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March for Life attracts ND pro-life community

Students road trip to D.C. for annual event

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

WASHINGTON — Morning hail subsided into a light drizzle as hundreds of students stood on the National Mall Friday under a Notre Dame Right to Life banner, ready to march with University President Fr. John Jenkins.

Almost 400 students traveled to Washington, D.C. this weekend to participate in the March for Life, an annual trip organized by the Notre Dame Right to Life Club.

Jenkins donned the Notre Dame Right to Life hat distributed by the club before the March and walked with students and faculty members from the National Mall to the Supreme Court building.

"Coming to the March was something I had always wanted to do, but Jenkins coming made it special," junior Jena Doom, a first-time participant, said.

The students took the 12-hour overnight bus ride to D.C., slept on the floor in a parish center in Virginia and spent the day marching before returning to Notre Dame.

"It was a long bus ride and not

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Members of the Notre Dame community participate in the March for Life this past weekend in Washington, D.C. The Right to Life Club of Notre Dame organized the trip of almost 400 students.

Students appreciative of Jenkins' presence

By MADELINE BUCKLEY and
JOSEPH McMAHON
News Writers

WASHINGTON — Coming to Friday's March for Life in Washington, D.C. in the shadow of last spring's Commencement controversy, University President Fr. John Jenkins said there was a "certain energy" in the students who participated.

Jenkins participated in the March for the first time alongside many students and faculty who protested his decision to invite President Barack Obama to deliver the Commencement address and receive an honorary degree because of his stance on abortion.

"Out of all the controversy from last spring, we wanted to take steps to deepen the pro-life cause," Jenkins said.

At the rally before the March, protestors greeted Jenkins with several large yellow signs demanding he drop charges against the "Notre Dame 88" — referencing the group of people arrested for trespassing on the University campus during Commencement last year. One sign was held directly in front of

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Concert to aid in Haiti relief effort

Junior organizes performance of campus musicians to benefit devastated island country

By SARAH MERVOSH
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When junior Michael Daly spent a few weeks in Haiti this summer, it changed him forever. Daly experienced the devastating poverty of the country firsthand as he distributed food in the slums, buried the dead and volunteered at an area hospital. He now hopes to give back by organizing a concert to benefit the Haiti relief effort.

"Victor Hugo once said, 'Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent,'" Daly, who is co-president of the Friends of the Orphans (FOTO) club, said.

"While in Haiti, I was unable to express my inner emotions and feelings, yet I could not be silent," he said. "Music helped me ... I am inspired to put on a concert in order to denote the healing power of music."

The Undertones, the New

Orleans Brass Band and senior Pat McKillen will perform at The Hearts for Haiti Relief Concert Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

The \$4 ticket fee and suggested donations will go to the FOTO Haiti Earthquake relief fund, Daly said.

"The money will be used for medical supplies and the basic necessities of life, [like] food and clean water," he said.

Daly said he would like to raise as much money as possible to help those in Haiti.

"The situations in Haiti are so gruesome that every cent counts," he said. "I would like this to be a solid donation."

Daly said he wants to raise money not only because of his experience in Haiti, but also because his parents and uncle are in Haiti providing medical care.

"This earthquake was personal for my family and me, and I still pray each and every day for my family and friends' safety," he said.

"My mother was saying that it feels like a war zone with the constant hovering of helicopters

transporting patients from the slums to [the hospital] or from Haiti to the United States," Daly said.

Daly said he was able to put a concert together quickly because people were very willing to help.

"I made a lot of phone calls and quick office visits to get the concert rolling. [Student body president] Grant Schmidt and [student body vice president] Cynthia Weber were great resources and very helpful in organizing every Haiti relief effort on campus," he said.

"The bands and music groups were wonderful and very willing to give their services for Haiti," Daly said. "Everyone's been very kind and giving and it's been a huge blessing."

Daly said he hopes the concert will be inspiring to those who attend and beneficial to those in need in Haiti.

"I want the people to have hope," Daly said. "Time must not be about dwelling on the past but looking to a hopeful future."

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Photo Courtesy of Michael Daly

Junior Michael Daly poses with children in Haitian slums. Daly has organized a concert to raise money for the devastated country.

Female ND student reports assault

Observer Staff Report

A female student reported a sexual assault that occurred about 2 a.m. Saturday morning, according to Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) logs.

In an e-mail to the student body, NDSP director Phil Johnson said the victim said she was approached from behind while walking on the northwest side of campus. The suspect talked to the victim before assaulting her.

She struggled but was able to run away.

The victim described the suspect as a male white, college age, with dark curly hair, blue eyes, muscular build and about 6' to 6'2" tall.

Anyone with information about this crime is asked to contact NDSP at 631-5555 or Crime Stoppers at 288-STOP.

INSIDE COLUMN

Thoughts on parenting

It's been two weeks since we've gotten back to campus and I still find myself on autopilot when I run into pseudo-friends walking across the quad. You know, those people that you know but not well enough to actually care about their lives. So my de facto greeting is still "How was break?"

I normally get a "good," or "It was nice," or "Not long enough," and then they follow up with "How was yours?"

I can tell everyone right now that if you ask me this question, pseudo-friend or not, my answer is not going to be a one-word reply. I will more than likely launch into the story of how my car got totaled on Christmas Eve and how I had to nanny three children for five days in order to get some money for a down payment on a new car.

The parents that I was working for decided they were going to run off to Costa Rica at the last minute because they were, and I quote, "bored," which left me in charge of 7-year-old twin girls and their 6-year-old brother.

Let me put this family into perspective for you. The tuition to their elementary school is \$20,000 — each. They are paying more to send their three young children to second grade and kindergarten than I am to attend Notre Dame. And no matter what spoiled rich kid stereotype you can think of, I guarantee you that these children embody it in one way or another.

But it wasn't so much their bad behavior (and believe me, I fear for the future of our country after living with those three) but it was the fact that I never realized just how difficult this mommy business was.

Getting the kids up, fed, going to school, picking them up from school, helping with homework, cooking dinner, taking them to sports practices and doing all of this while having to constantly listen to the same three Miley Cyrus songs in the minivan while hardly receiving happiness on the kids' parts, let alone verbal gratitude.

I think I finally understood the immense task of parenting when I took the kids out to dinner and realized that everyone in the restaurant was giving me the look. You know, the look that people give parents of uncontrollable children in public; the look that either says "Gosh, it sure must suck to be you," or "Can you please get those kids to shut up?"

My nanny gig is now titled "The Week From Hell" in the story of my life. The final night rolled around and I found myself thinking that I was never so happy to get away from children and I believed myself to be personally scarred from the entire event. That was until I got the payment for my services; the check that I received gave me a new positive outlook about my brief encounter with parenthood.

While the original plan was to take the entire sum and put it towards the down payment on a new car, I set some money aside for something special. I took my mom to lunch.



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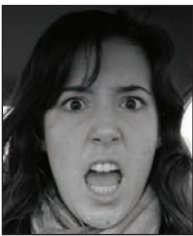
QUESTION OF THE DAY: CHUNKY CHIPS AHOY OR DOUBLE STUF OREOS?



Zak Kapopolous

sophomore
Keenan

"Chunky Chips Ahoy, because Oreos taste crappier."



Elizabeth Andrews

sophomore
Pasquerilla West

"Double Stuf Oreos. Only because I hate the word 'Chunk.'"



Ella Lozon

sophomore
Howard

"Double Stuf Oreos because they're double stuffed, duh!"



Kirsten Adam

sophomore
Welsh Family

"Definitely Double Stuf, because I like to play with my food."



Keith Hetrick

sophomore
Keenan

"Chunky Chips Ahoy because I like it chunky."

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



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Fr. Dan Nolan celebrates mass in Keenan Hall on Sunday night.

OFFBEAT

Police rescue 150 stolen ferrets in Mexico City

MEXICO CITY — Police in Mexico City have rescued 150 ferrets from armed robbers after a high speed chase.

Police say they found the furry contraband after the suspects crashed their car into a tree and then fled on foot.

Fourteen boxes of ferrets imported from the U.S. were taken by force by three robbers from a truck after it left the Mexico City airport. Two suspects are under arrest and another escaped.

Police said Friday that a

veterinarian who purchased the ferrets reclaimed them.

The ferrets were unharmed.

Woman jailed for forcing son to kill hamster

WARM SPRINGS, Ga. — A Georgia woman is in jail after police say she forced her son to kill his pet hamster with a hammer as punishment for bad grades.

The sheriff of rural Meriwether County told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Thursday that the 12-year-old boy told his teacher about the killing. The teacher reported it to the Division of Family and

Child Services, who contacted police.

Sheriff Steve Whitlock said 38-year-old Lynn Middlebrooks Geter of Warm Springs faces one charge each of animal cruelty, child cruelty and battery.

The sheriff's office said she remained in the Meriwether County jail early Friday. It was not immediately known if she had a lawyer.

Meriwether County is located about 90 minutes southwest of Atlanta.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Tricia Struth, a professor at the University of Tennessee College of Architecture and Design, will give a lecture entitled "Contexts and Connections: A Guide to Architecture" today in 104 Bond Hall from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The Hammes Notre Dame bookstore will hold children's storytime from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday. The book "Bee-Wigged" by CeCe Bell will be read.

Richard Dugas, the CEO of Pulte Homes, will give a "Managing Through The Financial Crisis" lecture Tuesday in 102 DeBartolo Hall from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Joshua Diehl, assistant professor of psychology, will discuss the latest autism research, including his own work on language and communication, in the lecture "The Science Café: Solving the Autism Puzzle" Wednesday at Notre Dame Downtown at 217 S. Michigan St. from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Actors from the London Stage will perform "Romeo and Juliet" Wednesday through Friday at Washington Hall at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$20 for the general public, \$18 for senior citizens and \$12 for students.

The 1986 film "Otello" will be shown at DeBartolo Performing Arts Center's Browning Cinema Thursday at 7 p.m.

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Students rejoice as unseasonably warm weather hits campus

By LILY HOUGH
News Writer

Breaking news was revealed to Notre Dame students all around campus Sunday morning with unprecedented speed, but it wasn't thanks to any technological advances on the medias' behalf. Students simply had to look out their windows to witness it firsthand.

In South Bend, Ind., in the dead of winter, there was grass.

Weather officials reported temperatures in the high 40s Sunday afternoon, which proved just enough to melt a stubborn last layer of snow and prompt students to walk around campus in t-shirts, shorts and for a brave few like freshman Rachel Pilla, flip flops.

"I just wasn't cold," Pilla said.

"It felt like spring," soph-

omore Lizzy Snow said, remarking on the noteworthy, campus-wide shift to warmer weather apparel. "There were more people running outside in shorts and hardly anyone wearing coats."

Sunday's unseasonably warm weather brought students a familiar sense of confusion regarding what to expect from South Bend's notoriously unpredictable seasons. And with predictions from the South Bend Tribune for scattered snowstorms this week, the roller coaster of bizarre weather patterns seems just to have begun.

"I'm used to pretty sporadic weather," freshman Amanda Garza said, "but

this is really weird."

Despite the end of the weekend, the mood around campus seemed relatively raised Sunday afternoon, sophomore Tommy Chase said.

"I try not to let the weather affect my mood, but it's hard not to be happier when it's a nice day out," Chase said.

Students are unsure whether Sunday's warm weather is a positive indicator of milder weather to come. Still wary from last year's record freezing temperatures, most students remain unconvinced.

"It's a fake-out," Snow said. "I think it's going to get cold again, but hopefully not as cold as last year."

Snow recalled her experiences with frostbite as a consequence of last January's record low temperatures and anxiously awaits warmer weather in the coming months.

"I think it has been really mild so far and compared to last year, I am quite a fan," Snow said.

But WNDU Meteorologist Mike Hoffman has bad news for optimistic students.

"I think things are set up for a very wintry month overall, which means colder than normal temperatures and near or above normal snowfall," Hoffman said in his predictions for February.

According to Hoffman, the El Niño weather phenome-

non is showing signs of weakening, a situation which in the past has lead to "a cold, snowy, end to winter."

"Of course, only time will tell," Hoffman said.

And while no one seems to be able to better explain the unexpected bursts of warm weather as experienced around South Bend Sunday afternoon, most students couldn't help but take advantage of it.

"I wouldn't say this weather will translate into anything big," Chase said, "but I won't complain. We'll take it and enjoy it while it lasts."

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sophomore

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Rachel Pilla
freshman

SMC students confused over closed tunnels

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

As students make the slippery trek across Saint Mary's College campus in the cold, snow-covered months of winter, many long for the days of the warm underground tunnels that combated the wintry conditions. As they tugged through the snowy sidewalks, some wonder what happened to the passageways. Some speculate as to why they were closed. And some just dream about them opening once more.

"I do wish the tunnels were still open. It would make my life so much easier during this winter weather," sophomore Molly Farrell said. "Because I walk with crutches, snow and ice make my everyday

life very difficult. I have to rely on security for a ride to and from my different classes and this really hinders my independence."

The network of tunnels connects many of the older buildings on campus. There are also tunnels connecting the Cushman Leighton Library, LeMans Hall and the Student Center, Bill Hambling, director of facilities, said.

The tunnels, owned by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, were declared unsafe by then-building commissioner Don Fozo. Fozo has since retired.

Hambling said the card readers were removed from the tunnels on Dec. 22, 2004.

"They were closed by the county's building commissioner. They are primarily utility tunnels, and they

were used by years by students," Hambling said. "The big issue was high pressure steam, high voltage electricity and confined space."

The tunnels, which were originally created for utility purposes, had exposed steam and electricity pipes that proved hazardous, Hambling said. Additionally, there were not enough exits in case of emergency.

"We were violating all kinds of codes at that time," Hambling said.

In order to repair the tunnels to make them up to code, Hambling said, the College would have to seal off all the pipes, as well as create more exits.

"First off, the difficult part would be sealing off the high pressure steam lines that feed the campus. That would be very costly," Hambling said. "Creating exits out of the space [so they] would not be considered dead-end corridors. The spans are too long without any way of getting out."

When the tunnels closed,

students were sad to see them go and longed for the day they would be open for student use one again.

"I would be excited if the tunnels opened back up because that would mean that I would walk through warm air instead of out in the cold," sophomore Jordán Bartrom said.

With the tunnels reopened, students could once again have the warmth and convenience the tunnels offered.

Hambling said, however, that the likelihood of repairing the tunnels for student use was slim, though if money were provided, it would be possible to make repairs so students could once again utilize the tunnels.

"I'm not saying that it'd be impossible, but it would

be very, very costly. We'd have to create more exits, make sure that the exposed energy was concealed," Hambling said. "It'd be something we'd have to research. I'm not saying it's impossible."

One tunnel deemed safe and running from LeMans Hall to the Student Center is still available for student use.

"There isn't any energy in that tunnel. No high-pressure steam, no high voltage electricity and its not a dead-end corridor. There are exits at both ends," Hambling said.

Hambling said he would love to see the tunnels open again.

"What I love about the tunnels, when I get a chance to talk to alumnae, is the nostalgia that goes with it," Hambling said. "It seems to be one of the things most alumnae remember when they come back to campus."

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the Notre Dame Right to Life banner before club members decided to move.

Jenkins said he was not surprised to see these banners displayed throughout the March route.

"I felt it was important not to let those banners take away from the central goals of the day," he said. "And I refuse to let them distract from advancing pro-life cause."

Senior Mary Daly, co-vice president of the Right to Life Club and a leader of the student response condemning Jenkins' invitation last spring, said this year's March had record-breaking attendance from Notre Dame students.

"I thought that there was some great interactions and between students and professors," she said. "I think everyone really appreciated having the administrators there."

After Jenkins' announcement that Obama would deliver the Commencement address last year, Daly helped form the group ND Response, which held several prayer rallies and protests in the months that led up to the president's speech on campus.

She also wrote an April 2009 letter on behalf of ND Response that asked Jenkins to "formally support pro-life initiatives on campus through financial and personnel resources."

Daly told The Observer in May that the goal of ND Response was to "challenge people to really think about the issue or issues surrounding the invitation to President Obama."

Right to Life has invited Jenkins to participate in the March every year, so the group was pleased he marched with the students this year, Daly said.

"I think that what we had at the March is a good start by the administration, and I really hope we can expect to see more involvement down the road," she said.

Despite past disagreements, Jenkins said his interaction with all the students has always been positive.

"I completely commend the students for their hard work in the spring, and how they interacted with my office," he said.

Before, during and after the March at a reception for students, faculty and alumni, Jenkins intermixed with the students, talking and occasionally sharing a laugh.

"I enjoyed being with them," he said. "I admire their efforts and was proud of the way they came out themselves."

Before the March, Jenkins

presided over a Mass for Notre Dame students and faculty at Saint Agnes Church in Arlington, Va.

"It's a delight for me to be with you today," he said in the greeting.

Jenkins said in the homily that abortion is "an act of despair."

"We come today to not to condemn or judge but to be a witness of the Gospel of life," he said of the March. "I think what we're called to today through readings is to be witnesses to hope against despair."

Participation in the March was one of several preliminary recommendations that were made to Jenkins by Notre Dame's Task Force on Supporting the Choice for Life, which was formed last September partly as a response to critics who said the University did not do enough to support the pro-life cause.

Jenkins said in addition to attending the March, he would most likely implement all of the recommendations in some form.

"They are all reasonable suggestions and advance the goals we share," he said.

Along with participation in the March, the task force also recommended that the University adopt a formal policy statement about the sanctity of life and offer better support for pregnant students.

Vice President for Student Affairs Fr. Mark Poorman, who



JOSEPH McMAHON/The Observer

University President Fr. John Jenkins participates in the annual March for Life. His participation was well received by pro-life groups.

was a member of the task force, said he was glad Jenkins accepted the recommendation to attend the March.

Poorman, who also was attending the March for the first time, said last year's Commencement ceremony increased the visibility of the pro-life culture at Notre Dame.

