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Blind dating gets new meaning at GRC event

Program held at Legends featured series of social activities performed while wearing blackened goggles



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Notre Dame students participate in the GRC's Notre Dating in the Dark program on Wednesday at Legends.

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Is love truly blind?

That was the question put to the test at Notre Dating in the Dark, a program put on by the Gender Relations Center (GRC) last night at Legends.

The event put three male students and three female students through a series of social activities while wearing blackened goggles that prevented them from seeing one another. The purpose was to see how relationships develop when knowledge of the other person's appearance is unknown.

The idea for the evening came from a reality TV show, Heather Rakoczy Russell, director of the Gender Relations Center, said.

"I'm a little ashamed to admit that I watched a reality show called 'Dating in the Dark' this summer," Russell said. "It turned out to be really interesting to watch these six people on the show develop relationships in total darkness; they never got to see one another."

The reality show was modified for an audience in a club setting at Notre Dame.

"Planning this was a logistical nightmare," Russell said. "We finally decided that we should have the six contestants in darkened goggles, so that they can't see one another but the audience can see them."

Working with the University Counseling Center, the GRC had potential contestants take a Meyers-Briggs type test, a widely-used psychological assessment

used to determine major personality preferences, and selected three women and three men they thought would be compatible.

The committee had the contestants make up a stage name to maintain anonymity. Some of the aliases included Eleanor Brownson, Buster Lorado, Rainbow Clay and Spike Beeching.

The night was broken up into three segments. The first was called "The Experiment" and had the six contestants go through a variety of activities while wearing the goggles.

There was also a section in which the boys went off-stage and the girls remained, removed their goggles, and then went through the boys' backpacks.

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STUDENT SENATE

Senate discusses student safety

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Student body president Grant Schmidt told members of Student Senate he plans to present to the University's Board of Trustees on student safety off campus, and asked senators to share questions and concerns about the topic at the meeting Wednesday.

"We've gotten a lot of e-mails and people talk to us daily about this," Schmidt said. "It's been an issue for

awhile."

Schmidt said he leaned towards student safety off campus, because it is an issue that student government will not be able to tackle on its own.

Schmidt, along with student body vice president Cynthia Weber and chief of staff Ryan Brellenthin, will present to the student affairs division of the Board of Trustees in mid-October. It will be the first of three presentations this year.

"The direction that we're planning on looking into is

what is the role of the administration? What is the role of Notre Dame off campus? What is the role of student government?" Schmidt said.

Schmidt said he is most often asked if Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) can go off campus. The considerations that accompany that request focus on jurisdiction, he said.

"Where would we want them? Would we want them just at Irish Row, and Irish

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Over 80 organizations come to ND Service Fair

By MEGAN HEMLER
News Writer

Hundreds of Notre Dame students, along with representatives from over 80 service organizations, filled the Joyce Center concourse Wednesday night from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for the annual Postgraduate Service Fair.

The fair featured faith-based organizations such as the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) and the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, but also included programs without a religious affiliation,

such as AmeriCorps and Teach for America.

"I came here to look at Peace Corps and Teach for America," senior David Bettwy said, "but I also want to get an impression of what the faith-based ones are like because I don't really have any idea."

The Fair offered students the chance to meet with service representatives in an informal setting. With casual clothing and light refreshments, the Service Fair had a

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Notre Dame faculty, staff, students participate in food Co-op

By KATIE PERALTA
News Writer

In an effort to supply their families with organic, fair-trade food while at the same time supporting northern Indiana farmers, area residents, including Notre Dame faculty, staff, students and alumni, are turning to Purple Porch Co-op, a new local organization that connects people directly to area producers.

The farmers and growers of Purple Porch provide fresh seasonal produce, dairy products, grains and meats to area residents, Greg Koehler, a co-founder and Purple

Porch volunteer said.

"[Farmers provide] produce like apples, butternut and winter squash, pumpkins, gourds, lettuce, local honey and lots of grains," Koehler said. "We have meat producers whose animals are naturally raised and grass-fed."

According to the organization's Web site, Purple Porch was founded last year after area residents became discontented that the produce at their local grocery store was often imported from many miles away. The group is named after the purple porch on which product distribution initially took place.

"This is not a business that benefits one person," Koehler

said. "We all benefit. It's everybody's."

Koehler said since the cooperative's inception last spring, membership has grown to over 100 paying members.

Rebecca Bonsib of Earth Cure Farm Producers agreed that the cooperative has benefited her business.

"It's been good exposure," she said.

Members of the cooperative pay a fee of \$35 per year, Notre Dame alumna and volunteer Liz Zaph said. Product orders, she said, can be made conveniently online, where farmers advertise their sea-

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KATIE PERALTA/The Observer

Marty and Babs Fair of Fair Bakery pose with their baked goods at Wednesday's Purple Porch Co-op distribution.

INSIDE COLUMN

Real World Rundown

As far as season openers go, there's Major League Baseball's opening day, NFL's Kickoff Weekend, and the season premiere of the latest Real World/Road Rules Challenge. That's the pecking order.

Now, you may have missed last night's debut of "The Ruins" on MTV. That's why I'm here. Here's a play-by-play recap of what went down.

10:00 p.m. — The episode kicks off with some dramatic shots of Thailand, as well as highlights from the upcoming season. Notable newcomers to this season are Chet and Sarah from Real World: Brooklyn, also known as the least interesting Real World season ever.

10:10 — If you picked 10 minutes for how long it took Tonya to get drunk and naked, congratulations, you win.

10:14 — One sentence from Kenny just contained three f-bombs and two "bro"s. And you wonder why I watch this show.

10:29 — Wes claims that he's going to "tackle his teammates" to throw challenges if his teammates don't agree with him. Dishonest play on The Challenge? Can we get a Congressional Committee on this?

10:46 — The first challenge involves climbing a rope over your teammates. I don't know. It didn't make a whole lot of sense. All I know is Wes tried to throw the challenge for his team but couldn't even do that right. Darrell says he wants to send Wes home so he doesn't continue to throw challenges. Good strategy, Darrell.

10:53 — We were so close to our first fight of the season, involving, you guessed it, Wes and Darrell.

10:56 — In the least surprising development of the season, Wes chooses to go into The Ruins against Chet, the skinny rookie Mormon guy. This has to be one of the biggest mismatches in Challenge history.

11:01 — It's so cute watching Chet try to be competitive and, well, manly. An actual quote: "I'm going to go in there and destroy Wes. From now on, I'm gonna be known as the bow-tie killa."

11:15 — Wes barely squeaks out the Ruins showdown over Chet, who kept it respectably close. It looked for a while like Chet might play the role of Appalachian State, but it wasn't to be, which is too bad, because every Challenge needs a skinny little Mormon.

11:25 — Another close Ruins for the women, with Tonya coming out on top. I'm glad Tonya will stay to provide her own style of drunken, naked debauchery.

In all, it was definitely an intriguing first episode. Obviously the biggest subplot is Wes trying to submarine his own team. It'll definitely be interesting to see how that plays out over the rest of the season. I'd like to thank James, Colin and Casey for giving me someone else to watch this with and not feel like a complete loser.

One of the scenes from next week shows Chauvon saying, "I think I popped my implant." This is going to be a good season.



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CORRECTIONS

An article in the Sept. 30 edition of The Observer titled "Bishops support universal health care policy" was not printed in its entirety. A complete copy is available at The Observer's Web site. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: IS IT POP OR SODA?



Ellen Niemiec
sophomore
Le Mans

"I'm going to have to go with pop, being from the Midwest. It's just more fun to say."



Sean McCullough
junior
Dillon

"Coke. It's southern dialect."



Eric Hageman
sophomore
Stanford

"Soda, because I'm not a Midwestern hick."



Rebekah Wierson
sophomore
Pangborn

"Soda. I hate when people say pop, it's irritating."



Greg Delaiglesia
freshman
Fisher

"Soda, because I'm from Texas."



Taylor Osicek
junior
Badin

"Pop. I'm from Chicago and that's what I've always heard."

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



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Juniors Kelly Jones and Deborah Olmstead, head officers in the Notre Dame Glass Club, make glass beads on Tuesday night in the Jordan Hall of Science.

OFFBEAT

Motorcyclist riding with baby leads to 3 arrests

JONESBOROUGH, Tenn. — Washington County authorities said a motorcyclist riding down the road without a helmet led to a series of discoveries and three arrests. The Johnson City Press reported that when officers stopped 21-year-old outside his home on Tuesday, they found he wasn't alone. The man also had an 18-month-old baby on board, also without a helmet.

As they wrote him up for reckless endangerment, evading arrest and driving on a suspended license, officers learned another man at

the home was a fugitive from North Carolina. They arrested him as well.

But before the officers could leave, they spotted a third man allegedly breaking into a nearby barn. So they arrested him, too.

Cops: Woman fried, ate goldfish amid fight with ex

PASADENA, Texas — Authorities say a Houston-area woman who was burned up at her former common-law husband fried their pet goldfish and ate some of them. Pasadena police say it's a civil matter and no charges will be filed. The seven goldfish were pur-

chased together by the couple during happier times.

Police spokesman Vance Mitchell says the man reported on Saturday that the woman took the goldfish from his apartment.

Mitchell says the two argued earlier about some jewelry the man had given her but took back. She wanted the jewelry returned.

Officers who were dispatched to the woman's home arrived to find four fried goldfish on a plate. The woman said she already ate the other three.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

"Song Sung Blue," the love story of a Milwaukee husband and wife singing duo who pay tribute to the music of Neil Diamond, is showing today at 9:30 p.m. in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The Kellogg Institute is hosting a lecture on "Social Cleavages and Political Preferences in Comparative Perspective" by Thad Dunning, Associate Professor of Political Science, at Yale University, today at 4:15 p.m. in Hesburgh Center.

The stadium tunnel will be open to the public as part of Game Day events for the 2009 season Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"Brothers at War," an intimate portrait of an American family during the Iraq War, will be showing in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Friday at 6:30 p.m. It is a free but ticketed event. Tickets can be reserved at the Ticket Office.

The Linden String Quartet, winner of the Grand Prize and the Gold Medal in the Senior String Division of the 39th annual Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, will be performing Friday at 8 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

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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Mendoza hosts ideas challenge

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

The Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies at the Mendoza College of business hosted Ideas Challenge 2009 on Wednesday night to encourage student innovation and make connections in order to spur scheme development.

The second annual Ideas Challenge serves as an informal precursor to the Notre Dame Business Plan Competitions. The Business Plan Competitions are year-long events offering students the chance to vie for forty thousand dollars in prize money students by developing designs for business ventures.

"This night is really intended to be a celebration of ideas and innovations," Program Manager Karen Slaggert said.

Students from all colleges were invited to present their unique ideas in an informal setting. The concept of an Ideas Challenge developed when the Gigot Center saw the need to expand the accessibility of the Business Plan Competitions to non-business majors.

"The Ideas Challenge should serve as a user-friendly outlet for the development of ideas. We wanted to reduce the sense of intimidation for students who do not have business experience but want to participate," Slaggert said.

The participants, including graduates and undergraduates, represented every college on campus, and the over forty ideas presented ranged in topic from science to elec-

tronic networking to service projects.

Students were allotted about 90 seconds to come up with their own "elevator pitch." This activity simulated a chance encounter with a prospective investor while riding in an elevator and allowed presenters one shot to make a strong impression.

"I intend to participate in the Business Plan Competitions on campus, and I am excited to see what everyone here has to offer," junior Caitlin Putt said. "There are great resources available here in terms of ideas and talents."

After the presentations, attendees voted on the best proposals, resulting in a three-way tie.

One of the winning teams, named Team LED Zeppelin, implemented guitar music into an Electrical Engineering Senior Design project.

Seniors Matt Prelee, Jon Altenburger, Rob Jones and Arthur Kinsey developed an idea to use LED markers to teach musical instruments to beginners.

Another participant, junior Mike Taylor, suggested a Web site to offer advice to high school students hoping to become entrepreneurs.

"I mowed lawns in high school, and I think that this would be a great way to give back to the community and

help kids trying to manage their own businesses," Taylor said.

"Listening to all of the ideas that are put forward here can inspire everyone to develop new thoughts as well," freshman Andrew Charnesky said.

Program Manager Melissa Paulson said she was excited by the positive turnout at the Ideas Challenge.

"Over 140 people were here tonight, and over 40 gave presentations. I saw a great number of social proposals in the room, but I was also impressed by the balance between disciplines," she said. "Really, I am so glad that so many students were not afraid to get up, pitch their ideas, and have fun with this night."

The Ideas Challenge is one way in which the Gigot Center has responded to the opening for entrepreneurs in today's job market.

"So much incentive to take risks is present right now because of the difficulty of breaking into the job market," Slaggert said. "Our mission is to educate students and create a buzz about innovation so students can become agents of change as they head into the real world."

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Karen Slaggert
Program Manager
Gigot Center

College changes class ring purchase policy

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

Since July 21 of this past summer, Saint Mary's College has mandated that only students of junior status or higher can order class rings.

The idea behind this new policy is to maintain the integrity of the class ring, Vice President for Student Affairs Karen Johnson said. Before, underclassmen could buy a Saint Mary's ring, even if they planned on transferring somewhere else.

"In the past a student could enter Saint Mary's, buy a ring in her first week, and then withdraw with the ring," Johnson said.

Juniors and above will have to provide proof, such as a transcript, that they have completed 60 credit hours. Once students have reached this threshold, they are able to purchase a ring at any time.

Johnson said she has received no reactions to the policy from alumni, students or parents.

Senior Elementary Education major Megan Hayes said this policy is appropriate for the sale of the Saint Mary's class rings.

"The class ring is like a right of passage," Hayes said. "It represents all four years that I've been here [at Saint Mary's]. It's something you should earn, not just pay money for."

After knowing another student who bought a class ring during her first year and ended up transferring to another col-

lege, Hayes said she decided to wait to buy hers. She waited until her junior year, even before the policy was put in place, to buy her class ring.

"It's not just for symbolic reasons," Hayes said of her decision. "It's a waste of money to buy the ring unless you are going to graduate from Saint Mary's."

The original design of the ring included only the seal and the phrase "Spes Unica," but the words "Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame" were later added. The phrase was changed to "Saint Mary's, Notre Dame" in 1973 when the two schools decided to forgo a merger, Balfour salesman Jim Bell said in a 2005 interview with The Observer.

Other images on the current ring represent the French origin of the founding Sisters of the Holy Cross — two fleurs-de-lis on the top of the ring and the French Cross.

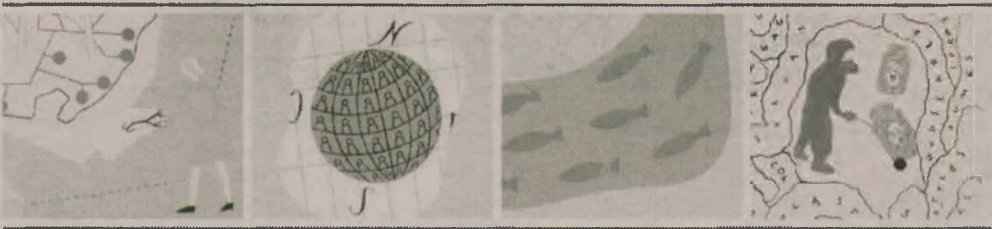
The current design of the Saint Mary's ring has been sold since 1973, although the tradition of class rings has been a part of the college since at least the 1950s. The ring bears the college seal, adopted from the Sisters of the Holy Cross seal.

Another symbol of Christ on the ring is the phrase "Spes Unica" or "One Hope" on the bottom of the ring.

Students have the choice of a small diamond or an open book to be displayed in the center of the ring.

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The girls found one male contestant's backpack to be "intense" and were surprised to find a color-coded planner in another bag.

When the boys got their turn to go through the girls' purses, they found a passport that didn't have any stamps, an iPod that featured music from Hanson, and they commented that one of the girls "might be Catholic" when they found a rosary novena book.

The second part was called "The Intermission" which gave the contestants a chance to interact with each other when the audience wasn't watching, although they still had to wear their goggles and remain in "darkness."

The next segment was "The Big Reveal," in which the contestants came out and got to see the face of the person who they were most interested in. Then, the contestants decided whether they wanted to pursue a relationship with the person they indicated.

If the contestants wanted to pursue a relationship, then they would be led onstage with the goggles on. And if the person they were interested in also wanted to continue a relationship, they would meet their romantic interest onstage — goggles still being worn.

Together, or individually if the other party did not appear, the students took off their goggles and looked at the person they had most connected with during the program.

There were many groans from

the audience, as many of the contestants were led onstage only to see that the person they had chosen did not feel the same spark as they had.

"Is this a sick joke?" senior Will Stark said after being led onstage only to take of his goggles and see that the girl he had chosen had not shown up.

While the contestants said the experiment was interesting, they also said it made them appreciate just how important sight is to forming relationships with other people.

"It's hard to describe," sophomore participant Janine Joly said. "It was all the stages of a relationship in a very confused order."

Senior participant Chris Tulsiaak agreed that the lack of sight made forming relationships more difficult.

"I think that people play off visual keys," he said. "I felt like I was talking to a voice box at some points."

Senior participant Patrick Tighe said the lack of visuals made him more attentive to the conversations.

"I normally really struggle with listening," Tighe said. "But with the goggles on it made me realize what was really being said."

The overall goal of the experiment was to explore moral foundations, Russell said.

"We really wanted this program to start dialogue among students about moral discernment," Russell said. "I hope that all those who attended will gain information that causes them to reflect on their values in choosing a friend or romantic partner."

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Senate

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Crossings? Would you want them in the Northeast neighborhood?" he said.

"The question also comes up, how would you have NDSP respond to something that wasn't necessarily student related? Should they be responsible for protecting those people as well?" Schmidt said.

Pasquerilla East senator Taylor Ruby Gagan said she was concerned that if NDSP went off campus, more students would get in trouble for underage drinking.

"What would they be doing regarding students who are underage but who are at those off-campus locations? Is it going to be easier for students to get in trouble?" she said.

Schmidt said other questions that he has been asked include whether would Notre Dame ever provide off-campus housing and whether more pressure should be put on the South Bend Police Department (SBPD).

Crisiti Yanker of Lewis Hall said strengthening SBPD would be effective since they are already in the off-campus area.

"SBPD would be the best option, to put pressure on them because they are already in that area," Yanker said. "Most incidents that I've heard of have been in that area of Notre Dame Avenue. Maybe we could get

higher patrol of SBPD [in that area]."

Matthew Robinson of St. Edward's Hall suggested allocating money to improve SBPD.

"Of that \$5 million that we're donating to the community, could we earmark some of it to uplift South Bend police force on Friday and Saturday nights?" he said.

Gagan also suggested increasing the number of telephones on campus for the blue light emergency.

Keough Hall senator Marc Anthony Rosa asked if there were funds to increase lighting in some of the darker off-campus areas to improve safety.

Schmidt said he would not answer the questions, but would take them into consideration for the presentation to the Board of Trustees.

Andrew Bell of Knott Hall said it was important to emphasize to the Board of Trustees that student government was doing all it could to improve off-campus safety.

"I think that it's important when you approach the Board to emphasize what we're doing and not just asking, asking, asking," he said. "Like saying, this is really important to us and this is what we're doing but we can't do it on our own. We have to ask you as the Board to help us because we obviously can't do it on our own."

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ND's Kellogg Institute awarded \$180,000 grant

Special to the Observer

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded the University of Notre Dame's Kellogg Institute for International Studies an Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Languages Program (UISFL) grant of approximately \$180,000 to advance Asian language and area studies at the University.

"We are committed to creating a vibrant and distinctive interdisciplinary program in Asian studies that carries the Notre Dame stamp of excellence and supports the University's mission to internationalize the curriculum, the intellectual life, and the spirit of the campus," said Jonathan Noble, the provost's advisor for Asia initiatives, who will serve as chair of the project's faculty steering committee.

Program components include new courses in Asian language and area studies with a special focus on innovative language learning and assessment, professional and curriculum development opportunities for faculty, and regional mini-conferences to bring Asian studies experts from around the Midwest to explore

common academic interests.

"Receipt of the grant validates our efforts to continue to enhance Asian studies at Notre Dame," Noble said. "We anticipate a significant impact on the University, our community, and our relationship to Asia."

The grant also will fund Asia-specific library resources and a new outreach initiative to provide Asia-specific curriculum resources to teachers in elementary and secondary schools in Indiana, Michigan and Illinois.

The award represents the culmination of an unusually large collaborative effort that has been under way for several years. Collaborators include the Notre Dame's Center for Asian Studies, Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, and Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, as well as faculty in anthropology, business, theology, and film, television and theatre.

Project co-directors are Sharon Schierling, associate director of the Kellogg Institute, and Howard Goldblatt, director of the Center for Asian Studies and research professor of Chinese.

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markedly different atmosphere from the annual Fall Career Expo held in the Joyce Center two weeks ago. Organized as more of a meet-and-greet instead of screening of applicants, the fair included a variety of regional, national, and international service opportunities.

"Everybody who we're talking to has done the programs themselves, so they're a really good resource," senior Brianna Muller said.

With the lingering effects of the economic recession, "Students have become more creative in what they can do after they graduate," Center for Social Concerns Director of Student Leadership and Student Transitions Michael Hebbeler said. "Applications are up this year. For example, Jesuit Volunteers Corp, their applications have dou-

bled."

"Our students are known for being on top of their game and really researching places of interest to them. That really helps move the search forward," he continued.

The Center for Social Concerns, which opened this year in a newly constructed building, is responsible for bringing the fair to Notre Dame each year.

Hebbeler said that service enhances a resume in the eyes of employers.

"It's important to note that grad schools and employers are really drawn to people coming out of service, and I think that's a misconception,

that this is somehow a year off," Hebbeler said. "But you're actually on the ground, you're learning and your skills are being used and you're also hopefully being transformed in some way through community, through the relationships that are being formed, and coming out a much different person than you were going in."

"That's furthering the mission of Notre Dame,"

he said. "It's good that Notre Dame provides us with opportunities to continue serving others after we leave," senior Lisa Bunn said.

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Concerns**

Co-op

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sonal products. Members then pick up their orders weekly at a distribution center.

