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Dykes acquitted of all charges

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Editor

A jury acquitted former Notre Dame football player Donald Dykes of rape, conspiracy to commit rape and sexual battery early Tuesday morning.

The jury of seven men and five women deliberated for 12 hours and returned a verdict at 12:15 a.m., following closing arguments that



Dykes

focused on the credibility of the alleged victim's testimony.

Dykes, along with former Notre Dame football players Lorenzo Crawford, Justin Smith and Abram Elam, were accused of sexually assaulting and gang raping a former student. The four former players maintain the woman consented to the sexual acts.

Special prosecutor Maureen Devlin said Dykes participated in the gang rape and sexual assault of the woman and he and the other former players knew what they were doing.

"[The victim] doesn't have a motive to lie ... [She] made some poor judgment choices and put herself in a position

she couldn't get out of," Devlin said.

On cross-examination earlier in the week, defense attorney William Stanley asked the victim why she remained at the house and removed her jeans to sleep in the same bed with Justin Smith.

Stanley continued to discredit the woman's story in his closing argument. He emphasized that the woman waited to report the incident and that a Memorial Hospital emergency room doctor, Michael Blakesley, did not find anything consistent with rape when he did examine the woman six days after the alleged incident.

"This woman is no dummy,"

Stanley said. "She's extremely intelligent. She knew exactly what she was doing."

Stanley said the woman, who originally consented to the sex acts, decided to tell Notre Dame and law enforcement authorities she was raped because she did not want to be held accountable for her actions under Notre Dame's disciplinary system. Notre Dame's policy states that if an individual makes a rape allegation, the victim will not be held accountable under its disciplinary process. Students can otherwise be expelled for engaging in sexual intercourse outside of marriage.

The four former players

were expelled from the University in spring 2002.

University spokesman Matt Storin declined to comment on the verdict.

"Notre Dame fulfilled its responsibilities on this case through its own disciplinary process, which is quite distinct from a criminal case and rendered a judgment based on what we consider to be best for the welfare of our students based on our codes for proper sexual behavior," Storin said.

The two remaining rape trials will begin later this fall. Last month, a jury convicted Elam of sexual battery and

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Gameday crackdowns follow fans

Turtle Creek bust raises questions

By KEVIN ALLEN
News Writer

The Sept. 6 alcohol bust at the Turtle Creek apartment complex has raised concerns about the aggressive manner with which law enforcement officials apprehended student offenders at the scene.

A team of Indiana State Excise Police, South Bend Police Department and Notre Dame Security Police raided several tailgate parties prior to Notre Dame's first home football game of the 2003 season. Student witnesses at Turtle Creek alleged that officers tackled several students and even stunned one with a tazer as they attempted to flee the scene.

The crackdown resulted in five arrests, and 26 people were charged with offenses such as minor in consumption, inducing a minor to possess alcoholic beverages and resisting arrest.

Captain Jim Hassig of the South Bend Police Department participated in the Sept. 6 operation and said he is positive that it was not unnecessarily rough.

"A couple people got tackled because they were fleeing," said Hassig. "They were told to stay put by police as we entered an apartment, and they fled out the door. There were about 20 other people in that apartment, but they stayed in the apartment and there were no problems. They would not have been tackled had they not fled."

Zahm Hall junior Eric Tarnowski, who was in Turtle

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TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Irish fans gaze dejectedly at the field during Notre Dame's loss to Michigan Saturday. The last two weekends have seen frequent alcohol-related citations and arrests surrounding the football games.

Students cited at Michigan game

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Writer

At least eight students or individuals associated with Notre Dame were cited Saturday by the University of Michigan's Department of Public Safety.

Public Safety Lt. Crystal James said most of the citations were issued for public urination or were alcohol-related. She did not comment specifically on the offenses or their possible consequences.

James said the Department of Public Safety processes and investigates all citations it issues. The department does not forward the citations to other law enforcement agencies or universities if students are involved, she said. For serious offenses, the prosecutor's office is notified.

James said cited individuals do have to appear in the

15th District Court.

"[The citations] would be handled in court," James said. "It might just be a fine. It depends if [the individuals] want to fight it."

In total, the Public Safety police officers issued 47 citations Saturday and ejected four individuals from the stadium.

James said to her knowledge there were no major incidents that occurred during, before or after the game. She was unaware of whether the four ejected individuals were Notre Dame or Michigan fans and did not know what prompted their ejections.

"Forty-seven citations are probably high, but we do cite multiple people each game," James said.

The citations include offenses that occurred both inside the stadium and on

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Saint Mary's releases new mission statement

By ANGELA SAOUD
News Writer

Last week, Saint Mary's students, faculty and staff found the College's newly-revised mission statement posted on bulletin boards, Web sites and dorm doors around campus.

The rewriting process began in 1996 after the College's accrediting body, The Higher Learning Commission, mandated that the statement be updated. The last mission statement was written in 1987.

In the fall of 2002, Saint Mary's President Marilou Eldred reformed a mission statement writing committee to finalize the work on drafting a new statement.

Mathematics professor Joanne Snow, religious studies professor Phyllis Kaminski, financial aid director Mary Nucciarone, development director Kay Ball and First Year Studies director Susan Vanek made up the committee headed by Eldred.

The committee began the process of revision by reviewing all of the drafts that had been written since 1996. Together they discussed the drafts, brought together the philosophy behind them and presented

the newly revised statement to the Board of Trustees.

The long process used to arrive at the final version approved by the board was deliberate and inclusive of the entire campus community.

"After the last accreditation, it was suggested that the mission be clearer with its statement of purpose," said Sister Rose Anne Schultz, vice president for the mission. "It needed to be a more succinct statement that everyone would know."

The new mission statement is shorter, yet still manages to encompass all of the facets of the old statement, she said. The four core values of the College — learning, community, faith/spirituality and justice — are included at the bottom.

"The core values have never been outlined before, and that is an important facet to the new statement," Schultz said. "It is important for the Saint Mary's community to understand and embrace this as our identity."

The old statement has not been done away with. Instead, it has become the college's philosophy and

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Saint Mary's College Mission Statement

Saint Mary's College is a Catholic, residential, women's college in the liberal arts tradition. A pioneer in the education of women, the College is an academic community where women develop their talents and prepare to make a difference in the world. Founded by the Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1844, Saint Mary's promotes a life of intellectual vigor, aesthetic appreciation, religious sensibility, and social responsibility. All members of the College remain faithful to this mission and continually assess their response to the complex needs and challenges of the contemporary world.

Core Values:
Learning
Community
Faith/Spirituality
Justice

INSIDE COLUMN

Holding onto Irish pride

This past weekend, accompanied by nine of my closest friends, I went home. Conveniently, home happens to be in Novi, Mich., a mere 30 miles from Ann Arbor and the "Big House."

I have lived in this area my entire life and, therefore, have had to face the hounding of U of M fans for my devotion to the Irish since as far back as I can remember. While my peers in school decked themselves in blue and maize, I sported blue and gold — a much better color combination, if you ask me.



Anneliese Woolford

Saint Mary's Editor

Up until last week, I had no intention of ever entering the Big House. But, when a friend managed to find a set of tickets at a reasonable price, I couldn't pass up the opportunity to support the Irish as they continued one of the most noted rivalries in college sports history. Hearing of the arrogant nature that exemplifies a majority of Michigan fans (at least those I've come across) failed to shock me into believing I would encounter behavior that I hadn't faced before.