"Commencement really helped raise the pro-life issue so this is something we wanted to support," he said.

Poorman also said he was "delighted" by the high turnout

of both students and faculty members.

"I've always admired the faculty and staff who come on the March," he said. "It's great to have so many people here."

Although Jenkins said next year's March is too far away to determine if he would be able to participate again, he said he will "find some way to continue deepening commitment to the pro-life cause."

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a lot of sleep, but this is worth it," junior Patrick Graff said. "I think it's important for our leaders to see the support this issue has."

Jenkins mingled with students and faculty before the March at a breakfast reception and joined them afterward for a dinner sponsored by the Alumni Association at the D.C. restaurant Smith and Wollensky.

He also said a Mass for the students and faculty before the March.

"Jenkins' participation didn't affect my decision to come but I'm glad he decided to step up," Graff said.

Right to Life president John Gerardi, a senior, said students were supportive of Fr. Jenkins' decision to participate in the March.

"Most didn't agree with his decision to invite [President Barack] Obama to campus last spring, but he's taking steps to support the movement, and we appreciate that," Gerardi said.

Former South Bend-Fort Wayne Bishop John D'Arcy and Bishop Kevin Rhoades, current bishop of the diocese, were introduced at the rally that preceded the March, drawing cheers from the Notre Dame contingent on the Mall.

For Junior Katie McNelis, last

spring's controversy over Jenkins' invitation to Obama made this March particularly significant.

"Going to the March is something I had always thought about, but this year was the time," she said.

McNelis said Jenkins' participation was an important display of solidarity with the students.

"I think the pro-life movement is something so much a part of the identity at Notre Dame," she said.

But while many students came to Notre Dame with a clear understanding of the abortion debate, freshman Jiayi Lou, a native of China, had never debated the issue before.

"I had never heard of this before. I never saw anything pro-life or pro-choice," she said. "In China because of the one-child policy, it's almost common sense that abortion is legal."

Yet Lou has always felt the one-child policy is inherently unfair, so she became involved in Right to Life activities on campus. The one-child policy and abortion are connected life issues for Lou.

"The policy is so cruel. You lose the right to have a baby," she said. "I'm an only child and my mom already had her tubes tied."

At the rally before the March, Jenkins talked with students and other political figures in the crowd, such as Joe Donnelly, congressman from Indiana's 2nd Congressional District, which houses Notre Dame.

Donnelly said he meets students at the March every year and offers his congressional office as a place to visit and warm up.

"I try to come out every year because as you can see, there's a huge crowd from the Notre Dame community," Donnelly said.

After chatting with Jenkins on the National Mall, Donnelly described the University president as "the best."

"He's a tremendous leader and

a wonderful priest," he said.

Freshman Tori O'Malley said she was impressed with Jenkins' demeanor throughout the March, especially given that signs displayed throughout the March demanded he drop charges against people arrested for trespassing on the University campus during Commencement last year.

"It was cool to see Fr. Jenkins marching mixed in with everyone," O'Malley said. "It was great how he reacted to the opposition

against him. He just stayed calm and kept talking to people."

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Marchers hold up a sign reading "Father Jenkins, Free the Notre Dame 88" Friday at the March of Life in Washington D.C.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Castro questions U.S. troops in Haiti

HAVANA — Fidel Castro is questioning why the U.S. and other countries sent soldiers to quake-ravaged Haiti, saying military presence hindered international cooperation.

The former Cuban president writes that “without anyone knowing how or why,” Washington dispatched troops “to occupy Haitian territory,” and other nations followed suit.

In an opinion column Sunday in state-controlled media, Castro said neither the U.N nor the U.S. “has offered an explanation to the people of the world.”

Castro noted that several governments complained that the troops kept them from landing aid flights and called on the U.N. to investigate.

Anti-Chavez channel removed

CARACAS, Venezuela — A cable-television channel critical of President Hugo Chavez was yanked from the air early Sunday for defying new government regulations requiring it to televise some of the socialist leader’s speeches.

Venezuelan cable and satellite TV providers stopped transmitting Radio Caracas Television Internacional, an anti-Chavez channel known as RCTV, after it did not show the president’s speech Saturday to a rally of supporters.

While five other channels were also dropped from cable, some say the government took broader action to disguise its mission to shut down a popular, critical media outlet ahead of congressional elections and amid rising discontent over inflation, crime and electricity shortages.

NATIONAL NEWS

Man released after opening plane door

DENVER — A man accused of attempting to open an airplane’s exterior door while in flight has been released after investigators determined it wasn’t a terrorism matter, authorities said Sunday.

The incident occurred Saturday on a United Airlines jetliner en route from Washington, D.C., to Las Vegas. The plane, which had more than 100 people aboard, was diverted to Denver International Airport.

FBI spokeswoman Kathy Wright said a passenger tried opening one of the front doors of the airplane and may have tried to open the cockpit door before passengers restrained him. The man was taken into custody, questioned and released for a medical evaluation, she said.

Children swept away by river

SAN DIEGO — Two children swept away by the Tijuana River south of the border last week remained missing Sunday, after a search for a reported body near storm-swollen waters in San Diego County turned up nothing, authorities said.

Migrants near Border Field State Park reported they may have seen a body in the water early Sunday, said Maurice Luque, a spokesman for the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department. Fire crews assisted by lifeguards and U.S. Customs and Border Protection searched the area for several hours but found nothing.

A 2-year-old girl and a 5-year-old boy were caught in the north-flowing river in Tijuana after a car crash Wednesday and have not been seen since, Luque said.

Mexican authorities said the family’s car crashed into the water, killing their 9-year-old sister, according to Luque. The children’s parents were also in the car but their conditions were unknown, Luque said.

LOCAL NEWS

Lake project closes wildlife area

NORTH JUDSON, Ind. — A northern Indiana wildlife area will be closed for about three months for a project aimed at raising its lake level.

The state Department of Natural Resources says it is closing the 140-acre Round Lake Wetland Conservation Area near North Judson to the public for the duration of the work.

The agency says the project includes building a permanent water control structure and a berm that will raise the water level in the lake and help restore the surrounding wetlands at the site about 40 miles southwest of South Bend.

HAITI

150,000 quake victims buried

Towering death toll doesn’t include bodies under rubble, government reports

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE — The truckers filling Haiti’s mass graves with bodies reported ever higher numbers: More than 150,000 quake victims have been buried by the government, an official said Sunday.

That doesn’t count those still under the debris, carried off by relatives or killed in the outlying quake zone.

“Nobody knows how many bodies are buried in the rubble — 200,000? 300,000? Who knows the overall death toll?” said the official, Communications Minister Marie-Laurence Jocelyn Lassegue.

Dealing with the living, meanwhile, a global army of aid workers was getting more food into people’s hands, but acknowledged falling short. “We wish we could do more, quicker,” said U.N. World Food Program chief Josette Sheeran, visiting Port-au-Prince.

In the Cite Soleil slum, U.S. soldiers and Brazilian U.N. peace-keeping troops distributed food. Lunie Marcelin, 57, said the handouts will help her and six grown children “but it is not enough. We need more.”

Yet another aftershock, one of more than 50 since the great quake Jan. 12, shook Port-au-Prince on Sunday, registering 4.7 magnitude, the U.S. Geological Survey said. There were no immediate reports of further damage.

The Haitian government was urging many of the estimated 600,000 homeless huddled in open areas of Port-au-Prince, a city of 2 million, to look for better shelter with relatives or others in the countryside. Some 200,000 were believed already to have done so, most taking advantage of free government transportation, and others formed a steady stream out of the city on Sunday.

International experts searched for sites to erect tent cities for quake refugees on the capital’s outskirts, but such short-term solutions were still weeks away, said the International Organization for Migration, an intergovernmental agency.



AP

Earthquake survivors wait in line to receive water and food at an improvised distribution center organized by the United Nations in the Cite Soleil neighborhood in Port-au-Prince Sunday.

“We also need tents. There is a shortage of tents,” said Vincent Houver, the Geneva-based agency’s chief of mission in Haiti. Their Port-au-Prince warehouse has 10,000 family-size tents, but some 100,000 are needed, he said. The organization has appealed for \$30 million for that and other needs, and has received two-thirds of that so far.

In the aftermath of the 7.0-magnitude earthquake, the casualty estimates have been necessarily tentative. Lassegue told The Associated Press the government’s figure of 150,000 buried, from the capital area alone, was reported by CNE, a state company collecting corpses and burying them north of Port-au-Prince.

That number would tend to confirm an overall estimate of

200,000 dead reported last week by the European Commission, citing Haitian government sources. The United Nations, meanwhile, was sticking Sunday with an earlier confirmed death toll of at least 111,481, based on recovered bodies.

The final casualty estimates, which the European Commission said also include some 250,000 injured, will clearly place the Haiti earthquake among the deadliest natural catastrophes of recent times. That list includes: the 1970 Bangladesh cyclone, believed to have killed 300,000 people; the 1974 northeast China earthquake, which killed at least 242,000 people; and the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, with 226,000 dead.

One who wouldn’t die in Port-au-Prince was Wismond Exantus, who was extricated from the rubble Saturday. He spoke with the AP from his cot in a French field hospital on Sunday, saying the first thing he wanted to do was find a church to give thanks.

He spent the 11 days buried in the ruins of a hotel grocery store praying, reciting psalms and sleeping, he said. “I wasn’t afraid because I knew they were searching and would come for me,” he said.

With such rescues now increasingly unlikely, Haiti’s government has declared an end to search operations for the living, shifting the focus more than ever to caring for the thousands surviving in squalid, makeshift camps.

RUSSIA

Russia, U.S. arms treaty nearly complete

Associated Press

MOSCOW — A new nuclear arms reduction treaty is “95 percent ready,” Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said Sunday in the clearest indication to date that an end to wrangling over the seminal agreement may be close.

Medvedev said he is optimistic that a deal will be reached and that he was heartened by the pace of negotiations. “I expected the negotiations to take longer, but in the space of six months we have created the backbone of a document,” Medvedev said.

Expert-level talks to iron out the final details of the treaty are due to take place next month in Geneva. The chairman of

the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mullen, and retired Gen. Jim Jones, President Barack Obama’s national security adviser, were in Moscow last week to discuss treaty negotiations.

A new agreement would succeed the 1991 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, or START, which expired Dec. 5. The two countries had hoped to reach a deal before the end of the year.

Medvedev and Obama agreed in July to cut the number of nuclear warheads each country has to between 1,500 and 1,675 under a new treaty.

While sounding a positive note over the START deal, Medvedev expressed reservations about missile defense plans, however.

“It is sly to talk about strategic nuclear

forces without mentioning missile defense,” he said. “If nuclear missiles are launched, then defense missiles can be launched also.”

The United States has scrapped a plan to position a missile defense system in Central Europe that had angered Moscow, which accused Washington of undermining its national defense.

Russia praised Obama for the decision, but Russian officials also have said they want to know more about the sea- and land-based systems the U.S. plans to put in place instead.

Medvedev said Sunday the issue of plans for a missile defense system will be discussed at the nuclear arms reduction treaty talks.

Christian Unity Week

Monday, Jan 25: "Breathing with Both Lungs: Growth and Challenges in Orthodox-Catholic Relations since Vatican II"
Fr. Brian Daley, S.J. (Theology Dept.)
7:00 PM, CoMo Lounge

Tuesday, Jan 26: Four:7 Catholic Fellowship on Ecumenism
Kaitlyn Kiger, ISI VP, with Rebecca Sharbaugh
8:30 PM, Cavanaugh Chapel

Wednesday, Jan 27: Theology on Tap presents Dr. Peter Casarella
"The Witness of Mary's Faith: What Catholics Could Learn from Dialogue with Evangelicals"
7:00 PM, Oak Room (above SDH)

Thursday, Jan 28: Christian Unity Prayer Service
Fr. John Jenkins, C.S.C., Presider
Reflections by Sr. Ann Astell (Theology Dept.)
and Mr. Alden Golab (Senior & President, ISI)
Music provided by the Celebration Choir, Voices of Faith Gospel Choir, Totus Tuus, and ISI Musicians
7:15 PM, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Friday, Jan 29: Taize Ecumenical Prayer Service
7:00 PM, Walsh Hall Chapel

ISI / Four:7 Praise & Worship Prayer Service
8:00 PM, Keenan-Stanford Chapel



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AMEX	1,820.31	-27.07
NASDAQ	2,205.29	-60.41
NYSE	7,030.61	-143.85
S&P 500	1,091.76	-5.58
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	10,427.31	-164.78
FTSE 100 (London)	5,302.99	-32.11

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
CITIGROUP (C)	-0.61	-0.02	3.25
BK OF AMERICA CP (BAC)	-3.68	-0.57	14.90
S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	-2.23	-2.49	109.21
FINANCIAL SEL SPDR (XLF)	-3.26	-0.48	14.18

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.36	-0.13	3.60
13-WEEK BILL	+12.50	+0.05	0.0450
30-YEAR BOND	+0.09	+0.04	4.51
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.93	-0.22	2.34

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LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-1.33		74.75
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IN BRIEF

Iran bases budget on \$60 crude oil

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran planned next year's budget based on an oil price of \$60 per barrel, nearly double the price from the last year, the official news agency reported on Sunday, indicating rising optimism over energy prices.

Last year, the parliament approved a budget based on \$37.5 per barrel for the fiscal year ending in March, reflecting the steep drop in prices that severely impacted the economy. About 80 percent of Iran's foreign revenue comes from oil exports.

Earlier on Sunday President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad submitted the budget to the Iranian parliament for approval, saying more money would be allocated to agriculture, education and research, as well as to the poor.

Iran's parliament speaker Ali Larijani said the amount would be revealed later, according to IRNA. The budget requires approval of the parliament and a constitutional watchdog.

Semi-official Mehr news agency, however, said the amount of the budget was about \$368 billion, some \$89 billion more than the current Iranian year.

Chrysler revamps old car brands

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Chrysler now has a turnaround plan that promises improved quality and a stream of new models. But it won't work unless Chrysler can get cars like the Sebring back on people's shopping lists. To do that, Chrysler is going back to the basics: Reinventing its car brands — Chrysler as a luxury line, Dodge as a quirky value brand — and reintroducing them with head-turning ads.

Chrysler's truck brands, Jeep and Ram, have strong identities in buyers' minds. But its car brands are mushy, said Allen Adamson of the San Francisco-based branding firm Landor Associates. One of Chrysler's first actions under Fiat SpA, which took control of the automaker last year, was to split Ram truck from Dodge so Dodge could stand alone.

Dodge will try to make a big splash with an ad during the Super Bowl next month. Chrysler Group LLC, which has yet to pay back \$15.5 billion it borrowed from the federal government, is taking some heat for paying an estimated \$5 million to air the ad. But the company says it's the best forum to explain Dodge's transformation.

Fed leadership vote looms large

Wall Street, global markets could suffer if Bernanke is not confirmed this week

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A defeat of Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke's quest for another four-year term could raise the risk of a "double dip" recession if political jousting over a successor were to drag on for months, economists warn.

But Bernanke's prospects appeared to brighten Sunday, with three more senators, including Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, predicting he'll be confirmed. A vote is expected later this week.

Still, the chance of Bernanke's defeat has unsettled Wall Street, contributing to last week's 4 percent loss by the Dow Jones industrial average, its worst performance in 10 months. If Bernanke were rejected, uncertainty over a successor would further roil global markets, at least in the short run.

Anxiety, along with sagging investments, could cause consumers and businesses to cut spending. Joblessness, already at 10 percent, could worsen. And the recovery might fail.

Economists who fear a double-dip recession — in which the recovery would collapse into another recession — regard it as a worst-case scenario. But they don't rule it out, either.

Lynn Reaser, chief economist for the National Association for Business Economics, is among them. She sees the likelihood of a double-dip as less than 50 percent.

"It will become more acute if there are delays in confirming a successor," she says, noting that the economic recovery remains fragile, with spending still weak, credit tight and job creation scarce.

"All the political angst over the confirmation couldn't have come at a worse time for the economy," Reaser says.

A Bernanke loss would heighten uncertainty about Fed policies on interest rates and stimulus measures. In part, that's because Bernanke devised the unconventional supports for the economy and likely knows how best to safely



AP

Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., right, speaks at a session of the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs to vote on Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke's reappointment.

wind them down, notes Edward Yardeni, chief investment strategist at Yardeni Research.

But even more worrisome for the markets and the economy would be if Bernanke's Senate foes are seen as having meddled with the Fed's independence for political reasons.

The dollar would likely fall. Higher interest rates and inflation fears would follow, stoked by uncertainty and shaken confidence. And all that would probably unsettle consumers and business, making them less likely to spend, hire or invest.

Bernanke's confirmation, which had seemed assured, was suddenly thrown into doubt last week as resistance grew among some Senate Democrats. And some senators who had supported

Bernanke said they were now undecided.

The Fed chief's term expires Jan. 31. If Bernanke isn't confirmed by then, Vice Chairman Donald Kohn is expected to step in as chairman and run the central bank temporarily.

Bernanke is widely credited with helping to prevent the Great Recession from turning into a second Great Depression. But his support of Wall Street bailouts during the height of the financial crisis has angered Americans struggling with 10 percent unemployment and soaring home foreclosures.

Backlash from Democrats over Bernanke's role in the bailouts intensified after Democrats suffered a stunning upset in the Massachusetts Senate race. Democrats are eager to appear allied with

ordinary Americans disgusted with Wall Street's excesses.

Higher interest rates that could follow a Bernanke defeat would make it costlier for the government to pay down its record-high debt. Right now, low rates are allowing the Treasury Department to manage its debts.

If investors think the White House and Congress will choose a successor who would keep the Fed pumping money into the economy and hold interest rates at record lows for too long, it would erode trust in the Fed's oversight of the economy.

Continued low rates would please many ordinary Americans. But it would risk creating new speculative bubbles and stoking inflation.