"I like [Purple Porch] because I can go online and see what they have," Zaph said. "I get a better feeling of what's in season."

Zaph said she also enjoys the close-knit community of people at the weekly two-hour product distribution.

"It's neat getting to know the growers and farmers," Zaph said.

Farmers and producers also like the idea of a cooperative because of the online feature.

"I like the ordering direct from the customer," Marty Fair, who co-owns Fair Bakery of Rochester, Ind.

Referring to the fact that farmers know exactly how much to bring to distribution from the online sales, Fair said, "You don't overproduce or waste."

"By ordering ahead of time, small famers are not stuck with stuff they don't sell at the end of the day,"

Notre Dame political science professor and Purple Porch member Matthew Doppke

said. Doppke is also a volunteer with the cooperative.

Doppke and Koehler both hope to market the cooperative to Notre Dame students, especially graduates and off-campus undergraduates.

"Today's students are very savvy on the Internet," Koehler said. "They could order online conveniently."

Doppke and Koehler both hope to involve the University with the cooperative. Those interested can visit the organization's Web site at www.purpleporch-coop.com

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Candy may have connection to arrests

LONDON — Willy Wonka would be horrified. Children who eat too much candy may be more likely to be arrested for violent behavior as adults, new research suggests.

British experts studied more than 17,000 children born in 1970 for about four decades. Of the children who ate candies or chocolates daily at age 10, 69 percent were later arrested for a violent offense by the age of 34. Of those who didn't have any violent clashes, 42 percent ate sweets daily.

The study was published in the October issue of the British Journal of Psychiatry. It was paid for by Britain's Economic and Social Research Council.

The researchers said the results were interesting, but that more studies were needed to confirm the link.

Hunger strike over prosecutions grows

CARACAS, Venezuela — More than 150 university students have joined a hunger strike to demand the Organization of American States investigate allegations that dozens of Venezuelans have been jailed for their opposition to President Hugo Chavez.

Student activist Angel Arellano said Wednesday that 163 people — mostly students — have joined the protest since last week, when 10 students set up cots outside the OAS offices in Caracas and vowed to consume only water until the Washington-based group's Interamerican Commission of Human Rights promises to launch a probe.

Some students sewed their mouths shut.

NATIONAL NEWS

Man protests innocence in scheme

MINEOLA, N.Y. — An attorney who claimed his own experience as an adopted child motivated him to help people seeking to start families is suspected of running a Ponzi-like scheme that ripped off couples from New York to Texas, promising children that didn't exist.

Kevin Cohen, 41, pleaded not guilty Friday to grand larceny and other charges after one Long Island couple told prosecutors they paid him \$60,000 in fees for a promised baby that he never delivered. Since then, 15 other couples from New York, Georgia, Ohio and Texas have contacted a prosecutor in New York's Nassau County, telling similar stories.

Environmentalists not welcome

FLAGSTAFF, Arizona — The leader of the country's largest Indian reservation is throwing his support behind the neighboring Hopi Tribe, whose lawmakers declared environmental groups unwelcome on the reservation.

Navajo President Joe Shirley Jr. and Hopi lawmakers say environmentalists' efforts could hurt the tribes' struggling economies by slowing or stopping coal mining.

Shirley said Wednesday he will stand in solidarity with the Hopi Tribe.

He also joined Hopi lawmakers in encouraging other tribes to re-evaluate their relationships with environmentalists.

Andy Bessler of the Sierra Club says the group respects tribal sovereignty and understands the need for tribes to develop their economies.

LOCAL NEWS

20-year-old guilty in Mishawaka slaying

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — A 20-year-old man who pleaded guilty to killing a man during a botched robbery has been sentenced to 55 years in prison.

Alex R. Milewski and two co-defendants previously pleaded guilty in the Oct. 27 death of 30-year-old Justin Bird.

Authorities said Bird was shot at a Mishawaka home when he tried to intervene between Milewski and a friend making a drug deal. Milewski, James E. Bucher Jr. and Jacob Manriquez, later admitted they planned to rob the home's resident of marijuana.

CHINA

Anniversary stirs pride, also unease

China's plans for exuberant celebrations are cause for safety concerns

Associated Press

BEIJING — To mark 60 years of communist rule China put together its biggest-ever military parade: hundreds of thousands of marchers, batteries of goose-stepping soldiers and weaponry from drone missiles to amphibious assault vehicles. Everyone else, though, was asked to stay home.

China blocked off its city center closing everything from Tiananmen Square to the Forbidden City as it readied for Thursday's celebration, asking residents to tune into the events by television.

Festivities surrounding the founding of the People's Republic will feature President Hu Jintao reviewing chanting troops, a fly-over by domestically made fighter jets and tens of thousands of students flipping cards to make pictures.

Sixty floats celebrating China's manned space program and other symbols of progress will follow the military convoy along the parade route through Tiananmen Square.

The display is meant to underscore what the leadership calls the "revival of the great Chinese nation," and the plans stirred both patriotism — and some unease at the pomp and firepower.

"China's international standing has risen in an unprecedented way. We feel extremely proud of the increasing strength and prosperity of our motherland," Premier Wen Jiabao said in a nationally televised speech on the anniversary's eve.

The feel-good, if heavily scripted moment is tapping into Chinese pride surrounding the country's turnaround from the war-battered, impoverished state the communists took over in 1949 to the dynamic, third-largest world economy of today.

The buoyant mood gloss-



AP

Soldiers hold pigeon patterns during a rehearsal for China's 60th anniversary celebration performance scheduled to take place Oct. 1.

es over the country's gut wrenching twists — the ruinous campaigns of revolutionary leader Mao Zedong that left tens of millions dead — as well as its current challenges: a widening gap between rich and poor, rampant corruption, severe pollution and ethnic uprisings in western areas of Tibet and Xinjiang.

In a sign of concern about the social ferment unleashed by free-market reforms, the government has suggested people in Beijing stay home to watch the parade on television.

Security in Beijing has been intensifying for weeks over worries that protests, which are common in China, or an overexuberant crowd might mar the ceremonies. Parts of central

Beijing were sealed off and businesses were told to shut down, beginning Tuesday.

"How many hundreds of millions are being spent on the National Day troop review? Can you tell the taxpayers?" the prolific blogger Li Huizhi, a small businessman in southern Guangzhou city wrote on his popular blog Sunday. "Aren't the possibly tens of billions in money spent perhaps a bit of a disservice to the people? Because in today's China, there are countless places more in need of this money."

Explanations vary for why such elaborate festivities are being staged. Among them is the speculation that 60 is an auspicious number that plays

well with Chinese who say it traditionally represents the full life of a person. The country's leadership has avoided mention of anything to do with superstition, though.

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The parade is now billed by state media as China's largest-ever display of weaponry, reminiscent of the Soviet Union.

Four Klamath dams to be removed

Associated Press

MEDFORD, Oregon — The turning point toward removing four Klamath River dams in Oregon and California to restore struggling salmon runs came in the little Shenandoah Valley town of Shepherdstown, W.Va.

Michael Bogert, an aide to then-Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorn, summoned representatives of PacifiCorp and the governors of Oregon and California to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Conservation Training Center there in May 2008. They would find a way to peace in the Klamath after decades of battling over water, fish, power and farming.

"We relicense our hydro projects — that's the regular course of business," PacifiCorp Vice President and General Counsel Dean Brockbank recalled Wednesday after the Portland-based utility announced it had agreed to terms for removing the dams.

"In this case, Gov. (Ted) Kulongoski, Gov. (Arnold) Schwarzenegger, and at that time Secretary Kempthorn made it very clear from a public policy point of view that they did not want these dams relicensed. They wanted the dams removed as part of a larger (Klamath) basin settlement and restoration program.

"Once that became abundantly clear, we shifted our framework from

relicensing to settlement involving a possible dam removal framework."

Kempthorn said from Washington, D.C., that he did not initially want the dams removed, but President George W. Bush wanted a resolution to the long-standing water crisis, and he was determined to find an agreement that would be a good business decision for PacifiCorp.

PacifiCorp has agreed to terms for removing four hydroelectric dams on the Klamath that produce enough power for 70,000 customers. If they actually come out sometime after 2020, it will open some 300 miles of river to salmon for the first time in a century.

Budget crisis may cause partial shutdown of Mich. government

Associated Press

LANSING — One of the nation's most economically battered states stumbled toward a partial government shutdown Thursday as Michigan lawmakers failed to agree on a spending plan in one of the only states without a budget in place.

A deal to fill a nearly \$3 billion shortfall with federal recovery dollars and more than \$1 billion in cuts fell through, as many lawmakers discovered they couldn't stomach deep cuts to schools and local services such as police and fire protection in the stricken state.

They also failed to finalize a temporary budget and avert Michigan's second shutdown since 2007.

Secretary of State offices were set to close Thursday and state parks prepared to ask visitors to leave if the impasse remained when state workers were supposed to report for work. Essential services such as state police and prisons would continue running.

"We have taken steps to put a shutdown in place," Granholm spokeswoman Liz Boyd said shortly after midnight. But Boyd said the governor's office was waiting on a possible resolution from the Legislature to keep government running before state offices were scheduled to open Thursday.

Michigan already is struggling with the nation's highest unemployment rate, a shrinking auto industry, a high rate of home foreclosures and an economy that soured long before the national recession hit. The number of people receiving food stamps and unemployment checks keeps going up, and it's the only state where the Census Bureau found poverty rates rose two years in a row.

Pennsylvania is the only other state without a budget deal enacted. Leaders there reached a tentative deal nearly two weeks ago, but have been unable to get the votes to put all the pieces in place. Only Michigan and Alabama have fiscal years that start Oct. 1, and Alabama has passed its budget.

Michigan is having a tough time finding money for everything from prisons to universities and in-school health clinics for adolescents. State revenues have grown just 1.3 percent annually during the past decade when federal funds are left out, according to the nonpartisan House Fiscal Agency.

University funding has dropped 22 percent during the past seven years when adjusted for inflation, forc-

ing up tuition rates. Yet the higher education compromise lawmakers passed Wednesday eliminated the popular Promise Grant scholarship, which gave college students up to \$4,000, and cut other student financial aid to the bone.

The lack of a budget deal left 51,000 state workers unsure as they headed to bed Wednesday night whether they'd have to show up for work Thursday. The administration had issued temporary layoff notices earlier in the day and told state contractors they might not get paid.

Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm had angled to get an interim budget sent to her by the Wednesday midnight deadline. It would mean 30 more days for lawmakers to put a more palatable deal in place and she probably wouldn't have had to cut much spending during that period.

The interim budget originally was Senate Republicans' idea. But as House Democrats on Wednesday tried to restore programs such as scholarships and library money, GOP lawmakers feared Democrats only wanted the stopgap to win more time for tax increases.

"The continuation budget was there as a safety valve in case we didn't finish," said Republican Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop of Rochester. Having one in place would only give Granholm "30 more days to pressure the Legislature to adopt something she wants." Granholm spokeswoman

Liz Boyd disagreed, saying Bishop and Democratic House Speaker Andy Dillon of Wayne County's Redford Township failed to get the votes to pass a budget deal that included deep cuts and no new revenue.

"They're unable to get approval on budgets based on agreements they agreed to — not us," Boyd said.

As legislative leaders attempted to find common ground, school and local government leaders grew increasingly nervous contemplating just how much in

cuts they'd have to absorb.

Revenue for cities, villages and townships has dropped by nearly a quarter in the past eight years, and mayors statewide said absorbing a proposed 11 percent cut in the new budget would force them to lay off police, close parks and shut off some city services.

Michigan is even in danger of losing millions of federal dollars for Medicaid and similar programs if it can't come up with its share of matching funds.

House Appropriations

Chairman George Cushingberry, D-Detroit, warned lawmakers they had to make a choice between hurting education, health care services and public safety or finding more money.

But Republican Sen. John Pappageorge of the Detroit suburb of Troy criticized Democrats for talking about raising more revenue.

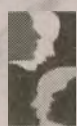
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IN BRIEF

Judge approves Texas coal plant.

DALLAS — A federal judge has thrown out the last remaining legal challenge against a large coal-powered plant near Waco, meaning the facility will open in 2012 as scheduled, an attorney said Wednesday.

Environmental groups have long fought against Sandy Creek Energy Associates L.P., challenging its air-pollution permits and questioning whether the proper pollution control equipment was being installed.

But a federal judge in Austin ruled late Monday against the Sierra Club and Public Citizen in their lawsuit alleging the plant in Riesel had never taken the steps required by the Clean Air Act to control emissions of mercury and other toxic materials. The plant did indeed have the proper controls on its permit, the judge wrote in the his ruling.

"It's still very much on schedule, and this eliminates the last pending lawsuit challenging the project," said Eric Groten, an attorney for Sandy Creek.

Sandy Creek is one of 11 coal-powered plants around the state that are either under construction or in the permitting process. The defeat for environmental groups comes as they've been touring the state pushing for a moratorium on new coal-fired plants. Texas is the nation's leading producer of greenhouse gases and consumes more coal than any other state.

NY regulators release gas drilling rules

ALBANY, N.Y. — State officials have completed new environmental regulations for natural gas drilling that will clear the way for well permits in New York's part of a rich field that covers parts of four states.

The new rules, released for public review Wednesday, apply to the New York portion of the Marcellus Shale region — a largely untapped gas reserve that also runs through parts of Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia. They are in addition to statewide oil and gas regulations released in 1992.

More than a year ago, Gov. David Paterson told the Department of Environmental Conservation to address concerns about drilling in the region, which covers the southern half of New York. The order effectively halted drilling there.

Bank CEO to leave by year's end

Bank of America's Lewis decides to retire as CEO and leave the company's board

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ken Lewis, the embattled CEO of Bank of America Corp., is leaving the company, succumbing to nearly a year of strife that followed his company's acquisition of Merrill Lynch & Co.

The bank, the nation's largest by assets, said Wednesday that Lewis, 62, decided on his own to leave and would retire as CEO and also leave the company's board by the end of the year. The company did not announce a successor, saying one would be selected by the time Lewis steps down Dec. 31.

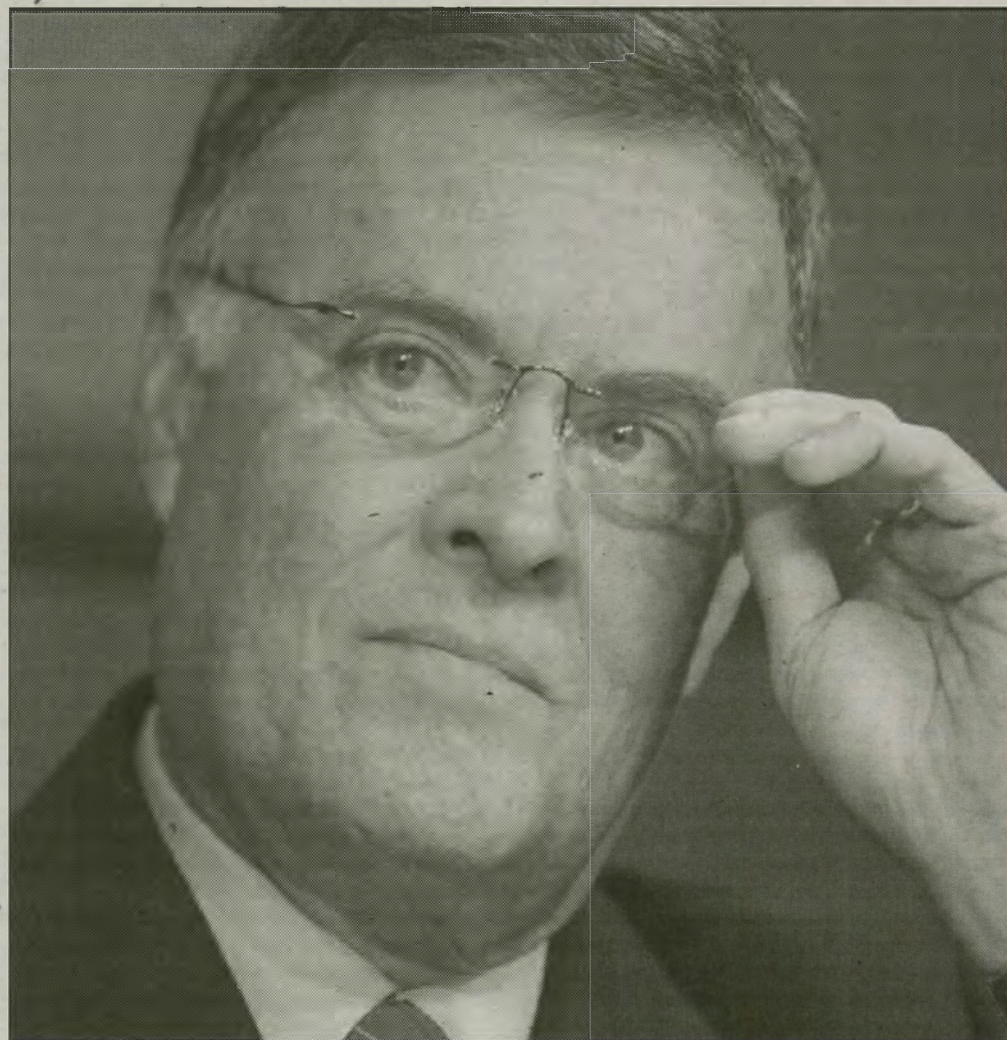
The fact that no succession plan was announced indicated that the Bank of America board did not expect Lewis' decision at this time. Nonetheless, the news, coming after shareholders had stripped Lewis of his chairman's title earlier this year, wasn't surprising because of the intense pressure he came under after the Merrill deal. Lewis had said he would stay on as CEO until after the company's financial problems were resolved, a process expected to take several years.

However, with the bank also under heavy criticism from government officials, Lewis was increasingly seen as vulnerable.

"He's had a big target on his chest for the whole Merrill Lynch deal, and I can only imagine the emotional stress he's endured," said Alan Villalon, senior research analyst at Minneapolis-based First American Funds, which owns Bank of America stock.

Bank of America spokesman Bob Stickler said Lewis wasn't asked to leave by the board or the bank's regulators.

"He made the decision himself," Stickler said, adding that Lewis informed the bank's board during a



Bank of America announced Wednesday that company Chairman and CEO Ken Lewis will retire from the bank by the end of the year.

meeting conducted by telephone Wednesday evening. "The board was surprised when Ken told them what he wanted to do."

Stickler said Lewis began thinking about stepping down after returning from vacation in August. Stickler said Lewis' decision was driven by the fact that the bank is in better shape to recover from the recession and because "I think he's just feeling a little burned out for pretty obvious reasons."

The Merrill Lynch deal was first questioned after Bank of America disclosed that Merrill's losses were far more than expected. Bank of America then asked for and got an additional \$20 billion from the

government, in part to offset those losses. The brokerage lost \$15 billion in the fourth quarter and more than \$27 billion for the year. Bank of America ultimately received \$45 billion in government assistance.

But Lewis came under even greater attack after Merrill Lynch, with the knowledge of Bank of America executives, gave billions of dollars in bonuses to Merrill employees even as Bank of America asked for more bailout money from the government. The deal was forged a year ago at the height of the financial crisis and closed Jan. 1; the bonuses, which would normally have been paid in January,

were moved up and paid out in December.

Months later, the criticism is still intensifying. New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo in September subpoenaed five members of Bank of America's board as part of an investigation into the Merrill deal. Lewis' departure won't affect the investigation, Cuomo said in a statement.

Bank of America had settled a separate investigation last month into disclosures about the Merrill bonuses with the Securities and Exchange Commission, but a federal judge threw out that \$33 million settlement, and needlessly penalized the bank's shareholders.

Frontier Airlines to emerge from bankruptcy

Associated Press

Frontier Airlines is set to exit bankruptcy protection on Thursday as part of Republic Airways, which seems determined to run an efficient airline even if it ruffles some feathers in the process.

By buying Frontier, Republic is transforming itself from a regional jet hauler of travelers for other airlines into a carrier that competes for its own passengers. Earlier this year it bought Milwaukee-based Midwest Airlines, too.

Republic may move Frontier's maintenance operation out of Denver. It's grounding the last of the Boeing 717s flown by newly acquired Midwest Airlines. And it's gambling that the payoff from hauling its own

customers will make up for whatever goodwill it might burn with the big-airline partners that hire it to fly passengers for them.

Republic is looking at moving Frontier's aircraft maintenance and some ticketing operations out Denver because of high costs there, CEO Bryan Bedford said in an interview on Wednesday.

Bedford said both Indianapolis (where Republic is based) and Milwaukee are competing for the maintenance operation, and he hopes to make a decision by the end of October. Frontier employs about 250 people to work on planes in Denver, and they would get a chance to move to jobs wherever they're located, Bedford said.

Taxes at the Denver airport make

maintenance there more expensive, he said. And a special tax on tickets processed on Frontier's computer in Denver adds about \$1.5 million a year extra to the airline's tax bill, he said.

He said he expects Frontier pilots and flight attendants to stay in their own unions since they work on the Airbus A320 family of planes while Republic crews fly Embraer regional jets. Frontier's mechanics are represented by the Teamsters, while Republic's aren't in a union.

Republic is also returning the last of Midwest's 717s to Boeing in November, and furloughing the last 150 pilots and flight attendants who crowded them on Nov. 30. Those workers could get jobs back if their unions integrate with those at Republic

Indonesia hit by earthquake

Country struck by tremors of 6.8 magnitude; hundreds feared dead

Associated Press

PADANG, Indonesia — A powerful earthquake that struck western Indonesia trapped thousands of people under collapsed buildings — including hospitals, a hotel and a classroom, officials said. At least 200 bodies were found in one coastal city and the toll was expected to be far higher.

The temblor Wednesday started fires, severed roads and cut off power and communications to Padang, a coastal city of 900,000 on Sumatra island. Thousands fled in panic, fearing a tsunami.

The undersea quake of 7.6 magnitude was followed by a powerful, shallow inland earthquake on Thursday morning with a preliminary magnitude of 6.8, the U.S. Geological Survey said. It hit about 150 miles (240 kilometers) south of Padang at a depth of just 24 kilometers (under 20 miles).

Shallow, inland earthquakes generally are more destructive, but there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

On Wednesday, buildings had swayed hundreds of miles (kilometers) away in neighboring Malaysia and Singapore.