Boy, was I wrong. From the drive to Ann Arbor to the drive home, there was rarely a moment when I, my friends or anyone in green wasn't the target of derogatory comments and actions generated from opposing fans — and derogatory is putting it nicely. In fact, I can count two Michigan fans I met that at least showed some civility and class. Two. The university must be so proud.

By the time we entered the stadium, I had had enough of getting flicked off, being told to "F— the Irish," getting pushed and other behavior I can't even mention in print. Luckily, our seats were in an area primarily occupied by Irish fans, aside from a 40-year-old Michigan man and his wife in front of us. Without a doubt, this man displayed the most obnoxious, haughty and immature behavior I have ever seen.

Despite the requests of those in our section, representing both Notre Dame and Michigan, the man failed to compose himself. Instead, he and his wife shouted explicit comments directly into our faces and ignored the fact that a seven-year-old boy was sitting only a seat away.

"I apologize," another Michigan fan said to me. "Some of us are true fans and some are just a—holes."

Perhaps there were a few exceptions Saturday, but overall, Michigan fans treated us (their guests) in an extreme manner I have yet to see occur on Notre Dame's campus. So congratulations, Wolverines, I suppose you did surprise me, but despite the upset of a game, at least we left with something to be proud of — dignity.

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

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHICH GRAB'N'GO IS BETTER, NORTH OR SOUTH?



Kyree Blackwell
Freshman
Zahm Hall

"South has better variety."



Veronica Bradham
Freshman
Cavanaugh Hall

"South is ten times better."



Bridget Brennan
Junior
Walsh Hall

"I like the chocolate cream-filled long johns at South."



Leah McKelvey
Junior
Walsh Hall

"South, it's closer."



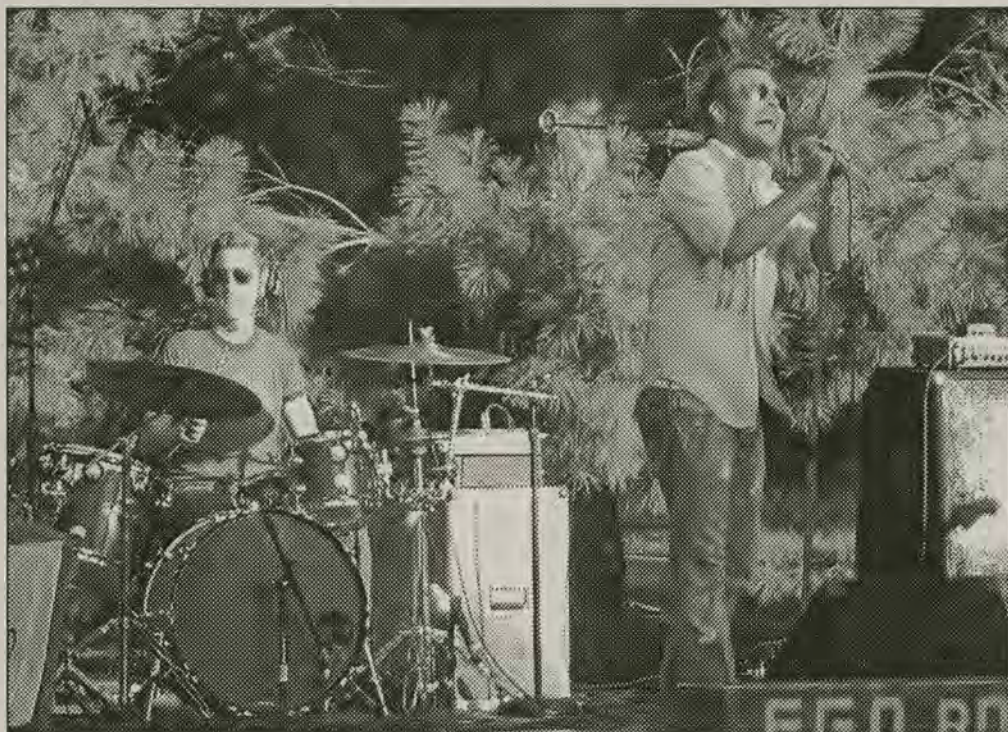
Lynee Layne
Freshman
McGlinn Hall

"SDH Grab'n'Go is magnificently better than North."



Andy Ramlrez
Junior
Morrissey Manor

"Neither."



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Ohio band "Red Wanting Blue" kicked off Saint Mary's annual Pride Week festivities yesterday with a performance at its opening picnic.

OFFBEAT

Hungry Blaine endures British humor

LONDON — When magician David Blaine organized his latest feat — six food-free weeks suspended in a plexiglass box beside London's Tower Bridge — he prepared for loneliness, hunger and boredom. He may not have planned for Londoners.

Since he entered the dangling box on Sept. 5, Blaine has been jeered, pelted with eggs and awakened by drummers. A tabloid newspaper grilled hamburgers under his box. A toy helicopter was sent up to dangle a cheeseburger in front of him.

One newspaper dubbed Blaine-baiting "the new national sport."

That may be changing, as Londoners come to admire the endurance — or at least the curiosity value — of the

New York showman.

On a warm Monday afternoon, dozens of onlookers paused to squint up at Blaine as he sat unshaven and shirtless in his transparent case. For a while, he sat resting his head in his hands, occasionally waving at the crowd. After a while, he opened his journal and contemplated its pages.

China's diaper dilemma

BEIJING — With a look of intense concentration on his face, 21-month-old Zhang Xueyang explores the playground, ducking under swings and slides as fast as his legs can carry him.

His head is shaved. His red-and-yellow T-shirt proclaims "Cute Girl!" His loose, white-cotton shorts are grimy with dirt. Suddenly, he stops in mid-stride and squats, the

seam of his pants parting smoothly to allow a stream of urine to pool onto the concrete.

"Good boy!" his 25-year-old mother, Wu, shouts encouragingly as he speeds back to play.

The principle is clear: no-fuss waste disposal. Pants are split down the middle — in front and back — and provide what many parents say is maximum convenience with minimum coverage.

But in recent years, with China's experiment in capitalism creating a growing middle class, rising incomes and more sophisticated lifestyles have pushed many parents, particularly those in big cities, toward disposable diapers.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

International Student Services and Activities will present two showings of the Irish film "Bloody Sunday" today in LaFortune Student Center's Montgomery Theater at both 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. The films are free and open to the public.

A screening of the Italian movie "Johnny Stecchino" will be sponsored by the Italian Club tonight at 8:00 p.m. in the Carey Auditorium at the Hesburgh Library. The film, which stars Roberto Benigni, will be shown free of charge, and is open to the public.

The Nanovic Institute for European Studies will present a forum entitled "Americans are from Mars, Europeans are from Venus: Can we still talk?" today from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies auditorium.

The Center for Social Concerns will hold an information session for students interested in post-graduate international service opportunities today from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Siegfried Hall lounge.

The annual **Business Career Fair** will be held Wednesday from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the JACC. Students from all colleges and all years of study are encouraged to attend.

A new installation of the Kellogg/ILS film series "Looking Out, Looking In: Latino and Latin American Perspectives" will be shown in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. The film, entitled "My Family," will be shown at 7:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

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

CORRECTIONS

In yesterday's "Entire band squeezes into Michigan" article, Sandy Barbour was identified as deputy athletic director at the University of Michigan. Barbour is Notre Dame's Deputy Director of Athletics. The Observer regrets the error.

Due to a pre-press error at The Observer's printer, eight headlines in Monday's paper were truncated.