Wal-Mart cuts Sam's Club employees

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. will cut about 11,200 jobs at Sam's Club warehouses as it turns over the task of in-store product demonstrations to an outside marketing company.

The move is an effort to improve sales at Sam's Club, which has underperformed the company's namesake stores in the U.S. and abroad.

The cuts represent about 10 percent of the warehouse club operator's 110,000 staffers across its 600 stores. That includes 10,000 workers, mostly part-timers, who offer food samples and showcase products to customers. The company also eliminated 1,200 workers who recruit new members.

Employees were told the news at mandatory meetings on Sunday morn-

ing.

"In the club channel, demo sampling events are a very important part of the experience," said Sam's Club CEO Brian Cornell in a phone interview with The Associated Press. "Shopper Events specializes in this area and they can take our sampling program to the next level."

Shopper Events, based in Rogers, Ark., currently works with Wal-Mart's namesake stores on in-store demonstrations. Sam's Club is looking to the company to improve sampling in areas such as electronics, personal wellness products and food items to entice shoppers to spend more.

Sam's Club has performed weaker than Wal-Mart Stores Inc.'s namesake stores in the U.S. and abroad. Cornell has been working to improve results since taking the helm in early 2009, introduc-

ing new store formats, price cuts and offering more variety and more brands of items from take-home meals to baked goods.

As consumers eat out less in the shaky economy, Sam's Club has tried to steal customers from grocery chains and rival warehouse stores like Costco Wholesale Corp. by offering more everyday goods like food and health and beauty items and paring its assortment of general merchandise like furniture and clothes.

But during Wal-Mart Stores' most recent quarter, revenue at the Sam's Club division slipped nearly 1 percent to \$11.55 billion while U.S. Walmart stores posted a 1.2 percent sales increase to \$61.81 billion. Earlier this month, Wal-Mart Stores closed 10 underperforming Sam's Club locations, resulting in the loss of about 1,500 jobs.

Crews work to protect wildlife from oil spill

Associated Press

DALLAS — Crews worked Sunday to protect two sensitive wildlife areas after a crude oil spill shut down parts of a major southeast Texas port, state Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson said.

Plastic walls known as booms and oil-sucking skimmer boats were used to safeguard a lake that is a crucial breeding ground and a wildlife management area that lost its protective gates when Hurricane Ike roared ashore a year and a half ago, Patterson said.

The U.S. Coast Guard said about 462,000 gallons — or 11,000 barrels — of oil spilled into the water Saturday when an 800-foot tanker collided with a towing vessel pushing two barges near Port Arthur, about 90 miles east of Houston. It was the largest spill in Texas since 1994, but still well shy of one 20 years ago involving Norwegian tanker Mega Borg that leaked 4.3 million gallons of crude oil about 60 miles off Galveston.

The tide lifted the two ships and they separated shortly after midnight Sunday without more oil being spilled, Coast

Guard Petty Officer Richard Brahm said.

The crew of the damaged tanker, the Eagle Atome, said the remaining 69,000 of the 80,000 barrels of oil in the ship were pumped out, according to the Coast Guard.

Chief Warrant Officer Lionel Bryant of the Coast Guard said about 45,800 feet of booms were deployed to contain the spill.

"Because of where it happened, we were able to get teams out there quickly to at least contain it for now," Bryant said. "But it's still a tremendously large spill."

None of the sensitive wildlife areas had been affected, Bryant said.

That included Keith Lake, a breeding ground for shrimp and other small fish, and the Murphree Wildlife Management Area, where several endangered species have been spotted.

Bryant said his agency had one report of an oil-covered bird and encouraged residents to report

any sightings of affected wildlife.

"It's too early to claim victory yet," Bryant said. "Right now, there's no impact in the marshes and no impact in Keith

"Because of where it happened, we were able to get teams out there quickly to at least contain it for now. But it's still a tremendously large spill."

Lionel Bryant
Chief Warrant Officer
United States Coast
Guard



Oil splashes over a rock in the Sabine Neches Waterway in Port Arthur, Texas Sunday after an oil spill involving an 800-foot tanker and a towing vessel.

Lake."

Coast Guard officials have said the spill was mostly contained in a 2-mile stretch of the Sabine Neches Waterway, which runs along the city of Port Arthur. The area off-limits to ships was extended 18 miles to the Texas Gulf Coast in case of a breach or a wind shift that might complicate containment efforts, Bryant said.

The Sabine Neches Waterway is the second-largest in Texas, according to the online Handbook of Texas. Bryant said

refineries generally are prepared for a 72-hour shutdown, which would extend into Tuesday. He said it wasn't known when the waterway would reopen.

The tanker is owned by AET Tankers, a Malaysian company with offices in Houston. Patterson said AET would pay for most of the cleanup. A spokesman said the company was working with the Coast Guard on cleanup and assessment and referred to Coast Guard officials for further com-

ment.

The ship collided with a towing vessel pushing two barges, leaving a 15-foot-by-8-foot hole in the tanker. During the collision, the towing vessel also hit another tanker that was tied to a pier. Brahm said that tanker sustained some damage, but had no leaks.

A National Transportation Safety Board spokeswoman said the agency was supporting the Coast Guard investigation but had no further details Sunday.

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New FEMA maps full of inaccuracies

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — More than a year and a half after a massive flood left a huge swath of eastern Iowa underwater, the tiny farming community of Oakville is clinging to survival.

Many of the town's 400-or-so residents moved on after the June 2008 disaster, leaving local leaders desperate to lure new faces to the community. But they say their efforts are being harmed by an ambitious government initiative to update and digitize the nation's flood plain maps.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency started the \$200 million-per-year project in 2004 as a way to utilize advances in mapping technology to better identify areas susceptible to flooding. FEMA officials say the new maps — some of which have won final approval and others which are still in their preliminary stages — will allow for better zoning and help prevent future catastrophes like the flood in Iowa, which caused an estimated \$10 billion of damage.

But critics, including civic leaders, developers and home owners in several states, have complained that the new maps are riddled with inaccuracies, seem arbitrarily drawn, and will stifle growth and hurt property values.

"Anyone building new construction, they are probably not going to settle here," said Oakville Mayor Benita Grooms, who is critical of FEMA's proposed map for her town. "Why would they if they have to build their homes up so high and pay \$2,000 for flood insurance?"

Doug Boyer, whose home would be in the flood plain for the first time if FEMA's Oakville map gains final approval, said it's inexplicable why FEMA extended the flood plain border to the center of Main Street in the relatively flat town.

"The east side is in the flood plain and the west side is fine — it's odd that the water will stop at Main Street," Boyer said.

Garden City, Kan., has sued to prevent FEMA's proposed map for the city from taking effect. The map for the first time designates areas around two decades-old drainage ditches as flood prone, even though the ditches have never been a problem, said Kaleb Kentner, the city's community development director.

Should their challenge fail, the redistricting would force nearly 2,000 homes and businesses into a flood plain and force property owners to buy expensive flood plain insurance, Kentner said.

The proposed digital maps for Linn County, Iowa, are almost unrecognizable, said county planning and zoning director Les Beck. There is a stream that appears on aerial maps that isn't in the same place on the new digital maps,

he said.

"You overlay the maps and it's just not the same," Beck said. "It's in a different location."

And the new maps for Barre, Vt., predict that 20 percent more water would enter the city's business district than the current maps predict, said Mike Miller, the city's planning director.

He said the maps will hamper redevelopment projects, and that the city is deciding whether to appeal to change the maps.

Josh deBerge, a FEMA spokesman based in Kansas City, Mo., said there are few substantial changes in the new FEMA maps, and that any major changes were made because advances in mapping technology allowed for better analysis.

"When home and business-owners know and understand their risk, they are more likely to take steps to reduce their risk," deBerge said.

FEMA welcomes criticism of the digital maps and is open to making changes if a compelling scientific case can be made, deBerge said.

"What we're looking for is evidence, a study or survey that would provide more detailed information that can be incorporated," deBerge said.

Generally, it takes about 18 months from the time a preliminary map is released to when

it takes effect. During that time, FEMA holds community meetings followed a 90-day appeal process and a FEMA review of concerns raised during the appeals process. Once an appeal is resolved, FEMA issues a letter of final determination and provides the final map to the community.

If a challenge fails, communities may be stuck changing land use and development plans — a process that could take up to six months before a new map takes effect.

Residents may have to pay thousands of dollars on surveys to prove they should be exempted from the maps, and in some cases could be forced to elevate their homes.

John Bishop, a project manager for Illinois' Floodplain Mapping Program, which was contracted to work on that state's digital maps, said Congress appropriated money for the re-mapping project but not for new engineering studies.

He said one problem was that FEMA started with maps up to 20 years old, then put them into digital form, making improvements where possible. In some cases, new land development has changed water flow and runoff patterns since the maps were first drawn.

But he said most of the problems (in Illinois) have been corrected, and that the new maps will be more precise and easier to correct once new data become available.

Homeless veteran buried at Arlington

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. — Ray Vivier had been an adventurer, a Marine veteran who explored the country from South Carolina to Alaska, the father of five children.

The 61-year-old also was a man starting to get his life back together after living for years in a shanty beneath a Cleveland bridge. He had struggled with alcoholism, but by November he had a welding job, friends and a place to stay at a boarding house.

He rescued five people from that house when arsonists set it ablaze — but Vivier couldn't save himself. He and three others died, and two people have been charged in their deaths. Vivier's body, unclaimed and unidentified for weeks, seemed destined for an anonymous, modest burial.

However, Jody Fesco — who met Vivier while she was volunteering at a soup kitchen and had even invited him to her wedding — heard that Vivier may have died. Fesco and her husband contacted their friend Haraz Ghanbari, an Associated Press photographer, about the situation. Ghanbari took the lead to make sure Vivier wasn't forgotten, tracking down the family members and arranging a proper funeral.

On Friday, Vivier's ashes were interred at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

"You can see from what he did that he definitely had a good heart," said Mercedes Cruz, Vivier's ex-wife of 23 years, who attended the funeral with the couple's children. "No matter what our difficulties were in our marriage, I'm very proud of what's happened."

For his grown children — who now are scattered around the country — Vivier had been gone for about 15 years. They know of his heroism now — but they don't know much about the man he was trying to become. They remember their dad's struggles with



Elisha Vivier, the daughter of Raymond Edward Vivier, receives the U.S. flag during Vivier's burial services Friday.

alcohol and other troubles.

"What I'm trying to get out of this is to have one good, concrete memory that I can have of him for what he did to save those people," said his oldest daughter, Elisha Vivier. "I'm proud of the man that he was becoming."

Vivier was a private in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1965 and 1966, though he didn't see combat. He was stationed at Parris Island, S.C., Cruz said.

After his discharge, Vivier spent years working as a machinist, welder, iron worker and other tough jobs. He loved the outdoors and moved his family from Alaska to Oregon.

"He was just adventurous," Cruz said. "He loved to see different places and see what it was like to live there."

When he was homeless in Cleveland, he was proud to have one of the best shanties around, said Fesco, 29, who met Vivier at a soup kitchen.

"We hit it off right away," she said.

She took Vivier home for Christmas one year and later invited him to her wedding. Vivier was genuine, she said, "a real gentle spirit."

"He was trying to get himself out of some struggles —

some struggles with alcohol — and just do better for himself, and he was, which was fantastic," Fesco said.

Ghanbari, who is an ensign in the U.S. Navy, helped arrange for Vivier's remains to be placed in a columbarium wall at Arlington National Cemetery. The site overlooks the Pentagon with the National Cathedral and Washington Monument in the distance.

At the military service, seven Marines fired three rifle shots, and a bugler played taps. Elisha Vivier carried a gold urn with her father's ashes to the wall and placed them inside, alongside the remains of thousands of veterans.

Ray Vivier was quiet, friends said, but people knew who he was. Cleveland City Councilman Joe Cimperman met Vivier years ago while working as a social worker. He said Vivier was quiet, yet kind and compassionate. More than 125 people attended a memorial service weeks after the fire in Cleveland.

"It was a huge blow for the community. This was one of our neighbors who people cared about and knew," Cimperman said. "We're less because he's gone."

TSA worker pranks student

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — A college student returning to school after the winter break fell victim to a prank at Philadelphia's airport by a Transportation Security Administration worker who pretended to plant a plastic bag of white powder in her carryon luggage.

The worker is no longer employed by the TSA after the incident this month, a spokeswoman said.

Rebecca Solomon, 22, a University of Michigan student, wrote in a column for her campus newspaper that she was having her bags screened on Jan. 5 before her flight to Detroit when the employee stopped her, reached into her laptop computer bag and pulled out the plastic bag, demanding to know where she had gotten the powder.

In the Jan. 10 column for The Michigan Daily, she recounted how she struggled to come up with an explana-

tion, wondering if it was bomb-detonating material slipped in by a terrorist or drugs put there by a smuggler.

"He let me stutter through an explanation for the longest minute of my life," Solomon wrote. "Tears streamed down my face as I pleaded with him to understand that I'd never seen this baggie before."

A short time later, she said, the worker smiled and said it was his.

The worker "waved the baggie at me and told me he was kidding, that I should've seen the look on my face," she said.

Solomon said she asked to speak to a supervisor and filled out a complaint, and during that process was told that the man was training TSA workers to detect contraband. Two days later, she said, she was told he had been disciplined.

"I had been terrified and disrespected by an airport employee," she said. "He'd

joked about the least funny thing in air travel."

There was no answer Saturday at a telephone listing for Solomon at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. An e-mail message seeking comment from her was sent Saturday by The Associated Press, and a telephone message was left at her parents' home in suburban Philadelphia.

TSA spokeswoman Suzanne Trevino said late Saturday that the employee was no longer with the agency but did not say whether he had been fired or quit, referring only to "disciplinary action" taken by the TSA. She also declined to identify the worker or his job title, citing privacy laws. She said she did not know whether his actions would be subject to criminal charges.

"The behavior exhibited by this TSA employee was highly inappropriate and unprofessional," Trevino said in a statement.

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THE OBSERVER VIEWPOINT

Covert Innsbruck decision a disservice to German department

Last Monday, the University announced its decision to cancel its study abroad program in Innsbruck, Austria. The facts are few and repeated; the Innsbruck program was founded in 1964 and is Notre Dame's oldest study abroad program, over these 45 years there have been more than 1,400 student participants, it was canceled due to lack of interest and Berlin is a cultural hot-spot of prestige to which the University would much rather send its students.

As an alumna of Innsbruck, I do not support the University's decision to cancel its most tradition-seeped program.

The city of Innsbruck itself has unique qualities that separate the Innsbruck program from nearly every other Notre Dame study abroad program. Innsbruck's quaint valley population is approximately 120,000 — 22,000 of whom are students and academics. It is truly a university town, as it has been since the University's founding by the Jesuits in 1669. Innsbruck's rich theological history educated the minds of Karl Rahner and Raymund Schwager, and its continued Catholic character provides foreign students like me a community through Catholic organizations at the University.

Beyond my obvious bias to the community spirituality, and beauty of the city, I believe the decision to cancel the Innsbruck Program could cause serious problems for Notre Dame's German Department. Innsbruck is a welcoming, small city where students feel a part of the experience and can treat the province Tirol like home. Because of this, many students who return to America apply for Fulbrights, Fulbright Teaching Assistantships, internships, jobs and other research positions in Germany or Austria. The majority of students in the past three years who have participated in these prestigious (to use a favorite word of the administration) undertakings have stud-

ied through the Innsbruck program before deciding to apply.

Berlin's program could perhaps promote the same drive to return and undertake higher-level projects, yes, but the minimal interest in the program suggests that the numbers of German students to go on in such pursuits would never meet current numbers without the Innsbruck program encouraging German language development. One fact that has been ostentatiously missing from all articles and press releases is the current interest in the Berlin program; enrollment has oscillated between three and five students per year for the past three years.

During my time in Innsbruck, I experienced academic frustrations that arose from the limitations that the Office of International Studies (OIS) places on its students. Before going to Innsbruck, I had taken German for seven years and also lived in northern Germany, setting my language at the C1 level that the European Union requires one to attain before attempting university study in a language other than your own. However, OIS allows students to take only Notre Dame-offered courses in the fall semester, which are still in German and taught by Innsbruck Professors, but are with only other Notre Dame students. Because my language was at a different level than other students, in my fall Notre Dame classes I was bored, unchallenged, frustrated — all symptoms arising from what Mr. David Younger from OIS cited as the less "demanding" academic qualities of the Innsbruck program.

He is certainly right; the academic portion was not quite as demanding as a Notre Dame education. But to fix this, all OIS needs to do is allow students with the language competency at the beginning of the year to enroll in normal University of Innsbruck courses (currently, students are allowed to enroll in one or two Innsbruck courses, but only in the spring semester). The academic challenge would then increase for those students who have more experience with the language, and the challenging opportunity for German-language beginners in the Notre Dame Innsbruck program would continue, as well. Enrollment issues solved.

When I spoke to OIS last fall about my frustrations, I was told I could transfer to Berlin. However, I preferred the small mountain city of Innsbruck — and the companionship of my host family — to living alone in a huge metropolis. Our program director, an Innsbruck Professor who has led the Notre Dame program for 20 years along with his wife, could not help me beyond contacting Notre Dame or comforting me, due to hand-tying by OIS.

This same man was not informed of the decision to cancel the Innsbruck program until the day of Notre Dame's press release to the world. Never have I been so ashamed of Notre Dame — that lack of respect is unacceptable to show anyone, much less someone who has devoted 20 years of his life to making a program excel beyond Notre Dame's standards in ways that the Ivy-chasing administration would not understand. I turned down Ivies to go here because I thought Notre Dame's Catholic character fostered a sense of respect for fellow human beings that no other American University matched. Perhaps the Administration feels decency is not important when negotiating with other first-world citizens. I respectfully disagree.