In Padang, the capital of West Sumatra province, the shaking was so intense that people crouched or sat on the street to avoid falling. Children screamed as an exodus of thousands tried to get away from the coast in cars and motorbikes, honking horns.

At least 500 buildings in Padang collapsed or were badly damaged, said Disaster Management Agency spokesman Priyadi Kardono, adding that

200 bodies had been pulled from the rubble there. The extent of damage in surrounding areas was still unclear due to poor communications, he said.

Padang's mayor appealed for assistance on Indonesian radio station el-Shinta.

"We are overwhelmed with victims and ... lack of clean water, electricity and telecommunications," Mayor Fauzi Bahar said. "We really need help. We call on people to come to Padang to evacuate bodies and help the injured."

Hundreds of people were trapped under collapsed buildings in Padang alone, including a four-star hotel, he said. Other collapsed or seriously damaged buildings included hospitals, mosques, a school and a mall.

Thousands were believed trapped throughout the province, said Rustam Pakaya, head of the Health Ministry's crisis center.

"This is a high-scale disaster," Health Minister Siti Fadilah Supari told Metro TV.

Indonesian broadcaster TVOne showed footage of heavy equipment breaking through layers of a flattened 3-story cement building, where dozens of children had been taking classes. It said more than 30 children were missing and feared dead, but gave no source for the information.

Wednesday's quake struck just off the coast of Padang, the U.S. Geological Survey reported. It occurred a day after a killer tsunami hit islands in the South Pacific and was along the same fault line that spawned the 2004 Asian tsunami that killed 230,000 people in a dozen nations.

A tsunami warning was issued

Wednesday for countries along the Indian Ocean, but was lifted after about an hour; there were no reports of giant waves.

The shaking in Padang felled trees and crushed cars. A foot could be seen sticking out from one pile of rubble. At daybreak, residents used their bare hands to search for survivors, pulling at the wreckage and tossing it away piece by piece.

"People ran to high ground. Houses and buildings were badly damaged," said Kasmia, who lives on the coast near the quake's epicenter.

"I was outside, so I am safe, but my children at home were injured," she said before her cell phone went dead. Like many Indonesians, she uses one name.

The loss of telephone service deepened the worries of those outside the stricken area.

"I want to know what happened to my sister and her husband," said Fitra Jaya, who owns a house in downtown Padang and was in Jakarta when the quake hit. "I tried to call my family there, but I could not reach anyone at all."

Hospitals struggled to treat the injured as their relatives hovered nearby.

Indonesia's government announced \$10 million in emergency response aid and medical teams and military planes were being dispatched to set up field hospitals and distribute tents, medicine and food rations. Members of the Cabinet were preparing for the possibility of thousands of deaths.

Local television reported more than two dozen landslides in the province. Some blocked roads, causing miles-long traffic jams of cars and trucks.

Washington Post, L.A. Times split services

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The Los Angeles Times and The Washington Post are breaking up their news service after 47 years, making it the latest casualty of the media upheaval driven by the array of alternative information and entertainment sources on the Internet.

The divorce announced Wednesday takes effect Jan. 1. Beginning then, the Los Angeles Times will distribute some of its best work through a news service jointly owned by newspaper publishers McClatchy Co. and the Tribune Co., the Times' owner.

The Tribune Co. has been operating under Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection since December. The financial duress before and after the bankruptcy filing led to staff cutbacks at the Times and the Tribune's other newspapers, including The Baltimore Sun and Hartford Courant, whose stories also were distributed through the Times-Post venture.

It's unclear whether the Tribune Co.'s troubles factored into the demise of the Times-

Post service — a partnership forged in 1962 by two renowned publishers, Otis Chandler on the Los Angeles side and Philip Graham on the Washington end.

When the service started, newspapers were still highly profitable and the dominant news sources in their markets. But the number of people reading newspapers has been shrinking as more people turn to the Internet, leading more advertisers to shift their spending online.

The worst U.S. recession since World War II has drained even more ad revenue from newspapers, prompting both the Post and the Times to reduce the number of reporters and photographers feeding content to their news service.

Although they are smaller than they once were, the Times and Post still have large audiences. The Times is the fourth largest U.S. newspaper with a weekday circulation of 723,000 while the Post is the fifth largest with a weekday circulation of 665,000, according to the most recent figures from the Audit Bureau of Circulations.

Baby kidnapped by fake immigration agent

Associated Press

NASHVILLE — A newborn snatched from a Nashville home was missing and his mother recovering from stab wounds she said she suffered in a struggle with the woman kidnapper posing as an immigration agent, authorities said Wednesday.

Maria Gurrolla told reporters she had never seen the woman before she showed up at her door Tuesday evening. She said the woman got a knife from the home and stabbed her several times.

"I need my baby back," the 30-year-old mother said through an interpreter outside Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Gurrolla said the woman, whom she described as a robust white American, did not say anything about wanting to take the baby, who was on the sofa.

"She said she was an immigration officer and she was there to arrest her," said Gurrolla's cousin, serving as interpreter. It was not clear if Gurrolla was an immigrant, but police said she has lived in Nashville for at least 10 years. The cousin said the family did not want to discuss her legal status.

Gurrolla said she did not see the woman take the baby because she ran to a neighbor's

home to get help. That neighbor, Eric Peterson, told The Associated Press that Gurrolla banged on his door and was "covered from her head to her toe with blood" with gashes on her neck and upper chest.

She pleaded with him to rescue her children from the "lady in the kitchen" who had a butcher knife. He went to the home a few doors down and saw a woman speeding away from the home. He brought Gurrolla's 3-year-old daughter back safely to his house, but found no baby, he said.

Police issued an Amber Alert with a picture and description of a 30-year-old woman. They found and questioned a woman matching the description near Buffalo, N.Y., then said they did not believe she was involved in the case.

Gurrolla was in a wheelchair and covered by a blanket at the hospital. Her eyes were bloody and swollen and she had a long scratch on her face.

Dr. William Dutton said she had a penetrating chest wound and her lung had collapsed. He said she also deep stab wounds to her neck, but was in stable condition. He said she still has physical signs that she gave birth recently. He described the birth as complicated but declined to elaborate.



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SAMOA

Death toll in Tuesday's tsunami surges to 119

Associated Press

APIA — Police in green reflective vests searched a ghastly landscape of mud-strewn streets, pulverized homes and bodies scattered in a swamp Wednesday as dazed survivors emerged from the muck and mire of an earthquake and tsunami that killed at least 119 in the South Pacific.

Military transports flew medical personnel, food, water and medicine to Samoa and American Samoa, both devastated by a tsunami triggered by an undersea earthquake. A cargo plane from New Zealand brought in a temporary morgue and a body identification team.

Officials expect the death toll to rise as more areas are searched.

Survivors fled to higher ground on the islands after the magnitude 8.0 quake struck at 6:48 a.m. local time (1:48 p.m. EDT; 1748 GMT) Tuesday. The residents then were engulfed by four tsunami waves 15 to 20 feet (4 to 6 meters) high that reached up to a mile (1.5 kilometers) inland.

The waves splintered houses and left cars and boats — many battered and upside down — scattered about the coastline. Debris as small as a spoon and as large as a piece of masonry weighing several tons were strewn in the mud.

Survivors told harrowing tales of encountering the deadly tsunami.

"I was scared. I was shocked," said Didi Afuafi, 28, who was on a bus when the giant waves came ashore on American Samoa. "All the peo-

ple on the bus were screaming, crying and trying to call their homes. We couldn't get on cell phones. The phones just died on us. It was just crazy."

With the water approaching fast, the bus driver sped to the top of a nearby mountain, where 300 to 500 people were gathered, including patients evacuated from the main hospital. Among them were newborns with IVs, crying children and frightened elderly people.

A family atop the mountain provided food and water, while clergymen led prayers. Afuafi said people are still on edge and feared another quake.

"This is going to be talked about for generations," said Afuafi, who lives just outside the village of Leone, one of the hardest hit areas.

On Samoa, the two-hour drive from the Apia airport to the heavily damaged southeast coast initially showed no sign of damage before becoming little more than a link between one flattened village after another. Mattresses hung from trees, and utility poles were bent at awkward angles.

It was clear that tourists were among the casualties, but figures were impossible to ascertain immediately with officials saying they had no solid head count on the number of visitors in the area.

"There's not a single house up, it's total devastation (in) the most popular place for tourists," Dr. Ben Makalavea from Apia's main hospital told New Zealand's National Radio Thursday. He said some couples can't find their children, and fear they may have been washed out to sea.

"One woman we saw was so confused that she doesn't even know where she comes from," he said.

Makalavea added that the hospital needs nurses, doctors, surgeons and blood to treat the increasing numbers of casualties with broken bones and cuts.

At Sale Ataga village, more than 50 police, some wearing masks to filter out some of the growing stench of decay in the steamy conditions, searched for bodies underneath uprooted trees and palms piled up at the foot of a mountain.

Tony Fauena, a 29-year-old taro farmer, said the bodies of his 35-year-old niece and her 6-month-old son were found Tuesday but four other family members were still missing. "We don't know if the rest are under there or released out to sea," he said.

Suavai Ioane was rattled by the violent earthquake that shook Voutosi, a village of 600 people. But he didn't have much time to calm down.

"After the shaking finished, about five or 10 minutes after, the wave very quickly came over us," said Ioane, who was carried by a wave about 80 yards (meters) inland. He knew he was lucky to be alive; eight bodies were found in a nearby swamp.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Hawaii said it issued an alert, but the waves got to the islands so quickly that residents only had about 10 minutes to respond. Another system designed to alert aid agencies suffered a hardware malfunction that delayed notification, but that did not affect

island residents.

The quake was centered about 120 miles south of the islands of Samoa, which has about 220,000 people, and American Samoa, a U.S. territory of 65,000.

Another strong underwater earthquake rocked western Indonesia Wednesday, briefly triggering a tsunami alert along the Indian Ocean. The 7.6-magnitude quake toppled buildings, cut power and triggered a landslide on Sumatra island, and at least 75 people were reported killed. Experts said the seismic events were not related.

Hampered by power and communications outages, officials in the South Pacific islands struggled to determine casualties and damage.

Samoa National Disaster Management committee member Filomina Nelson told New Zealand's National Radio the number of dead in her country had reached 83 — mostly elderly and young children. At least 30 people were killed on American Samoa, Gov. Togiola Tulafono said.

Authorities in Tonga, southwest of the Samoas, confirmed at least six dead and four missing, according to Tongan government spokesman Lopeti Senituli. He said the waves practically flattened two of the island's three villages. The government dispatched a boat with supplies to the island to help its more than 1,000 residents.

In Pago Pago, the streets and fields were filled with debris, mud, overturned cars and boats. Several buildings in the city — just a few feet above sea level — were flattened. Power was expected to be out in some

areas for up to a month and officials said some 2,200 people were in seven shelters across the island.

"Right now, we're focused on bringing in the assistance for people that have been injured, and for the immediate needs of the tens of thousands of survivors down there," said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate.

Reinforcements were on the way, including a Navy frigate and two huge Air Force cargo planes soon to leave from Hawaii.

A Coast Guard C-130 plane loaded with aid and carrying Federal Emergency Management Agency officials flew from Hawaii to American Samoa's capital of Pago Pago, where debris had been cleared from runways so emergency planes could land. President Barack Obama declared a major disaster for American Samoa.

English said the temporary morgue and the body identification team were sent to Samoa after local officials expressed concern "about the growing death toll."

Hundreds of people bombarded American Samoa's radio stations with requests to announce the names of their missing loved ones. Broadcasters urged listeners to contact their families immediately.

In Carson, Calif., High Chief Loa Pele Faletogo, president of the Samoan Federation of America, comforted Samoans in the U.S. who came to him seeking news of their relatives. The chief said he learned the body of one of his cousins, in her 60s, was found floating along the shore.



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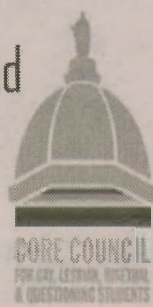
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Pilot killed after plane crashes into cornfield

Associated Press

ALBANY — A single-engine plane crashed into an Indiana cornfield Wednesday after the pilot, who was seen slumped over at the controls, lost consciousness and the aircraft flew out of control, officials said.

Military officials do not believe the crash was terrorism-related but instead said the pilot may have had a health problem or been suffering from a lack of oxygen. F-16s under direction of U.S. North American Aerospace Defense Command intercepted the plane and followed it for about an hour until it crashed.

Indiana State Police Sgt. Rod Russell said the pilot, who was the only person aboard the plane, died in the crash but that the pilot's name would not be released until the body is positively identified. No one on the ground was injured when it crashed.

David Lykins, 54, of Muncie said he and his nephew were doing construction work on a nearby home when they saw the plane, its wings pointed down, fly in three circles overhead before it clipped some trees and crashed into the field.

"That's when all the debris started flying and a big puff of smoke came up," he said.

Lykins said he called 911 while his nephew ran ahead through

the cornfield to reach the plane, which was engulfed in flames and clouds of smoke.

The plane departed from Grand Rapids, Mich., and then flew north to Traverse City, Mich., said FAA spokesman Tony Molinaro in Chicago. It turned around in Traverse City was flying back to Grand Rapids when it lost communication with ground air traffic controllers, Molinaro said.

The plane crashed about 12:40 p.m. EDT in a field in a rural area of eastern Indiana, about 60 miles northeast of Indianapolis and 185 miles south of Grand Rapids, NORAD said. John Erickson, a spokesman for the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, said the aircraft crashed on its own.

Controllers in Indianapolis reported the plane had been circling with the pilot slumped over in the seat at about 25,000 feet, said Doug Church, a spokesman for the National Air Traffic Controllers Association.

Church said controllers in Minneapolis had earlier given the pilot the OK to fly at that altitude, strongly suggesting the pilot intentionally flew to that altitude and then lost consciousness. Pilots of the F-16s deployed after air traffic controllers lost contact with the small plane saw the pilot slumped over, officials said.

Illegal marijuana farms overtake San Francisco

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Socked in by coastal fog, gardeners in the city's Sunset District struggle to coax vegetables from plots rarely touched by sunlight. But recently, a certain crop has flourished behind closed doors.

Marijuana farms have become so widespread in this middle class neighborhood that the city's new police chief appealed to the public Wednesday for tips to help shut the operations down.

Apparently even in this pot-tolerant town, there is such a thing as too much green.

In the Sunset, police say row houses crammed with as many as 2,000 marijuana plants bear the marks of classic criminal enterprises.

Raids on three dozen homes and warehouses have uncovered 20 guns, more than 8,000 plants and nearly \$85,000. Investigators believe that organized crime is keeping the drugs, cash and weapons flowing. Often once grow houses are raided, police said, their backers just set up new operations down the street.

"All this has led to the creation of a very dangerous situation," Chief George Gascon said.

Growers are attracted by rents that are moderate by San Francisco standards. Coastal winds sweep pot's skunky smell away.

Beyond the concern about drug-ripcoff shootouts and deals gone bad, officials said the real worry is the potential for fire from houses gutted to create intensive urban farms.

At a news conference Wednesday, San Francisco Fire Marshal Barbara Schulteis said growers rewire the homes to avoid detection of the huge spike in energy use needed to grow pot. Shoddy electrical work can spark blazes she said, as can hot grow lights used to simulate sunshine.

Houses in the Sunset often share common walls, which allows fires to spread quickly. Growers often nail plywood to the insides of windows to keep out natural light and prying eyes, investigators said. As a result, fires can burn longer without being noticed.

City firefighters typically battle two blazes a year caused by marijuana growing operations, Schulteis said. This year they have already fought four, including one at a warehouse that partially collapsed onto a firefighter, causing serious injuries.

Conflict over grow houses has long been an issue in many small towns along California's North Coast, the heart of the state's pot-growing territory. The boom in San Francisco's indoor growing operations comes at a time when legalizing marijuana across the state has become a hot topic, and many pro-pot activists feel they are gaining traction with politicians and voters.

The trend toward acceptance spurred by the spread of medical marijuana — legal under state law — has led to a common feeling that pot has essentially become legal, especially in liberal bastions like San Francisco.

Marine avoids prison sentence

Associated Press

CAMP PENDLETON — A Marine was spared prison time Wednesday for killing an unarmed Iraqi detainee during a battle to recapture the city of Fallujah, ending a case that proved troublesome for the government because there were no bodies and no relatives complaining of lost loved ones.

A military judge reduced Sgt. Jermaine Nelson's rank from sergeant to lance corporal but ruled out a bad conduct discharge.

The sentencing came after Nelson pleaded guilty Tuesday to dereliction of duty after the government dropped a murder charge as part of a plea agreement.

During the two-day court-martial, a court for the first time heard Nelson's taped confession from March 2007 — a grisly account that his squad leader, Sgt. Jose Luis Nazario, beat unarmed detainees in a house, killed two of them by shooting them in the forehead and ordered squad members to kill two others. Four Iraqis died in the house.

Nelson, 28, apologized before he was sentenced, telling the judge he had failed the Marines by following Nazario's orders and ignoring his training. He said he should have left the house and asked superiors for help when he disagreed with his squad leader.

"I gave in to the peer pressure and now I have to live with it for the rest of my life," Nelson said in an unsworn statement. "It's like I slapped my own family in the face."

The judge, Navy Capt. Keith Allred, sentenced Nelson to 150 days in prison, but the plea deal ruled out incarceration. The

judge didn't know terms of the agreement until after announcing his sentence.

Under the agreement, Nelson got the less severe punishment and remains eligible for an honorable discharge.

"I just wanted everybody to hear my side of the story and that's exactly what happened," Nelson told reporters after the sentencing.

Nazario's lawyer, Kevin McDermott, said his client strongly disagreed with Nelson's account.

"We are surprised and disappointed to say the least," McDermott said in a statement. "Obviously Nelson was intimidated and worn down by the government. In exchange for apparently choreographed testimony in support of the government's theory about what happened in a room in Fallujah five years ago during brutal house-to-house fighting, Nelson was given a deal."

Nelson was the only remaining defendant in a case that resulted in two legal defeats for the government. Nazario was acquitted last year in federal court in Riverside, Calif., on counts that included voluntary manslaughter. He was beyond the reach of a court-martial because he had completed his military obligations.

Nelson's squadmate, Sgt. Ryan Weemer, was acquitted by a military jury of murder and dereliction of duty in April.

In his 2007 confession to a Naval Criminal Investigative Service investigator, Nelson said he entered the Fallujah home to

find a man standing against a wall and three men hiding under a staircase. He ordered them to lie face down on the floor.

Nazario and Weemer entered the home and a search turned up "about four" AK-47 guns.

Nazario, visibly angered, butted one detainee's ear with his rifle. Nelson said he bandaged the wound. Nazario then kicked the detainee in the groin twice and shot him, Nelson said.

"You're going to do one, Weemer's going to do one and I'm going to do ... another one," Nelson recalled being told by Nazario.

According to Nelson, Nazario shot another detainee and complained when blood spilled on his boots. Weemer then shot a man who was on his knees, Nelson said.

"He was just shootin', shootin', shootin'," Nelson said.

Nelson said he shot the remaining detainee. He didn't elaborate.

The case came to light long after the battle.

In 2006, after he left the Marine Corps, Weemer applied for a job in the Secret Service. During a background interview before a polygraph test as part of the application, he was asked about the most serious crime he ever committed.

"We went into this house, there happened to be four or five guys in the house," Weemer said in a recording of the interview played during his trial. "We ended up shooting them, we had to."

"I gave in to the peer pressure and now I have to live with it for the rest of my life."

Jermaine Nelson
U.S. marine

FBI says it did not edit bombing videotapes

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The FBI says it did not edit videotapes of the aftermath of the 1995 bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building before turning them over to an attorney who is conducting an unofficial inquiry into the bombing.

The FBI turned over more than two dozen tapes taken from security cameras on buildings and other locations around the federal building to Salt Lake City attorney Jesse Trentadue, who obtained them through the federal Freedom of Information Act. Trentadue said the tapes are blank at various times in the minutes before the blast.

"They have been edited," Trentadue said Wednesday.

The soundless recordings show people rushing from nearby buildings immediately after a 4,000 pound fertilizer-and-fuel-oil bomb detonated in front of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building on April 19, 1995, killing 168 people, including 19 children, and injuring hundreds more.

Some show people fleeing through corridors cluttered with debris. None shows the actual explosion that ripped through the federal building.

Trentadue said the absence of footage before the blast indi-

cates something was on the tapes that the FBI did not want to make public.

"They don't do anything by accident," he said.

A spokesman for the FBI in Washington, Paul Bresson, said in an e-mail to The Associated Press that the agency did not edit the tapes before turning them over to Trentadue.

Bresson said the FBI identified 26 videos in its files in response to an April request by Trentadue for video from security cameras in 11 different locations. FBI agents did not report finding any security tapes from the federal building itself.

"The FBI made no edits or redactions in the processing of these videos," Bresson said. "The tapes are typical security cameras — the view switches camera to camera every few seconds."

Bresson declined to expand on the FBI's e-mail statement when contacted Wednesday.

Trentadue began looking into the bombing after his brother, Kenneth Trentadue, died at the Oklahoma City Federal Transfer Center in August 1995. Kenneth Trentadue was a convicted bank robber who was held at the federal prison after being picked up on an alleged parole violation at his home in San Diego in June 1995.

