball] inside the five."

Mahoney remains optimistic that the Keenan squad will recover from this game and make a run for the playoffs.

"We won't make the same mistakes next week against Dillon," he said.

Keough will try to carry their momentum from Sunday's win into next week's game against Stanford while Keenan faces Dillon.

Morrissey 22, Alumni 0

While Morrissey's defense shut out Alumni, its offense cruised to three touchdowns in a 22-0 victory.

Morrissey's defense not only held Alumni to one first down the entire game, but also outscored the Dawgs by forcing a safety in the first half.

"Bend not break: that's our motto," said Morrissey senior John Saulitis. "We were happy with our performance."

"I think the team played pretty well. It was kind of sloppy, but we did well considering it was our first game," senior quarterback Dan Deveny said.

In the first half, Morrissey completely shut down the Alumni offense, keeping them from obtaining any first downs all half. Both Morrissey's passing and running game looked strong, with Deveny running and throwing the ball successfully.

Near the end of the first half, Morrissey moved the ball down the field and scored their second touchdown with two minutes left in the half with a run by Deveny.

The second half began with Alumni in possession, but after a sack and two incomplete passes, the Dawgs were forced to punt. An interception gave Alumni the ball back, but a bad snap quickly returned possession to Morrissey.

After failing to convert to a first down and punting, Alumni regained possession. With less than seven minutes left in the fourth quarter, Morrissey senior Phillip Yuhas intercepted the ball and returned it to the seven-yard line.

Deveny soon ran the ball into the end zone for Morrissey's

third and final touchdown.

"By the end of the game we were pretty tired, but we hung in there and secured a nice win," Yuhas said. "Our defensive secondary was especially tough today, suffocating their passing attack."

With their first game under their belts, the Dawgs now look to improve for their next challenge.

"We thought we actually played well and we have a lot of talent," freshman Dan Finan said. "We just need to get on the same page and perfect our plays in practice this week."

Next week Alumni faces Duncan. Morrissey has a bye week, and will play the Highlanders in two weeks.

Carroll 7, St. Edward's 6

A blocked extra point separated Carroll and St. Edward's in a defensive battle Sunday as the Vermin were victorious, 7-6.

Carroll scored in the second quarter on a quarterback sneak by junior Brian Vaio. The score was set up by a clutch 15-yard catch by freshman Bo Brinkman at the one-yard line. The play gave momentum back to the Vermin following a St. Ed's sack of Vaio.

"The offensive line gave me time to work and the guys made some nice plays," Vaio said of the touchdown drive.

The Gentlemen struck first, reaching the end zone through the air early in the second quarter. The extra point was blocked by junior defensive end Kris Kast, and that play created the difference in the final score.

St. Ed's took over on offense with 7:20 remaining in the game, hoping for a game-winning drive. They converted on a third down, but then threw four consecutive incomplete passes to give the ball back to Carroll. The Vermin proceeded to run out the clock.

"It was a good game," Carroll coach sophomore Patrick Shanley said. "We stayed classy the whole game and it showed when we pulled out the win."

Vermin captain Nick Ruof was also very encouraged by the victory.

"Our defense looked real good," the junior wide receiver said. "On offense we got our stuff together when we needed it to happen. We caught the ball when we threw it, and we ran the ball well."

The close loss is the first in awhile for St. Ed's, who finished the regular season undefeated in 2008.

"We didn't come out like we hoped to," St. Ed's senior captain Andy Nester said. "We didn't practice the way we wanted to this week. The offense just stalled."

The Gentlemen have a bye week coming up, giving them two weeks to prepare for Fisher.

"We just have to work on our coverage a little bit, maybe spice it up a little as it was a little vanilla," Nester said. "I was pretty pleased with our defense."

The Vermin will play Fisher next week while the Gentlemen have a bye week.

Dillon 23, O'Neill 0

Dillon routed O'Neill 23-0 in a game featuring different offensive styles and expectations.

The Big Red dominated every aspect of the game as it blended hard-hitting, opportunistic defense with an overpowering running attack that was just too much for the Mob to handle.