I never thought I would so adamantly argue for Innsbruck, but if the only option students will have to study German is in a huge metropolis, the future German Department enrollment will suffer. Improving the Innsbruck program would have helped the German Department and Notre Dame students far more than shafting it in a secretive and dishonest way. I and many other alumni of the Innsbruck program are ashamed of our University's decision and we urge its rethinking — while fully aware of the apparent futility of this request.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Not our place to judge

Sometimes it takes a Viewpoint letter to bring about clarity. I would like to thank Patrick McHugh for his erudite letter about forgiveness ("Forgive and forget," Jan. 22). For the past week, I have been more annoyed than anything else about the comic hoopla, but I am now writing my own letter of support for adding sexual orientation to Notre Dame's anti-discrimination clause. While I will never wear a shirt that says, "Gay? Fine by me," I don't believe it is my place, nor Notre Dame's, to be judge of morality. And let us be honest: The only thing holding Notre Dame back is moral judgment.

Adding sexual orientation to an anti-discrimination clause is not an endorsement of alternative lifestyles, but rather one of the most Christian acts we can do. If we are following the example of Christ, then we should love each other, not judge one another. Each of us will one day have to give an account to God of our actions; I would rather be known as a lover of people than an aloof, "righteous" person who casts moral judgments at others.

Christians should be especially cognizant of the specter of discrimination, for since the time of Christ, Christians themselves have been persecuted. Jesus taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves. So I will love my neighbor, too, no matter his or her race, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, marital status, veteran status, any disability he or she may have and no matter his or her sexual orientation.

While I do not believe the comic strip in question was an outright attack, but rather a misguided attempt at humor, I believe now is the perfect moment for the University of Notre Dame to open its loving arms to all people and add sexual orientation to its anti-discrimination clause.

Jonathan Sarna

senior

off campus

Jan. 22

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Our current obsession with creativity is the result of our continued striving for immortality in an era when most people no longer believe in an after-life."

Arianna Stassinopoulos
co-founder of The Huffington Post

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Experience is a good school,
but the fees are high."*

Heinrich Heine
German literary critic

A foreign new policy

A spectre is haunting Notre Dame — the spectre of defeatism. And it seems all the powers of old Notre Dame capable of exorcising it have been turned out or tuned out with no trace of the spirit of their once-contagious commitment to excellence.

Tim Dougherty

Guest Column

There once was a time when the concept of Notre Dame passing on a highly-ranked team evoked memories of Dorais to Rockne or Hanratty to Seymour. Now the words regularly appear in news clippings about abortive scheduling efforts from the athletic directors of Alabama and Miami — or even Wisconsin and Minnesota. Just last week, Irish Athletic Director Jack Swarbrick confirmed in an interview with the South Bend Tribune’s Eric Hansen that Notre Dame is more interested in playing Duke and Wake Forest than, say, Texas or Tennessee.

Although this recent philosophical shift is marketed as a symbolic effort to be a shining light atop the hill for college athletics by playing teams that “look like us,” ostensibly it’s a retreat to a perceived position of greater convenience. After more than a decade of mismanagement of the football program, it rings of (this might sound familiar) an ordinate fear of the imagined cost of

football excellence, a crisis of confidence made even more grave by the covert pessimism of Notre Dame’s leaders. And more importantly, it cowers to the false choice that Notre Dame football has forever dedicated its existence to reject.

Notre Dame football was once a witness to the fullest measure of its university mission as an unabashedly religious university committed to excellence in all its endeavors, both academic and athletic. Although it’s true that the Big XII and SEC powers have never fully embraced both missions, neither have Duke or Wake Forest football. (And it’s worth noting that Duke already uprooted its religious origins.) But the tradition of Notre Dame football — a tradition that arched the back from which a world-class academic institution later spread its wings — was built by a champion spirit that established and defended its excellence by challenging and defeating the best teams in the country. The legacy began with its first game against regional power Michigan in 1888 and the historic trip to West Point in 1916. In addition to its traditional rivalry games, the indomitable spirit manifested itself in the first famed Game of the Century at Ohio State in 1935 and by ending the sport’s longest winning streak in 1957 at Oklahoma. It was that spirit Lou Holtz credited for

outdueling Miami in 1988 and that upended an irreverent Seminole squad in 1993.

To adapt a phrase from Fr. Hesburgh, there’s no academic virtue in beating teams that don’t make the same commitment to football as in academics, and there’s no academic vice in whipping a top-ranked team that eschews its educational responsibilities. In fact, there is no greater testament to the success of our university’s mission than to do just that, as Notre Dame has done throughout its existence. That is, unless the virtue of strongly standing across from one’s opponents that was boasted about last May applies only to politics.

In between building straw men out of its critics’ passionate but reasoned objections, the Notre Dame athletic administration has preoccupied itself by pulling the wool over the eyes of its faithful by building up the merits of the MAC like Moody’s propping three As under a mortgage-backed security. In part, it’s an inevitable public relations necessity of supporting a short-sighted 7-4-1 scheduling model that — apart from cowardly attempting to schedule success instead of earning it — leaves no room for the intuitively exciting national matchups that were and will still be necessary to maintain a thriving national product. What is the purpose of Notre Dame’s treasured independence

when the only flexibility in its schedule lies in which also-ran to fill its “buy” games? After such an abrupt retreat from the deep-rooted confidence in our institutional values that other Irish athletic administrations ensured were exemplified through the success of the football program, one can’t help but wonder if the entire goal of this endeavor to make us ask that question.

While Notre Dame’s savvy sports marketers imagine themselves to be the next George Strickler or Roger Valdiserri, our financial leaders seem oblivious to the fact that as they slash and burn through their “college football landscape” in the effort to maximize revenue they are slowly destroying the game’s most valuable brand as they allow the virtues that formed its foundation to crumble from within. It won’t happen overnight, but sooner or later, they will run out of suckers willing to hand over their cash for a cut-rate commitment to football excellence. They can just as easily find that at Duke or Wake Forest.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keep ‘The Shirt’ kelly-green

This one will be short and sweet. Stop changing the color of “The Shirt” every year. Keep it kelly-green permanently (similar to the color the students wear to the basketball games), not only for the obvious reasons that we are the “Irish” and our coach is named “Kelly,” but so that all Notre Dame fans can finally have a uniform color to wear to the games, rather than some wearing blue, some gold, some green (including different shades of the same), or even white and, more recently, with the student section wearing a shade of yellow

or even tan. Having a uniform fan color will also allow alumni to invest in kelly-green-colored coats or jerseys, which they will obviously need for the cold-weather games. We simply can’t expect alumni to go out and purchase new coats or jerseys each year, just so they can be sure to match the ever-changing color of The Shirt.

And I don’t want to hear that I am suggesting we eliminate the creativity of The Shirt. No one outside of the Notre Dame community thinks we are being creative by changing the color of The

Shirt each year. More importantly, The Shirt Committee will still have responsibility for determining what is written on the front and back of The Shirt each year, so it’s not like we will have abrogated them of all responsibility. (Although I personally think The Shirt Committee has just about run out of clever things to pen on The Shirt each year.)

Let’s get a uniform kelly-green color going in the stands so that visiting teams know that they are playing at Notre Dame Stadium and so that, when

the team hits the road, the football team will be able to easily identify the bright kelly-green color of “the Notre Dame section” in the stands, to know that their loyal fans are there to cheer them on.

Please have kelly-green-colored Shirts there for us to purchase at the Spring Game. Please.

Jim Blase
alumnus
Law School class of 1981
Jan. 24

Sexuality a gift

It has become painfully apparent since Jan. 13 that our community is not yet the Christian witness we hope to be. Many have noted an element of community as well as individual culpability; consequently, I am writing in the hope that our community, each of us, be a witness of truth in love.

There are two positions which we, as a community, must reject in order to promote the happiness and fulfillment of all persons, especially those with homosexual inclinations. The first is the tolerance of any kind of threat, violence or prejudicial behavior toward any person. We recognize that true Christian witness not only rejects prejudice but in its fullness participates in relationships of friendship freely given and freely received, especially among those in most need of our love.

The second is the reduction of sexual orientation to a quality comparable to race or ethnic background in regard to nondiscrimination. We should know and bear witness that as Christians we see sexuality as a gift more dignified and precious even than the gift of language and culture. As a universal and visible sign that human beings are ordered

toward communion with one another in love, our reduction of sexuality to any other quality would put at great risk our capacity to love our friends and neighbors with wonder and gratitude at the whole of their person.

Creation is a free act on the part of our Creator; its only motivation is love. The nobility of sexuality comes from its cooperation in this entirely free act. Therefore, unlike ethnicity, human sexuality is to be carefully used, with freedom in love, rather than enslavement to desire. The inclusion of “sexual orientation” to the clause implies that it does not require us to exercise our moral freedom and that human sexuality does not in some way demand our choice in how we receive and cherish our gift.

As our community mourns this betrayal of safety and peace, let us take a moment to consider that freedom rests not in speaking and acting in any manner at all, rather only in a manner worthy of the gifts we have received.

Sarah Johnson
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Jan. 24

Larger issue at hand

Dear Patrick McHugh (“Forgive and forget,” Jan. 22),
This cartoon (“Mobile Party,” Jan. 13) is not just an offensive joke. It signifies a much larger issue for all of Notre Dame. While I agree with you that “being made fun of sucks,” this is not the same as someone calling you ugly or saying you have weird clothes. It is not funny to joke about hurting someone. There is never a justification for violence. What if the joke had been made about violence towards Jewish people, or African-Americans? Surely you would realize that this is not an issue you can just brush under the rug and forget about. This is a serious issue on campus that needs to be addressed. The hate crimes and discrimination towards gays is unacceptable. As Christians, we are taught to love and accept others. Changes must be made before such a disturbing issue, which goes against everything Jesus taught us, can simply be forgotten.

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Jan. 23

See those cute blue bins everywhere around campus?
Those are for recycling.
Go ahead. Make their day.
Recycle.

Love or Love of Misery



By: Jess Shaffer

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| 1 | Lloyd, I'm Ready To Be Heartbroken – Camera Obscura |
| 2 | Coming Up Easy – Paolo Nutini |
| 3 | Girl – Beck |
| 4 | Porcelain – Moby |
| 5 | Fell In Love With A Girl – The White Stripes |
| 6 | You Belong With Me – Taylor Swift |
| 7 | Quicksand – La Roux |
| 8 | Meet Me Halfway – Black Eyed Peas |
| 9 | Sentimental Heart – She and Him |
| 10 | Lucky – Jason Mraz |
| 11 | Piazza, New York Catcher – Belle and Sebastian |
| 12 | Kiss With A Fist – Florence + The Machine |
| 13 | Mercy – Duffy |
| 14 | It's Not Fair – Lily Allen |
| 15 | Crooked Teeth – Death Cab for Cutie |
| 16 | I Want You Back – Jackson 5 |

With Valentines Day rapidly approaching, the mind turns to hand holding, same siding, PDAs and other overt social signals of couples happily in like and in love. At the same time, while the mind wanders the fancies of romance, stomachs also churn in nausea from the copious amounts of chocolates either consumed in joy or self-pity. Whether your mind is joyfully romping through fields of daisies with your latest crush or love of your life or whether your bitterly glaring at said skipping couples, love undeniably makes us feel so many things. Happiness. Delusion. Jealousy. Anger. Frustration. Inspiration. Rather than waxing lyrical about the diverse feelings of love, enjoy this playlist or emotional journey from crush to love to obsession to breakup to revenge. Happy catharsis to those both love-drunk and those hung-over. Also, wanna listen to this playlist? Go to the Scene Page of the Observer Web site to listen.

Movie Rewind: _____
Peter Jackson's Dud _____
‘DEAD ALIVE’ _____

By NICHOLAS ANDERSON
Scene Writer

One of the most fascinating concepts of the entertainment industry is the idea of an artist's early work. Art snobs infallibly love any popular artist's early work. There is often great merit to this love. Although they are stuck with a low budget and questionable surrounding talent, creative genius, incredible energy and an unjaded vision shine through in these B movies. Working through the back catalogues of visionary directors like Sam Rami or Christopher Nolan will undoubtedly reward the viewer.

However, this is not always the case. Sometimes the early work of an artist is downright embarrassing. See Justin Timberlake's work with N'Sync or Dr. Dre as a member of World Class Wreckin' Cru. There is a third, much more rare possibility; the early work is just confusing. This is the case with the masterful Peter Jackson.

Jackson started his career scrapping money together in New Zealand to create low-budget horror films. Among the best of these was the oddly-titled zombie flick "Dead Alive." Treasured by horror buffs, this plot-light, blood-heavy film has carved its own niche in the already crowded cult movie scene. Like many cult classics, a small but disproportionately vocal group of fans champion the merits of this exercise in gore.

The narrative is a timeless story. Lionel, the unassuming protagonist, is a young man thoroughly devoted to his mother, reminiscent of "Psycho's" Norman Bates. When a hybrid rat monkey bites his controlling and manipulative mother, Lionel is forced to continue caring for her with heavy tranquilizers, sedating her to keep her from eating both him and others. As will happen, a single zombie quickly grows into a horde including a local hoodlum, a kung-fu fighting priest and an infant. Lionel's zombie zoo is discovered by his uncle, who turns the

situation to his advantage through blackmail. As more zombies are created, violence soon becomes the only feasible solution.

Jackson shows a deep appreciation for the slasher films of the 80s, liberally applying gore in every scene possible. What is missing in character development and a coherent plot and a special effects budget is replaced by copious amounts of fake blood. While multiple films have claimed to be the goriest film ever made, "Dead Alive" makes a strong claim to that title, utilizing more fake blood than any movie to date.

The film itself contains many remarkable moments that sit on the line between horror and comedy: scenes of zombie digestive systems, slap stick violence, a prominently featured garden gnome and a climax heavily dependent on a helpfully placed lawnmower. Embodied in these moments is the B movie majesty so loved by horror fans.

For the unfamiliar, horror movies share a commonality with country music. Both are rich in history and deeply loved, but lack critical recognition and are near inaccessible to a wide stream audience. In the realm of horror movies, "Dead Alive" is George Jones. Unapologetic and unappealing, but loved for exactly what it is.

"Dead Alive" is exactly what one would expect of a movie that was sold in many places in a combo pack with vomit bags. While it gives no indication of the man who would direct the most epic trilogy in film 15 years later, it occupies its own special place in the horror cannon. Never widely popular, influential or important, it aspires to be nothing more than a cinematic feast in gore; a blood-filled experiment of film making. For those fans with an affection for methodical mutilation, mindless violence and uncereemonious zombie death, a viewing of "Dead Alive" is akin to catching a glimpse of the Holy Grail.

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Jackson's early work "Dead Alive" confuses audiences with a plethora of gore and violence.

‘RFK: The Journey to Justice’ takes audiences on a journey of its own

By ADRIANA PRATT
Assistant Scene Editor

From passive political patron to passionate justice torchbearer, Robert F. Kennedy’s life of transformation and maturation showed how one man’s dedication to greatness could affect the lives of millions and alter the course of a nation. L.A. Theatre Works’ original production, “RFK: The Journey to Justice” took a unique approach to depicting the life of one of America’s heroes and successfully showed the important role Kennedy played in the attainment of civil rights.

Though not as famous as his presidential brother John, Robert Kennedy’s involvement in the chase for racial equality was crucial to bringing the issue to the forefront of politics. The L.A. Theatre Works’ presentation showed how Kennedy’s behind-the-scenes involvement began solely for the purpose of winning John votes and ended as the primary focus of his own political career.

The play’s raw approach to the story of “Bobby” was unusual, but interesting. Instead of putting on a performance full of set changes and elaborate costumes, “RFK: The Journey to Justice” was presented as a radio docudrama, the style of theatre L.A. Theatre Works is known for.

The sound effects were created by a man who sat on

stage, both he and his equipment visible to the audience. The actors carried their scripts to the string of spot lit microphones and flipped the pages as they recited their parts. The overall result was that one could close his eyes and feel the story come to life without relying on visual images for reinforcement.

At first, the approach seemed a little unprofessional because it did not require the actors to memorize their lines (though most did) and also took away the magic of behind-the-scenes effects. Once audience members moved past those details, however, they quickly and easily became enveloped in the scenes of 60s politics and interracial interactions.

The writers of the play, Murray Horwitz and Jonathan Estrin, produced a script that highlighted Kennedy’s initial naïveté, humility, perseverance and humor and brought to life each major character that played a part in the development of civil rights. Since the play used conversation as its central medium, the script was the most crucial aspect of the show. Horwitz and Estrin did not disappoint.

The actors, who mimicked Bostonian and Latino accents and even perfected the unmistakable tones of Lyndon B. Johnson and Martin Luther King, Jr., made it easy to forget that they were solely imitators of real men and women. Henry Clarke (RFK) mastered

the expressions and inflections of Bobby and even had the hair to match. Kevin Daniels (MLK) powerfully bellowed the words of King, exciting both his fellow actors and the audience. Some actors played multiple personas, but their talent and slight prop change kept audiences from being confused.

The best part of the performance was the historical value. Because of its intimate style, the audience felt like they were getting the inside scoop on the true persona of Bobby Kennedy and seeing first-hand his challenging interactions with national figures on both sides of the civil rights’ spectrum. It was easy to see how he began as a crusader for John’s political career, pulling strings and appeasing leaders for votes, then blossomed into a crusader for an even more challenging cause. Once he visited the downtrodden and discriminated and saw life in their shoes, there was no turning back.

“RFK: The Journey to Justice” reminds audiences that it is never too late to sympathize with and show compassion for humanity. Taking a step back from distracting goal-oriented details that prevent us from seeing the big picture will ultimately allow us to realize the purpose of our existence. For Bobby, his was to change the world.

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SAYING GOODBYE TO THE 'SHORE'

By CAITLIN FERRARO
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Unfortunately last Thursday night, the fist pumping came to an end. MTV’s surprise hit “Jersey Shore” only had nine episodes, but it will leave an everlasting legacy on our generation. While some Italian-Americans may be horrified by the image of Guidos and Guidettes presented, this trashy reality show is really one big joke.