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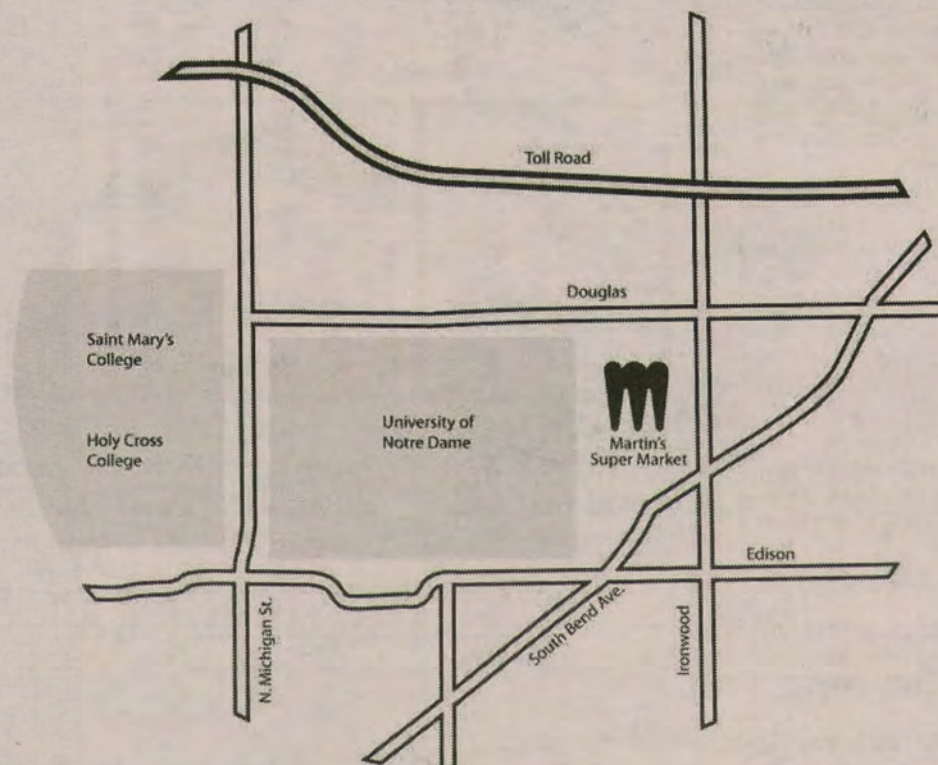
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I chose, as a freshman, to major in both philosophy and English. I told myself that they would complement one another, but this proved a fiction: philosophy looks outward, seeking the world in which we live, while English looks inward, seeking the stories that we tell ourselves. In the end, my choice to pursue philosophy over English was largely arbitrary, and I bore for a long time the sorrow that followed this insight: although I joked afterward that I had overcome a disability, I often felt that I had lost a part of myself, for I knew in my heart that I was not only a rational animal but also a teller of stories.

The sorrow faded in time. I learned, in philosophy, to seek the world, to grapple with experience for the truth, wrestling from it an understanding of the world — a theory that would allow me to predict further experience and, perhaps, to survive it. But the theory I sought proved subtler than expected.

There rages, in the philosophy of science, a controversy between instrumentalism and realism: the former holds that the objects of science are “really” just convenient fictions — that things like electrons and genes are just stories that we tell ourselves in order to predict experience — while the latter insists that these objects are real — “really” real, and only convenient because real. That one cannot tell, even in principle, whether these objects are “really” real is a fact that is rarely mentioned amid the foot-stomping.

I once took this foot-stomping rather seriously. It was a long time before I was shown, in the words of

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Wittgenstein, the way out of the fly bottle — before I came to see the controversy as a confusion. Quine, in his “On What There Is,” concedes that things like electrons and genes are nothing more than convenient fictions — nothing more, that is, than stories that we tell ourselves in order to make sense of experience. But the same is true, he points out, of things like tables and chairs: just as we posit electrons in order to make sense of streaks of light in a cloud chamber, we posit chairs in order to make sense of certain shapes in our vision. The objects of our everyday lives are no less fictional than those of science.

But if all objects are fictions, then any of them is as real as anything could ever be: electrons, genes, tables and chairs are, though fictional, hardly arbitrary, for they are based on experience. And insofar as they figure in a theory that allows us to predict and survive experience, that theory is true — even as it is nothing more than the story that we tell ourselves. We are indeed rational animals, for we seek to understand the world in which we live — but to be rational is just to be tellers of stories. In choosing philosophy, I had chosen English as well: in turning away from the inner and toward the outer, I came to learn that they were one and the same.

Quine suggests that, “from a phenomenalistic point of view, the conceptual scheme of physical objects is a convenient myth” — and that, moreover, the conceptual scheme of abstract objects “is, from the point of view of a strictly physicalistic conceptual scheme, as much a myth as that physicalistic conceptual scheme itself is for phenomenalism.” Quine might have gone further:

just as positing concrete objects makes sense of experience and, in turn, positing abstract objects makes sense of concrete objects, positing a transcendent object makes sense of the rest.

This is, of course, exactly what Aristotle and Aquinas realized when they argued for the existence of God: we posit God as the ultimate explanation of experience, the necessary object that gives rise to a contingent world. God is, in other words, the last and greatest story that we tell ourselves: he is our final hope for survival in the face of experience.

But if God is a story that we tell ourselves, the reverse is also true: God is, in his necessity, the author of our contingent world. In knowing himself, God knows the world as a finite manifestation of his infinite being. His fiction unfolds in the opposite direction: it bears the weight not of explanation but rather of creation. For in making sense of himself, God posits — that is, creates — a great chain of abstract objects, concrete objects, and phenomena. And all of these are ordered back toward their author — a fact made manifest by our contemplation, which inverts that of God and of which he is the final posit.

We are, then, the story that God has told himself. And insofar as our story comes to echo his — insofar as we learn the truth — we return, posit by posit, unto him.

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“Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes.”

Mahatma Gandhi
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To kneel or not to kneel

Presiding at Notre Dame Masses around campus these days has become a study in group dynamics, and sometimes group gymnastics. I am referring to the differing approaches to kneeling, standing, bowing and other liturgical postures and gestures at Mass. My words here do not seek to contribute to the debate surrounding "Who's right and who's wrong?" but rather, in reflection of last Sunday's Gospel, to offer a word of caution to both "sides." (It is a bit painful to mention "sides" when talking about a group who is celebrating the Eucharist together.)

Fr. Lou DelFra

Faith Point

In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' apostles come running to Jesus, distressed that they just witnessed someone driving out demons in Jesus' name, though this person was not "one of us" — i.e., part of their group of disciples. If Jesus ever had a moment when it would have been important for him to "control his message," it would surely have been now — at the very beginning of his ministry, as this nascent "Christian movement" was just beginning to take shape. Yet Jesus, not for the first time, exhibits a striking restraint from control here. The right word might be "liberality" in its technical sense but has become impossible to use in a politics-neutral discussion. However, perhaps it might be said that Jesus' "liberality" in this situation is used precisely to "conserve"

a guideline about how his message and mission can spread most authentically. And what is that guideline?

It is important to note that Jesus does not lapse into any kind of relativism on this, or any other, occasion. His message is clearly not, "Let him do whatever he wants to; as long as he's helping people, it really doesn't matter." Rather, he is quite explicit about what authorizes this renegade demon-driver: "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." Jesus displays his rather surprising comfort with the un-named exorcist precisely because he was casting out demons "in my name." A living, authentic relationship with the person of Jesus — and the authenticity of this person's faith seems to be confirmed by his power over evil — is the authorizing credential for discipleship.

As a presider at Mass, the disparate postures of the congregation at various times in the liturgy are unavoidably noticeable. Arguments proliferate about the importance of the reverence of kneeling, the union of standing, how far one ought to bow before receiving the Eucharist, whether one should genuflect before receiving the Eucharist. The "General Instruction of the Roman Missal" (GIRM) has plenty to say here, from preferring postures that "contribute to making the entire celebration resplendent with beauty" to fostering practices that "serve the common spiritual good of the People of God, rather

than private inclination or arbitrary choice."

The GIRM includes rules about both the preferred postures at different parts of the Mass, including kneeling during the Communion Rite. However, it also leaves room for variation in certain situations, including, it would seem, appropriate postures for chapels without kneelers. So, as with the disciples in last Sunday's Gospel, we encounter an instance of some ambiguity.

Still, the words of Christ in Sunday's Gospel and the teachings of the GIRM — Scripture and Tradition — converge quite conspicuously in guiding the attitude we are to extend to one another as we live out our Christian lives as authentically as we can, particularly at the Eucharist, which forms us as the People of God: "In the celebration of Mass the faithful form a holy people, a people whom God has made his own... They should endeavor to make this clear by their deep religious sense and their charity towards brothers and sisters who participate with them in the same celebration. Thus, they are to shun any appearance of individualism or division, keeping before their eyes that they have only one Father in heaven and accordingly are all brothers and sisters to each other."

I must admit, the differing postures and gestures, as noticeably disparate as they sometimes are, are not what attune my attention the most when celebrating Mass. Rather, it is — sadly — the looks I often see — from one kneeling to one

standing, or from one standing to one kneeling. At their most benign, they are looks of curiosity. More frequently, they are looks of confusion and sudden self-consciousness. On some occasions, they are looks of contempt and judgment. None of these seem particularly desirable during a time of worship, especially of communal worship, and especially at the Eucharist.

Last Sunday's Gospel was not about postures we ought or ought not to assume at Mass. But the Gospel does seem to assert — rather provocatively — that an authentic relationship to Jesus Christ — an authenticity confirmed both by word and by the quality and power of a disciple's Christian witness ("one who performs a mighty deed in my name") — is the primary guiding principle of discipleship, not membership to a particular clique of disciples. While the Gospel doesn't solve our practical problem of what postures and gestures we should or should not perform, it does make very clear an admonition not to cast judgment on others who are living out an authentic Christian faith, and indeed, to enter into "Communion" with them.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hope in the city

We've all got a lot to be hopeful about. A football team that's 3-1, hopefully about to jump into the rankings with another win. A fall that started late, hopefully meaning that winter will too. Mid-terms two weeks away, hopefully giving us enough time to study, or at least throw together last minute plans to hit Vegas for fall break. Hope gives us something to be excited about, something to look forward too. Hope also gives us something to work towards, a challenge to meet or goal to fulfill.

Each year about 300 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students choose to take personally hope's call to action. They take 48 hours out of their winter breaks to "plunge" into urban poverty and examine what hope looks like in over 35 cities across the country. They pair up with Alumni Clubs and charitable organizations to learn about problems of poverty, hunger, education, healthcare, inequality, unemployment, and homelessness through direct service. This immersion experience is the basis of a one-credit experiential learning course offered by the Center for Social Concerns.

With people still reeling over the economic meltdown, the health-care crisis, and the intensification of our military situations abroad, some have found it hard to hope. It becomes even more important though, in times of turmoil, to embrace hope, as Pope Benedict XVI does in his recent encyclical *Spe Salvi* and as the Center for Social Concerns continues to do with its "Hope in Action" campaign. We must remember though that hope does necessitate action, and action in solidarity with the poor, who have been and will continue to bear the brunt of these crises.

While we at Notre Dame are not immune to the effects of these hard times, we have an obligation to find hope in the world and act on it. It is my hope that you'll take some time this winter to go into the city not just to shop or catch a show, but to give witness to the other side of the city, the unrecognized poverty and the hidden hope that is found there. For more information on the Urban Plunge, visit socialconcerns.nd.edu. The application opens this week and the deadline to apply is October 30th..

Kaitlin Sullivan
senior
off-campus
Sept. 29

Losing sight of giving roots

Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, spoke Sunday Sept. 27th in Prague to the faculties there about the proper use of academic freedom in the pursuit of truth. Many would consider this statement to be trivially true, and as such pay only trivial lip-service to it. But as Catholics and as Christians more generally, the truth is not merely a provisional point at which our intellectual affairs are aimed, some pragmatic goal, but it is transcendent and divine: Our Lord did tell us that He is "the way, the truth, and the life." And so, our work at the university, our pursuit of Truth, must be informed by a truly holistic and universal view, one in which moral and religious perspectives are not only relevant but essential to our enterprise.

But often academic freedom is invoked not as a proper means to pursue truth, but in order to divorce the intellectual and the moral. In light of this, our Holy Father asks a series of tough questions: "Is it not the case that frequently, across the globe, the exercise of reason and academic research are — subtly and not so subtly — constrained to bow to the pressures of ideological interest groups and the lure of short-term utilitarian or pragmatic goals? What will happen if our culture builds itself only on fashionable arguments, with little reference to a genuine his-

torical intellectual tradition, or on the viewpoints that are most vociferously promoted and most heavily funded? What will happen if in its anxiety to preserve a radical secularism, it detaches itself from its life-giving roots?"

And his sobering answer: "Our societies will not become more reasonable or tolerant or adaptable but rather more brittle and less inclusive, and they will increasingly struggle to recognize what is true, noble and good."

Perhaps we would do well to ponder these words, and ask ourselves: has the pursuit of truth at Notre Dame and our university's proper autonomy been thwarted and subverted? In the work of the university, is more attention paid to what is fashionable, popular or well-funded? Has Notre Dame detached itself from its life-giving roots? And, perhaps most importantly, does Notre Dame struggle to recognize what is true, noble and good?

Jonathan Buttaci
alumnus
Class of 2009
Sept. 28

No band? I'm sorry

In response to Jim Blase ("No band, no excuses", Sept. 28), I would like to ask, were you in band when you attended Notre Dame Law School? My guess is no. If you knew how the band worked, you would know that we are told what games we are playing at, and when. We, as band members, cannot just "volunteer" to attend a game that the whole band is not being sent to, it just does not work that way. If I were to walk into the Purdue stadium holding my clarinet saying, "I'm going to volunteer to play the Notre Dame school songs," they would look at me like I was crazy. I know the band appreciates people wanting us to be at games, but you have to know how the system works before you get upset about it.

Purdue was my first game as a "normal" Notre Dame student, no uniform, no instrument, and I wouldn't trade it for a thing. Don't get me wrong, I love playing in the band at football games more than anything, but the opportunity to wear an Notre Dame jersey, beads, face paint and other Notre Dame accessories is something I've been waiting for, so don't take that away from me because your voice wasn't loud enough to sing the Victory March and Alma Mater over the Purdue fans like mine and the rest of my band friends who attended the game. Thanks, and Go Irish, beat Huskies!

Jessica Young
senior
Lewis hall
Sept. 29

This Week's Mix : Braving the Autumn Weather



by Alexandra Kilpatrick

- 1 ☒ The Zephyr Song – Red Hot Chili Peppers
- 2 ☒ Glass in Lullabies – The Autumns
- 3 ☒ I Want You Back – Jackson 5
- 4 ☒ Mushaboom – Feist
- 5 ☒ Hey Jealousy – Gin Blossoms
- 6 ☒ Be True to Your School – The Beach Boys
- 7 ☒ Fight for Your Right – Beastie Boys
- 8 ☒ Coney Island – Good Old War
- 9 ☒ Rocket Man – Elton John
- 10 ☒ There She Goes – The La's
- 11 ☒ Mo Money Mo Problems–Notorious B.I.G. feat. Mase & Puff Daddy
- 12 ☒ Under Pressure – Queen & David Bowie

It's inevitable, the leaves are changing colors, the temperatures are dropping and autumn is officially underway. No better way to welcome the new season than with a mug of warm apple cider and a playlist made complete with reminiscent classic rock songs, school spirit and upbeat '90s jams.



By BRANDY CERNE
Scene Writer

America's favorite love-to-hate/hate-to-love reality shows are back. New seasons of MTV's "The Hills" and "The City" have started, but with some changes.

The most notable: the replacement of Lauren Conrad on "The Hills" with Kristin Cavallari, Conrad's arch-nemesis from high school. Their dramas played out on "The Hills"' predecessor "Laguna Beach."

Cavallari's presence is sure to shake up the reality show in its fifth season. "The Hills" peaked when Conrad and former best friend Heidi Montag had a screaming match at a club in Season 3 over Conrad's alleged sex tape and Montag's evil other half, Spencer Pratt. Since then, "The Hills" had become stale and irrelevant by reiterating Montag's whining about becoming friends with Lauren again and the fact that the show never acknowledged Conrad's rising celebrity and other job of fashion designer. With any indication from the premiere episode, "The Hills" is headed in a new direction full of drama with Cavallari as its lead.

In just the premiere, entitled "The Bitch is Back," Cavallari has a loud fight with two of the other vapid only-famous-for-doing-nothing stars, Stephanie Pratt and Audrina Patridge. Cavallari is known for stealing boyfriends, so when she starts flirting with Patridge's ex, the insults start slinging. This will inevitably continue to develop throughout the season so many more fights can be expected.

Over in "The City," the New York City counterpart to Los Angeles' "The Hills" and the Whitney Port spinoff, new

changes in casting have also taken place in its second season. Half of the cast was overhauled, leaving behind just Port and haughty co-worker Olivia Palermo.

Port has returned to working for cutthroat Kelly Cutrone while also working on her clothing line.

with women who are her complete opposites.

Port's former co-worker Palermo has a new job this season as well. She now works for "Elle" magazine under Erin Kaplan, who does not appreciate Palermo's uppity attitude. They have a throw down over styling

issues within Palermo's first few days of working, hinting to the audience that many more are to come.

Both shows will benefit from the casting shake-ups. Cavallari is a much more entertaining lead than Conrad's blank good girl character. Everyone loves to watch a bad girl wreak her havoc, which Cavallari will definitely do on season five of The Hills. Port, while sweet and driven, is not exactly the most exciting lead.

Hopefully there will be more screen time for Cutrone and new girl Olin, as they are sure to have the best lines and create the most drama.

For some inexplicable reason, "The Hills" and "The City" draw viewers back episode after episode. Is it that they get a voyeuristic pleasure out of watching the young, rich and famous lead their glamorous lives? Their lives can hardly be considered accurate on a "reality show" that is so obviously scripted and poorly acted. These shows are the ultimate in guilty pleasure, mostly because guilt is the prominent emotion felt while watching them. There are

many, many better ways to spend one's time, yet "The Hills" and "The City" are so addicting and entertaining that they cannot be missed.

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She has a new roommate and co-worker, Roxy Olin, whom she was schoolmates with in California. Olin is a wild, partying straight shooter and a welcome



addition to the cast. Cutrone's interview with Olin was the highlight of the premiere, as the audience got a glimpse of the two characters that will bring the most bite to "The City." It is an interesting dynamic to see kind, saccharine Port surround herself

Weekend Events Calendar

thursday

friday

saturday

sunday



iNDustry Alliance Documentary Film Festival, DPAC @ 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.

In an effort to promote alumni filmmakers, the Alumni Association in partnership with the Department of Film, Television and Theatre and the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center are presenting the iNDustry Alliance Documentary Film Festival. On Thursday and Friday of this week, DPAC will be playing four documentaries made by Alumni. On Thursday evening there will be a showing of "The Man Who Would Be Polka King" at 6:30 p.m. This film tracks the road to fame for Jan Lewan, an International Polka star. Following "Polka King," "Song Sung Blue" will be shown at 9 p.m., chronicling the inspiring yet tragic love story of a Milwaukee husband and wife Neil Diamond cover band. Also consider attending "Brothers at War" and "Jam" on Friday night.

Burn Book, Geddes Hall Auditorium @ 7 p.m.

Most, if not all, women on this campus are familiar with the movie "Mean Girls" starring Lindsay Lohan. The University Counseling Center, along with several other offices on campus, will be hosting a "Mean Girls" watch Friday evening, to be followed by a brief dialogue regarding the way young women interact with one another. A prominent part of the movie, the "Burn Book" and its effects on the women in the story will be discussed. This event is part of a weeklong program designed to raise awareness and challenge body image and eating disorder awareness on Notre Dame's campus.

Get Your Jams On (Jock Jam Nightclub), Legends @ Midnight

Everyone loves a cheesy dance song from the nineties. And everyone is in luck!

Legends is hosting "Get Your Jams On" nightclub Saturday night. They are sure to play such classics as "Whoop! (There it is)" and "Gonna Make You Sweat (Everybody Dance Now)." "YMCA" may even make an appearance, you'll just have to see for yourself.

No doubt this will be a blast, so bring your friends and get ready to dance all night long to some of the most ridiculous tunes from the last 20 years. Decade appropriate clothing and accessories suggested.

Fleur de Lys: The Palace of Frederick the Great, DPAC @ 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Fleur de Lys is a musical group associated with both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame. They play period music on instruments authentic to the time. This Sunday they will be performing a show entitled "The Palace of Frederick the Great." This program is set to include music from the time of Frederick the Great's reign as king of Prussia. Frederick was a great patron of the arts, in addition to being a composer in his own right. The music selections will be taken from C.P.E. Bach, Hasse, Brenda and Quantz in addition to Frederick's own music. All pieces will be played on the instruments for which they were originally composed.

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By COURTNEY ECKERLE
Scene Writers

The crooning North Carolinian quartet The Avett Brothers' latest album "I and Love and You" explores love and connection of family — both those related and the kind you choose for yourself. This choice reflects the band itself, as sweet singing brothers Seth and Scott Avett make up half of the foursome. The brothers also adopted bassist Bob Crawford and cellist Joe Kwon into their fold.

It's rare to see a previously unrecognized and hardly heralded band like the Avett's achieve a bigger spotlight, but with this latest album, die hard fans are going to have to

take a page from the book of fans of bands like Kings of Leon and keep a stiff upper lip with a bittersweet sigh and let the back-roads band trek off into the mainstream. Perhaps it's just the accident of conquering every dance hall and prairie-home heart from coast to coast, or the summation of the inevitable, since the Avett's caught the eye of Rick Rubin, the co-head of Columbia Records who signed the band and produced their new major-label debut.

The album shies away from the caterwauling and banjo-filled hootenannies that made their live performances famous and have kept consistent in previous albums. This change distills the album, making melodies that feel like home and lyrics like the kitchen table. "I and

Love and You" is sure to inspire a whole new horde into the "Avett Nation", which has become fans' self-proclaimed pledge of allegiance. With the band gracefully toeing the line between independent integrity and widespread success and appeal, their personal brand of rustic bluegrass-Americana isn't at all held captive by the Mason-Dixon Line, as they merge sounds that hail from every hop, skip and a jump part of the country. "Head Full of Doubt/Road Full of Promise" is a song that will sound new to old fans, showing that no obstacle — not even the politics deal breaker — is insurmountable with such lyrics as, "And your life doesn't change by the man that's elected / If you're loved by someone you're never rejected."

Second on the album, "January Wedding" is a sweet as pie Appalachian love ballad that name drops Audrey Hepburn and keeps a light seriousness to getting hitched. The sincerity of the tone and lyrics make it a (note to guys) heart melting message to a lady love. Title track "I and Love and You" deals with the pain of leaving them by crooning, "That woman she's got eyes that shine / Like a pair of stolen polished dimes."