The correct headlines appear at our Web site, www.ndsmcobserver.com.

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

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SMC kicks off Pride Week with picnic

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's kicked off its annual pride week Monday evening with a picnic and free concert, as students gathered on the lawn outside of the Cushwa-Leighton Library and enjoyed the respite from humidity and rain.

The event, featuring "Red Wanting Blue," a rock band from Ohio, was the first in a series of programs slated for the upcoming week. Pride Week is sponsored by the College's Student Activities Board.

"This year, we are trying to put more emphasis on our SMC pride," said Becca Doll, board president. "We especially want to get first-year students excited about Saint Mary's."

Activities planned for the remainder of the week include a showing of the movie "Animal House," featured tonight at 8 p.m. on the library green. "Table Talk" will take place at Dalloway's Coffee House Wednesday at 8 p.m., allowing students an opportunity to familiarize themselves with faculty, staff and peers.

"Ghost Stories," an event based off of last year's student-written book "Quiet Hours," will be held on the Lake Marion island at 7:30 p.m. "Ghost Stories" verbal-

izes a number of the legends students have heard about and strange experiences they have had on campus. Doll said it is anticipated to become a traditional event.

To conclude its Pride Week Festivities, Saint Mary's will be a host of the Notre Dame/Michigan State pep rally Friday at 6 p.m. in the JACC. Those interested in attending will meet at the LeMans bus circle at 4:15 p.m. and walk over together.

To gain maximum exposure, activities are advertised by e-mail, stall news, the Saint Mary's website and table-top flyers. Although events typically attract students, all members of the campus community are invited to attend, Doll said.

"We always like to see the faculty and staff turn out at events. It really helps facilitate our community here at Saint Mary's," she said. "The events are open to anyone from the three campuses."

Helping students dress the part for pride week, SAB will sell Saint Mary's pride T-shirts through Friday. They are available outside of Haggard Student Center in the afternoon and during all dinners at the Noble Family Dining Hall for \$5 each.

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Engineers sponsor Industry Day



College of Engineering students meet at a banquet with representatives from engineering firms Monday.

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The College of Engineering will sponsor its annual Engineering Industry Day today in the Joyce Center.

The event, which is primarily directed toward seniors who are seeking full-time employment, will feature employers interested in hiring Notre Dame students upon graduation.

"Over 60 companies will be here," said John Uhran, senior associate dean of the

College of Engineering. "These companies keep coming back [to the Industry Day]."

Uhran said that corporations such as Boeing, DuPont, General Electric, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, IBM and Lockheed Martin are expected to attend.

The fair has been steadily growing over the past five or six years, Uhran said, outgrowing its former home in Fitzpatrick Hall. Several hundred students are

expected to attend this year, from all levels and majors within the College.

Because the fair has been steadily growing, it was moved to its present Joyce Center location, where students and employers will have the opportunity to discuss potential job openings within the field of engineering.

Students also have the option of submitting their resumes to participating employers via GoRISH, an online resume bank maintained by the Career Center.

Many companies involved with today's event will return later in the semester and again during the spring semester for Career Center-sponsored internship and job fairs.

Engineering Industry Day officially opened Monday night with a banquet and reception for students and business representatives. It will conclude Wednesday with an opportunity for potential employers to conduct interviews with students they met at today's fair.

Run primarily by students in the College of Engineering, the Engineering Industry Day is also sponsored by the Society of Women Engineers and the Joint Engineering Council.

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Law & . . .

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*Associate Professor
Law School*

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campus property. The Ann Arbor Police Department also has jurisdiction over city property where football-related activities such as tailgating occurred. Attempts to reach Ann Arbor police for

information regarding citations and arrests were unsuccessful. Sgt. Andrew Zazula said police were called to many incidents involving Michigan and Notre Dame fans Friday and Saturday.

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purpose, which explains how to carry out the mission.

Rewriting the mission statement was the first and most critical step in the College's Strategic Plan.

"It was important to outline the purpose of the college before we tried to remodel anything else," said Shultz.

Although the statement was approved by the Board of Trustees this past June, it has only recently been widely spread

around campus.

The next meeting of The Higher Learning Commission will take place in 2005, when the mission statement will again be reviewed.

"It was important to outline the purpose of the college before we tried to remodel anything else."

Sister Rose Anne Schultz
Vice president
for mission

"It has always been intended that the mission statement will be reviewed every five years," said Schultz. "The mission statement's message will always remain. It is the expression of it that will change."

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Dykes

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acquitted him of conspiracy to commit rape and criminal deviate conduct. In contrast to Dykes' trial, all of the former players testified at

Elam's trial and said the woman told Elam on multiple occasions, "No, you have a girlfriend." The former players did not state that the woman told anyone else "No."

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Bust

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Creek for the bust, said he saw tailgaters being tackled as they attempted to run away.

"I saw at least one person get tackled, and more people who looked like they were about to be tackled," Tarnowski said. "But it wasn't like the cops came through and just started tackling people."

Hassig said four individuals were tackled at the bust, all of them by Excise Police, and no injuries resulted from those tackles.

According to Rex Rakow of the Notre Dame Security Police, a police officer has the right to tackle an individual when he or she is fleeing or resisting arrest.

Hassig also said that no one at the scene was tazed. He said only the South Bend police officers brought tazers to the scene and none of the officers removed those tazers from their holsters during the operation.

Mike Russell, a Zahm Hall junior, said he saw the officers using tazers at the bust.

"I saw a [police officer] with a foot-long rod; he was chasing a guy and holding out a stick towards him," Russell said. "I've seen a stun-stick before, and that's what it looked like to me."

The crackdown, motivated by the Indiana State Excise Police and organized in conjunction with the South Bend city attorney's office and the South Bend Police Department, was an attempt to cut down on large parties

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Edwards marketed as a working man

Associated Press

John Edwards, the Southern moderate dogged by complaints that he's short on political experience, is pitching himself as a champion of the working man as he formally joins the crowded Democratic presidential race.

The North Carolina senator, who made millions as a trial attorney before entering politics five years ago, highlighted his blue collar roots by staging his announcement at the Robbins, N.C., textile mill where his father worked for 36 years. A young John Edwards once had a job there, mopping beneath looms in the weave room.

"This is where I learned that the simple promise of America is the enduring greatness of America — a better life for all who work for it," Edwards said in the text of a speech prepared for delivery Tuesday. "And so this is where — today — to make opportunity the birthright of every American, I declare myself a candidate for president of the United States."

The next stop on the official kickoff was Columbia, S.C., a must-win state in Edwards' strategy to reach the White House. Rather than try to take a win in Iowa and New Hampshire against more seasoned

rivals, Edwards was looking for his candidacy to take off with a win in South Carolina. He was banking that voters in the state would be attracted to a fresh-faced moderate with Carolina roots.

In some ways, Edwards is a presidential candidate in the mold of Bill Clinton — a youthful centrist with Southern charm. But having run for office just once before and served only a single term in the Senate, he doesn't have the resume or the experience of his leading rivals in the nine-way race for the Democratic nomination.

In most state and national polls, he draws single-digit support and ranks behind rivals with less funding and organization, such as Al Sharpton and Carol Moseley Braun, despite working for the nomination for more than a year. He was the leading fund-raiser in the Democratic field early this year, but has lost that advantage to insurgent candidate Howard Dean, the former Vermont governor.

Edwards joked about his second-tier standing in an appearance Monday night on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show."