The cast of course fails to represent all Italian-Americans, but they never fail to bring laughter every week. What are we to do without The Situation and his self-absorbed, outrageous comments every week? The cast of characters range from the cocky Mike “The Situation” to the peanut sized, orange Nicole “Snooki,” to the tough Jenni “J-Woww” with the powerful left hook.

Of course one would be remiss to forget DJ extraordinaire and perennial wingman Pauly D and the youngster of the group Vinny. And the group is rounded out by the constantly on and off again couple of Ronnie and Sammi “Sweetheart.” The nicknames alone demonstrate the genius of this show.

The season has brought us many

moments of hilarity and debauchery. Among the many fistfights, a grown man hit Snooki, J-Woww punched The Situation and Ronnie even spent the night in jail for fighting.

There are so many other fond memories to look back on, like Pauly D’s stalker/Jewish love interest Danielle or Vinny and the rest of the gang’s infamous fist pumping. And of course an episode would not be complete without Ronnie and Sammi breaking up at least once.

Remember that time The Situation put handfuls of pickles under Snooki’s bed? Or made a cheesy gross concoction to stink up Vinny’s room? Speaking of Vinny, how about when he stole the

boss’ girl at the club? Or when he hooked up with The Situation’s sister?

“Jersey Shore” has even had a profound influence on campus, with many themed parties in recent weeks. So what ingredients do you need to complete the perfect Shore party? All partygoers must have a horrible fake tan or at least some heavy-duty bronzer.

The men require hair gel, plenty of preening prior to the party, and a visit to the gym beforehand. Homemade Italian food is always welcome, and pickles are necessary if any Snooki-inspired characters plan on

attending. Extra touches might include a duck phone that quacks incessantly, or a Jersey accent.

After all the time, we, the viewers, spent with our new crazy Italian family it was hard to part ways with them last week. However, the finale did not disappoint. We were left with the hilarious hot tub hook up of The Situation and Snooki, and the heartbreaking on-air break-up of Ronnie and Sammi on the reunion show. Is it wrong that we were sad to see their pairing end even after all of the ridiculous problems they have had? After fiascos like Sammi’s big Flintstone toe, Mike’s attempts to break them up or nights spent in jail you would think these two could make it.

The show has spawned a phenomenon, with the cast making pricey appearances at nightclubs all over the U.S. They have also made their way all over the talk show route (during which Mike dubbed Conan O’Brien “The Solution”), and Snooki has even been immortalized on “Saturday Night Live.”

While we wait for (hopefully) a second season, we can enjoy the “Shore’s” ridiculousness with endless MTV reruns.

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NHL

Ward, Jokinen lead Hurricanes' victory over Bruins

Nabokov has 38 saves during Sharks' defeat of Sabres; early goals from Sedin, Bernier help Canucks beat Hawks

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Cam Ward broke the franchise victory record, and Jussi Jokinen had a goal and two assists in the Carolina Hurricanes' 5-1 victory over the Boston Bruins on Sunday night.

Ward, who entered tied with Arturs Irbe atop the Hartford/Carolina's victory list, made 27 saves for his 131st victory with the Hurricanes and helped them snap a six-game regular-season losing streak against Boston.

Ray Whitney and Brandon Sutter each had a goal and an assist, Eric Staal and Chad LaRose also scored and Joni Pitkanen had two assists for the Hurricanes. They scored three goals in 6:36 span and led 5-0 in the opening minute of the third period.

David Krejci scored for the Bruins, who have their first five-game losing streak in more than two years.

The Hurricanes also escaped the NHL's cellar. They have 39 points — one more than Edmonton.

Tim Thomas stopped 11 shots and was replaced by Tuukka Rask with 8:58 left in the second after allowing four goals. Sutter beat Thomas from close range to make it 4-0 after he took a feed from Whitney, who had used a highlight-reel juke to get past Norris Trophy-winning defenseman Zdeno Chara.

By then, the Hurricanes were well on their way to their first regular-season victory against

Boston since Feb. 12, 2008. Carolina didn't claim any points against the Bruins last season, but did eliminate them in overtime in Game 7 in the second round of the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Rask finished with four saves and allowed LaRose's goal in the opening minute of the third for Boston, which has its longest losing streak since dropping six straight from Dec. 18-29, 2007.

This one was all Carolina, with Jokinen playing a part in the first three goals.

He did most of the hard work on Carolina's second goal, splitting two Bruins to chase down Pitkanen's long pass down the center of the ice and then drew Thomas' attention before backhanding a pass at the last instant to Staal. Carolina's new captain then buried the puck into an open net to make it 2-0 about 4½ minutes into the second.

Making matters worse for Boston, defenseman Matt Hunwick was called for hooking during that sequence to give the Hurricanes another power play. The Bruins killed it, but 3 seconds after Hunwick left the penalty box, Jokinen snapped the puck past Thomas to make it 3-0.

Jokinen also contributed to Whitney's goal, which got the rout started about 8 minutes in. After Thomas left the net open with an ill-advised poke-check attempt, Whitney tapped it in for his 16th goal and fourth in his last five home games.

Sharks 5, Sabres 2

Joe Pavelski's second goal of the game broke a tie midway through the third period and Evgeni Nabokov made 38 saves to lead the San Jose Sharks to their fifth straight victory over the Buffalo Sabres on Saturday night.

Jed Ortmeyer scored twice and Dany Heatley also had a goal for the Sharks, who won for the 16th time in 19 games despite being outshot 40-24.

The credit for the win goes to Nabokov, who weathered an early Buffalo barrage to kept the Sharks in the game and delivered the key saves whenever San Jose needed them. Nabokov has allowed only eight goals in his past seven starts, playing his best hockey of the season with the Olympics just a couple of weeks away.

He helped kill a two-man advantage in the second period with help from a couple of shots that banged off posts. The fans started chanting "Nabby! Nabby!" after one particularly strong glove save against former teammate Craig Rivet in the third period.

Nabokov will likely start in Vancouver for the Russians next month, while Buffalo's Ryan Miller is expected to be the No. 1 U.S. goalie. While Russia and the U.S. are in different groups, the two goalies could meet again in the medal round. Nabokov got the best of this meeting.

Nabokov allowed a first-period goal to Tim Connolly and then a power-play goal to Jason Pominville 18 seconds into the third that tied the game at 2. Pominville's backhand deflected in off Nabokov's skate. The Sharks had killed all 33 power plays over the past 19 games before allowing that goal.

It didn't end up costing them when Pavelski delivered the game-winner 6:41 into the third. Miller made the initial save on Devin Setoguchi's shot, but Pavelski got to the loose puck in the crease and poked it home for his eighth career two-goal game.

Ortmeyer scored two goals in the final 10 minutes to put the game away, including an empty-netter with 1 minute remaining.

The Sabres have lost three games in California in five days, also losing in Anaheim on Tuesday and in a shootout to Los Angeles on Thursday. Buffalo wraps up a season-high seven-game road trip Monday in Vancouver.

Trailing 1-0 after one period,



Canuck's goalie Roberto Luongo stops an attempted goal from the Blackhawks during the third period of the Canuck's win.

the Sharks were opportunistic in the second. Manny Malhotra got them started with strong forechecking. He stole a puck from Steve Montador and then fed Pavelski for the tying goal early in the second.

Joe Thornton then set up the go-ahead goal when he spun around in the corner and fired a backhand pass right to Heatley's stick in front of the net. Heatley deflected the puck through Miller's legs for his 30th goal, marking the sixth time he has reached that mark.

The Sabres dominated the first period, outshooting the Sharks 14-5 and scoring the only goal off a broken play. After Thornton turned the puck over in the defensive zone, Connolly took a pass from Pominville for his 13th goal, extending his point streak to 15 games.

Canucks 5, Blackhawks 1

Mikael Samuelsson, Henrik Sedin and Steve Bernier scored in the first period and Roberto Luongo made 43 saves in the Vancouver Canucks' win over the Chicago Blackhawks on Saturday night.

Chicago captain Jonathan Toews scored 3:30 into the third period, but Henrik Sedin added his second goal 32 seconds later. Vancouver won its fourth straight to move into a tie with Colorado atop the Northwest Division.

Daniel Sedin, who also had two assists, rounded out the scoring on a 2-on-1 pass from

twin brother Henrik with 1:26 left as the No. 1 line combined for nine points. Alex Burrows had three assists to extend his point streak to 11 games (13 goals, 5 assists). Henrik has an NHL-leading point total to 74.

Chicago backup Antii Niemi got consecutive starts ahead of No. 1 goalie Cristobal Huet for the first time all season, but didn't last long. Huet started the second period after Niemi gave up three goals on 12 shots.

The Canucks were missing top-4 defensemen Sami Salo (groin), Willie Mitchell (upper body) and Kevin Bieksa (lacerated ankle tendons), and was outshot 44-28 by the NHL's third highest scoring team. Still, Vancouver led 3-0 after 20 minutes.

Samuelsson opened the scoring 7:19 in after a great play by Ryan Kesler, who hit the post off the rush and chased down the loose puck at the side of the net. He batted it through the crease to leave Samuelsson with an open net.

Henrik Sedin doubled the lead 3:02 later after his sharp-angle shot from Niemi's left was stopped. He continued behind the net as the puck trickled off the goalie and through the crease, emerging at the other side to knock it in.

After Patrick Kane rang a shot off the post behind Luongo a minute later, Bernier scored his first goal in 11 games to make it 3-0 with 1:38 left in the first.



Carolina's Ray Whitney, Eric Staal, and Jussi Jokinen celebrate Whitney's third-period goal during Sunday's victory over Boston.

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who takes off her glasses
and she's hot.
And you realize she was always hot
she was just wearing glasses.
And that you were the blind one.
He's the most important thing in my
life right now.

Ralph is my best friend.
We met in a shoe store.

I heard him asking for a shoe that
could increase his speed, and not
leave any tracks.

Ding dong.
Who's there?
KGB.
Dwight, Answer the Door.
I'm not answering the door.
Answer the door.
Ding dong.
No way. It's the KGB.
Ding dong.
I'm not answering that!
[Dwight and Michael start arguing
as Jim is still ringing the doorbell]
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Men's Indoor Track and Field Division I Rankings

	team	previous
1	Florida State	3
2	Florida	2
3	Oregon	1
4	Nebraska	5
5	Arkansas	8
6	Oklahoma	16
7	Arizona State	5
8	Texas A&M	9
9	LSU	4
10	Minnesota	14
11	Baylor	5
12	South Carolina	20
13	Virginia Tech	22
14	Texas Tech	13
15	Auburn	NR
16	Stanford	11
17	Kentucky	19
18	Washington State	NR
19	Georgia	NR
20	California	12
21	Oklahoma State	NR
22	Kansas State	16
23	New Mexico	16
24	Wisconsin	NR
25	Kansas	NR

Women's Indoor Track and Field Division I Rankings

	team	previous
1	Texas A&M	2
2	Oregon	9
3	LSU	6
4	Florida State	8
5	BYU	3
6	Florida	12
7	South Carolina	12
8	Washington	NR
9	Clemson	NR
10	Penn State	7
11	Nebraska	NR
12	Tennessee	1
13	Virginia Tech	NR
14	Connecticut	NR
15	Texas	4
16	Baylor	NR
17	Arkansas	20
18	Louisville	22
19	Illinois	NR
20	Indiana State	22
21	Oklahoma	NR
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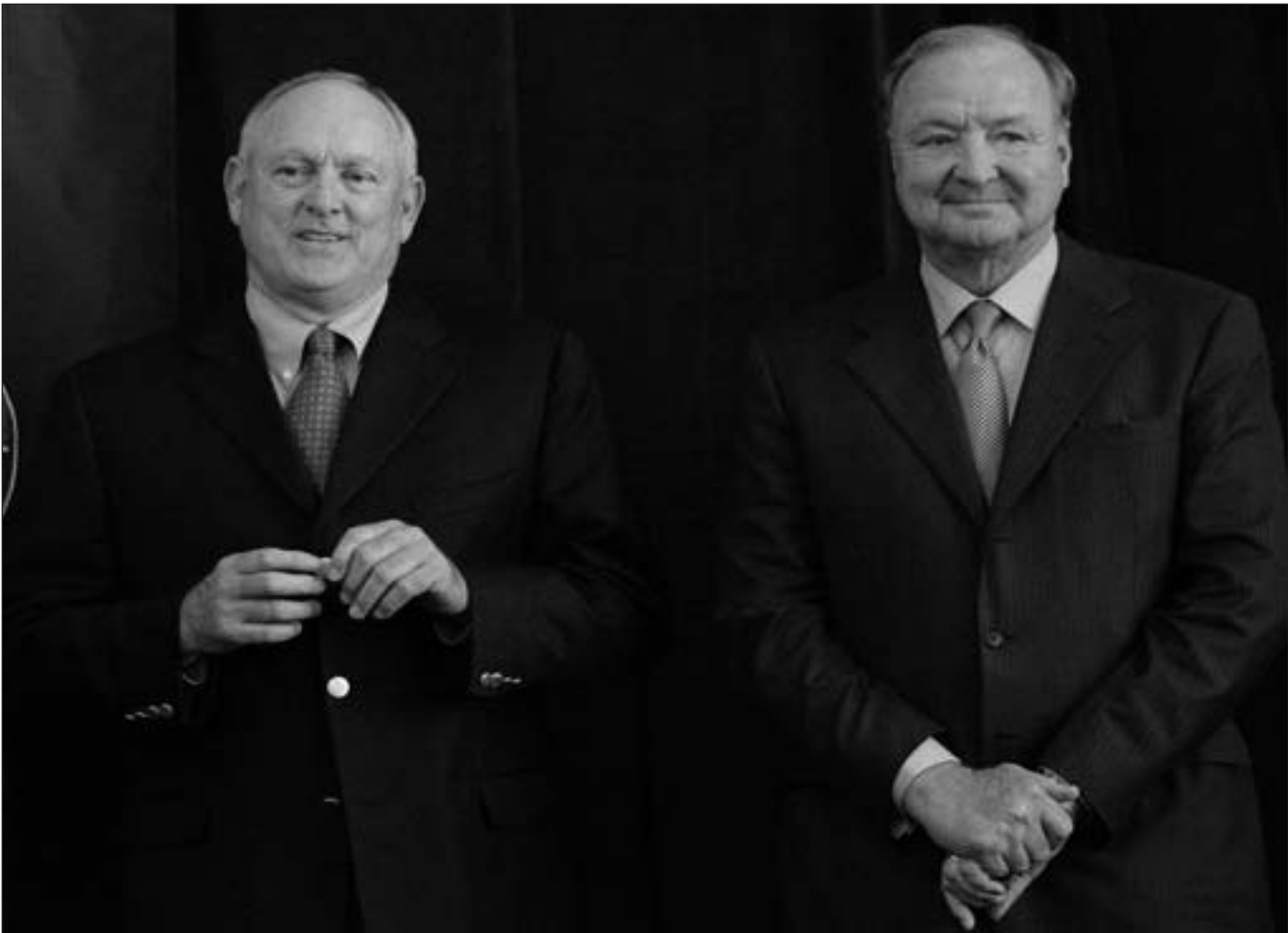
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3	Clarkson	112
4	New Hampshire	102
5	Minnesota-Duluth	96
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MLB



Rangers owner Tom Hicks, right, has agreed to sell the team to a group including Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan. The deal must be approved by 75 percent of the other baseball owners before it can become official.

Nolan Ryan group to buy Rangers

Associated Press

Tom Hicks has agreed to sell the Texas Rangers to a group that includes Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan.

The sides announced Saturday night that they had finally reached an agreement, eight days after a 30-day exclusive negotiating window expired. The group is headed by Pittsburgh sports attorney Chuck Greenberg.

"Together, we have worked exhaustively since last month to attain this agreement," Hicks said in a statement. "It's a complex business deal that positions the franchise positively for the future."

The purchase price is expected to be more than

\$500 million.

The next step is the deal has to be reviewed by baseball's executive and ownership committees. Then at least 75 percent of baseball owners would have to approve the transfer of ownership from Hicks to Greenberg's group.

A group of 40 lenders holding debt from Hicks Sports Group also has to approve.

There is a chance the deal could be approved before the April 5 opener, though the process could continue into the season.

Hicks Sports Group defaulted early last year on \$525 million in loans tied to the Rangers and the NHL's Dallas Stars, which Hicks has owned since 1996. Hicks has

said that was a deliberate move to force lenders to renegotiate terms of the deals.

Hicks put the team up for sale to help pay off or reduce that debt. He has said he plans to keep his NHL team.

Greenberg has asked Hicks to continue his association with the Rangers as chairman emeritus.

"Nolan and I greatly appreciate Tom Hicks' willingness to work beyond the deadline to complete the deal and his support for passing the torch from the Hicks family to our group," Greenberg said. "His actions speak eloquently to his commitment to serve the best interests of Rangers fans and the community."

In a separate transaction,

Ballpark Real Estate, L.P., an independent investment vehicle controlled by Hicks, will sell or transfer to the Greenberg-Ryan group approximately 153 of 195 acres around Rangers Ballpark and Cowboys Stadium that is owned or controlled by Hicks. In return, Hicks will receive cash, notes and an ownership position in the team.

Hicks announced Dec. 15 that he was entering into exclusive negotiations with Greenberg, choosing that proposal over bids submitted by former sports agent Dennis Gilbert and Houston businessman Jim Crane, who at the end of the 2008 season attempted to buy the Houston Astros from Drayton McLane.

IN BRIEF

Golfer wins award for scorecard confession

MOUNT GILEAD, Ohio — A scorecard confession that cost an Ohio high school golfer the state championship five years ago has earned him a national sportsmanship of the decade award.