Serious as a shotgun tune "The Perfect Space" starts off a somber ballad then kicks in as unexpectedly and as epically as The Who's "Behind Blue Eyes" with a bit of metal and a lot of sound to groove with. The lyrics, "Okay part two now clear the house / The party's over take the shouting and the people / Get out," illustrate the kind of frustrated melody relatable to anyone who has ever hosted a party gone

I AND LOVE AND YOU INVITATION TO THE AVETT NATION

badly wrong. Infectious frolicking tune "Kick Drum Heart" is one of the few times the Avett's really rock out on the album, if only for the reason they were afraid of giving too much of a good thing — a literal kick drum raps punctuate the chorus.

While the Avett Brothers have had a successful career and following for nearly a decade, the album's final tune "Incomplete and Insecure" repeats the line, "I haven't finished a thing since I started my life / I don't feel much like starting now," perfect for an album that is a continuation

of the realization of this troupe's potential. It thankfully keeps from warbling too much about love, which would have made the album maudlin, or too many upbeat pop rock tunes, which would have been just as great a betrayal to fans as the Avett Brothers suddenly transforming into the Jonas Brothers. One thing old and new fans alike can be sure of is that this ragtag family is just getting revved up.

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'I and Love and You' The Avett Brothers

Record Label: American Recordings

Recommended Tracks: "Kick Drum Heart," "Head Full of Doubt/Road Full of Promise," "I and Love and You"



MLB

Phillies clinch third straight NL East title

Chamberlain lasts less than four innings against the Royals in final start before the postseason begins

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Now, the Philadelphia Phillies can rest and prepare to defend their World Series title.

Kyle Kendrick pitched three scoreless innings in relief of Pedro Martinez and the Phillies beat the Houston Astros 10-3 Wednesday night to clinch their third straight NL East crown.

Raul Ibanez hit his career-high 34th homer and Jimmy Rollins had a double and triple for Philadelphia, which is heading to the postseason for the third straight year for the first time since Mike Schmidt, Steve Carlton and crew won three consecutive division titles from 1976-78.

The Phillies are trying to become the first repeat champions since the New York Yankees won three World Series in a row from 1998-2000. The Cincinnati Reds were the last NL team to win two straight in 1975-76.

J.R. Towles, a career .187 hitter (43 for 230), hit a pair of solo homers off Martinez, a three-time Cy Young Award winner. But the Astros couldn't spoil Philadelphia's party.

Kendrick (3-1) gave up two hits and struck out four. Martinez lasted just four innings, allowing three runs and six hits in his first start since a neck strain forced him out of a game at Atlanta on Sept. 19. Brad Lidge, who has 11 blown saves after a perfect season last year, came in to get the

last out after Scott Eyre retired the first two batters in the ninth.

Astros starter Brian Moehler (8-12) gave up seven runs in 4 1/3 innings.

A crowd of 45,207 — the 38th straight sellout at Citizens Bank Park — waved their white-and-red "Fightin' Phils" rally towels throughout the night and made the atmosphere festive.

Celebrations are becoming common for the Phillies, who used to be the NL's laughing-stock. The losingest team in professional sports has been thinking dynasty since winning the franchise's second championship in 126 years last October.

Unlike the last two years, the Phillies didn't sweat out this division title. They moved into first place for good on May 30 and have spent 136 days atop the standings.

In 2007, the Phillies trailed the Mets by seven games with 17 remaining. They took advantage of New York's historic collapse and clinched the division on the final day of the regular season, ending a 14-year postseason drought.

Players and fans had a wild celebration and Philadelphia was promptly swept by Colorado in the division series.

Last year, the Phillies were 3 1/2 games behind the Mets with 17 to play. They caught them during the final week and clinched on the next-to-last day of the regular season.

With four games left this year,

manager Charlie Manuel has a chance to rest his regulars and set up his postseason pitching rotation. The Phillies still have a chance to secure home-field advantage throughout the NL playoffs. They entered the night 1 1/2 games behind Los Angeles.

Martinez, who is 5-1 with a 3.63 ERA in nine starts, struggled from the start. He walked Hunter Pence to force in a run in the first and gave up homers to Towles in the second and fourth.

Towles' drive to left-center in the second was initially ruled a double, but umpires changed the call after reviewing the video. He easily cleared the left-field wall his next time up to give the Astros a 3-1 lead.

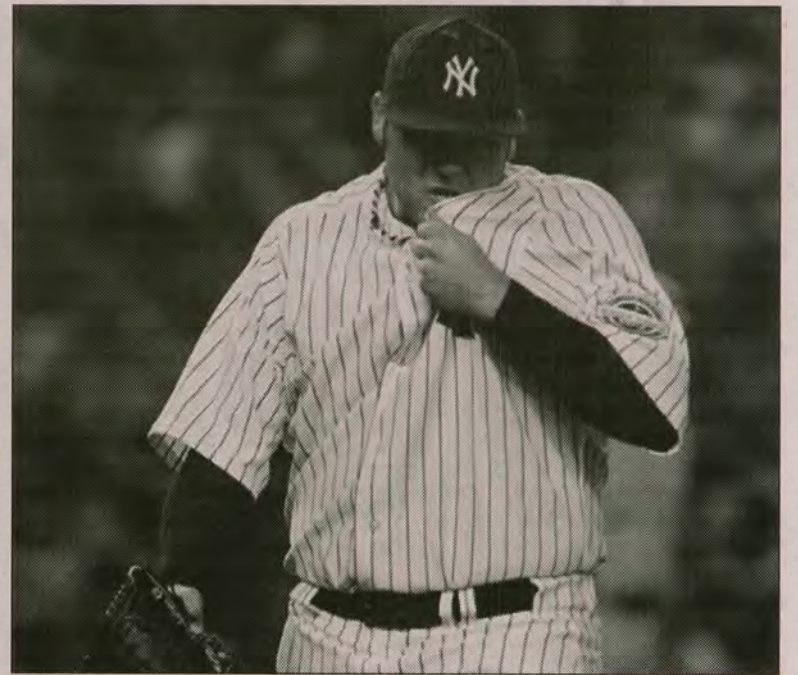
But the Phillies answered with four runs in the bottom half. Shane Victorino singled and stole second before Chase Utley walked. Ryan Howard followed with an RBI single. Utley scored when Ibanez hit a bouncer to the mound and Moehler threw it into center field for an error. Howard advanced to third and Ibanez ended up on second.

Jayson Werth's RBI groundout put the Phillies ahead for good. Pedro Feliz doubled in another run to make it 5-3.

Rollins and Victorino hit back-to-back triples to start Philadelphia's fifth. Ibanez's sacrifice fly made it 7-3.

Royals 4, Yankees 3

The Yankees ended the first regular season at their new \$1.5



Yankees pitcher Joba Chamberlain leaves the mound in the fourth inning of New York's 4-3 loss to Kansas City Wednesday.

billion ballpark the same way they began — with a loss.

Joba Chamberlain lasted just 3 2/3 innings in his final tuneup for the postseason and was booed by fans at Yankee Stadium when he walked off Wednesday night during the Kansas City Royals' win over New York.

Derek Jeter homered leading off the first, and Nick Swisher's 29th homer tied the score in the fifth, a two-run drive off Robinson Tejeda.

Kansas City broke a seventh-inning tie when Mark Teahen walked against Damaso Marte (1-3) and John Buck tripled off Sergio Mitre on a catchable drive that Swisher got turned around on and then fell down. Yuniesky Betancourt followed with a missed a squeeze bunt, and Buck was tagged out by catcher Jorge Posada.

Jamey Wright (3-5) pitched two innings for the win in relief off Robinson Tejeda, and Joakim Soria got three outs for his 30th save in 33 chances, stopping the Yankees' seven-game winning streak. After Betancourt's throwing error from shortstop put runners on second and third with two outs in the ninth, Ramiro Pena flied out to shallow center.

New York opened the ballpark on April 16 with a 10-2 loss to Cleveland but went on to finish 57-24 (.704) at new Yankee Stadium, the third-highest winning percentage since 1901 for a team in a first-year ballpark, according to STATS LLC. The Boston Red Sox were 57-20 (.740) with one tie in 1912 at Fenway Park, and the Boston Somersets were 49-20 (.710) in

1901 at the Huntington Avenue Baseball Grounds.

Hoping to be the Yankees' No. 4 starter in the AL championship series and World Series, Chamberlain had a dreadful two-month stretch starting in mid-August, going 0-4 with 8.42 ERA in eight starts. After receiving a warning that he said "was a little bit more stern" from manager Joe Girardi and coaches early last week, he rebounded to beat Boston on Friday.

"It's important that he has a good start," Girardi said Wednesday. "He had a good start last time and he's had good starts during the year, but we want him to have another good start because there are decisions that still have to be made."

Girardi didn't give the pitcher another warning.

"I think the message was clear. I think he understood the message that, you know, we needed to see him better," the manager said. "I mean, it was only seven, eight days ago that we had it."

Chamberlain allowed three runs, seven hits and four walks, throwing just 52 of 91 pitches for strikes and going to three-ball counts on six of 22 batters.

He gave up run-scoring singles to Brayan Pena in the first, Teahen in the third and another to Pena that finished his night in the fourth. It could have been worse: the Royals loaded the bases with one out in the second before Tug Hulett popped out and Billy Butler flied out.

When Girardi finally came to the mound, Chamberlain headed back to the dugout with his head bowed, then while in foul territory looked up toward the stands.



Phillies pitcher Pedro Martinez pitches in the first inning of Philadelphia's 10-3 win over Houston Wednesday. With the win and an Atlanta loss, Philadelphia clinched its third straight NL East title.

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Awful bloody film. I say, it's just a ridiculous premise. What would happen if your mobile phone killed you? Why would a mobile phone kill anyone?

Doesn't make sense. How can a mobile phone have an agenda and kill people...

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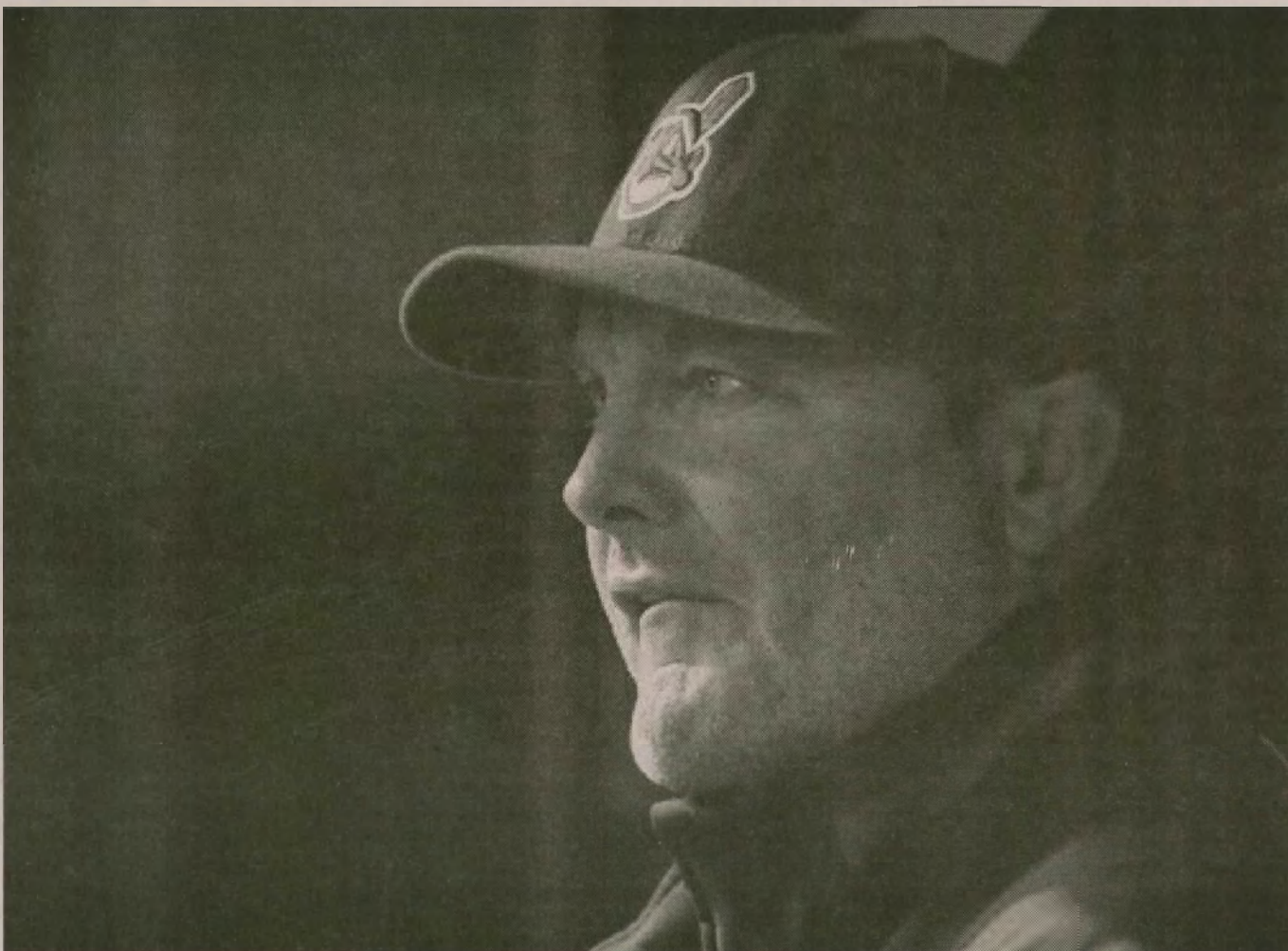
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24 New Mexico	26
25 Oklahoma	NR

NCAA Women's Volleyball AVCA Division I Coaches Poll

team	points
1 Penn St.	1487
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3 Washington	1393
4 Hawaii	1305
5 Florida	1255
6 Michigan	1160
7 Oregon	1122
8 Minnesota	1058
9 California	1015
10 Nebraska	886

MLB



The Cleveland Indians fired Eric Wedge as manager Wednesday, but Wedge will remain with the team to manage the final six games. Wedge led the Indians to one playoff appearance in seven years with the club.

Indians fire manager Wedge in advance

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Eric Wedge lost his job and kept his uniform.

Wedge was fired Wednesday as manager of the Cleveland Indians, who are in the final days of a terrible season that began with high hopes.

Despite being told he would not be back next season, Wedge will manage the last six games of his seventh year with Cleveland, which entered Wednesday's doubleheader against the Chicago White Sox one game out of last place in the AL Central.

"I still wanted to finish what we started this year," said Wedge, who led the

Indians to one playoff appearance since 2003 and went through two rebuilding projects with the midmarket club. "I felt it was the right thing to do. It's been a long run here — as managers go."

General manager Mark Shapiro said he and owners Larry and Paul Dolan came to a collective decision on Wedge's future "fairly recently" and that Cleveland's coaches were told Tuesday night that they would not be retained for the 2010 season. Wedge is under contract for 2010.

Wedge's firing had been rumored for weeks, and although him still being around makes for an awkward situation, he's glad to have some resolution.

"It's been a big elephant in the room for a while," he said.

After leaving the interview room at Progressive Field, Wedge headed back to his office to begin preparing for his final two home games. It was a strange scene as he walked down the corridor. He was passed by several White Sox players who said hello and seemed surprised to see him still wearing his Chief Wahoo cap.

The Indians won the doubleheader opener 5-1.

Shapiro refused to discuss any specifics about why Wedge was dismissed.

The Indians were plagued by slow starts throughout the 41-year-old's tenure and this season they couldn't overcome some early injuries and an atrocious bullpen that blew games in April and May.

Cleveland also recently went on an 11-game losing streak and has dropped 20 of its last 25, a tailspin that likely sealed Wedge's fate.

"It was not one overwhelming component that led us to this," Shapiro said. "It was a large number of things occurring. I think we just reached the point where it was time to make a change."

Shapiro said the Indians will begin their search for a new manager soon.

IN BRIEF

Michael Vick renews contract with Nike

NEW YORK — Michael Vick is back with Nike two years after the company severed ties over the quarterback's involvement in a dog-fighting ring.

"Mike has a long-standing, great relationship with Nike, and he looks forward to continuing that relationship," his agent, Joel Segal, said Wednesday.

Segal would not reveal terms of the agreement. Nike declined a request for comment.

The deal was announced during a panel discussion at the Sports Sponsorship Symposium by Michael Principe, the managing director of BEST, the agency that represents Vick.

The endorsement is the latest step forward for Vick as he seeks to rehabilitate his career and his image after serving 18 months in federal prison. On Sunday, Vick played his first regular-season game since December 2006.

Marlins' Nolasco strikes out nine consecutive batters

ATLANTA — Florida Marlins pitcher Ricky Nolasco struck out nine consecutive batters against the Atlanta Braves on Wednesday night, one short of the major league record.

The streak ended with a leadoff double by Adam LaRoche in the sixth inning, and Nolasco finished with a club-record 16 strikeouts. After throwing more than 120 pitches, he was lifted by manager Fredi Gonzalez with two outs in the eighth. The Marlins were leading 5-2.

The big league record for consecutive strikeouts in a game is 10 by Hall of Famer Tom Seaver for the New York Mets on April 22, 1970, against San Diego.

Seaver struck out 19 in that game at Shea Stadium, including his final 10 batters in a 2-1 victory.

The major league record for strikeouts in a nine-inning game is 20, set by Roger Clemens (twice) and Kerry Wood.

Yankee Stadium sets another home run record

NEW YORK — Another home run record has fallen at the new Yankee Stadium.

Derek Jeter homered against Kansas City's Robinson Tejeda leading off the bottom of the first inning Wednesday night, and the \$1.5 billion ballpark became the first major league stadium with home runs in all but one regular-season game.

Three ballparks had home runs in 79 of 81 games, according to STATS LLC: Edison Field (2000), Coors Field (2001) and U.S. Cellular Field (2004). The only game without a home run at Yankee Stadium this season was on June 18, when the Washington Nationals won 3-0 in a game that started after a 5-hour, 26-minute rain delay.

Playing its regular-season home finale, New York also became the first team to go deep in 73 home games, according to STATS. The 2004 Chicago White Sox homered in 72 home games.

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NFL

Cowboys running wild despite injuries

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Imagine how many yards the Dallas Cowboys would be running for if they could keep their running backs healthy.

Even with starter Marion Barber missing the last game because of an injury and backup Felix Jones leaving two games with injuries, Dallas has averaged a whopping 193.7 yards rushing per game, 23 yards better than any other NFL team.

OK, three weeks into the season, league-leading totals are pretty worthless. But here's a pretty significant statistic: The Cowboys have run for more than 200 yards each of the last two games, a back-to-back feat they haven't pulled off since 1979. In other words, it never happened in all the years Emmitt Smith was running for the most yards in NFL history.

So, what gives?

How can Dallas be so much more successful than last year, when it ranked 21st in rushing, with pretty much the same runners and blockers?

"I don't have the answer," offensive line coach Hudson Houck said Wednesday. "I wish I did."

A logical reason would be the team's preseason pledge to running more. However, that's not the case. The Cowboys actually have five fewer carries than three games into last year, yet they have 129 more yards.

The obvious difference is they're running more effectively.

The linemen are in their second year under Houck and are back at full strength with right guard Kyle Kosier recovered from foot problems that limited him to three games last season. Barber is more comfortable in his second year as the starter, while Jones and third-stringer Tashard Choice are better in their second NFL season.

Offensive coordinator Jason Garrett is doing things differently, too.

His basic formation uses two tight ends, Jason Witten and Martellus Bennett, and sometimes he goes with a third, rookie John Phillips. Other times he goes with fullback Deon Anderson. The results show Garrett is doing a good job mixing things up, sometimes calling the perfect play against a defense.

For instance, against Carolina on Monday night, he called for a left-side run when the Panthers were blitzing from the right side. Jones broke through for 40 yards. He had a 56-yarder against the New York Giants the week before and Barber had a 35-yarder that game, too.

All told, the Cowboys have seven runs of at least 20 yards and 18 of 10 yards or more.

Could that be the secret to the surge in production, that Dallas has become a big-play running team instead of a grind-it-out type?

"The interesting thing is, we

can do both," running backs coach Skip Peete said. "With Marion and Tashard, we can grind it. Then with Felix there's a chance of a big play every time he touches it. It's very exciting to watch."

Dallas is going to get a stiff test Sunday against Denver. The Broncos have the stingiest defense in the NFL, allowing only 214.7 total yards per game. They are seventh against the run at 78.3 yards per game.

A bigger issue is the health of the Cowboys' running backs. With Barber and Jones hobbling, Choice is likely to start and could be the only one who suits up.

Jones is almost certainly out because of sprained ligament in his left knee. Barber could be back from a thigh strain. There's no telling yet whether he'll start, relieve or be inactive again. If he'll miss the game, Dallas probably would call up Chauncey Washington from the practice squad. Anderson is the only other ballcarrier on the 53-man roster and he has two carries over three seasons.

"It's a tenuous situation certainly," coach Wade Phillips said. "We're looking at what we can do or what the possibilities are. We certainly don't want to go into the game with one running back."

Choice is no typical third-stringer. He already has 100 yards on 22 carries, a solid 4.5 yards per carry, and he did a nice job as the primary running back over the final month of 2008 when Barber and Jones were hurt.

"Being put in that position last year and coming through and showing the team ... is really important, more for the coaches and then my teammates," Choice said. "Once those guys look at you in the huddle and know that you can play, it's a good feeling."

And they certainly do.

"We are very confident when he is out there," quarterback Tony Romo said. "He is a smart, smart kid."

Barber hurt his left thigh at the end of his 35-yard run and missed the last game. Phillips said Barber was limited in practice Wednesday, but not as limited as last week. How Barber looks Thursday will go a long way toward determining his availability Sunday.

Jones overcame a thigh bruise in the opener, then sprained a ligament in his left knee Monday night.

"I guess, realistically, I should rule him out (Sunday), but I'm still not," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "He has a lot of resolve and, at best, these things are very subjective."

After Denver, Dallas plays at lowly Kansas City, then has a bye. So there's a notion Dallas might let Felix Jones have a three-week break.

"That's being pretty conservative, at this juncture," Jerry Jones said. "That may turn out to be the case, but I'm not ready to say that now."