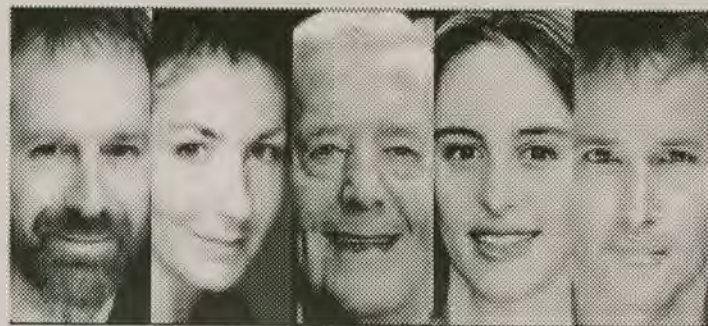
"I don't know if you've seen the polls, but I think it will be news to some people that I will be running for president," he said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Explosion in Chechnya kills two

MAGAS, Russia — A truck bomb exploded Monday outside a government security building near Chechnya, killing at least two people and underscoring Russia's vulnerability in the region just weeks before an election Moscow hopes will lead to peace.

Officials said at least 25 people were wounded in the bombing in Magas, the capital of the Russian republic of Ingushetia, which borders the rebellious Chechen republic and shelters tens of thousands of Chechen refugees.

Officials called the attack a terrorist act but did not say who might be behind it. There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

Tourists kidnapped in Colombia

SANTA MARTA, Colombia — Camouflaged guerrillas broke into cabins where more than a dozen foreign backpackers slept, took their valuables, then marched eight of the fittest tourists into the jungles surrounding Colombia's tallest peak.

Four Israelis, two Britons, a German and a Spaniard were kidnapped at dawn Friday in spectacular pre-Columbian archaeological ruins known as Ciudad Perdida, or Lost City, in the snowcapped Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta range.

Army Gen. Leonel Gomez told the AP the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, was likely responsible, but that other illegal armed groups had not been ruled out as suspects. The FARC and a smaller rebel group, the National Liberation Army, have often carried out kidnappings during their 40-year-old war against the Colombian government.

NATIONAL NEWS

Ritter remembered in service

LOS ANGELES — Actor John Ritter was remembered by his family and close friends at a private service Monday, four days after his sudden death.

Ritter's publicist, Lisa Kasteler, did not release details of the service. She said a public memorial was being planned and Ritter's friends and colleagues will pay tribute to him in an ABC News special.

"A Life of Laughter: Remembering John Ritter," an hour-long program anchored by Diane Sawyer, will air at 8 p.m. EDT Tuesday.

Ritter, 54, died last Thursday after suffering a tear in his aorta. He was stricken while on the set of "8 Simple Rules."

Republicans draft new energy bill

WASHINGTON — Republicans offered a tentative package of proposals for energy legislation Monday to help build a natural gas pipeline in Alaska, develop hydrogen as a fuel and expand research into how to cut pollution from burning coal.

The draft language was agreed to by the Republican heads of House and Senate delegations working on the energy legislation and will be discussed with Democratic staff members this week.

The more contentious issues such as whether to drill for oil in an Arctic wildlife refuge and various measures to address problems with the nation's electricity system have yet to be considered in any details.

LOCAL NEWS

Kernan begins work as governor

INDIANAPOLIS — A relaxed but upbeat Joe Kernan began his first working day as governor Monday, meeting privately with top officials and greeting rank-and-file government workers at a Statehouse still in mourning over the death of Gov. Frank O'Bannon.

Kernan, a Democrat, must nominate someone to take his job as lieutenant governor and have the choice approved by the General Assembly. But he said a decision on that likely would wait until next week.

U.S. and Indiana flags remained at half-staff and will through Sept. 27.

CA recall election postponed

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court threw California's tumultuous recall campaign into complete turmoil Monday by postponing the Oct. 7 election, citing the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Bush v. Gore* in ruling that punch-card ballots could lead to some votes not being counted.

The decision by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is certain to be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, putting the justices in a position to influence yet another monumental election.

The three-judge panel did not set a new date for the recall election, but backed a suggestion from the American Civil Liberties Union that the balloting be held during the March 2 presidential primary.

"It is virtually undisputed that ... punch-card voting systems are significantly more prone to errors that result in a voter's ballot not being counted than the other voting systems used in California," the judges wrote.

The 9th Circuit is the nation's largest and most liberal federal appeals court. It was the 9th Circuit last year that declared the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools unconstitutional because of the words "under God."

Monday's ruling was the last of about a dozen legal challenges to the attempt to unseat Democratic Gov. Gray Davis. Several candidates are running to replace him, including Democratic Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, action star Arnold Schwarzenegger and conservative state Sen. Tom McClintock.

Davis would probably benefit the most from the ruling if the election were held in March, because the presidential primary is expected to bring a large number of Democrats to



Reuters

Former U.S. President Bill Clinton shakes hands with California governor Gray Davis during a church service after speaking against the recall election.

the polls. It could also give Davis more time to address the state's budget crisis and force Schwarzenegger, the GOP front-runner, into a longer campaign.

The appeals court unanimously ruled it is unacceptable that six California counties would be using outdated punch-card ballots. Those counties are already under court order to replace punch cards with more modern systems such as touch-screen ballots by the March primary.

The six counties include the state's most populous, Los Angeles, as well as Sacramento and San Diego counties. Altogether they contained 44 percent of California's registered voters during the 2000 elec-

tion.

The panel repeatedly referred to *Bush v. Gore* — the case that decided the 2000 presidential election — as its primary rationale. In that case, the Supreme Court stopped Florida's recount on the grounds that all votes were not being treated equally.

The appeals court said the same *Bush v. Gore* theory applies to California, since voters using punch-card machines would not be on equal footing with voters using more modern election systems. Civil rights groups said a study showed 40,000 poor and minority California voters might have their ballots excluded if punch-card ballots are used.

"The inherent defects in the system are such that

approximately 40,000 voters who travel to the polls and cast their ballot will not have their vote counted at all," the judges wrote.

The panel also said it is better to resolve potential ballot problems before the vote to avoid getting caught up in "litigation over the legitimacy of the election."

Ted Costa, head of the People's Advocate, one of the groups that put the recall on the ballot, said an appeal is certain.

Schwarzenegger called on the secretary of state to appeal to the Supreme Court, which could reinstate Oct. 7 as the date. Both he and Davis said they would continue their campaigns in the meantime.

Palestine warns against Arafat attack

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Any attempt by Israel to kill or expel Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat would be an "illegal and insane act," the Palestinian envoy to the United Nations said Monday before stalking out of the Security Council debate.

Nasser al-Kidwa said any such action against Arafat would mean "an end of the Palestinian Authority and would signal an end of the peace process." He then stormed out when the Israeli representative began speaking.

The Palestinians are urging the Security Council to demand that Israel ensure Arafat's safety and

prevents his deportation. Key council members are pushing both parties to implement the "road map" peace plan backed by the United States, Russia, the United Nations and the European Union.

Terje Roed-Larsen, chief U.N. envoy to the Middle East, opened a Security Council debate involving more than 40 nations by saying the Israeli-Palestinian peace process has stalled. He also said he fears even worse bloodletting lies ahead.

A draft resolution circulating among Security Council members also calls for the end of violence — including all acts of terror, provocation, incitement and destruction — and increased efforts by both sides to

ensure implementation of the peace plan, which envisions a Palestinian state by 2005.