Adam Van Houten (HOW'-ten) of Mount Gilead High School in north-central Ohio had finished the 2005 state high school golf championship with a seven-stroke lead when he noticed a mistake on his card.

A playing partner had written down a 5 for the 10th hole instead of 6. Van Houten pointed out the mistake to officials and was disqualified because he'd already signed the card.

Five years later, Van Houten's act has won him a spot on Sports Illustrated's sportsmanship of the decade list.

Van Houten is now a sophomore on the golf team at George Mason University near Washington.

Watson, Prugh tied after four rounds

LA QUINTA, Calif. — Bubba Watson double-bogeyed the final hole in the fourth round at the Bob Hope Classic, dropping him back into a tie with PGA Tour rookie Alex Prugh at 23-under 265 heading into the finale in the five-round event.

Watson finished with 3-under 69 on Sunday to match Prugh (70) at 23-under 265. Bill Haas and Tim Clark were a stroke back after 66s, Joe Ogilvie (68) followed at 21 under, and Mike Weir (67) was in a group at 20 under.

Watson was in position to take a solid lead into his chase for his first PGA Tour victory Monday in the event that was pushed back a day after rain washed out play Thursday. Instead, Watson dropped back with his disappointing finish on the Nicklaus Private course, allowing Prugh to sneak back atop the board.

Raiders say Cable's return not official

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The Oakland Raiders denied a report by ESPN on Saturday that they have made a decision to bring Tom Cable back as coach next season, saying the evaluation process is still ongoing.

"We've never made any statement that the head coach would not be back, that has been media speculation from the beginning," senior executive John Herrera said in a statement to The Associated Press on Saturday night. "We've consistently stated that we're going through an evaluation process to determine the direction that the organization needs to go. The process is ongoing and has not reached a conclusion."

ESPN reported earlier Saturday that Davis had decided to retain Cable for the final year of his contract in 2010, citing a source close to the situation.

NFL

Saints to make first Super Bowl appearance

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — They sure ain't the Aints anymore.

The New Orleans Saints are heading to their first Super Bowl after battering Brett Favre and beating the Minnesota Vikings 31-28 in overtime Sunday on unheralded Garrett Hartley's 40-yard field goal.

Favre threw away Minnesota's best chance to win, tossing an interception deep in New Orleans territory in the closing seconds of regulation. Then the Saints won the coin toss and soon it was over.

The team that had no home five years ago after Hurricane Katrina ravaged its city and the Superdome overcame a slew of mistakes in the biggest game the Big Easy has ever seen.

"This is for everybody in this city," said coach Sean Payton, the architect of the Saints' turnaround. "This stadium used to have holes in it and used to be wet. It's not wet anymore. This is for the city of New Orleans."

Forget the paper bag masks and that long history of losing that started in 1967. Moments after Hartley's kick, they were toasting their hometown winners on Bourbon Street.

And in the Superdome, once a squalid refuge after Katrina, they boogied in the aisles as confetti covered the field.

"It's a moment I've been waiting for for a long time and obviously we're not done yet," said Drew Brees, Payton's hand-picked quarterback for the Saints' renaissance.

The Saints (15-3) will meet Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts (16-2) in the

Super Bowl in two weeks in Miami. The Colts opened as four-point favorites.

It's the first time the top seeds in each conference made the big game since the 1993 season.

"Brett prepared us, but now we've got another challenge in Peyton," safety Darren Sharper said.

There were nine fumbles and two interceptions, and the biggest mistake belonged to Favre. Flushed from the pocket in the final minute, he seemed to have room to run to set up a field goal. But hampered by a left leg injured in the third quarter, he threw cross-field and was intercepted by Tracy Porter at the 22.

That finished off Minnesota's chance for its first Super Bowl trip in 33 years — and opportunity to win it for the first time after four defeats. The Vikings have lost five straight NFC title games.

"I've felt better," said Favre, who looked every bit his 40 years. "It was a physical game. A lot of hits. You win that and you sure feel a lot better."

New Orleans won the coin toss, Brees guided it to the Minnesota 22 after converting a fourth-and-1 on Pierre Thomas' leap over the line, and Hartley — suspended at the start of the season for using a banned stimulant — split the uprights 4:45 into OT.

"Just helping my team get to Miami," Hartley said. "Just doing my part."

"It was as loud as I have ever heard it in the dome," Brees added. "It feels so good to know we have given our fans an NFC championship. We have another

championship to go after in two weeks."

It was anything but easy for the Saints, in only their second conference championship game; they lost at Chicago three years ago.

They had to withstand yet one more comeback by Favre, who returned to the NFL with the Vikings (13-5) after another brief retirement. He was alternately spectacular and pedestrian Sunday, finally betrayed by his gambling style and, perhaps, an aging body.

Porter's pick sent it into overtime, the third time an NFC title game has needed extra time and the second in three seasons. Two years ago, Favre's interception in OT set up a field goal that sent the Giants past the Packers and into the Super Bowl.

The Saints can only hope they have the same happy ending as New York did back then.

"Yeah," said Reggie Bush, who scored a touchdown and also muffed a punt that set up a Vikings score. "One more step."

The seesaw game saw All-Pro Adrian Peterson score three touchdowns for Minnesota and Saints running back Pierre Thomas get two. The Vikings handily won the possession and yardage battles — Peterson rushed for 122 yards and Minnesota gained 475 overall. But the Vikings were undone by five turnovers, including three fumbles.

"We really gave those guys the game," said Peterson, who peeked at the rousing celebrations on the Superdome floor. "Too many turnovers. It's eating me up inside."

The seemingly indestructible



New Orleans Saints cornerback Tracy Porter rejoices after intercepting a pass during the NFC Championship game Sunday.

Favre was hurt on one of those turnovers, on a combination hit by Bobby McCray and Remi Ayodele while throwing his first interception. And, despite being the closest Viking to the ball, he was helpless in the scramble to recover Percy Harvin's fumble that seemingly turned the game in New Orleans' favor early in the fourth period.

The Saints took over at the 7 and, on third down, Bush caught Brees' rollout pass by the right pylon. He was ruled out at the 1, but Payton sprinted almost to the goal line to throw the red flag.

The challenge was upheld,

and the dome rocked like never before — until Hartley's winning field goal.

But Favre has been in enough hostile environs to be able to shrug at such challenges. He hit tight end Visanthe Shiancoe for 16 yards, Peterson ripped off a 20-yard run, and a pass interference against Porter set up Peterson's tying 2-yard rush with 4:58 to go.

"I would have loved to represent the NFC," said Favre, who grew up in Mississippi a Saints fan. "But, as I told Sean throughout the year when we talked, if it's not us, I hope it's you guys."

NFL

Manning, Colts win AFC Championship against Jets

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — This is perfect for the Indianapolis Colts: They have Peyton Manning and they're back in the Super Bowl.

The four-time MVP threw three touchdown passes and the Colts rallied from an 11-point, first-half deficit to beat the New York Jets 30-17 Sunday in the AFC championship game.

The Colts (16-2) are now headed back to the NFL title game for the second time in four years and their fourth Super Bowl in fran-

chise history. Better yet, they're heading back to their lucky city — Miami, where they've played all four of those games and won there twice.

"I thought we just kept our mouths shut and went to work this week," Manning said.

The big-talking Jets, and their equally big-talking coach, Rex Ryan, were all the incentive Indy needed Sunday.

A month ago, when the New Yorkers last came to town, Indianapolis coach Jim Caldwell pulled his starters in the third

quarter and gave up a chance at a perfect season to focus on a Super Bowl run. Fans booed throughout the fourth quarter and when the Colts left the field, and some spent the past month complaining publicly.

That's over now.

Manning stayed on the field for every Colts play and instead of blowing a lead, the Colts rallied behind their leader.

This time, fans counted down the final seconds while streamers and confetti hung in the air, flash bulbs popped incessantly and when the official announcement was made, roars cascaded from the rafters.

"We talked about being patient against these guys," Manning said. "We knew it would be a four-quarter game."

The Colts will face New Orleans, which made its first Super Bowl after a 31-28 overtime win over Minnesota, in two weeks. Manning will play in the same venue where he beat Chicago in the rain and won the Super Bowl MVP award three years ago. Manning will be going against Saints quarterback Drew Brees, a family friend.

Just as special was having the Colts career rushing leader, Edgerrin James, present the team with the Lamar Hunt Trophy, which goes to the AFC champs. He never made it to the Super Bowl with the Colts, though team owner Jim Irsay gave James a ring when the Colts beat the

Bears.

Players savored every precious moment. Receiver Pierre Garcon, who had 11 catches for 153 yards, both career-highs, and the go-ahead score raised a Haitian flag to honor his family and friends who still live there. Garcon and others remained on the field long after the official celebration, mingling family, friends and fans as the Colts redeemed themselves for this season's first loss.

"We've been here before, we had seven comeback wins this year. I think the guys were a little rattled at first, I think we took their best shot, but we came back," linebacker Gary Brackett said. "I think we did a great job of being the hunters and imposing our will today."

Manning finished 26 of 39 for 377 yards. He became the first player in league history with seven 300-yard postseason games. That broke a tie with Kurt Warner and Joe Montana.

The Jets' magical run ended with their first road loss in six games.

New York (11-8) built a 17-6 lead and took advantage of trick plays. But the Jets lost running back Shonn Greene with a rib injury in the second half, and rookie quarterback Mark Sanchez was shut out over the final two quarters.

"Today wasn't our day. There's no question," said Ryan, who declared his Jets the Super Bowl favorites before the playoffs. "You

have to give credit to the Colts. Obviously they're the cream of the crop right now."

Jim Caldwell became only the fifth rookie coach to reach the Super Bowl. Only two others — San Francisco's George Seifert and Don McCafferty, of the Baltimore Colts — have won it.

But Caldwell does have Manning, who drove the Colts right through New York's No. 1 ranked defense with his uncanny precision. He kept dropping passes right over the fingertips of defenders, and the frustrated Jets couldn't stop him.

"You can have great man coverage, but that ball is right where it needs to be," safety Jim Leonhard said.

Garcon was one beneficiary. The other was rookie Austin Collie, who had a career-best seven catches for 123 yards, his first 100-yard day as a pro. And the Jets allowed three TD passes for the first time all season.

After falling behind late in the first half, Manning responded. He took the Colts 80 yards in four plays, hooking up three straight times with Collie, including the 16-yard TD pass that made it 17-13 with 1:13 to go in the half.

Manning was just getting started.

The next time he got the ball, he took the Colts 57 yards in eight plays, connecting with Garcon in the back corner of the end zone to make it 20-17 with 8:03 left in the third quarter.



New York Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez attempts to complete a pass during the AFC Championship game Sunday.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Roddick defeats Gonzales

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andy Roddick outlasted Fernando Gonzalez of Chile to survive a Sunday of upsets at the Australian Open that resulted in fourth-round exits for U.S. Open champion Juan Martin del Potro and two of the top three women.

The seventh-seeded Roddick rallied to beat Gonzalez 6-3, 3-6, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2 and advance to the quarterfinals at the season's first major for the sixth time in eight years. He'll next meet No. 14 Marin Cilic, who ousted del Potro in five sets and 4-hours, 38-minutes earlier in the evening.

"I got a little lucky tonight, but sometimes it's better to be lucky than good," said Roddick, who is hoping to end a Grand Slam title drought that dates back to the 2003 U.S. Open.

Two of Russia's top hopes were ousted, but replaced by other Russians in the women's draw.

Second-ranked Dinara Safina retired due to a back problem while she was down 4-5, serving at 30-40 in the first set against Maria Kirilenko, who had ousted 2008 champion and fellow Russian Maria Sharapova in the first round.

No. 3 Svetlana Kuznetsova lost 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 to Nadia Petrova, who went into the match after a stunning, 6-0, 6-1 third-round victory over U.S. Open champion Kim Clijsters.

While the seeded players dropped, former No. 1 Justine

Henin continued her run in her first Grand Slam tournament in two years with a 7-6 (3), 1-6, 6-3 win over fellow Belgian Yanina Wickmayer, keeping her on track for a quarterfinal meeting with Petrova.

Del Potro had an upset win over top-ranked Roger Federer in the U.S. Open final last September, ending the Swiss star's streak of five straight titles in New York.

The 21-year-old Argentine was the first man since Novak Djokovic won the 2008 Australian Open to interrupt the Federer-Rafael Nadal domination of men's Grand Slam titles, and started the season's first major seeded fourth.

The other leading men are still here.

Defending champion Nadal and Andy Murray held off two of the tallest men and biggest servers in tennis earlier on Rod Laver Arena to set up a quarterfinal match up.

Nadal, who beat Federer in the 2009 final, had a 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 win over 6-foot-10 Ivo Karlovic of Croatia, the tallest man on the tour.

No. 5 Murray overcame 6-foot-9 American John Isner 7-6 (4), 6-3, 6-2 to reach the final eight in Australia for the first time. The 22-year-old Scot hasn't dropped a set in four matches.

No. 1 Federer and No. 3 Djokovic play their fourth-round matches Monday.

Former No. 1 Roddick looked out of it with the Chilean on a roll, leading by two sets to one and only a point from forcing a tiebreaker

that would have been a lottery between the two big servers.

But the American won five straight points to level the sets at 2-all and broke early in the fifth to dictate the ending.

"When Fernando gets hot, you know that a lot of the match is out of your control," Roddick said. "I think the thing that helped me was being able to serve through."

Gonzalez saved four set points in the 10th game of the fourth set. After Gonzalez led 40-0 on serve, Roddick then won four straight points to get another set point.

He clinched it with a forehand down the line, which a line umpire initially ruled out.

Roddick asked for a video replay, which showed the ball hit the line. The set was awarded to the American, amid protests from Gonzalez that he could have had a play on the ball but stopped when he heard the out call.

Gonzalez then kicked two drink bottles near the player's chair. The booming forehands that troubled Roddick earlier then started to wilt and, after saving two match points, the Chilean double-faulted to end the match.

The 2007 Australian Open finalist refused to blame one disputed call for turning the match, saying he'd have to watch replays before commenting further.

"But it wasn't the key of the match," he said. "The key of the match was before I have like a breakpoint, love-30, miss two balls. I think that was most important than that point."

NFL

Three players up for NFL's Man of the Year

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Redskins linebacker London Fletcher, Browns wide receiver Mike Furrey and Chiefs guard Brian Waters are finalists for the NFL's Man of the Year Award.

The award, named for the late Hall of Fame running back Walter Payton, which goes annually to the player who combines on-field excellence with off-field community service.

This season Fletcher started a curriculum, mentoring program for 25 Washington, D.C., middle school students. The students visited Capitol Hill, talked with congressmen, explored museums, distributed food to local residents and participated in a forum about peer pressure, health and education.

"I'm extremely humbled by being one of the three finalists," Fletcher said. "Each team submits all their individual 'Men of the Year' candidates, so out of 32 players I'm one of three who's been selected to be the Walter Payton Man of the Year, so truly I'm humbled and honored."

Furrey created a foundation and spends time supporting charitable causes. The foundation has created relationships with local kids in the community as well as with more than a dozen charitable organizations. Furrey provides inspiration for children in hospitals, serves as a mentor for kids in children's homes, tackles hunger and nutrition issues, supports neighborhood development and organizes holiday initiatives.

Waters' foundation has awarded 82 college scholarships to low-income students. Children have benefited from his back-to-school program that provides backpacks with school supplies, as well as haircuts, uniforms, shoes, immunizations and dental care.

Recent winners include Kurt Warner of the Cardinals in 2008, Jason Taylor of the Dolphins in 2007, and Drew Brees of the Saints and LaDainian Tomlinson of the Chargers, co-winners in 2006.

The winner will be announced live on CBS before the Super Bowl on Feb. 7.

NBA

Turkoglu's free throws lead Raptors to victory

Associated Press

TORONTO — Hedo Turkoglu made two free throws with 1.2 seconds left as the Toronto Raptors beat the Los Angeles Lakers 106-105 on Sunday night.

Andrea Bargnani scored 22 points, Chris Bosh and Jarrett Jack each had 18 and Marco Belinelli added 15 for the Raptors, who are 6-0 at home this season against Western Conference opponents.

Kobe Bryant missed a last-second jump shot and fell one assist shy of his first triple-double of the season, scoring 27 points and grabbing 16 rebounds. Bryant, who shot 11 for 24, has 16 career triple-doubles.

Bryant took an inbound pass from Luke Walton but his fadeaway jumper rimmed out as the Lakers lost for the second time in three games.

Pau Gasol scored 22 points, Andrew Bynum had 21 and Jordan Farmar 17 for the Lakers.

Bosh also had 13 rebounds for Toronto, which has won four of six.

The Lakers didn't trail through the first three quarters but gave up the lead in the fourth on a Bargnani 3-pointer with 7:33 left, putting Toronto up 93-90. Farmar answered with a 3 of his own, but a Belinelli 3

from the corner at 6:26 restored Toronto's lead, making it 98-95.

The Raptors weren't in front for long, with baskets from Gasol and Bryant putting the Lakers back on top, 99-98, with 4:57 left. Bargnani made two free throws to give the Raptors a 100-99 edge with 4:34 left, but Bynum and Farmar countered for Los Angeles, making it 103-100 with 2:24 to go.

Toronto wasn't done, with Bargnani making the free throw after he was fouled on a reverse layup to make it 105-104 with 1:16 remaining. Bryant and Bargnani both missed jumpers before Belinelli knocked a loose ball out of play with 15 seconds remaining and 3 seconds on the shot clock. Bryant's quick jumper bounced off the rim and Bosh grabbed the rebound, giving Toronto one final chance with 11 seconds to play.

The Raptors gave the ball to Turkoglu, who was fouled by Gasol with 1.2 seconds left. Turkoglu, who went 6 for 6 from the line, made both free throws, setting up the dramatic finish.

Bargnani, who returned to Toronto's starting lineup after sitting out Friday's win over Milwaukee with a sore lower back, brought the crowd to its feet with a reverse dunk in the first.