NFL

T.O. still silent on offensive woes

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — If Terrell Owens has any concerns about the Buffalo Bills' offense and his lack of a big-play role in it three weeks into the season, he's going to keep it to himself.

And if reporters don't like that, too bad, because Owens feels whatever he says will be taken out of context, and he has no intention of throwing more fuel on the fire.

"I think over the years that's always gotten me in trouble and created some sort of division in the locker room with guys on the team," Owens said after practice Wednesday. "I try to do the right thing now. And even when I try to do the right thing, it's not the right thing. I'm in a situation where I'm in a no-win situation."

"I just try to do the best I can do without offending someone."

Welcome to T.O. Version 2.0, the one who is refusing to cause a disruption or say anything that might be considered a knock against quarterback Trent Edwards or the offense after he had a 185-game reception streak snapped in a 27-7 loss to New Orleans last weekend.

"Guys, all I can say is that I'm working hard, we're working hard as a team," Owens said, as the Bills (1-2) prepare to play at Miami (0-3) on Sunday. "Myself, I just have to make the best of the opportunities that are coming my way."

It made no difference to Owens that he has five catches for 98 yards and one touch-

down, or that he and fellow deep threat Lee Evans have been mere afterthoughts in what's essentially been a dink-and-dunk passing attack. And if Evans has said that he and Owens have approached Edwards about taking more shots downfield, then that's OK.

"Lee is a captain on this team, and if he said that, then I'll just go with that," Owens said. "I don't feel the need to say that because if I say it, according to you guys, I'm taking a shot at Trent or what not. So I just tend to not say anything."

That's a considerable switch for a high-profile player who is no stranger to controversy.

Owens' reputation for being disruptive has grown during his 14-year NFL career following several public quarterback feuds. He's criticized Jeff Garcia, was suspended by the Eagles after a series of dustups with teammates and coaches, and has also suggested Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo played a role in the receiver being cut by Dallas.

Owens said it's not his intention to repeat the past in Buffalo, the team that signed him to a one-year contract in March, days after the Cowboys cut him.

"My thing is they brought me here to give this team a lift and obviously create some opportunities," he said. "I don't know what else to say. I'm just going to try to stay positive and keep working hard and hope for the best. That's all you can do."

It hasn't been enough so far.

Owens was initially criticized

after he refused to address reporters following a season-opening loss at New England. He was questioned again after avoiding the media following a 33-20 win over Tampa Bay in Week 2.

Then came last weekend. After failing to make a catch since Week 6 of his rookie season, Owens went to the postgame podium, where he provided short answers and, on four occasions, said "Just going with the plays called."

His responses didn't sit well with two NBC football analysts, former coach Tony Dungy and former safety Rodney Harrison, on Sunday night.

Harrison referred to Owens as "a clown," and added, "He's more concerned with his own stats than the team's success."

Owens shot back at Harrison with several posts on his Twitter page, making reference to Harrison being suspended in 2007 for using a banned substance.

"I can only take so much and try to be the butt of somebody's jokes," Owens said. "I'm not going to allow someone to just call me a clown and feel like they can just run all over me."

Bills defensive tackle Marcus Stroud believes the criticism has been unfair. Stroud also credited T.O. for not giving in to his emotions following the loss.

"Any time you go out and play hard and lose a game, it's hard," Stroud said. "The thing is, a lot of people want to see him do something and they try to target him, but at the same time, he is getting a lot of unfair criticism."

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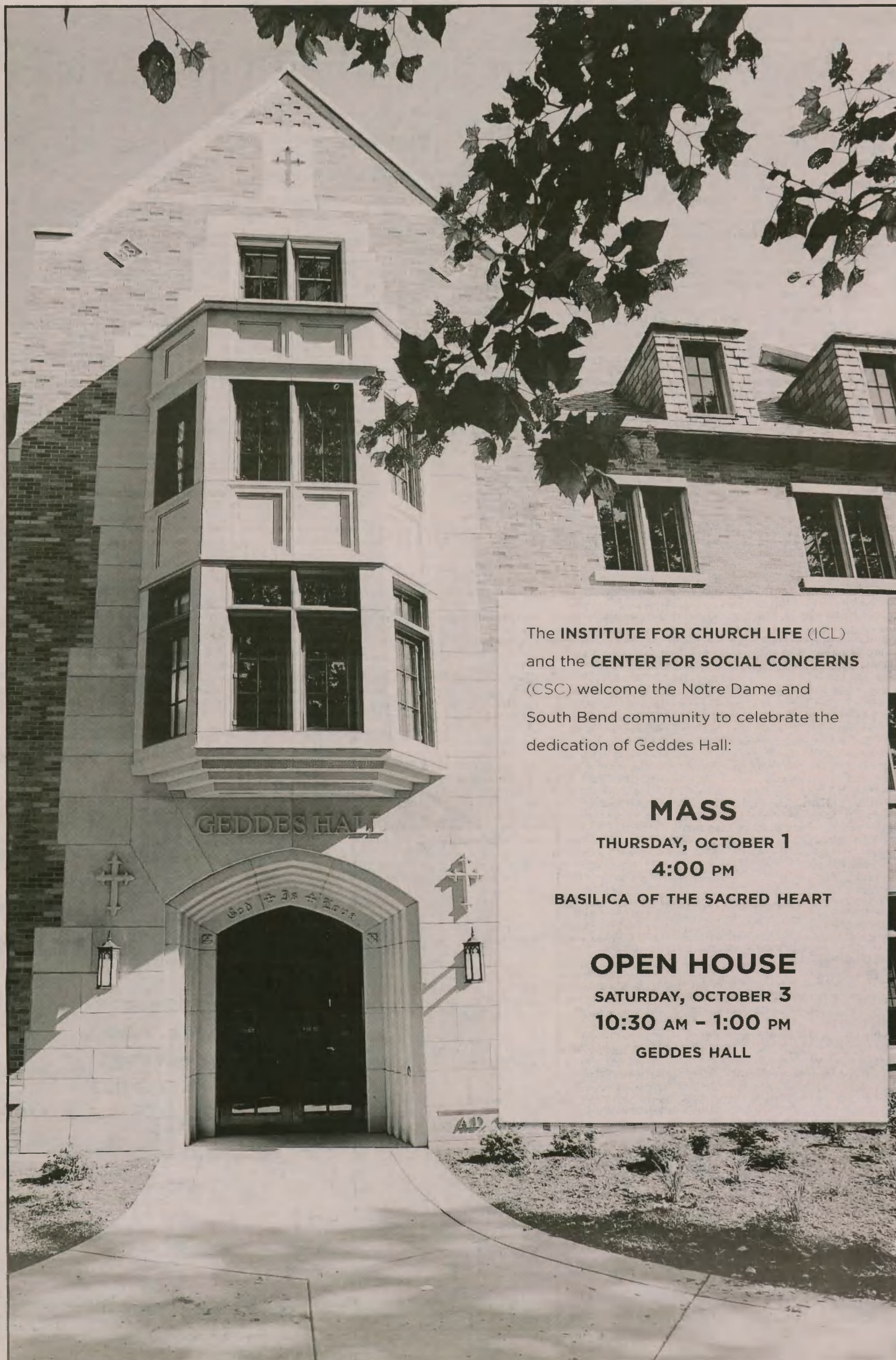
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D'Antoni willing to be patient with Knicks

Associated Press

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. — Mike D'Antoni could be forgiven if he sometimes catches himself daydreaming of Steve Nash and Amare Stoudemire executing the perfect pick-and-roll.

Perhaps he occasionally closes his eyes and pictures LeBron James or some other superstar finishing on the fast break.

When he opens them again, he sees a New York Knicks team that is given little chance of winning big this season.

Yet D'Antoni vows to stay patient and positive, even if he suddenly racks up losses as quickly as his old Suns teams used to pile up points.

"You have to have a plan," D'Antoni said Wednesday. "I would be very selfish. I tell players to sacrifice all the time. If the plan is that we've got to do this, then what does that tell me if I can't do

it?"

It won't be easy though.

"If we don't win, it's going to be hard," said his brother, Dan, a Knicks assistant. "You can be patient, and he understands that. But it's hard to choke it back. He wants to win, he thinks he can win."

The plan Mike D'Antoni alluded to was the Knicks' goal of being in position to make a run at James or some other free agent next summer, when a deep class of free agents will be available. To do that, they traded away their top two scorers, Jamal Crawford and Zach Randolph, early last season to free up salary cap space, then did little to upgrade this summer, choosing to save their money instead.

It was somewhat lousy timing for D'Antoni. After the Knicks threw away money on bad contracts for most of the decade, he arrived in time to see them

become financially responsible. Still, team president Donnie Walsh said his coach has never come to him with a request to get him better talent now.

"We talk every day and he knows," Walsh said. "Look, we would get a player if the guy was somebody we knew we wanted to live with, but we're not taking chances. So no, he hasn't. He understands what we're trying to do."

He can't like the effect it will have on his career record. The Knicks went 32-50 last season and it's possible D'Antoni could lose 100 games in two seasons in New York. Isiah Thomas was fired for that.

D'Antoni knew only winning in Phoenix, where he averaged 58 victories in his four full seasons and twice reached the Western Conference finals. He was considered an offensive genius and a star in the coaching business —

but of course he had All-Stars like Nash and Stoudemire. Becoming a great coach often involves having great players first, and right now D'Antoni doesn't.

"That's amazing, isn't it? That's how it is. That's how it usually works," D'Antoni said. "But I don't think you get into that. I've never been into that."

No player on the Knicks roster has ever been an All-Star. A coach like Larry Brown loves having players who are low on star power so he can teach them. Many coaches would probably prefer it the other way.

"I think Mike is halfway of that," Dan D'Antoni said. "Winning drives him, but he loves basketball and he loves getting guys to a certain level. So I think he's not quite Larry Brown, he's probably not Pat Riley. He's probably somewhere in between."

"He understands we're going to have to do a teaching job, that it's

not going to be instant wins, that there is going to be a stepping process. But certainly he thinks and we think the organization and coaches are up to that task and that the players will buy in."

Mike D'Antoni said the Knicks will have to overachieve this season to make the playoffs, but he believes they can. More likely, their lack of talent will keep them out of the postseason for the ninth straight year.

Walsh's plan has risks. The Knicks could strike out in free agency and be right back in the same place when they open camp next fall. But D'Antoni is on board, and he won't rock the boat.

"This is fun, I love it. It's a challenge and I'm with our guys, and you know what, if we lose, we lose," D'Antoni said. "But if we do everything we're supposed to do and that's what happens to us, then so be it. I'm OK with that."

NHL

Judge rejects both bids for Coyotes

Associated Press

PHOENIX — The NHL could claim a partial victory on Wednesday after a U.S. bankruptcy judge rejected bids by the league and Canadian billionaire Jim Balsillie to purchase the Phoenix Coyotes.

Judge Redfield T. Baum rejected outright Balsillie's offer to purchase the team and move it to Hamilton, Ontario, which the NHL had vehemently opposed. The judge upheld the league's right to decide who owns its teams and where they play.

Although Baum also turned down the NHL offer, he left the door open for the league to go ahead and purchase the franchise if it amends its bid to treat Coyotes owner Jerry Moyes and ex-coach Wayne Gretzky more favorably.

"In hockey parlance, the court is passing the puck to the NHL who can decide to take another shot at the sale net or it can pass off the puck," Baum wrote.

NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly issued a statement saying the league is "pleased that the bankruptcy court has confirmed the league's rights to select its owners and the location of its franchises."

"We are reviewing the opinion and considering how we can best address the court's concerns regarding our offer to purchase the Coyotes," Daly said. "It remains our goal to secure the long-term stability of the Coyotes in Glendale."

The ruling came on the eve of the start of the NHL season and after nearly five months of bitter legal wrangling with Balsillie and Moyes on one side and the NHL and the city of Glendale, where the team plays, on the other.

Balsillie said he would not appeal.

"From the beginning, my attempt to relocate the Coyotes to Hamilton has been about

Canadian hockey fans and Canadian hockey," he said in a statement. "It was a chance to realize a dream. All I wanted was a fair chance to bring a seventh NHL team to Canada, to serve the best unserved hockey fans in the world. I believe I got that chance."

Glendale issued a statement expressing pleasure at Balsillie's bid being turned down, saying the city "looks forward to working with the NHL to keep the Coyotes playing in Glendale, Arizona, for years to come."

Moyes took the team into Chapter 11 on May 5 with a plan to sell to Balsillie, contingent on moving the franchise to Hamilton.

Balsillie's bid, which rose to \$242 million when \$50 million

was added in an unsuccessful effort to persuade Glendale to drop its opposition, was denied with prejudice, meaning the proposal is dead.

Baum said he found no legal basis for overturning the

NHL's right to determine the ownership of its member teams and where those teams play.

"This conclusion effectively is the end for the efforts of PSE, Balsillie, Moyes and the Coyotes to force a sale and relocation of the hockey team.," Baum wrote.

PSE is the company formed by Balsillie to pursue the Coyotes. The Canadian, co-CEO of BlackBerry manufacturer Research In Motion, contended that the NHL was an illegal cartel and that its rules were anti-competitive under antitrust law.

Balsillie, who listed his personal worth at \$3 billion, has said his bid obviously was the best and that a team would thrive in hockey-crazy Hamilton, while it could never succeed in Glendale.

The NHL board of governors voted 26-0 against Balsillie, labeling him untrustworthy. It is the third time Balsillie has tried

and failed to buy an NHL team. Previous efforts to purchase the Pittsburgh Penguins and Nashville Predators also fell through.

At the last minute when other potential bids fell through, the league offered \$140 million to buy the team and try to resell it. Its first option was to resell the franchise to a purchaser to keep the team in Arizona. Failing that, the NHL said it would look to relocate the franchise.

"There are multiple factors that support the NHL's bid," the judge wrote.

However, he based his rejection of the league bid on that fact that it would pay all unsecured creditors in full except Moyes and Gretzky, who would get only a share of what was left after every other party got its money.

"One of the prime policies of bankruptcy is equality of distribution among creditors," Baum wrote.

Moyes says he loaned about \$100 million to the franchise, while Gretzky has a \$22.5 million claim.

"There has been no determination that the Moyes and Gretzky claims are not legitimate creditors," Baum said. "It would be inherently unjust for this court to deprive them of their possible rightful share of any proceeds without first providing all involved a fair trial on their claims."

Just what happens next is uncertain in a complex case where more than 1,000 documents have been filed. The league has funded the franchise since last fall and the Coyotes open their season Saturday at Los Angeles.

Gretzky announced his resignation as coach last Thursday.

The unsecured creditors committee and the largest secured creditor, SOF Investment, backed the NHL bid.

The franchise has never turned a profit since moving from Winnipeg in 1996. Baum listed the results of the audit of the franchise that concluded the Coyotes had an operating loss of \$54.8 million and a total loss of \$72.1 million in 2008.

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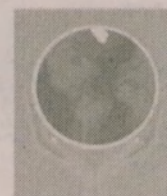
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NFL

Clowney addresses benching concerns

Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Maybe David Clowney should have retweeted his entire message to Rex Ryan.

The New York Jets wide receiver called his benching for complaining about playing time a "minor misunderstanding" because the coach didn't see his entire comment on Twitter.

Clowney said Wednesday that someone passed along to Ryan only the first half of his tweet, which was in response to a friend asking why he didn't see him on the field much during the Jets' 16-9 win over New England in Week 2.

Clowney tweeted shortly after the win: "1 play in the 1st Half, 4 plays in the 2nd half ... A bit disappointed about my playing time but very happy and satisfied about the win."

He added in a subsequent tweet that, "My team always comes first so I'ma just keep grinding."

"Of course, he's not on Twitter," Clowney said of Ryan. "He's not on anything for him to see that for himself, but our media personnel showed him what I actually wrote and showed him that I actually stated that my team comes first and I'm just going to keep working hard and we're

just going to keep winning."

But Ryan said his decision last week to sit Clowney against Tennessee on Sunday was only partially fueled by the receiver's tweet.

"I wouldn't be doing this team the right thing," Ryan said, "if I thought he was being selfish in the fact that maybe he wasn't preparing like he should or he needed maybe a little kick in the pants or something. Then, that's what we're going to do. I'm not saying him, specifically, but I owe it to our team to get the best out of everybody."

Clowney, who has no catches this season, said he was informed by Ryan a few days before the game that he'd be inactive.

"I wasn't in the right direction," Clowney said. "He even told me he felt I kind of slipped off a little bit in practice, which is fine."

Clowney said he was only benched and not fined for his actions, and had "no clue" who went to Ryan with the tweets.

On Monday, Ryan said he wanted to see how Clowney responded, and said he was "outstanding" leading into the game against the Titans. Clowney said he and Ryan have no tension between them, and he fully expects to play at New Orleans on Sunday.

NFL

LT returns to practice for Chargers

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — LaDainian Tomlinson was back at practice Wednesday for the first time since spraining his right ankle in the season opener, an encouraging sign for a San Diego Chargers team that has struggled to run the ball.

After missing two straight games for the first time in his brilliant career, Tomlinson hopes he can play Sunday night at Pittsburgh. Not only do the Chargers (2-1) expect the defending Super Bowl champions to be riled up after falling to 1-2, but San Diego hasn't won in Pittsburgh since upsetting the Steelers in the AFC championship game following the 1994 season.

The Chargers have been careful to avoid rushing Tomlinson back. They could either chose to let him play Sunday night or have him sit out a third straight game and then have the bye week to continue to heal.

"I want to play in this game," Tomlinson said. "But again, that's dependent on how the ankle does. I think having the bye week definitely helps us both ways, playing

and not playing. I think we're going to wait and see."

Tomlinson participated in all of practice.

"I'm just trying to get back into it, just kind of testing it and see how it feels during practice," he said. "Any time you come off being injured, you gain confidence back by practicing. So today was a measuring stick of where I

am. It felt pretty good."

Tomlinson said the key will be how his ankle feels on Thursday.

"I'm going to continue to get treatment and we'll see as the week

goes along," he said.

"It was good to have L.T. practice," coach Norv Turner said. "I thought for what we asked him to do and what he did in the first day back, things went smooth. I'm anxious to see how he feels in the morning. I thought there were a couple of times that he turned it on pretty good. But again, when you're coming back, to me, it's a day-to-day thing and we'll see where he is tomorrow."

Tomlinson's absence coincided with the Chargers struggling not only in the running game, but when they

had the ball inside the opponent's 20.

They're 1-for-11 in the red zone in their last two games, with the only touchdown being Philip Rivers' 5-yard run in Sunday's 23-13 win over Miami.

The Chargers are usually strong inside the 20 with Tomlinson, the 2006 NFL MVP.

"Any way I can help this team, I'm willing to do it," he said. "Definitely the red zone is the area maybe I can take some of the pressure off things that we do down there, and teams have to play us a little bit more honest. That's what it's all about, and hopefully I can do that."

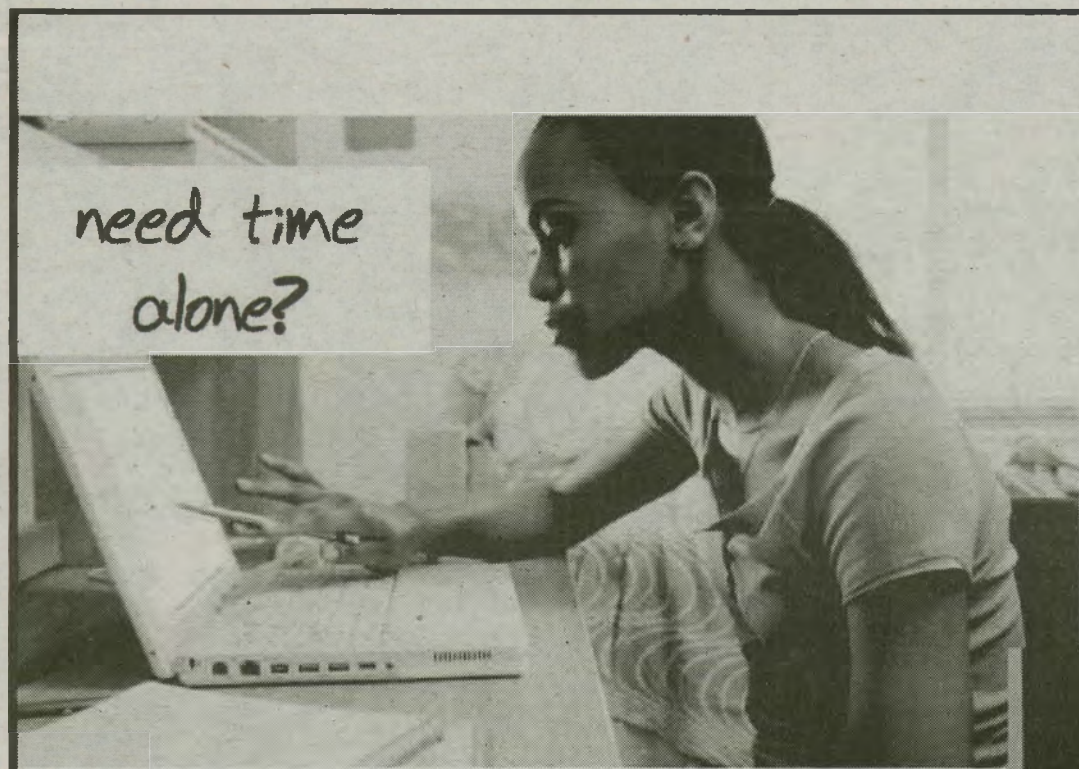
The Chargers have gained only 199 yards in three games, ranking them next-to-last in the NFL.

"There's no question throughout the season we're better when we run the ball well," Turner said. "You look at the end of the year last year when we started playing the way we're capable of playing, it was because we got the run going. We haven't run the ball well enough to keep them from just zeroing in on our passer and our pass protections."

Also back at practice was rookie right guard Louis Vasquez, who hasn't played since spraining a knee in the season opener.

"Any way I can help this team, I'm willing to do it."

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NFL

Davis needs to step up for 49ers

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Vernon Davis declared from Day 1 this season that he could be a key playmaker.