"Our defense and offensive line really set the tone for the day," said junior captain Jordan Smith.

The Dillon defense set the tone on just the third play of the game. Freshman linebacker Dan Balcarcel intercepted Mob freshman quarterback Chris Delillo. The Big Red defense continued to harass O'Neill's offense the rest of the day, not allowing a first down through the first three quarters and forcing four fumbled snaps and three sacks.

Along with the Big Red's outstanding defensive performance, the story of the game was Dillon's offensive line. They capitalized on the Mob's mistakes by controlling the line of scrimmage and creating holes for running backs Smith, sophomore Eric Herbert, and freshman Terry Howard. Smith scored two touchdowns in the game.

"Our offensive line was the key for us. [Freshmen] Dan McGeever and Bob Burkett, [juniors] Andrew Watkins, Mike Belatti, and [tight end] Jonathan Liedl, and [senior] Pat Jackson get the credit for this game," said Smith.

"We had to cut some talented linemen this season and have ended up with a really good group here," Jackson said.

For the Mob, it's time to go back to the drawing board.

"It's tough," says senior captain Charles Johnson. "We have a completely new offense and defense. Everybody on this team works hard, most guys play both ways. No matter what, we're going to come ready to play in two weeks against Keenan."

Dillon plays Keenan this week, while O'Neill has an bye week before encountering the Knights.

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Duncan freshman quarterback Chris Palmquist rolls out as defenders pursue during Knott's 7-0 victory Sunday.

MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Week 1: Domination

Four shutouts posted in six season openers

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Sorin 14, Fisher 0

Sorin rode two big pass plays to a 14-0 victory over Fisher in a game that saw both teams struggle to build strong drives.

Fisher looked poised to score the first touchdown of the game in the beginning of the second quarter, driving to the Sorin 20 yard line. However, a tipped ball thrown by junior quarterback Grant Erickson was intercepted by senior defensive back Rob Gallic, giving Sorin their first and only takeaway of the game.

Sorin turned the interception into points two plays later when freshman quarterback Ted Spinelli hit senior wide receiver Jeremy Bruck on an 80-yard

touchdown pass.

"We've got a couple young studs on this team. We're lucky they let the old guys play," Bruck said. "The quarterback put the ball right where it needed to be."

Fisher appeared to have answered on a 30-yard touchdown pass from Erickson to senior wide receiver Pat McHugh on the following drive. However, the play was called back due to offensive pass interference after McHugh made contact with the defending Bruck, a call that drew the ire of Fisher's sideline.

"I was definitely interfered with," Bruck said. "If there's a flag on the field, there's a foul on the play. He ran me over."

Fisher's drive stalled after the penalty as the workmanlike Ryan Robinson and lightning-quick Matt Gamber combined to sack Erickson to put Fisher out

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Sorin senior wide receiver Jeremy Bruck breaks away from the Fisher defense for a long touchdown during the first half of the Otters' 14-0 victory Sunday.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles try to get back on track against MIAA's Olivet

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Saint Mary's will return to the court after a weeklong break looking to turn the tide from a tough stretch that has seen the Belles drop three of their last four matches, with each loss coming in a five-set battle.

"It is very vital that we start out our games strong and fight

hard for the first set," Belles coach Toni Kuschel said. "We need to focus on continuing to cut down on errors and play our game."

Saint Mary's (4-5, 1-3 MIAA) will challenge conference foe Olivet, a team coming off a three set loss to Hope College last week. As she has all season, Kuschel will rely on her three seniors — Lorna Slupczynski, Liana Rohr and Kathleen Mills — to lead a

team looking to return to form after a solid season-opening showing at the Capital University Tournament in Columbus, Ohio.

"This year means a lot to our seniors," Kuschel said. "They work very hard every day in practice and set great examples for the underclassmen."

One underclassman that is turning heads on the coaching staff is freshman outside hitter

Stephanie Bodien, whose 88 kills are second to Slupczynski's 141.

"Stephanie has really come on strong," Kuschel said. "If you watch her play she does not look or act as a freshman."

Junior Andrea Sasgen, the team's tallest player at 5 feet, 10 inches, has also made her presence felt in the early part of the season.