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NBA

Mavs beat Knicks in record win

Associated Press

NEW YORK— The Dallas Mavericks rolled to the biggest win in franchise history, ignoring the absence of two starters to crush the New York Knicks 128-78 on Sunday.

Drew Gooden stepped into the lineup with 15 points and 18 rebounds, Dirk Nowitzki and Jason Terry each scored 20 points, and the Mavericks put on a shooting clinic in beating the Knicks for the eighth straight time. Dallas shot 58 percent from the field, was 12 of 22 from beyond the arc and 16 of 17 from the foul line.

The Mavericks led by as much as 53 and outscored the Knicks 70-31 over the middle two quarters on the way to bettering their 149-104 victory over Golden State on Jan. 15, 1985.

Jose Barea replaced point guard Jason Kidd in the lineup and scored 11 points, and rookie Rodrigue Beaubois backed him up with 13.

The Knicks owned the previous largest lead in the NBA this season when they led Indiana by 48 points three weeks ago, but they offered no resistance to the Mavs on Sunday in the second-worst loss in franchise history.

Already leading by 16 at halftime, the Mavs made 15 of 19 shots (79 percent) in the third quarter. Nowitzki was only 1 of 6 for seven points at the half, then scored 13 in the third on 5-of-6 shooting before the starters took a seat for good.

Kidd left the team following Friday's 92-81 loss in Philadelphia to return to Dallas, with owner Mark Cuban saying it was for a family reason. Erick Dampier was inactive with a left knee injury but was easily replaced by Gooden, who badly outplayed Knicks All-Star hopeful David Lee in the middle.

Lee finished with 11 points on 5-of-16 shooting and grabbed 14 rebounds as the Knicks lost for the sixth time in eight games.

Dallas led 27-25 after one, with the Knicks staying close behind 12 points from Jared Jeffries, the best quarter of his career. It was a six-point game midway through the second before Beaubois made two 3-pointers and Nowitzki knocked down a jumper for his only field goal of the half to make it 50-36 with 3:15 left.

Dallas made eight of its first 11 attempts — the Knicks started 1 of 11— from behind the arc, including Terry's that increased the lead to 17 with 1:20 remaining in the half. The Mavs led 59-43 at the break.

Barea drove into the lane unimpeded for layups at least twice in the third quarter as the Knicks appeared to simply stop trying. It was an embarrassing effort lowlighted when Jeffries botched a layup on the break and the ball was batted off his head out of bounds on the rebound.

NBA

Nuggets surprise Hornets in overtime

Kaman and Camby combine for 32 points to help Clippers break eight-game road losing streak

Associated Press

DENVER — Carmelo Anthony scored four of his 30 points in overtime and added 11 rebounds and the Denver Nuggets beat the New Orleans Hornets 116-110 on Saturday night for their season-high sixth straight victory.

Kenyon Martin added 20 points and 14 rebounds, and Chauncey Billups had 20 points and nine assists, and Arron Afflalo had 19 points, hitting two 3-pointers in overtime.

Chris Paul had 26 points, seven in overtime, and 10 assists for the Hornets. Darius Songaila added a season-high 20 starting in place of the injured David West.

Afflalo's second 3-pointer came right after Paul pulled the Hornets to 108-106 with his only 3-pointer of the night.

Anthony rolled his ankle after landing on Devin Brown's foot with

1:04 left, but stayed in the game and hit two free throws to give Denver a 113-106 lead.

The Nuggets led 101-99 with 24 seconds left in regulation, but Paul hit a shot to tie it with 18 seconds left.

Anthony missed two shots in the final seconds that would have won it in regulation.

Stojakovic hit three 3-pointers in the third quarter as New Orleans surged ahead, but the Nuggets came storming back. Anthony hit a turnaround and after New Orleans miss, Martin's putback dunk made it 75-72 with 2:59 left in the frame.

Denver led 79-78 heading into the fourth.

West, the Hornets' second-leading scorer, missed the game after spraining an ankle against Minnesota on Friday night. Songaila started in West's place and scored eight points in the first quarter to help New Orleans take a 33-32 lead.

Clippers 92, Wizards 78

Chris Kaman scored 20 points and Marcus Camby had 12 points and 19 rebounds to lead the Los Angeles Clippers to a 92-78 win over the Washington Wizards on Sunday.

Los Angeles had six players in double figures and snapped an eight-game road losing streak, and a three-game skid in Washington, as the Clippers won for the third time in eight games.

Baron Davis had 11 points and 11 assists and Rasual Butler scored 14 for Los Angeles. The only real problems for the Clippers came on the perimeter; they shot 3 of 16 from 3-point range. Los Angeles (20-23) has now eclipsed its win total from last season.

Antawn Jamison scored 20 points and 10 rebounds for Washington, which has lost three straight. Brandon Haywood

added 18 points and 12 rebounds.

Jamison was held to a total of 15 points in the past two games on a combined 6-of-24 shooting, the only time this season he has failed to reach double figures in back-to-back games. He avoided his first such three-game streak since Feb. 7-10, 2004.

The Clippers outscored Washington 21-10 in the fourth quarter. The Wizards shot 3 of 16 from the field.

Los Angeles took the lead in the opening minutes and held onto it the rest of the game, although momentum swung back and forth as the teams traded long runs starting just before halftime.

The Wizards closed the first half on a 8-0 run and trailed 48-46 at the break. The Clippers used a 12-0 run early in the third quarter to take a 13-point lead with 7 minutes left in the quarter.

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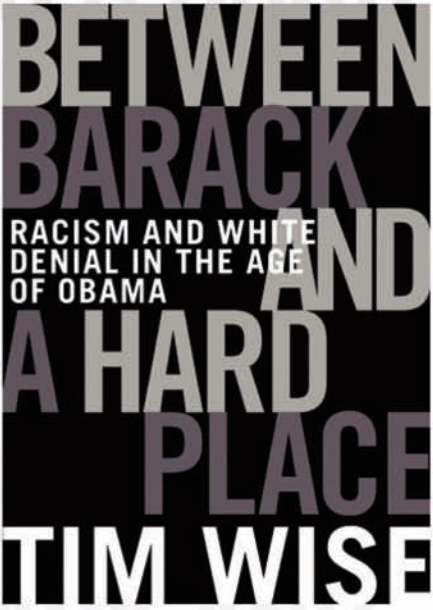
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NFL

Indy favored as bets open for Super Bowl

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts opened as a four-point favorite to beat New Orleans in the Super Bowl.

Oddsbroker Sean Van Patten of Las Vegas Sports Consultants said the firm gave that line after watching New Orleans struggle to beat the Minnesota Vikings in the NFC championship game Sunday night. Las Vegas Sports Consultants provides betting lines for roughly 90 percent of sports books in Nevada.

"The big factor here is that Indy has been there," Van Patten said. "The experience factor is such a huge thing when it comes to the Super Bowl."

Manning and the Colts won the Super Bowl in 2007 over the Chicago Bears.

Patten said oddsmakers like that Indianapolis has succeeded against two top NFL defenses in consecutive games. The top-seeded Colts

beat the New York Jets 30-17 Sunday in the AFC championship.

Indianapolis was a 4 1/2 -point favorite in the Glantz-Culver line, with the over-under at 55 1/2 points.

Sports books gave Indianapolis 8-1 odds to win the Super Bowl at the start of the season, compared with 18-1 for New Orleans.

"I think the Saints are very fortunate to be in there," said Jay Kornegay, executive director of the race and sports book at the Las Vegas Hilton. "To get five turnovers at home and having to go to overtime to win it, I don't think they were playing that well."

New Orleans outlasted Minnesota 31-28 in overtime, even though the Vikings gained 218 more yards and had nearly twice as many first downs as the Saints.

Jay Rood, race and sports book director for casino operator MGM Mirage, said bettors began favoring Indianapolis soon after New Orleans won and the odds were posted.

Rood said that was because the Colts have been consistent all year, while Saints bettors who lost Sunday because New Orleans didn't cover the spread didn't want to take the team again so soon.



NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 3 Lady Vols defeat LSU

No. 25 Cavaliers outlast No. 22 Yellow Jackets in Virginia

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — No. 3 Tennessee's offense struggled in its 55-43 victory over No. 18 LSU on Sunday night, but coach Pat Summitt was still pleased — with a tough zone defense.

"I thought our coverage out of the zone was really good," Summitt said. "We extended it. We were aggressive, we got after it. Obviously we wanted to make sure we were not just giving them good open looks or a lot of chances to get in the paint."

The Lady Volunteers, who scored about 20 points below their average, held LSU to 26 percent shooting from the field.

Alyssia Brewer made the most of her third Southeastern Conference start, scoring 14 points and grabbing seven rebounds for Tennessee. Kelly Cain added 11 points and Angie Bjorklund had 10 for the Lady Vols (17-2, 5-1).

Allison Hightower led LSU (14-4, 3-3) with 17 points and LaSondra Barrett had 12. Jasmine Nelson had 10 rebounds for the Tigers.

LSU scored only 5 points in the first three minutes of the game.

"I think during those plays we had a lot of breakdowns," said Hightower. "We fouled the shooter and put them on the line. They got a few easy looks in the post. I guess we had a lot of breakdowns at key moments in the game — blocking out and rebounding."

Tennessee, playing its second straight road game, led by as much as seven in the first half and took a 24-22 lead at the break.

LSU took its only lead of the game with 12:18 remaining in the second half, going up 35-32 before the Vols answered with an 18-2 run to put the Lady Tigers away.

The much bigger Lady Vols gave LSU problems under the basket, holding the Tigers to only 12 points in the paint. Tennessee outrebounded LSU 39-32.

LSU retired former player Seimone Augustus' jersey before the game. Augustus, a two-time national player of the year, led the Tigers to their first Final Four as a sophomore and ranks in LSU's top 10 in every major category. Augustus is the first female athlete at LSU to have her jersey retired. It now hangs beside those

of Pete Maravich, Shaquille O'Neal, and Bob Pettit.

Virginia 57, Georgia Tech 55

Monica Wright scored 15 of her game-high 23 points in the second half to lift No. 25 Virginia to a 57-55 win over No. 22 Georgia Tech on Sunday.

Lexie Gerson added 10 points for the Cavaliers (14-5, 3-2 ACC), who survived a wild final 10 seconds. Brigitte Ardossi missed a potential tying 3-pointer, and after a missed foul shot by Virginia, Tech guard Sharena Taylor was fouled with 1.2 seconds.

Taylor made the first free throw but had to miss the second intentionally, and the Yellow Jackets (16-5, 2-3) could not gather in the loose ball.

Ardossi paced Georgia Tech with 18 points and Deja Foster added 11. Sasha Goodlett and Alex Montgomery finished with 10 points each.

Virginia trailed 20-7 early in the game, then used a 14-0 run to take the lead. The Cavaliers held on thanks to their foul shooting (16 of 17) and their bench play, where they outscored Georgia Tech 21-2.

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ND TRACK & FIELD

Women finish first, men second at Invite

By KAITLYN MURPHY
Sports Writer

The Irish women came out on top Saturday at the first scored meet of the season, the Notre Dame Invitational. Notre Dame's women won the meet with a score of 126.5 points, followed by Louisville with 108 and Michigan State in third with 102.5 points.

The men's squad finished second with 113.5 points behind Michigan State, who scored 126. Louisville followed the Irish in third place with 100.5 points.

A major highlight of the meet for the women was senior Joanna Schultz's NCAA provisional qualifying mark in the 400-meter race with a time of 53:82. This was the second provisional NCAA mark set by Notre Dame this season.

Other highlights included the continuing dominance of Irish vaulters. Sophomore Kevin Schipper and his senior brother Matt finished first

and second, respectively. The brothers put forth Big East qualifying marks at last week's meet and continue to dominate the competition.

The Irish took top honors in a number of other events. Junior Denes Veres finished first in the shot put with a throw of 17 meters and senior Samantha Williams out-sprinted the competition in the 500-meter race with a time of 1:14.94. Freshman standout Nevada Sorenson produced a first-place finish, accompanied by a Big East qualifying time of 8.56, in the 60-meter hurdles.

Irish coach Joe Piane had previously identified winning the Big East as an immediate goal for the team, and both the men and women's squads outlasted their sole Big East opponent, Louisville, in this weekend's meet.

The Irish will travel to Bloomington, Ind., this weekend for the Indiana Invitational.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles end season with tie

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

This weekend brought improvements for the Belles on many fronts. In its last home meet of the season, against Albion Friday, Saint Mary's took first place finishes in eight of the night's 13 events and tied the Britons 115-115.

The night began with relays, in which the Belles won second and third place. From there the rest of the meet only got better.

Coming in, the swimmers said they were confident in their abilities as a whole.

"I believe our team is a group of girls who are motivated and hard-working both in and out of the pool, and are always supportive of our teammates in every aspect," freshman Caila Poythress said.

Senior Sara Niemann started off a long stretch of first-place finishes for the team when she pulled ahead by more than 12 seconds in the 1,000-yard freestyle. Freshman Katie Griffin then took first in the 200-yard freestyle.

Senior Meredith Lierz, who returned this weekend after a knee injury, came back strong with a season-best time of 26.78 for first place in the 50-yard freestyle. The fourth straight first-place victory came from freshman Ellie Watson in the 200-yard individual medley.

The motivation behind the first place finishes came from the support of all the ladies combined.

"We are like one big family. We support each other in our everyday lives," Watson said.

Freshman Genevieve Spittler began a series of close races when she finished just half of a second in front of her competitors in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:21.94.

Immediately after this, sophomore Barbaba Beidler edged in only nine hundredths of a second before the other swimmers to take first at 58.72 seconds in the 100-yard freestyle.

Griffin then took first in the 200-yard backstroke, racking up her second first-place finish for the day. Watson took first in the 500-yard freestyle at 5:30.81, closely followed by Niemann, who took second, at 5:35.94.

When Albion took first, second and third in the 200-yard breast-stroke, the Belles lost their large lead, and led by five, 109-104. They needed a first place finish in the final event of the day, the 200-yard freestyle relay, to clinch the win, but lost to Albion by 0.27 of a second.

The Belles did, however, take second and third in the relay to end the meet at 115-115.

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"Our team is a group of girls who are motivated and hardworking both in and out of the pool."

Caila Poythress
Belles freshman

SMC BASKETBALL

Murphy scores 22 points in loss

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's lost its second conference contest in as many games Saturday, falling 62-57 at Trine.

The Thunder (9-9, 2-4 MIAA) had never defeated the Belles (10-7, 5-4) as a member of the MIAA, which accepted Trine in 2004.

The game was back-and-forth early and knotted at 12-12 with just under 14 minutes left in the first half when Trine hit a 3-point shot to take the lead, a lead they would maintain at halftime by the count of 31-26.

Coming out of halftime, the Thunder went on a 9-2 run to take what would be their biggest lead of the game at 40-28. The Belles, however, were not about to quit easily and countered with a run of their own, tying the game at 46 with more than eight minutes to play. Sophomore guard Patsy Mahoney even gave Saint Mary's a two-point lead shortly afterward by converting two free throws, but Trine immediately regained the upper hand.

With just over two minutes to play, the Belles again went up by a point at 56-55. Defense dominated for the next minute and a half of play, but the Thunder's Kelly Costello was able to get open and make a 3-

point shot, giving Trine a 58-56 lead with 22 seconds to go.

Sophomore forward Kelley Murphy made one free throw and cut the lead to one point with just 11 seconds left, but the Thunder hit all of their free throws at the end to seal the win.

Murphy led the Belles with 22 points and 10 rebounds and senior forward Anna Kammrath followed with 14 points. Junior guard Liz Wade's six steals moved her to third all-time in school history. The Belles, however, shot only 38.2 percent from the floor com-

pared to Trine's 42.6 percent. The Thunder also spread around the scoring with three players in the double digits and a fourth with nine points.

Despite the loss, Saint Mary's was able to hold on to third place in the conference, but is now only one game ahead of four teams. It is three games behind second-place Calvin, whom the Belles host Wednesday night in an opportunity to gain ground in the conference.

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from Havens and freshman Blas Moros to hold onto their lead.

Sunday morning saw Notre Dame and the Cavaliers on the courts using an alternative scoring method agreed upon by both teams. The match consisted of 10 single matches, each worth one point, and five doubles matches, each for one double point, for a total of 11 points.

The Irish jumped to a 3-1 lead in the Nos. 7-10 singles, where junior David Anderson, sophomore Samuel Keeton and junior Matt Johnson won the Nos. 8-10 positions. Davis fell 7-5, 6-3 to Virginia's Philippe Oudshoorn in the No. 7 singles.

The Cavaliers cut the Notre Dame lead to 3-2 when they took the doubles point. The duo of Davis and Watt fell 9-8 to Michael Shabaz and Sanam Singh at No. 1 doubles while Keeton and junior Daniel Stahl fell 8-4 at No. 3 and junior Sean Tan and freshman

Spencer Talmadge lost 8-5 at the No. 4 position.

Notre Dame's main defeat came in the Nos. 1-6 singles, where Stahl was the only win for Notre Dame at No. 4 with a 7-6 (7-2), 4-6, 7-6 (7-5) defeat of Virginia's Drew Courtney.

Notre Dame had better luck Sunday evening as they swept the Jaguars.

Davis and Havens took the No. 1 doubles spot 8-2 over IUPUI's Deon Shafer and Nick Volz. The trend continued at No. 2 with Talmadge and Tan's 8-3 win and again in No. 3 as seniors Patrick Callaghan and Takashi Yoshii won 8-4.

The sweep continued without much of a challenge in the singles division for the Irish. Havens, Moros, freshman Michael Moore, Davis, Anderson and Keeton all won in two sets.

The Irish travel to Columbus, Ohio, next weekend to compete in the Ohio State regional of the National Indoor Team qualifiers. Notre Dame will face Tulsa at 1 p.m. Saturday.