He vowed to have a big impact for the 49ers in new offensive coordinator Jimmy Raye's system — as long as he was given the chance.

The veteran tight end known as much for his volatile nature as his lack of production during his first three NFL seasons is now getting those opportunities, finally emerging as the talented threat San Francisco selected with its top draft pick in 2006 at sixth overall.

He delivered with a career day in Sunday's last-second loss at Minnesota, and the Niners could be calling his number even more this week against St. Louis with star running back Frank Gore sidelined by an ankle injury.

Davis is a captain and seems ready to change his image once and for all, through his behavior and letting his play do the talking. For starters, he ignores all the opponents who regularly taunt him.

"You can't let nobody get under your skin," Davis said Wednesday. "Because the minute you let them get under your skin is the minute you get weak."

Davis, who has come a long way to earn a leadership role for coach Mike Singletary, matched his career best with seven catches against the Vikings and set career highs with 96 yards and two touchdown receptions.

He has already equaled his TD total from last season and his 14 catches are nearly halfway to the 31 he had in 2008.

"I can do a lot more than that," Davis said. "I'm just scratching the surface right now. With opportunities, anything is possible."

After Sunday's 27-24 defeat, Singletary told Davis that very thing: The coach knows Davis has more to offer.

Raye, the 49ers' seventh offensive coordinator in as many years, runs a tight-end friendly offense and always has. While in Kansas City, he kept All-Pro tight end Tony Gonzalez a main part of the Chiefs' mix.

Davis has been targeted on 23 of 83 throws this season, 27.7 percent of San Francisco's pass plays, compared to 49 of 509, or 9.6 percent, last season under former coordinator Mike Martz.

He's as focused as ever, too. "You ain't got time for all that foolishness and all the craziness. You gotta go," he said of his role. "You've got plays that are waiting for you and your teammates are waiting for you."

Davis had TD catches of 5 and 20 yards Sunday, the last of which gave his team the lead in the fourth quarter.

Singletary won't go as far as to call Davis' day a "breakout"

game, but praise from him is hard to come by. He acknowledges the improvement.

"I think what Vernon is capable of is a lot better but it was certainly a good game for him," Singletary said. "It was taking another step. If you ask Vernon, Vernon wants the ball. And Vernon is going to make plays."

Davis earned a reputation for fighting early in his career, even with teammates during training camp. He did it this year after saying such antics were behind him. Singletary sent him to the showers early during the coach's debut last October against Seattle for the way Davis reacted to a personal foul penalty.

Davis considers growing up a big part of his success — and he largely credits Singletary in that process.

"I mean, you grow," Davis said. "When you first come in here, you try to find yourself, whether it's as a rookie, or your second year, third year. You're trying to find yourself and you're developing, not just as a player, but as a person. And when you develop as a person, you fine-tune yourself and you figure out that, 'Hey, it's not just about you, it's about the team.'"

Davis insists he won't get too excited about his 2009 numbers unless the 49ers (2-1) keep winning. His teammates appreciate that newfound attitude.

The 25-year-old Davis was a Pro Bowl alternate last season after making 31 receptions for 358 yards and two touchdowns, with his catches ranking third on the team.

He scuffled with linebacker Marques Harris during camp this summer and everybody paid with sprints across the width of the field.

Davis claimed afterward it wasn't a fight, rather just an act of being competitive.

All of that seems so long ago considering how he's doing lately. Quarterback Shaun Hill looks forward to throwing Davis' way more often.

"He's a guy I feel very comfortable with," Hill said. "He can be a huge weapon for us and we'll continue to hopefully use that. Some of these games, they're trying to get under his skin and he's just not allowing it at all. He's walking away from stuff. He's come a long way in that. As far as his playing ability, he's developed some skills he didn't have when he came in the league."

When Davis was announced as one of the team's six captains Sept. 11, Singletary said he "exemplified a lot of those qualities that you have to have in order to be a leader."

Captain Vernon, who would have thought it?

"I definitely do see a change in Vernon," running back Michael Robinson said. "You just have to use your best judgment and understand that you're not above the world and things can happen to you. I think Vernon has matured tenfold and he's doing a great job."

NFL

Bradshaw is latest injured Giant

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The banged-up New York Giants have another injury to worry about.

With 10 players already on their injury report, coach Tom Coughlin found a new name on the list Wednesday: backup halfback Ahmad Bradshaw, who rushed for 104 yards in New York's 24-0 win over Tampa Bay this past weekend.

Bradshaw walked to practice wearing a boot on his right foot to protect sprains to his ankle and foot. He did not work out.

Neither Coughlin nor Bradshaw seemed concerned whether the backup to starter Brandon Jacobs would play Sunday when the Giants (3-0) travel to Kansas City (0-3).

It's an old college injury, Bradshaw said, remembering his initial injury — a high ankle sprain — came on a toss play during his freshman year at Marshall.

"You know what, I have played through a lot of pain during college, when I first injured it," Bradshaw said. "I have just been able to do that ever since. It always hurts during the game. There is a lot of pounding in the game, somebody might fall on it a different way."

Bradshaw said the injury forced him to miss two games as a freshman, but he has dealt with the pain ever since.

"I do a lot of cutting and I am

always on the edge of my feet and it is a lingering thing for a running back," said Bradshaw, adding the pain he was feeling Wednesday was nothing compared to what he felt in college.

He said the boot takes pressure off the foot and ankle.

While the Giants remain optimistic Bradshaw will play, the reality is that most players who have missed practice this season have not played on Sundays.

If that's the case, free agent Gartrell Johnson would back up Jacobs. He was signed a week into the season after Danny Ware dislocated his elbow on the opening kickoff in the season opener.

"I think I'm ready," said Johnson, who got six carries for 23 yards against the Bucs. "Getting some good game time last week was good for me. I need to get my timing down, so I have a lot to improve on."

Johnson still has a lot to learn. He was awarded on waivers after being cut by San Diego hours before the Chargers' Monday night season opener. He flew cross-country and has been taking a crash course on the Giants' offense for past two weeks.

"That's just the name of the game, that's just the NFL," said the rookie from Colorado State who still is living in a hotel because he hasn't had the time to find an apartment. "You just never know. You always have to be prepared."

Jacobs obviously will get the bulk of the carries. He had a season-high 26 carries last week for 92 yards and a touchdown on a day the Giants rushed for 226 yards on 49 attempts.

Quarterback Eli Manning echoed the approach the Giants take to all injuries: someone goes down, the next guy steps up.

"We know whoever is back there, they will know what to do," Manning said, adding if they don't, he'll tell them. "We will be on the same page. Guys will step up for us and make plays."

Guard Rich Seubert said Johnson was impressive against the Bucs.

"He ran the ball hard," Seubert said. "It was exciting to see him out there. I think he will fit in fine, if we need him."

Besides Bradshaw and Ware, defensive linemen Chris Canty (calf) and Justin Tuck (shoulder) did not practice Wednesday. Tuck, who played eight plays against Tampa, said his left shoulder is improving and he expects to play more in Kansas City.

Cornerbacks Aaron Ross (hamstring) and Kevin Dockery (hamstring), receivers Hakeem Nicks (foot) and Domenik Hixon (knee), and linebacker Clint Sintim (groin) were limited in practice, while offensive linemen Kareem McKenzie (knee) and Adam Koets (ankle) participated fully.

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Nolasco, Marlins beat Braves

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ATLANTA — Ricky Nolasco struck out nine straight Atlanta Braves and set a Marlins record with 16 strikeouts — the most by a major league pitcher in more than two years — in Florida's 5-4 victory Wednesday night.

Trying to make a late push for the NL wild card, the Braves rallied for two runs in the ninth inning and had a chance to win after loading the bases with two outs. But the game ended when Matt Diaz was thrown out trying to scamper back to third following a pitch in the dirt.

Nolasco's nine consecutive strikeouts in one game were one short of the big league record set by Hall of Famer Tom Seaver for the New York Mets on April 22, 1970, against San Diego.

Seaver struck out 19 in that game at Shea Stadium, including his final 10 batters in a 2-1

victory.

Nolasco's 16 strikeouts were the most in the majors since Johan Santana fanned 17 for Minnesota against Texas on Aug. 19, 2007, according to STATS LLC.

With Martin Prado at the plate in the ninth, Diaz initially broke for home on a ball that bounced away from catcher Ronny Paulino. Diaz hesitated, however, and Paulino retrieved the ball quickly before making a strong throw to third.

After he was called out, Diaz slammed his hand on the bag in frustration.

The play gave Brendan Donnelly his second save, though he did not retire a batter. Donnelly had just been brought in to replace closer Leo Nunez.

Atlanta, which began the night three games behind Colorado for the wild card, has lost two straight with four games remaining. The Rockies played later against Milwaukee.

The Braves also were eliminated from the NL East race. Philadelphia beat Houston 10-3 and clinched its third straight division title.

Nolasco (13-9), who struck out 14 of his first 19 batters, set a Marlins record with his 15th strikeout when Diaz fanned for the final out of the seventh. Nolasco's final strikeout victim was rookie Brooks Conrad for the first out of the eighth.

Nolasco's night ended after 123 pitches when manager Fredi Gonzalez brought in Dan Meyer with two outs in the eighth and a runner on first. Meyer retired Chipper Jones on a liner to end the inning.

Atlanta scored twice in the ninth on Yunel Escobar's RBI single and pinch-hitter Omar Infante's RBI single.

Nolasco's streak of nine straight Ks ended with a leadoff double by Adam LaRoche in the sixth. Nolasco fanned 12 through five innings, retiring 14 of his first 15 batters.

Throwing 83 strikes, Nolasco allowed four hits, two runs — none earned — and two walks in 7 2/3 innings. He has won two of his last three decisions and four of his last six starts.

Nolasco was 1-3 with a 7.44 ERA with 10 homers allowed in his previous six starts against the Braves. After winning 15 games last season, the right-hander got off to a rough start this year and was sent to the minors for a two-week stretch that ended June 7.

Both runs scored in the seventh on LaRoche's two-run single. Neither run was earned because Escobar reached on shortstop Hanley Ramirez's fielding error.

The Marlins, who have won two straight, took a 3-0 lead in the third off Braves starter Javier Vazquez (15-10), who lost for the first time in five starts.

After Chris Coghlan led off with a single, third baseman Jones' fielding error allowed Cameron Maybin to reach, and both runners advanced on Ramirez's groundout.

Jorge Cantu followed with an RBI single to make it 1-0. Maybin was already at third when Cantu stole second and scored on Vazquez's wild pitch to Ross Gload.

Dan Uggla followed with an RBI single for a 3-0 lead.

Gload's sixth homer, a two-run

shot off Vazquez in the fifth, made it 5-0.

Vazquez was 4-0 with an 0.84 ERA in his previous four starts, but he's been unable to solve Florida. No team this season had beaten the right-hander more than once, but the Marlins took their third victory over Vazquez after he allowed eight hits, five runs — three earned — with nine strikeouts in six innings.

The 16 strikeouts tied the most by a pitcher against the Braves since franchise relocated to Atlanta in 1966. The last pitcher to do it was Sid Fernandez for the Mets on July 14, 1989.

The Marlins were eliminated from postseason contention after the Rockies beat Milwaukee on Tuesday.

Kansas City 4, New York 3

The Yankees ended the first regular season at their new \$1.5 billion ballpark the same way they began — with a loss.

Joba Chamberlain lasted just 3 2/3 innings in his final tuneup for the postseason and was booed by fans at Yankee Stadium when he walked off Wednesday night during the Kansas City Royals' 4-3 win over New York.

Derek Jeter homered leading off the first, and Nick Swisher's 29th homer tied the score in the fifth, a two-run drive off Robinson Tejeda.

Kansas City broke a seventh-inning tie when Mark Teahen walked against Damaso Marte (1-3) and John Buck tripled off Sergio Mitre on a catchable drive that Swisher got turned around on and then fell down. Yuniesky Betancourt followed with a missed squeeze bunt, and Buck was tagged out by catcher Jorge Posada.

Jamey Wright (3-5) pitched two innings for the win in relief off Robinson Tejeda, and Joakim Soria got three outs for his 30th save in 33 chances, stopping the Yankees' seven-game winning streak. After Betancourt's throwing error from shortstop put runners on second and third with two outs in the ninth, Ramiro Pena flied out to shallow center.

New York opened the ballpark on April 16 with a 10-2 loss to Cleveland but went on to finish 57-24 (.704) at new Yankee Stadium, the third-highest winning percentage since 1901 for a team in a first-year ballpark, according to STATS LLC. The Boston Red Sox were 57-20 (.740) with one tie in 1912 at Fenway Park, and the Boston Somersets were 49-20 (.710) in 1901 at the Huntington Avenue Baseball Grounds.

Hoping to be the Yankees' No. 4 starter in the AL championship series and World Series, Chamberlain had a dreadful two-month stretch starting in mid-August, going 0-4 with 8.42 ERA in eight starts. After receiving a warning that he said "was a little bit more stern" from manager Joe Girardi and coaches early last week, he rebounded to beat Boston on Friday.

"It's important that he has a good start," Girardi said Wednesday. "He had a good start last time and he's had good starts during the year, but we want him to have another good start because there are decisions that still have to be made."

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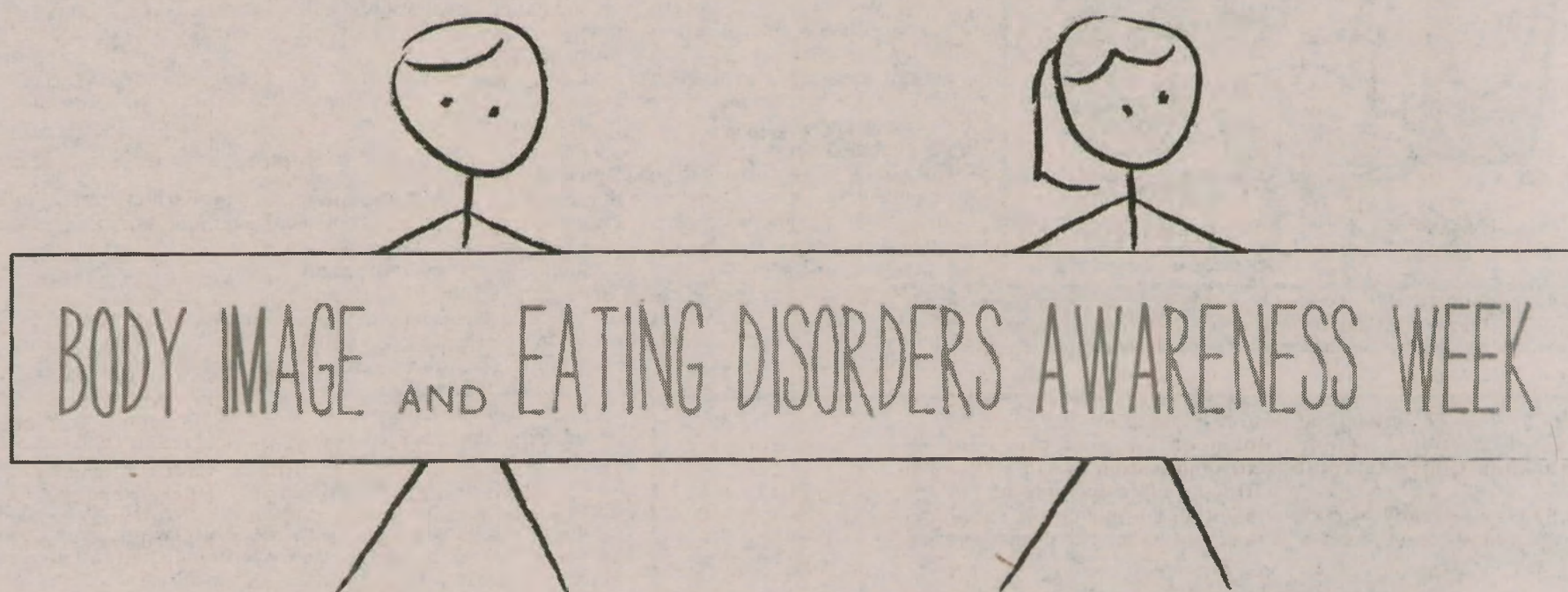
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Ryan

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more than ready for Lyons. Last week's game brought improvement even between the first and second halves, so the extra practice time will surely prepare them even more.

"We look to come out with a bang and plan to prove that Ryan, even as a new team, is a force to be reckoned with," Bowen said.

While Ryan is rather new to existence as a whole, Lyons is new to the 2009 season. After successful scrimmages and practice time, Lyons is ready to actually play.

The defense is led by sophomores Kat Rodriguez and Caroline Maroney, both of whom proved their strengths last year. They are joined by numerous freshman.

Offensively, Lyons is looking strong, especially with its upperclassmen. Wide receivers senior Maria Petnuch and sophomore Caroline Maroney are ready to catch any ball that comes their way.

"We have an impressive receiving core that I think will be effective at moving the ball down the field," senior quarterback Claire Connell said.

The Lions are ready to take on Ryan and start out with a

strong season.

"We are just going to have to come out aggressive against Ryan and make sure we stick to the game plan," Connell said.

Ryan and Lyons will play Thursday at 7 p.m. at Riehle Field.

Cavanaugh vs. Walsh

Two teams looking to build more momentum off of already impressive starts will meet Thursday as Cavanaugh and Walsh battle at Riehle Field.

Cavanaugh started their season with a 14-7 win over Badin, giving up one touchdown after an interception left Badin with excellent field position. The Chaos expect an even better performance from their defense against Walsh.

"We're confident that we can earn a shutout Thursday," senior captain Sarah Cline said.

The defensive identity of Cavanaugh's team can be traced back to the intensity of its leaders, and the high expectation the Cavanaugh players carry with them every time they step on the field.

"To play Cavanaugh football is to be part of a family and a legacy," Cline said. "Knowing we're playing for the greatest dorm on campus gives us extra motivation to win."

On the offensive side of the ball, Cavanaugh pours equal passion into their aerial

attack, boasting a strong passing game.

"Our receivers are quick and athletic, and we expect them to consistently make plays," Cline said. "Our top receivers are senior Erin Dolan, junior Holly Hinz, and sophomore Brittini Alexander."

If Cavanaugh expects to continue its march to the playoffs, they will have to contend with an equally fiery Walsh team coming off a come-from-behind 18-12 win against Pangborn.

"[Coming from behind] was a good reminder that this season is going to be a lot of work," senior captain Meghan Hadley said. "But the team handled it marvelously and we came out on top."

Walsh is looking to duplicate their undefeated regular season record of last season, and will benefit from new freshman face such as defensive lineman Alyssa Casill who had two sacks last game, as well as seniors returning from abroad.

"We are looking forward to getting [the seniors] back in as well as getting some new faces in the mix," Hadley said. "But everyone on our team contributes. It's the truth."

The Wild Women will look to put together all of the pieces against Cavanaugh and come out on top with a statement victory.

"We have the talent. We have the heart," Hadley said. "Now we just need some good football."

The two undefeated squads will face off at Riehle Fields Thursday at 8 p.m.

PW vs. Pangborn

Pangborn (0-1) hopes to rebound from an opening loss with a victory over Pasquerilla West (1-0) Thursday.

"We were disappointed in our first game's loss, but it was a very even match and we are looking forward to our next game," Pangborn sophomore captain Julie Cooney said. "Our team has meshed incredibly well. We aren't worried about bouncing back."

At the center of the Phoxes offense is junior quarterback Gabby Tate, who will lead a high octane passing attack. All-purpose senior Megan Bescher and sophomore wide receiver Liz Pawlak will be on the receiving end of Tate's passes.

Opposing Tate and company will be an outstanding Pasquerilla West defense, which used multiple fourth down stands against Ryan last week to preserve a 14-7 victory.

The Purple Weasels defense, led by senior linebacker Cynthia Curley and senior defensive back Alyssa Moya, will focus on shutting

down the Phoxes' aerial attack.

The Pasquerilla West offense not only hopes to continue the success it had with option football last week, but also find more balance through the air.

"Our passing game is only going to continue to develop. We have six or seven very athletic receivers and our quarterback, junior Simone Bigi, is gaining more confidence with each throw," Pasquerilla West senior captain Cynthia Curley said. "We know we can run, but we know we can pass and catch too. Pangborn will not see a one-dimensional offense on Thursday, and that may be difficult to adjust to."

Both teams promise to bring plenty of intensity to this game and hope to come out on top.

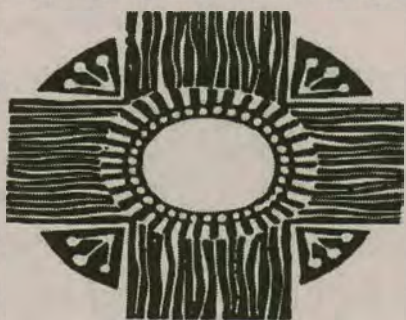
"We are going to come out with the same intensity from the start and ensure it's carried on throughout the game," Cooney said. "We will play to the end and hopefully come out with a victory."

Pasquerilla West takes on Pangborn on Thursday night at 9 p.m. at Riehle Field in a game that will see plenty of passing, well-executed plays, and defensive stands.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Porter leads Bulldogs past Rainbow Warriors

Associated Press

RUSTON, La. — Louisiana Tech coach Derek Dooley wrote an open letter to fans urging them to attend Wednesday night's game against Hawaii to see something special.

Turns out that something special was tailback Daniel Porter.

The senior rushed for 160 yards and two touchdowns, moved up the charts on three career rushing lists and helped the Bulldogs to a dominant 27-6 win Wednesday night. He also wiped away all those questions surrounding a slow start.

"I got my mojo back tonight," Porter said, adding, "I'm not going to say I was in a slump, but I wasn't getting my yards."

Porter jumped from 10th to eighth on the Louisiana Tech (2-2, 1-0 WAC) career rushing list and kept Hawaii (2-2, 0-1) on the chase the entire game. The senior surpassed his season total of 145 yards rushing, as did the team with 352.

The Bulldogs entered the game ranked 103rd of 120 FBS teams with 97.3 yards rushing per game. Porter nearly reached that number in the first half and continued to make big runs as Louisiana Tech pulled away in the second half for its ninth win in its last 10 home games.