After private talks Friday, the Security Council issued a statement expressing "the view that the removal of chairman Arafat would be unhelpful and should not be implemented."

On Monday, dozens of nations told the council that harming or deporting Arafat would violate international law and be a serious political mistake.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said Sunday that Israel would incite rage not only among Arabs but also Muslims everywhere by exiling or executing Arafat.

Appeals court strikes down "blanket" primary

Associated Press

OLYMPIA — The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals struck down Washington state's "blanket" primary system Monday, saying it violates the right of political parties to have their own members choose candidates for office.

The judges cited a 2000 U.S. Supreme Court decision that found a similar system in California unconstitutional. The state Democratic, Republican and Libertarian parties had challenged Washington's law.

Democratic state Chairman Paul Berendt called it "a decisive victory — unanimous. They have ruled that we are protected under the Bill of Rights just like any individual would be, that we have rights of free association."

State GOP Chairman Chris Vance added: "We have long contended that the blanket primary violates a political party's First Amendment right of free speech."

Washington's system, adopted in 1935, allows voters to pick nominees from any political party. Judge Andrew Kleinfeld, part of the three-judge appellate panel that issued the ruling Monday, wrote that that system violates the parties' right to choose their own

nominees.

"The Washington scheme denies party adherents the opportunity to nominate their party's candidate free of the risk of being swamped by voters whose preference is for the other party," Kleinfeld wrote.

Monday's ruling leaves Washington without a primary system for next year and beyond. Unless the state appeals — and prevails — it will be up to the Legislature to craft a new system, Secretary of State Sam Reed said.

The state Grange, a grassroots agricultural advocacy group that backed the original initiative creating the primary system, planned to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. The system has been in use since 1935.

"Washington citizens want to vote for their choice, not just the choice of the political party bosses," Grange President Terry Hunt said.

In defense of the system, the state's attorneys had argued that maintaining the blanket primary system was a compelling public interest because it encouraged greater participation in the nominating process.

In the California case, the Supreme Court ruled that states cannot force political parties to allow outsiders to help select their nominees.

IRAQ

Iraqi police chief killed in ambush

Associated Press

FALLUJAH — Three assailants in red-and-white Arab headdresses gunned down the police chief of a city west of Baghdad Monday in an ambush that underscored the perils for Iraqis who join U.S.-backed security forces.

The Americans hope those forces will gradually take over security from U.S. troops — part of the effort to transfer sovereignty to Iraqis. The attack came three days after U.S. forces mistakenly killed eight Iraqi policemen in Fallujah in the worst friendly fire incident since major fighting ended.

The motive for the slaying of Khaldiya's police chief, Col. Khedair Mekhalef Ali, was not immediately clear.

"The three attackers opened fire with machine guns, shot one of the tires of the chief's car and then approached the vehicle and shot him at least 25 times," said his driver, 47-year-old Rabia'a Kamash. He spoke to The Associated Press at Fallujah General Hospital, where he was being treated for wounds to his head and shoulder.

Khaldiya and Fallujah, on the main highway to the Jordanian border, are the heart of the "Sunni Triangle," a broad swath of Iraq north and west of Baghdad where support for Saddam Hussein remains strong and guerrilla warfare against the American occupation is

heaviest.

The Sunni Triangle also includes Baghdad, where a 1st Armored Division soldier died of his wounds in a military field hospital Monday after a pre-dawn rocket-propelled attack on his patrol, the second U.S. casualty in as many days. He was the 156th American to die in Iraq since President Bush declared an end to major combat on May 1. During the period of heavy fighting before that date, 138 soldiers were killed.

Ali, a former Iraqi army officer who had been police chief for two months, was attacked on the outskirts of Fallujah as he was driving home. In addition to the driver, Ali's bodyguard, Fouad Issa, 40, was wounded in the shoulder and back.

Ali had taken over the Khaldiya force as U.S. troops pulled out of the town in July in conjunction with a general pull-back from the region's population centers and the flanking cities of Fallujah and Ramadi.

Two Khaldiya officers said a gang of car thieves was likely behind the killing of the police chief, but other policemen said officers are often attacked because of their perceived association with the American occupation force.

Officers in Khaldiya said many in the town shun policemen. In many cases, Iraqis who joined U.S.-backed security forces are seen as collaborators who sold out for an income at a time of

60 percent unemployment in Iraq.

"We are not in the police to serve the Americans, but to protect our community," said Abdel-Salam Elaiwah, a Khaldiya policeman. "Those who attack us are just thieves."

He said theft, especially of cars, was rampant in Khaldiya, with as many as four reported daily. "I am sure the killing of the colonel was the work of thieves," he said outside the police headquarters at Khaldiya, about 18 miles west of Fallujah.

"Lately the colonel had been actively pursuing a gang of car thieves who had repeatedly threatened to kill him," said Ahmed Joma'a, another Khaldiya police officer.

Meanwhile, in Saddam's hometown of Tikrit, the U.S. military continued its raids, arresting five men suspected of helping to finance attacks against the American-led occupation force.

"These individuals are involved in financing Fedayeen activity and organizing cells of resistance against U.S. forces," said Maj. Bryan Luke of the Army's 4th Infantry Division. No shots were fired in the early morning raid.

Later Monday, delegates from the province of Sallahudin, where Tikrit is located, elected their first interim council, the first such election in more than 30 years.

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IN BRIEF

New vehicle ratings released

WASHINGTON — The BMW Z4 convertible was the only one of 21 vehicles tested to win the government's highest rating for its ability to resist rollovers, according to test results released Monday by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The Ford Explorer Sport Trac sport utility vehicle and a rear-wheel drive version of the Jeep Liberty performed worst, earning two-star rollover ratings on NHTSA's five-star scale.

Both the four-wheel drive and rear-wheel drive versions of the Sport Trac were tested. Ford Motor Co. spokeswoman Carolyn Brown said NHTSA's test — which measures rollover propensity through a mathematical formula, not a moving test — fails to reflect the vehicle's performance on the road.

NHTSA insists the test as a good predictor of vehicle behavior. But the agency also plans to adopt a moving test this year that will measure the way a vehicle negotiates sharp turns.

Hurricane sparks gas futures rise

NEW YORK — Gasoline futures prices jumped nearly 2 percent Monday on the New York Mercantile Exchange amid growing concern that Hurricane Isabel may strike the East Coast and affect refinery operations or imports.

Crude oil futures fell 0.5 percent, however, continuing their down trend as supply concerns have eased with the passing of the summer driving season and the winter heating season yet to get under way.

"There's also a little bit of concern that the storm, if it takes a bit of a track north, could disrupt the New York harbor somewhat," said Phil Flynn, analyst with Alaron Trading Corp. in Chicago. "That's one of the reasons we're up so much. The storm track could disrupt gasoline imports, and activity in the New York harbor."

Tourism spoils Tibetan temples

LHASA, China — Nothing in the Jokhang Temple's rough history prepared its monks for what may be the biggest threat yet to their monastic existence — tourists.

Already under tight supervision by communist authorities, the monks now find themselves playing tour guide, doorman and janitor to thousands of daily visitors attracted by the Chinese government's drive to exploit Tibet's rich and still active religious heritage.

After decades of suppressing and then tightly regulating Tibetan Buddhism, China's government is heavily promoting the faith and its monuments as tourism lures to boost the Himalayan region's lagging economy.

The flow of visitors has surged by double-digit rates the past three years, driven largely by huge increases in the numbers of travelers from other parts of China.