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Johnson

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after knocking down 24 of 25 the night before. The solid back-to-back performances were a first in the young goaltender's career.

"[Johnson] played exceptionally," Jackson said. "[He] gave our team a chance to win, and at least come out of the game with a point. Hopefully that is going to be the beginning of him being able to play at that high level of consistency."

Freshman Nick Larson netted Notre Dame's lone goal of the night, a mere 23 seconds after Lake Superior State (14-9-5, 9-8-3-2) beat Johnson with a shot. In the shootout, Ryan, Ridderwall and Thang shot and missed for the Irish, while Laker Domenic Monardo converted his attempt for the shootout win and an extra point in the CCHA standings.

With the win and the tie over the weekend, Notre Dame moved into sole possession of sixth place in the conference, only three points behind Lake Superior State in fourth.

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Junior left wing Calle Ridderwall faces off with an opponent during Notre Dame's 5-2 win Jan. 15 over Michigan State.

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 6 Duke survives scare against Maryland

Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Playing for the third time in seven days, No. 6 Duke could have really used a breather against struggling, rebuilding Maryland.

Instead, the weary Blue Devils were forced to expend every bit of their remaining energy to squeeze out a 58-57 victory Sunday night.

Jasmine Thomas scored 20 points and Bridgette Mitchell made the go-ahead basket with 1:29 left for Duke, the lone remaining unbeaten team in Atlantic Coast Conference play.

The victory capped a week in which the Blue Devils were soundly defeated by Connecticut before defeating Virginia Tech.

"I'm extremely proud of our team's character," coach Joanne McCallie said. "A lot of things were working against us throughout. I thought Jasmine showed incredible poise in terms of what she did defensively and, of course, offensively."

Thomas accounted for more than a third of the Blue Devils' points, grabbed three rebounds and had three steals.

Duke (17-3, 5-0) frittered away an 11-point lead and trailed 54-53 before Mitchell hit a runner in the lane as the shot clock expired.

After a missed shot by Maryland, Duke's Joy Cheek made two free throws with 20 seconds remaining for a three-point cushion. Anjale Barrett then missed a 3-point attempt for the Terrapins, and Thomas made one of two free throws before Barrett connected on a 3 at the buzzer.

"We did more than survive," McCallie insisted. "I thought we really handled adversity well. A lot of teams don't play

Connecticut. We did. Then we had a great game against Virginia Tech and you've got to travel. I think we really blossomed as a team in the sense of our toughness. Not everything was going our way — at all."

Lori Bjork scored 11 points for Maryland (14-6, 2-4), which committed 19 turnovers. The Terrapins, who had their 48-game home winning streak broken by Miami on Thursday, have lost three straight overall — matching their longest skid since February 2004.

It's also the first time since February 2006 that Maryland has lost two in a row at home.

"Obviously, there are no moral victories. But I am proud of this team," coach Brenda Frese said. "I think it's a great statement game for us, the fact that our teams knows they can play with anybody."

Maryland trailed 30-25 early in the second half before Lynetta Kizer made a layup to ignite a 9-0 run that gave the Terrapins their first lead since 2-0.

Mitchell then scored on a put-back, and Thomas scored the Blue Devils' next 13 points to make it 45-38.

"I really was just taking the shots that were there," Thomas said. "In the first half, I forced a lot of things, over-penetrated and passed up a few shots I should have taken. They were still there in the second half, and I just hit them."

After Thomas' scoring spree, the lead expanded to 51-40. Bjork then hit consecutive 3-pointers to begin a 14-2 surge that put Maryland back in front.

Following a series of missed shots and turnovers, Mitchell hit her pivotal shot.

Although the Blue Devils battled fatigue, they had more fight left at the end than the Terrapins.



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were able to get the Mountaineers (18-2, 5-1 Big East) into foul trouble early, forcing West Virginia to play less aggressively as the game went on.

“They play aggressive, we can’t play aggressive. They can bang, and we can’t because of foul trouble,” Mountaineers coach Mike Carey said. “We weren’t as aggressive in the second half because of foul trouble.”

The game started off shakily for the Irish, as they lost the battle on the boards 9-1 in the first five minutes. This rebounding advantage allowed the Mountaineers to take over the first half and set the tone of the game.

“They knew right away that they could have their way with us on the boards,” McGraw said. “And that set the tone for the half, and we never fought back. We let them manhandle us in there and we took it.”

The bright spot for the Irish in the first half was freshman guard Skylar Diggins, whose play was key to keeping the first half from getting out of hand.

“Skylar [Diggins] had the best game from start to finish,” McGraw said. “She got us off to a great start, thankfully, because we really couldn’t score, and she came off the bench and hit a couple shots and did really well defensively.”

Diggins ended the game with 15 points, second only to Schrader’s 16.

West Virginia went on a 13-0 run near the end of the first half and seemed to have the game well in hand heading into halftime with a 42-31 lead. According to McGraw, that is when her senior leadership stepped up.

“I knew that the seniors would just get it done,” McGraw said. “They would step up. They knew what they had to do, they don’t need me to do that very often. I thought they took care of business pretty much on their own.”

The Irish used a 16-3 run in the second half, 10 points of which came from Schrader, to take the lead away from West Virginia for good and to cruise to their second straight victory.

“In the first half, I didn’t think we got inside as much,” Schrader said. “We have to go back to what we are really good at, which is the inside-out game.”

Schrader posted her second consecutive double-double and her third in the past four games.

Senior guard Ashley Barlow also posted a career-high mark with seven assists.

The game marked the Irish’s second sell-out this year, eighth all-time. McGraw attributes much of the victory to the atmosphere the crowd brought to the game.

“We really, really got the energy,” McGraw said. “We were feeding off of them today.”

The Irish will next tip off against Providence Wednesday in the Purcell Pavilion at 7 p.m.

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DePaul

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lead into halftime, leading 37-27.

Senior forward Luke Harangody said a strong start helped Notre Dame coming off two straight losses.

“We just had to get out of the gates, and we did that today with the balance and efficiency of this team,” Harangody said.

The Irish maintained their lead throughout the second half, and every time DePaul made a move, Notre Dame responded. A late 3-pointer pulled the Blue Demons within 77-71, but it was too little too late as Notre Dame sealed the win with free throws down the stretch.

Abromaitis led the Irish in scoring with 30 points, and three of his teammates ended the game with double-doubles. Harangody, junior Ben Hansbrough and Nash each accomplished the feat with points and rebounds, and for Nash it was the first of his career.

“My teammates really concentrated on getting me the ball early,” Nash said. “[Harangody] and I went down there and got to work early.”

Nash finished with 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Ball control, a strength for the Irish all season, was key for Notre Dame in the game, as the Irish had 22 assists and just two turnovers. The Irish lead the nation in assist-to-turnover ratio.

“If we are going to be able to compete with the best teams we really have to play together,” Hansbrough said. “We don’t necessarily have the superior athletes like Syracuse or UConn, but we can make up for that by playing together.”

Hansbrough came just three assists short of a triple-double, filling up the box score with 15 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists.

Guard Will Walker led the Blue Demons and all players with 35 points, shooting 15-of-30 from the field. Forward Devin Hill also tallied 15 points and eight rebounds for DePaul.

“We’ll take any Big East victory we can get. It’s good to get that rid of that two-game losing streak and get out of the losing column,” Nash said.

Notre Dame will face another conference challenge Wednesday, facing No. 4 Villanova on the

road.

“We played Syracuse when they were the hottest team in the league, and now we play Villanova and they’re the hottest team in the league,” Irish coach Mike Brey said. “That’s a great opportunity for us as a team. We’ve just got to get our reps in at practice tomorrow, get well

rested tonight and we’ll be ready.”

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“We’ll take any Big East victory we can get.”

Tyrone Nash
Irish forward

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Frilling

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and the Hawkeyes, but Frilling’s ability to stand the pressure of competing against the best paid off.

“[Sonja Molnar] is a really intense player and she fought really hard during the match,” Frilling said. “But in the end, I was able to close out the match.”

Sophomore Shannon Mathews, freshman Christie McGaffigan and seniors Kali Krisik and Cosmina Ciobanu each defeated Hawkeye players to earn five of six possible points. The Irish also swept all three of the doubles matches to top the final score off at 6-1.

“This was the first time that the doubles teams have played together,” Louderback said. “They were able to win each of the doubles matches this weekend.”

Next, the Irish traveled to Madison, Wisc. to take on the Badgers, a battle where the Irish won each of the

six singles matches and all of the three doubles competitions.

Victories from Frilling, Mathews, McGaffigan, Krisik, Ciobanu and junior Kristen Rafael each contributed to the six points the Irish received as they swept the singles competition at Wisconsin.

Despite the success that the Irish experienced this weekend, the challenges of the ensuing season are motivating the women to keep working on different aspects of the game.

“We need to work on serving more,” Louderback said. “In indoor meets, good serves are a good weapon to have.”

The team is also hoping to spend this week in practice getting more matches in to ensure that they will demonstrate a competitive front for the weeks to come.

The next match will be against DePaul Saturday at Notre Dame’s Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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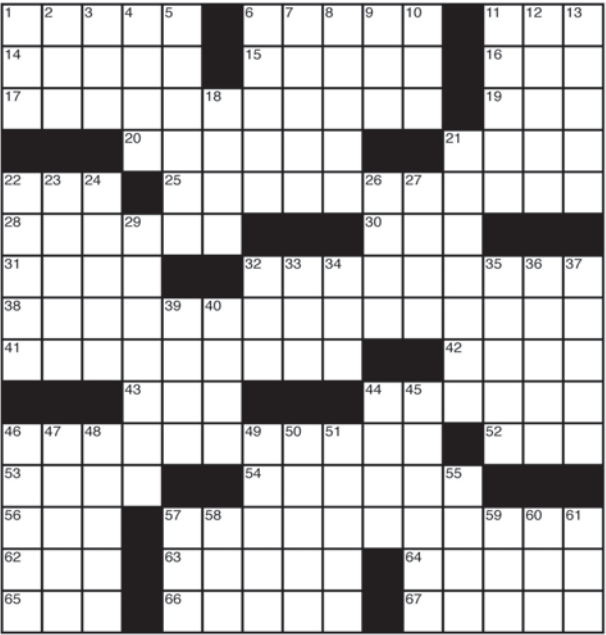
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- 5 "Goodness gracious!"
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- 7 Falls through the cracks?
- 8 "He's making ____ and checking ..."
- 9 The number at left + 1
- 10 NNW's opposite
- 11 Leader of the Argonauts, in myth
- 12 Be
- 13 State on the Rio Grande
- 18 F.B.I. operatives
- 21 Fixes, as a shoe
- 22 Rascal
- 23 Committee leader
- 24 Mob
- 26 Language derived from Hindustani
- 27 7/20/69, for one
- 29 Splash, as grease
- 32 Charlemagne's domain: Abbr.
- 33 Some tech grads
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Puzzle by Sarah Keller

- 36 When right turns are often allowed

37 Spew out

39 Venetian's lang.

40 Film director Martin

44 Dead set against

45 Really digs

46 Samuel with a code
- 47 Hatred

48 Venetian rulers of old

49 Dangerous gas

50 "Moi, ____" ("Me, too": Fr.)

51 Cove

55 Former New York cardinal Edward
- 57 Big ____ (Golden Arches offering)

58 39-Down article

59 ____-de-France

60 Anaïs "Delta of Venus" author

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Help others and you will feel good about yourself. You can meet someone interesting with something to offer you in return if you get involved in a challenging activity. Plan to do something romantic during the evening hours. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll be given some very interesting information, enabling you to make a decision regarding someone you have been uncertain about lately. Make your move and cut your losses. Say no to anyone who has been slowing you down or holding you back. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can shop for bargains but, when it comes to purchasing something that promises the impossible, think twice. Invest your money in something that can really do something for you -- like learning new skills that can help you earn more money. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look for job opportunities with plenty of room for growth. You can make some changes in your personal life that will help you lift some of the burden you've been carrying. You will learn something important from someone with more experience. 4 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Stay calm and don't let anything or anyone cause you to make a costly mistake. Investing in someone else will not turn out as planned. Love is in the stars and a chance to become much closer to someone is evident. 2 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Sign up for entertaining events that bring you in contact with enthusiastic individuals. You need to share your thoughts and explore new avenues with people who are just as keen as you about getting ahead. A sudden change in your financial situation is apparent. 5 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can get ahead if you are willing to put in the time and effort required. A love interest will help you to explore new avenues. Mix business with pleasure and you can turn something you like to do into a profitable endeavor. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Follow your heart and refuse to let anyone defuse what you are trying to initiate. Jealousy will be the motive behind someone trying to slow you down. Be creative and make your own opportunities. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Pick and choose your battles wisely. Focus on what's possible, not what isn't. Avoid impulsive moves that will cost you time and money. Re-connecting with someone from your past will be a plus. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Create a space that will be more conducive to working at home. Let the people you love take part in your plan. A new look at an old, unfinished project will lead you to find a way to bring it to life. 5 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do whatever you can about a personal matter that is bothering you so you can move on. A strong connection to someone will make it easier for you to decide what you must do. Face your demons so you can feel good about your future. 2 stars

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Big Easy

Irish improve standing with win over DePaul

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

The Irish led from start to finish and went back above .500 in Big East play with an 87-77 win over last-place DePaul Saturday.

Notre Dame started the game on fire offensively, jumping out to a 7-0 lead in the opening minutes. Junior forward Tyrone Nash scored on the Irish's first two possessions, and the Blue Demons were forced to take an early timeout.

"We wanted to come out right away and boost the energy," junior forward Tim Abromaitis said. "We got three stops right away and really pushed the ball in transition. It helped to get those big stops right away."

DePaul kept the game from getting out of hand, however, overcoming Notre Dame's quick start to narrow the lead to 20-15. The Irish built up a 10-point

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Junior guard Ben Hansbrough, right, dribbles Saturday during Notre Dame's 87-77 win over DePaul. Hansbrough had 15 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists in the win.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Big Ten no match for Irish squad

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

In their first two tests of the spring season, Notre Dame kicked off its dual-meet season with a 6-1 win over Iowa and a 7-0 win over Wisconsin.

"Since we had so many players out in the fall, it was good for the kids to start playing together again," Irish coach Jay Louderback said.

During Saturday's match at the University of Iowa, sophomore Kristy Frilling, currently ranked No. 30 by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, defeated Iowa's No. 65 Sonja Molnar in the first singles competition in only two games. Last season, the Irish lost in the top singles position against Molnar

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HOCKEY

Ridderwall records hat trick in victory over Lakers

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

Facing its fourth top-20 team in a row, Notre Dame earned four points in the conference standings over the weekend with a win and a shootout loss against No. 18 Lake Superior State.

"Anytime you go on the road and win and tie it's a good weekend," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "Especially

against a team who is 9-1 in its last 10 games."

The Irish (11-10-7, 7-7-6-2 CCHA) set a season high with six goals in a 6-1 victory Friday night. Senior Ryan Thang, junior Ben Ryan and sophomore Patrick Gaul each scored one goal in the offensive explosion, while junior Calle Ridderwall recorded his second hat trick of the season.

"Calle was the benefit of good play down low on the cycle," Jackson said. "He did a nice job

on transition as well. That line has a little bit of everything, and right now they seem to be clicking."

Thang, one of Ridderwall's linemates, knocked in his fifth goal in the last three games to tie the game at one.

"Obviously with the injury to [sophomore] Billy Maday, it opened up a spot to try and get Ryan going," Jackson said. "It has certainly started to take off."

Despite their line's four goals

in the night, neither Ridderwall nor Thang assisted on a goal Friday. Instead, all six goals were assisted on by defensemen as seniors Kyle Lawson and Brett Blatchford and junior Joe Lavin each dished out a pair of assists. Their dramatic appearance on the state sheet brought accolades from Jackson.

"Our core defensemen are as good as any in college hockey," he said. "If they start being involved in the offense, activat-

ing on transition, it gives us a fourth man on the rush and allows us to generate more."

After Thang's first period goal tied the game, the Irish scored their next five goals all in the second period.

In contrast to Friday's offensive show, The Irish displayed defensive strength Saturday night to tie the Lakers 1-1.

Freshman goalie Mike Johnson saved 45 of 46 shots,

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Winning streak begins again

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The No. 4 Irish began a winning streak of their own Sunday with their second consecutive come-from-behind victory, a 74-66 win over a No. 16 West Virginia squad that came into the day boasting a 16-game winning streak.

The Irish recovered from a 42-31 halftime deficit to put the Mountaineers away on the back of a dominant 13-point second-half performance from senior guard Lindsay Schrader.

"I thought our depth wore them down," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We were able to rest."

The Irish (17-1, 4-1 Big East)

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Senior guard Lindsay Schrader dribbles in a Nov. 3 game. Schrader led the Irish Sunday in a victory over West Virginia.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish win two, lose one in weekend play

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

The Irish had a successful start to their 2010 season, going 2-1 this weekend. No. 30 Notre Dame defeated William & Mary 4-3 Friday, suffered a 7-4 loss Sunday morning to No. 2 Virginia but came back to take down IUPUI 7-0 Sunday evening.

The Irish opened Friday's match with a 3-0 lead, but the Tribe fought their way back to tie the match at 3-3. Sophomore Niall Fitzgerald clinched the victory with a 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 victory at No. 3 singles over

the Tribe's Jamie Whiteford.

Notre Dame earned the doubles point in the match with victories at the No. 1 and No. 2 positions. At No. 1 for the Irish, sophomore Casey Watt and junior Tyler Davis defeated Kezial Juneau and Ilja Orre 8-6 while Fitzgerald and junior Stephen Havens took down Sebastien Vidal and Adrian Vodislav 8-5 at the No. 2 spot.

Juneau defeated Watt in the No.1 singles competition, 6-4, 7-5, but the Irish came back with wins in the No. 2 and No. 5 positions

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