"The problem with the run was (it was) the worst exhibition of tackling in football," Hawaii coach Greg McMackin said. "We were diving and not tackling the way we teach. We're not that kind of football team."

The Louisiana Tech defense had no problem tackling and was dom-

inant as well, snapping Hawaii's 62-game streak with at least one touchdown. The Bulldogs held the No. 7 offense to minus-7 yards rushing and 301 total yards, well below its average of 515.3.

Tech defenders kept the Warriors out of the end zone with a goal-line stand late in the second quarter and sacked quarterback Greg Alexander five times before knocking him from the game late in the third, and finished with seven.

"The sacks are just devastating," Louisiana Tech coach Derek Dooley said.

The Warriors played their third consecutive road game for the first time since 1964, traveling to Seattle to play Washington State and Las Vegas for UNLV before the 13-hour trip to Ruston. It was just their fifth Western Athletic Conference loss in the last 25 league games.

McMackin said there is "no whining in football" but acknowledged his team appeared to be at a low ebb as it weathered home games 36 days apart.

"We didn't have any energy and didn't play our best game," he said. "We're really looking forward to going home and playing Fresno State in front of our crowd."

All the travel helps explain why it appeared Porter got stronger as the game went on. The Warriors had allowed just 126.7 yards rushing per game, but Porter passed that early in the second half. He played sparingly in the fourth quarter, but picked up runs of 19 and 14 yards on Bulldogs' final scoring drive, which ended in a field goal.

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Clausen

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last, in terms of dealing with the toe injury.

"Last week after the Michigan State game, after I got injured, it was pretty painful. I could barely walk on it," Clausen said. "Just to translate that to this week, I feel a lot better than I did. After the Purdue game, I felt pretty good on Sunday and [Tuesday] when I was out there to practice."

The toe will require that Clausen play through pain, however, and he said he was prepared to do so for the rest of the season. He had a plate placed in his shoe that limits the mobility of the toe and limits the pain, but the pain is still there, he said, whether he's taking drops from under center or out of the shotgun.

"It really doesn't matter," Clausen said. "When you're out there playing, you've got to run around, throw the ball."

Anyone watching Notre Dame's 24-21 victory over Purdue last Saturday saw someone else in Irish white and gold doing just that for the better part of the second half. Sophomore Dayne Crist, Clausen's heir apparent, saw his first meaningful game action against the Boilermakers, effectively guiding the offense on a pair of touchdown drives.

"Whenever guys are out there making plays, it gets me excited," Clausen said. "Just seeing Dayne out there and just making plays is just a fun feeling. Having Dayne being another quarterback, it's just fun watching him go out there and make plays, just like other guys on the team."

Another way the Irish made plays Saturday was with the Wildcat formation. The formation-du-jour of both college and pro football was the subject of much discussion Tuesday, as captain Eric Olsen was asked several questions about the Wildcat's role in Notre

Dame's offense.

"It's a little bit of an unconventional set for a football team or for an offense," the senior guard said. "It gives the offense an extra weapon, so to speak, in their game ... When you use it effectively in certain situations in a game, it really helps out the offense."

From a defensive standpoint, there are several things the Irish will have to worry about against Washington Saturday, beginning with Huskies quarterback Jake Locker. But Notre Dame is mostly focused on itself, especially early in the week with tackling fundamentals still an area in need of improvement.

Senior safety Kyle McCarthy said the Irish participated in some extra full-speed tackling drills during Tuesday's practice in an attempt to shore up those struggles.

"I don't think it's any secret that our defense feels like we should tackle better than we did," the defensive captain said. "So we had a much more physical practice, at least in individuals, than usual. We were working on our tackling, and hopefully that translates to better tackling on Saturday."

Even with those issues, however, the run defense was much improved against the Boilermakers Saturday, and special teams captain and backup linebacker Scott Smith hoped to see that continue against the Huskies with a similar approach.

"Being able to stop the run has a lot to do with just attacking the line of scrimmage and kind of moving the offensive line back so we're trying to get to the heels of the offensive linemen as quickly as possible," Smith said. "Just like I talked about earlier, kind of trying to force the ball east and west and not let them run straight down the line because that's the easiest way to score, just run straight down your throat."

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going a long way for us."

The Belles shot a team score of 315 in the first round to take a lead they never relinquished, following it up with a 320 on day two for a 635. They were 18 strokes ahead of the second place team, DePauw.

Freshman Martyna Mierzwa medaled for the third time this fall with a 154 to lead the field of 99 golfers. She shot a 76 on day one and followed it up with a 79 on day two to claim the title.

Just a few strokes behind was sophomore teammate Natalie Matuszak in second for the Belles and overall with a combined 157. Matuszak had the second best score in round two with a 77 to follow up her day one round of 80.

Junior Mary Kate Boyce and senior Perri Hamma both posted

scores of 162 to take a share of ninth overall. Boyce shot a 79 on day one and an 83 on day two, while Hamma shot an 80 in the first round and an 82 in the second.

Junior Rosie O'Connor tied for 27th in the event with her final score of 171 to round out the Belles top competitors. O'Connor went out with an 87 in the first round but came back with an 84 to finish the weekend.

Today's event will be the third conference competition for Saint Mary's this fall. The regular season MIAA jamborees and a season-ending two-day tournament are played to determine the league fall champion in hopes of winning the automatic entrance into the NCAA tournament in the spring.

"It is important to come off this past weekend's win and go out there and win again tomorrow," Hamma said. "We have the skills to take a big step tomorrow over Olivet. With every win, we get

more and more comfortable and confident in each of our games which comes across into our next rounds."

Last spring, the Belles took tenth at the NCAA tournament after taking second to Olivet in the fall 2008 season. Saint Mary's is currently 11 strokes ahead of Olivet for the lead in the MIAA. The Belles won four consecutive conference championships from 2002-2005, and are looking to take back the title this fall.

"With the remaining matches this season all being MIAA matches, we need to play with confidence and hold a tight lead over the other teams," Hamma said. "If we can secure a win this fall season, it will really set us up for success this spring; a win would guarantee two of the three rounds for the conference and a spot at nationals would be at our home course."

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son, the Belles have found a couple more weaknesses that they need to work on to remain in the conference picture this season.

"Tonight we took a step backwards," Crabbe said. "Now we have a lot of work to do in order to catch back up with the rest of the conference and have a shot at making it to the MIAA tournament."

The Belles gave up their first goal of the game to Brittany Moreau in the 21st minute of the game, and a little over two minutes later the Belles gave up another goal.

After a weak first half the Belles came out strong in the second half out shooting their opponent 11-9.

However, the Belles were not able to capitalize on these opportunities and were held scoreless for the second straight contest.

"The players do show a tremendous amount of support for each other," Crabbe said. "However, we need our players to demand more of each other when faced with adversity on the field."

Senior Jessica Slean has been a pleasant surprise for Crabbe this season.

Crabbe noted that she has been one of his most consistent players this season and has shown the most improvement from the 2008 season.

"She is hands down our hardest working player day in and day out," Crabbe said. "We need more players to follow her example."

Senior goalkeeper Patty Duffy also had four saves in the game to increase her total for the sea-

son and continue to leave her mark on the Belles defensive unit.

For Saint Mary's, it will take a lot of relying on each other to overcome their early season difficulties and find the recipe needed for success.

"We know each other and the team is closer this year, but we still need to keep working to get to the point where we know for a fact that each and every one of us is going to give it their all for the team," Duffy said. "If we come out and honestly do that for every game it will be hard not to find success."

Crabbe also stressed that the team needs to work on maintaining its focus and scoring goals before their next MIAA game. The Belles will face Trine Saturday beginning at 3 p.m.

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NFL

Judge rules not to toss out Roethlisberger case

Associated Press

CARSON CITY, Nev. — A Nevada judge denied motions by lawyers for Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger to dismiss a civil lawsuit alleging he raped a Lake Tahoe casino worker, according to court documents released Wednesday.

Washoe District Judge Brent Adams rejected arguments that the suit should be dismissed, saying the woman's allegations make a "sufficient" claim that if proven, would entitle her to relief.

"The court recognizes that a motion to dismiss is only proper where it appears beyond doubt that the plaintiff could prove no set of facts which, if true, would entitle them to relief," Adams wrote in the order filed late Tuesday.

Adams also refused to strike the woman's complaint, finding that as written, it is not "unnecessarily salacious or graphic," as argued by Roethlisberger's lawyers.

In other brief orders, the judge also rejected arguments that the suit should be dismissed because it failed to name an "indispensable party" — that being Harrah's Hotel-Casino — and denied

Roethlisberger's request to expedite discovery, or the sharing of evidence.

Roethlisberger's lawyer David Cornwell said that despite the outcome, his team was encouraged by the judge's reasoning.

"Finding that plaintiff survived this round because of a generous 'beyond doubt' standard indicates that, at these early stages, the court is inclined to give plaintiff her day in court," Cornwell said in a written statement. "Of course, this cuts both ways."

"In any event, her allegations remain false and we remain committed to a vigorous defense."

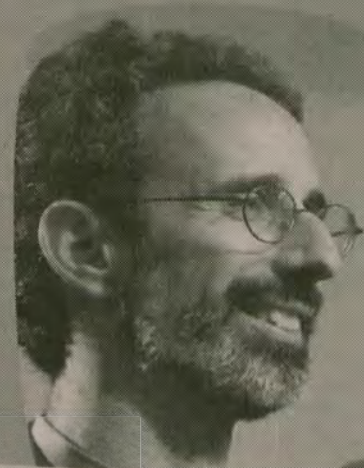
Cal Dunlap, the woman's lawyer, has repeatedly declined comment on court filings and did so on Wednesday. The Associated Press, as a matter of policy, does not identify people who say they have been sexually assaulted.

The woman, a 31-year-old VIP hostess at Harrah's, filed a civil suit in July, alleging Roethlisberger sexually assaulted her while he was at Lake Tahoe the previous summer to compete in a celebrity golf tournament. The suit claimed she was hospitalized for several months because she was traumatized after the alleged attack.

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Dr. Peter H. Gleick

The sustainable management and use of fresh water is one of the pre-eminent challenges of our time. As the climate changes, populations grow, and economies expand, pressures on the planet's limited freshwater resources are increasing, raising the risk of political and military conflict, worsening human health, and expanding ecological destruction. Dr. Peter H. Gleick, one of the world's experts on global water issues, will discuss the water crisis and new ways of solving it, including innovative use of new and old technologies, the smart use of economics, ecosystem restoration, and re-thinking both water supply and water demand. These solutions—what Gleick calls "the soft path for water"—offer a positive vision for water in the coming decades.

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CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- Across**

1 Moccasin adornment

5 Faux pas

9 Took _____ (went swimming)

13 & 14 Nancy Lopez and Annika Sorenstam have each won this several times

16 Russo who co-starred in "The Thomas Crown Affair"

17 Literary lead role for Gregory Peck in 1956

18 Run _____ of

19 Clinched

20 Alphabet trio

21 Keyboard key

22 Boot feature

24 Singer Corinne Bailey _____

25 Bring into being

27 Intros
- 29 New York's _____ Institute (art school)

32 Straying

33 Brother-and-sister dancing duo

36 Out on the water

37 C7H5N3O6

38 Foolish chatter

41 Educ. course in which grammar and idioms are taught

42 Verified, in a way

44 Most merciless

46 Stereo component

49 Those against

50 Joins

52 First row

56 Online gasp

57 "You're the _____" (Cole Porter classic)

58 Popular ISP

59 Brazilian hot spot
- 60 _____ Beach, Fla.

62 Muscle connector

64 Fourth row

65 Paradise lost

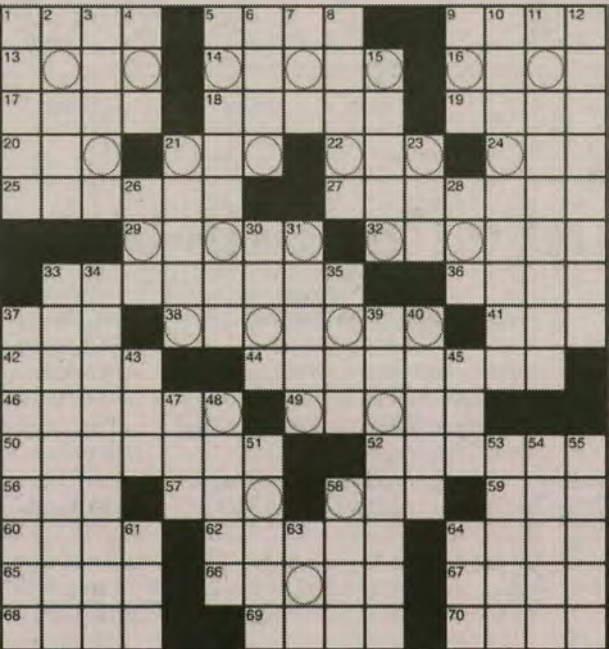
66 Have a hankering

67 Suffix akin to -trix

68 Comedic star Martha

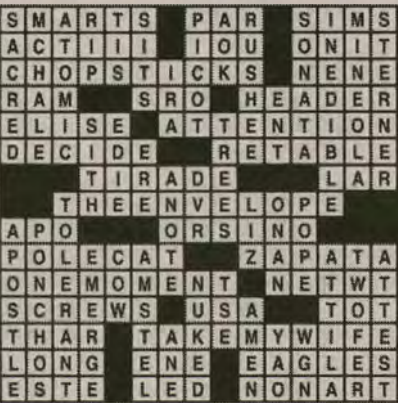
69 Many August babies

70 Guinea pigs, maybe



Puzzle by Derek Bowman

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 33 Gene Roddenberry-inspired sci-fi series

34 Metallic shade, in Sheffield

35 Knock out

37 Upsets

39 Disappointments

40 Architect Saarinen
- 43 Third or sixth row

45 Suffix akin to -trix

47 Intersected

48 Like plain text

51 Second row

53 Classic Broadway musical with the song "Alice Blue Gown"
- 54 Bigger than big

55 Intersecting points

58 Aviation-related

61 Seventh row

63 Edinburgh refusal

64 Up on things, daddy-o

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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kieran Culkin, 27; Lacey Chabert, 27; Dominique Moceanu, 28; Jenna Elfman, 38

Happy Birthday: Your unique way of doing things will capture the attention of someone who can help you along the way. You have already set the stage for success by working out the details, so take action and see where all your hard work can lead. An activity will lead you to the top people in an industry that interests you. Your numbers are 7, 12, 21, 25, 27, 34, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): An opportunity that will allow you to profit and learn at the same time will present itself. Make last-minute changes if it will ease your mind and secure your position. Domestic or house problems will surface; stay calm. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): An opportunity will occur -- be ready to take on the challenge. You won't have to look far to find answers but verify all the facts you've been given. An exaggerated point of view can throw you off-course. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are facing a no-win situation that must be handled with diplomacy. One false move and you may end up defending your position, actions and your integrity. Physical challenges and hard work will take your mind off pressing issues. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Run the show, call the shots and do your thing. That's when you are happiest and do your best work. A home-based business will bring benefits down the road. Give extra care to an older friend or relative. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Temptation may get the better of you when it comes to parting with your hard-earned cash. Don't believe the sales pitch you are given. Do your research. Chances are that whatever you are being told is too good to be true. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll be inclined to take on someone else's responsibility. In doing so, you will open up a channel of communication with someone who has something to offer. Meeting someone extraordinary will change the way you think about your future. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Think outside the box when it comes to your social networking or investment plans. You stand to profit in many ways if you get involved with people who can offer you the skills needed to complete something you are pursuing. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If something doesn't seem right to you, it probably isn't. Don't give in to anyone trying to convince you to make unnecessary changes. Stay put until you have everything in place and the protection you need to move forward. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone will criticize you for your inability to follow through with a promise. Trying to talk your way out of a situation may work in the initial stages but, sooner or later, you will be questioned and asked to keep your word. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let past pressures or memories stand in your way. Old emotions may flare up but, in the end, you have to be rational and do what's best for yourself. Love is in the stars. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Someone may be uncertain about where you fit into their future. If you can't get a straight answer, move on and cut your losses. Invest in yourself by signing up for a course, investing your money or doing something to update your look. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may have to answer questions if you haven't done things by the rules. A relationship will need a little tender-loving-care if you don't want to send the wrong signal. A short trip for two can do wonders for your love life. ★★

Birthday Baby: You are creative, entertaining and insightful. You are a trendsetter with pizzazz plus integrity.

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DAN POHLMAN

Things I learned at ND:	Things I wish I learned:	Things I tell people at bars:
Math Organic Chemistry* Matlab Fluid Dynamics Heat Transfer	Film Philosophy Art Studio Peace Studies and How to talk to girls	"I'm a finance major" "Oh, you have an offer from Deloitte too?" "Yeah, that class is a total joke"

*Never actually learned

JUMBLE

JEFF KNUREK
MIKE ARGIRION

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

SUROE
[] [] [] [] [] []

KLEAN
[] [] [] [] [] []

CURSIK
[] [] [] [] [] []

PERMUB
[] [] [] [] [] []

A [] [] [] [] [] [] **OF** [] [] [] [] [] []

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FOCUS NUTTY DISOWN NEPHEW
Answer: Playing with a yo-yo has its — UPS AND DOWNS

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

Must've cost at least \$100 a pound

WHAT THE EXPENSIVE DEER HUNTING TRIP AMOUNTED TO.

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

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Experienced leadership catapults team to top of Big East

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

Most teams at the collegiate level from year to year have to deal with losing seniors and replacing them with untested freshmen. The Notre Dame women's golf team, however, is not facing that issue this fall.

Losing only one senior from last year, Lisa Mauna, the Irish feature one of the most talented and experienced teams in the Big East. The Irish didn't pick up any freshmen this year, but rather have a starting lineup of two seniors, two juniors, and one sopho-

more.

Leading the way is senior Annie Brophy, who is easily the most experienced player on the roster. Brophy has played in every competitive round in her Notre Dame career, which comes out to a total of more than 100 rounds of golf.

"Annie came in and was a good player within the junior rankings, but I think she has just progressed nicely over the last few years and positioned herself well within college golf," Irish coach Susan Holt said. "I think her progression in her game over the years has allowed her to step into that leadership year and be one someone that people can look up to."

This progression culminated in a tangible accomplishment her sophomore year, a Big East individual championship, which coach Holt described as the "turning point" in her production.

"I think she kind of validated herself as a player," said Holt. "I thought she responded well to [being the Big East champion] last year and I've been real pleased with her play so far this year."

Brophy's best finish so far this season was 14th in the Bettie Lou Invitational.

Junior So-Hyun Park has also provided consistent scores and quality leadership for the Irish. Park currently has Notre Dame's

best career stroke average with 74.82 and recently posted the top score of four over par for the Irish at the Bettie Lou Invitational.

This strong leadership is something of utmost importance for the team's success, but their experience lends itself to even more. Playing a number of the same tournaments from last season, many of the Irish players have experience on these courses.

Although the Irish fielded the same lineup for the Mary Fossum Invitational as they did last year, it did not equate to improved scores.

"Typically you'd like to think that having prior knowledge of a

course would certainly help you prepare for an event," said Holt. "There is a mental preparation advantage to playing a course that you have seen before."

The Irish will be on an even playing field with their opponents in the next tournament, as they did not have the opportunity to compete in the Windy City Collegiate tournament last year. Nevertheless, the Irish possess the necessary skill and leadership to surpass the competition.

The first round of the Collegiate is scheduled to begin on Monday.

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FOOTBALL

Tiptoeing back

Clausen feeling 'good' heading into UW game

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

And now for your daily turf toe tutorial, here's Jimmy Clausen.

"I'm feeling good. I practiced yesterday, and I'm just getting better every single day," the Irish junior quarterback said at his Wednesday press conference. "It's just a nagging injury. I don't think I'll be 100 percent healthy until the end of the season or after the season."

Even with the lingering pain, all signs point to Clausen — and junior running back Armando Allen (ankle), for that matter — being fully prepared to play Saturday against Washington. As Irish coach Charlie Weis said earlier this week, Clausen is much further along this week, as compared to



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen calls out a play in the Irish's 24-21 victory over Purdue Sept. 26. Clausen has been slowed since suffering a toe injury against Michigan State.

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SMC GOLF

Belles enter third round of tourney

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's moved up to No. 2 this week as it heads to Kalamazoo today to play in the third MIAA fall jamboree this afternoon at the Milham Park Golf Club. The Belles currently sit atop the nine-team conference after winning the first MIAA competition and finishing as the runner-up in the second.

Last weekend, Saint Mary's took first in a field of 16 teams in the DePauw Small College Classic at Deer Creek Golf Club.

"Our win this past weekend was really big for us and helped push us to our No. 2 ranking in the nation in Division III," Belles captain Perri Hamma said. "We have been a strong team on and off the course and I think that is really

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SMC SOCCER

Belles drop match vs. Adrian

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Adrian broke out to an early 3-0 lead over Saint Mary's Wednesday and the Belles were never able to recover.

"I thought we played below expectation in the first half and we quickly fell behind 3-0," head coach Ryan Crabbe said. "I went into this match with much higher expectations."

The Belles (3-7-1, 0-1) struggled in the first half of the game allowing all three goals before the half and were shut out for the seventh time this season.

With the game marking the beginning of the conference sea-



COURTNEY ECKERLE/The Observer

Senior Jessica Slean dribbles the ball downfield against Marian Sept. 26. The Belles lost the match 3-0.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Ryan looks for first victory against Lyons

By MEGAN FINNERAN,
CHRIS ALLEN and BARRICK BOLLMAN
Sports Writers

Thursday will mark a beginning for both Ryan and Lyons.

Granted, Ryan has played one game, a 14-7 defeat to Pasquerilla West, but it was the first game in dorm history, and the team is still in the beginning stages.

"We have really been meshing this season," senior captain Kenzie Bowen said. "We have a lot of young enthusiasm. I would like to

believe that we have the most fun week in and week out."

In terms of key players, Ryan does not recognize any, but rather chooses to acknowledge its team as a whole on both the offensive and defensive ends.

"We play as one unstoppable unit," Bowens said. "Our defense is certainly one of the most intimidating defenses in the league and our offense is quickly gaining confidence."

Even with their rookie status, the Ryan women are

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