Last year, the Tourism Bureau says, 856,000 tourists came to Tibet, only about 140,000 of them from overseas.

Although the temples get some benefits from tourism revenues, monks have little or no say in how open they want to be to visitors.

Bush to ease pollution rules

Associated Press

MONROE, Mich. — President Bush defended his proposal to ease industrial pollution rules Monday, saying the regulations would fight dirty air while keeping electricity flowing and Americans working.

The proposed rules would make it easier for thousands of older power plants, refineries, factories, chemical plants and paper mills to make major upgrades without installing costly new anti-pollution controls.

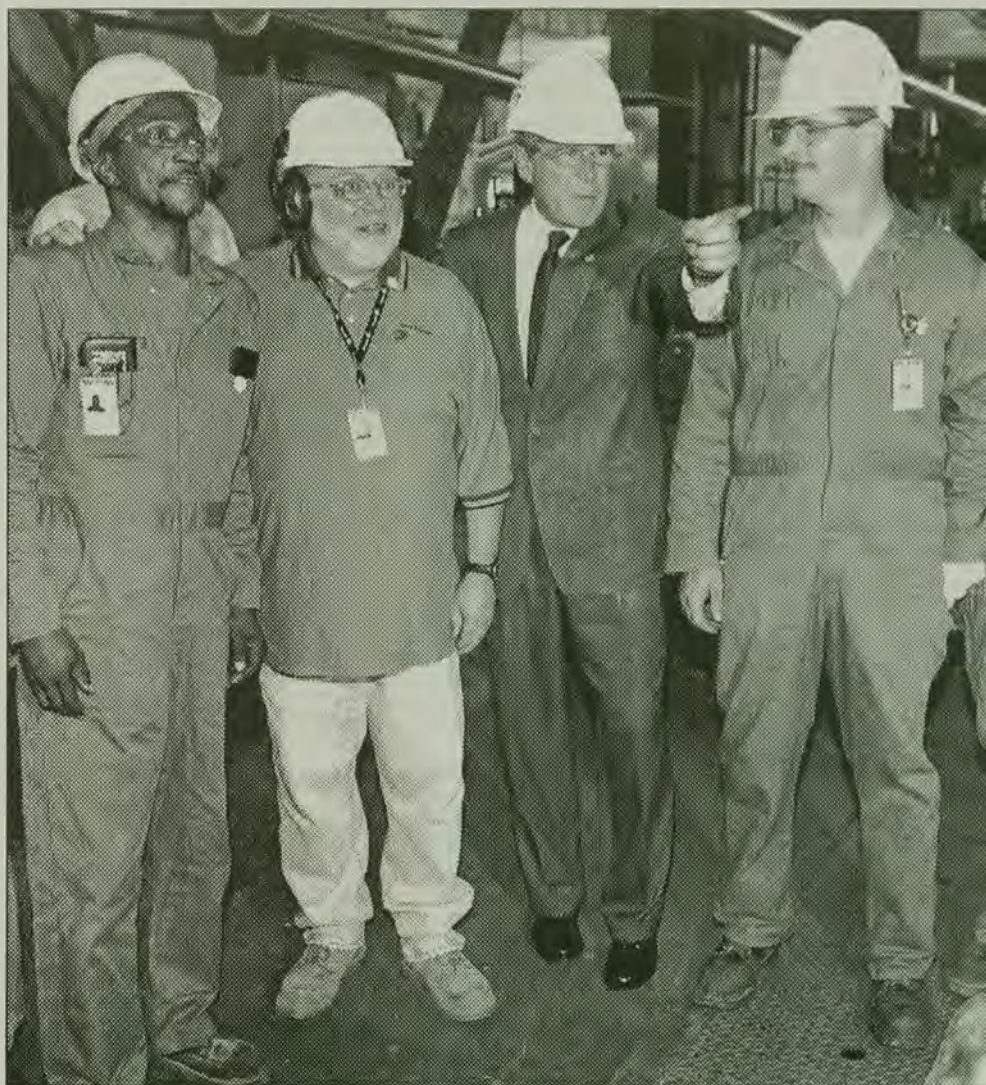
"The old rules 'created too many hurdles, and that hurts the working people,'" he said at a coal-fired electric plant as he tried to strengthen his environmental image during a trip to Michigan and Pennsylvania, two states crucial to his re-election strategy.

Bush said his new rules would encourage plants like the Detroit Edison facility he toured to invest in new, environmentally-friendly equipment without fear of costlier improvements ordered by the government or years of litigation. And, citing last month's enormous power blackout, Bush said encouraging power companies to install new equipment would help improve the nation's power infrastructure.

"I'm interested in job creation and clean air, and I believe we can do both," he said.

The president's remarks provoked a torrent of criticism from environmentalists and Democrats. Protesters used an inflatable power plant with black smokestacks to deride Bush's environmental policies, but they were kept a mile from his event.

"The backdrop of President Bush's latest environment photo op — the dirtiest power plant in Michigan — says it all," said Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., a presidential



President Bush tours the Detroit Edison Monroe Plant in Michigan. Bush defended changes in clean air rules that environmentalists believe will increase pollution.

candidate. "Under Bush's policies, this antiquated coal-burning plant will get a free pass to keep pumping smoke and soot into the air with impunity."

The Detroit Edison plant is one of the dirtiest in the country, emitting nearly 150,000 tons of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides every year, said Eric Schaeffer, the chief of civil enforcement under the Clinton administration's Environmental Protection Agency. It is also one of the biggest in the country.

The plant "is the perfect place for the White House and the energy lobby to celebrate their latest rollback of the Clean Air Act," said Schaeffer, now the director of the

Environmental Integrity Project.

Michigan and Pennsylvania are in the heart of the nation's industrial belt, and Bush has been trying to persuade the nation that he can stem the hemorrhaging of manufacturing jobs. During a tour of the sprawling power plant, Bush donned a hard hat and posed for photos with blue-collar workers.

Bush brought along a team of high-ranking environmental officials to help spread his message on smokestack rules, part of a Clean Air Act process known as "new source review."

In 1999, plant officials wanted to install new turbine blades on its electrici-

ty generators, which allow more power to be generated with the same amount of coal without increasing emissions, said Gerry Anderson, the plant's president and chief operating officer.

But the company had to wait a year for a response from the EPA, and plant officials feared the agency would order a billion-dollar upgrade under new source review.

The process set the upgrade back by five years, Bush and Anderson said.

"Because Detroit Edison's project was not expected to increase air pollution, EPA ruled that that particular project did not trigger NSR," Schaeffer said.

Ford, GM labor talks continue

Associated Press

DETROIT — The auto workers union said it was close to new labor agreements with General Motors and Ford, but that sticky issues remained Monday as talks continued.

The United Auto Workers also announced it reached a tentative, four-year agreement Monday morning with DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler Group.

The union and the Big Three automakers began talks on new labor pacts in mid-July, but GM and Ford were unable to reach deals before the current contracts expired at midnight Sunday.

"Our contract's been extended, and we're continuing to negotiate," said

Ford Motor Co. spokeswoman Anne Marie Gattari.

The union said workers for both companies will report to work as usual during the talks.

At a time when U.S. sales of GM, Ford and DaimlerChrysler vehicles are at an all-time low, analysts and labor experts have said the probability of a strike is low.

The UAW had hoped to reach simultaneous pacts with the Big Three as well as two auto suppliers, Visteon and Delphi.