She leads the team in blocks and is third in kills with 76.

She joins Slupczynski and Bodien as the only three Belles averaging at least two kills per game.

Sophomore setter Danie Brink has also provided consistent performances, averaging 8.61 assists per game.

Tonight's home contest begins at 7 p.m. at the Angela Athletic Center.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Team looks to fill No. 1 slot

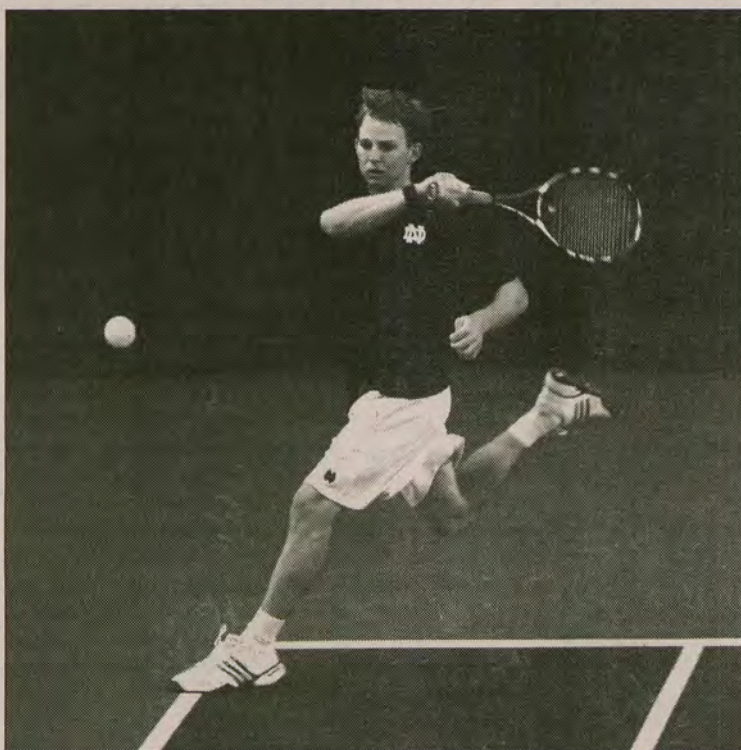
By KATE GRABAREK
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Notre Dame may not have a clear-cut No. 1 player to replace the graduated Brett Helgeson, but the Irish have enjoyed early season success with a balanced lineup full of improved players.

Junior captain Tyler Davis was the latest to impress with three singles victories at the Illinois Invitational over the weekend, and the lineup as a whole performed well in both singles and doubles.

Sophomore Casey Watt has shown steady improvement after posting a 25-8 singles record last season, and he debuted at No. 90 in the ITA's preseason rankings.

"Casey Watt had an outstanding record for us, but at a lower lineup slot," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "He will need to



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Junior Stephen Havens returns a shot during a match against Kentucky Feb. 22.

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FOOTBALL

Penalties still a concern after narrow victory

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The dust has settled after Notre Dame's nearly heart-attack-inducing victory over Michigan State Saturday, but coach Charlie Weis said Sunday there are still a few things the Irish need to clean up before this week's contest at Purdue.

And it's not just the defense. Offensive penalties could have killed Notre Dame Saturday, and the Irish can't afford to continue to take 10- and 15-yard infractions on such a regular basis, Weis said.

"[Two holding] penalties didn't bother me nearly as much as the false start, a line of scrimmage penalty at home, which you should never have, and the late hit at the end of the game," Weis said. "They're the type of things that happen

in the game that frustrate you more than something that happens during the game."

The late hit call on senior right tackle Sam Young was especially troublesome, as it nearly kept Notre Dame from advancing the ball as it tried to run out the clock late in the game.

"Fortunately, Golden [Tate] goes and bails us out of that one," Weis said of the junior receiver's reception that went for a crucial first down. "When you're trying to stress running out the clock at the end of the game, finishing out of the game, you can't have a penalty like that."

Though the Irish did pick up a few big first downs late in the fourth quarter, they still weren't able to bury the Spartans and hold the ball until

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