"We're very close to completing our work, but we're not done yet," Brock Roy, a union negotiator, said in a telephone message recorded Monday for workers. "The UAW, Ford and Visteon have agreed to a

three-day extension so we continue negotiating on a couple of very difficult issues."

Roy did not specify the issues, and representatives of the automakers and UAW have declined to discuss the talks substantively.

Details of the tentative agreement with Chrysler weren't released, but UAW Vice President Nate Gooden said in a recorded message that the deal protects pensions, wages and health care benefits, while improving safety.

The contract must be ratified by Chrysler workers.

The pact covers wages and benefits for 63,000 active workers and 66,000 retirees and surviving spouses.

IRAQ

Powell honors 5,000 slain Kurds

Associated Press

HALABJA — Standing near rows of white grave markers, Secretary of State Colin Powell on Monday honored 5,000 Iraqi Kurds who died in a chemical weapons attack and pledged such brutality was gone along with Saddam Hussein.

With relatives of victims standing before him, Powell said: "I can't tell you that Saddam Hussein was a murderous tyrant — you know that. What I can tell you is that what happened here in 1988 is never going to happen again."

Powell added that Saddam is "running and hiding. He's going to be running until we catch him or he dies."

After Powell dedicated a memorial and museum to commemorate the victims, women wearing black thrust bouquets of flowers toward him. Many in the audience wept, holding pictures of family members killed in Halabja.

The massacre on March 15, 1988, in this northeastern Iraqi city, seven miles from the Iranian border, has been cited repeatedly by President Bush as evidence of Saddam's brutality. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld visited the site of another mass grave this month, in Mahaweel, where 3,100 Shiite Muslims were killed as Saddam's forces smashed a rebellion after the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Despite the public high-level attention, human rights activists contend that for all the focus on the atrocities, the American response to the mass graves has been slow, disorganized and inadequate. In particular, crucial evidence for any possible criminal trials already has been destroyed.

"It's rather shocking, in fact, the investment ... of very, very little into this area — not only of the mass graves but everything the mass graves represent," said Joe Stork of Human Rights Watch.

Saddam's government killed an estimated 300,000 Iraqis, said Sandy Hodgkinson, the top human rights official in the U.S.-led civilian administration. As many as 500 mass graves are spread across Iraq, and coalition authorities have received formal reports of 151 sites, Hodgkinson said.

Much of the evidence has been destroyed, in part because of the anguished digging of relatives looking for bodies of family members at Mahaweel and other sites, human rights groups and coalition officials agree.

Most of the known mass grave sites have not been secured by coalition forces, either because of a lack of guards or out of respect for relatives' wishes, Hodgkinson said. The coalition is working with Iraqi groups to train guards for some sites, to begin issuing guidelines for forensic examinations and to train Iraqis in correct forensic work, she said.

Critics say it's already far too late, nearly five months after the fall of Baghdad.

"I haven't seen evidence of the level of resources and commitment and personnel that would be required to help the Iraqis do this properly," said Susannah Sirkin of Physicians for Human Rights.

Forensic teams from human rights groups or coalition countries have not been able to visit, either, Hodgkinson said, because security remains uncertain.

International tribunals handle prosecutions for atrocities in the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda.

But here, the United States has insisted any trials be conducted by a new Iraqi legal system still being developed. Many human rights groups agree that Iraqis should lead the legal process, but say international participation is crucial for it to be legitimate and impartial.

"This is a judicial system that is just beginning to be built. It's not a judicial system that has had a lot of experience looking into this sort of crime," Sirkin said.

Coalition forces, human rights groups and Iraqi representatives are pleading with relatives of the missing not to dig up graves. But patience is stretched to the breaking point when relatives see no progress, said Sam Zia-Zarifi of Human Rights Watch. His organization had persuaded relatives in the southern city of Basra to leave a mass grave site alone, but when news spread of the Mahaweel digging, the relatives rushed to the Basra site and unearthed three dozen bodies.

The digging destroyed what could have been prime evidence of crimes against humanity, Zia-Zarifi said. Investigators had interviewed witnesses and found documents indicating the executions were ordered by "Chemical Ali" Hassan al-Majid, a former top Iraqi official captured by the United States last month, who also is suspected in the sarin gas attacks on Kurds.

In Halabja, Powell was joined at the memorial service by two Kurdish leaders who have fought in the past but now are reconciled: Jalal Talabani and Massoud Barzani. Powell said the two Kurdish leaders, whose regions were largely outside Baghdad's control before the war, told him they now are committed to a unified Iraq.

MEXICO

WTO looks to move forward after defeat

Associated Press

CANCUN — World Trade Organization leaders, crippled by two major defeats in four years, are searching for a way to win back the trust of poor nations and cobble together a global trade treaty that will shape the world's economy for years to come.

Developing countries say they won't take any more bullying from the rich, and want a deal that will help even the poorest.

The demands came amid the surprise collapse of crucial trade negotiations in this Mexican resort. Just as ministers were digging in for an extra day of talks, the meeting's chairman, Mexican Foreign Secretary Luis Ernesto Derbez, called off negotiations, saying there wasn't enough agreement to move forward.

Developing nations — some triumphantly — leaked the news to journalists in the hallways of Cancun's convention center, even as U.S. trade officials gave a news conference explaining how negotiators were trying to move forward.

"Unless they listen to countries, unless they listen to the problems we have in meeting some of the demands of the developing countries, this is what will happen," said Rafidah Aziz, Malaysia's minister for international trade and investment.

The failure of talks will be felt around the world. Rice farmers in Asia and wheat farmers in Kansas were preparing for a decision in Cancun that would have led to the reduction of

agricultural subsidies and tariffs.

Some farmers could have been forced out of business, while others — from poor producers in Africa to large multinationals in the United States — would have found new markets.

For consumers, the prices on many products would have fallen, unhindered by import tariffs, while other basic food supplies may have become more expensive without the help of subsidies.

Still, during five days of talks in Cancun, ministers spent little time on what was expected to be the main issue: agriculture.

Instead, they argued over whether to launch formal negotiations on several new topics, including rules on foreign investment and competition. Several nations insisted on taking up the talks, while other developing nations refused.

The failure of the talks makes it nearly impossible for the WTO to reach its main goal: a new global trade treaty by the end of the next year.

U.S. officials argued the treaty would have jump-started a sluggish world economy, and U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick accused some countries of "tactics of inflexibility and inflammatory rhetoric."

"A number of countries just thought it was a freebie — they could just make whatever points they suggested, argue, and not offer and give," he said. "And now they're going to face the cold reality of that strategy, coming home with nothing."

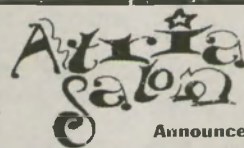
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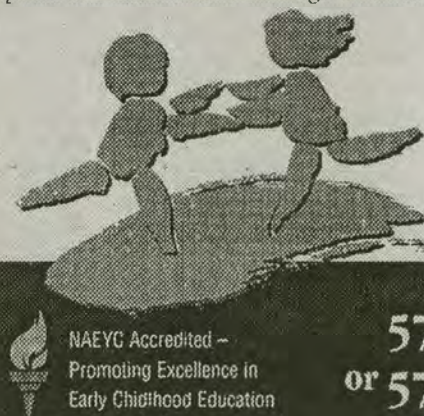
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JAPAN

Re-election likely for Prime Minister

Associated Press

TOKYO — Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's rivals have panned his reforms and blamed his fiscal austerity for causing Japan's record-high crime and unemployment.

But with only a week left before the ruling party votes whether to re-elect Koizumi as party president, his opponents appear to have almost no chance of unseating him.

The national Asahi newspaper said Monday its survey of Liberal Democratic Party lawmakers and members indicated Koizumi would likely win a majority of votes in the Sept. 20 party poll. As party president, Koizumi would be virtually guaranteed of becoming the prime minister for another three-year term because the LDP's three-party bloc controls Parliament.

Koizumi says he's the front-runner because he's popular among ordinary Japanese.

"They (critics within the party) said he's no good, change him. But I've managed to come this far because of your support," Koizumi told a crowd in Osaka while campaigning Monday.

For weeks, Koizumi has been the strong favorite to retain the party's top post. His reforms have been slow in coming, but his approval rating of about 50 percent makes him the country's most popular leader in decades.

With general elections for Parliament's powerful lower house expected later this

year — media reports say Nov. 9, after the house is dissolved in October — Liberal Democratic Party officials are counting on Koizumi's stardom to attract votes and solidify the party's dominance in the legislature.

"Koizumi is the appealing, public face of the party. Who better to have as its head?" said Yoshinobu Yamamoto, a professor of politics at Tokyo University.

"He hasn't necessarily lived up to his promises of an economic revival. But I think many people who back him don't expect him to do it right away. They like him because they lack faith in all other candidates," Yamamoto said.

Inside the party, the politics aren't so simple. To win, the president-elect needs a majority of the 657 ballots — 357 from LDP lawmakers and 300 divided up among 1.4 million party members. Mobilizing the LDP lawmakers is tricky because the party is divided into factions that form and break alliances to suit their political ends.

The Asahi survey said Koizumi looked poised to take 60 percent of the lawmakers' votes and more than half of the party members. It didn't offer a breakdown for his three opponents in the LDP race, Takao Fujii, Shizuka Kamei and Masahiko Komura.

While anti-Koizumi sentiment remains, some members decided to support the prime minister after party bigwig Mikio Aoki did so this month, the report said. Others pointed to veteran

kingmaker and Koizumi critic Hiromu Nonaka's decision to retire from politics as evidence that nobody with stature would stand in Koizumi's way.

Signs that Japan's economy is recovering have helped to quiet criticism.

After struggling for more than a decade, Japan's gross domestic product grew 1 percent in the April-June quarter. Corporate profits and stock prices have been on the rise, with Tokyo's Nikkei stock index up 39 percent since sinking to a 20-year low in April. Banks remain buried in bad debts, but government regulators have threatened to nationalize lenders that don't improve their portfolios.

In recent debates, Koizumi has said he wants to offer tax cuts to spark investment, and that pushing ahead with reforms like privatizing the postal and public highway corporations over the next few years would do more than boosting spending to reinvigorate the economy.

Koizumi's three rivals support a return to big public spending to spur growth. They have blamed his belt-tightening for the sharp rise in crime and near-record unemployment, and said his policies risk undermining the shaky economic rebound.

During a speech to party officials Monday, Fujii, a former transportation minister, said Koizumi's reform promises would not end the economic pain.

"Privatization, for example, has nothing to do with people's day-to-day lives," said Fujii.

Feds attempt to fight obesity, change habits

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Some Indian tribes in Michigan are about to urge a return to traditional menus like wild rice and fresh fish in hopes of fighting soaring obesity-caused diabetes.

Boston-area schools will begin teaching students why 100-percent juice is better than soda and are urging parents to limit children's TV time to two hours a day.

And a California-based managed-care company will soon let patients compete for prizes like a mountain bike or, for some, a discount on premiums if they lose weight and exercise.

Years of dire warnings about obesity's dangers don't seem to be shrinking Americans' girth. Now federal health officials hope programs that target different communities' special needs — plus financial incentives like Pacificare Health Systems is about to offer — will work better.

"This is the most difficult thing anybody can ever try to do, to get people to change their habits," says Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson.

This week, the Michigan and Boston communities become the first of about a dozen recipients of \$13.6 million in federal grants to target unhealthy habits locally. The other recipients haven't been announced. It's a program poised to become the government's centerpiece in the obesity fight, if Congress grants Thompson's request for \$125

million more next year to fund dozens more so-called healthier communities.

He envisions cities eventually will compete to be called the healthiest.

At the same time, Thompson wants health insurance companies to offer discount programs similar to Pacificare's, reasoning that a price break from an industry patients love to hate might be the final push some need to shape up.

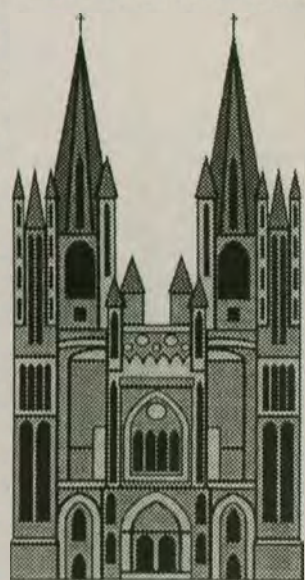
Critics call those programs too soft and want the Bush administration to back some tougher solutions.

Make it easier for consumers to learn how many calories are in restaurant meals, urges Margo Wootan of the Center for Science in the Public Interest. She says people might not super-size a cheeseburger meal if its 1,600 calories were posted right on the menu.

Or, she says, put more realistic calorie counts on snacks, such as deli-sold chips and 20-ounce soft drinks, which are labeled as containing two or more servings but that most people eat all at once.

"We are looking at what we can do to help get information to people who eat out," responds Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Mark McClellan. He just ordered an agency task force to hunt new anti-obesity measures, from better food labels to speeding development of diet drugs.

But federal officials argue that ultimately, city-by-city involvement may prove which programs really help residents improve health habits.



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GUINEA-BISSAU

Coups leaders meet
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Associated Press

BISSAU — Army officers who led a bloodless coup in Guinea-Bissau met with political parties and civic groups Monday to discuss establishing a transitional government in the West African country.

Guinea-Bissau's capital was calm Monday, one day after the military arrested elected President Kumba Yala, the increasingly erratic and unpopular leader of the former Portuguese colony.

In a statement, the impoverished nation's new junta rulers declared they acted because they were "determined to save democracy."

Army Chief of Staff Verissimo Correia Seabra, leader of a 1998-99 junta government that ruled for 11 months, gathered politicians, church leaders, union heads and other civilian leaders on Monday.

"Talks are proceeding on setting up a transitional authority," said Joao Queiroz, first secretary at the Portuguese Embassy in Bissau.

Officers claimed their coup was spurred by a threat by Prime Minister Mario Pires to

wage civil war if Yala's Social Renewal Party lost scheduled October parliamentary elections.

Pires was quoted as saying at a campaign rally earlier this month that an opposition victory in the Oct. 12 vote would mean violence.

Yala was reported still in detention Monday, although junta leaders said he was free to leave Guinea-Bissau — or stay — if he chose.

Correia Seabra declared himself in charge until elections could be held but promised to place responsibility for day-to-day running of the country in the hands of a civilian interim government.

Yala, a former opposition leader elected in 1999, had dissolved parliament and repeatedly resisted calling elections, despite warnings that only a fair vote would trigger resumption of full foreign aid and investment.

Initially welcomed as Guinea-Bissau's best hope for democracy, Yala had appointed and fired five prime ministers and 50 other members of the government since his election.

UNITED NATIONS

U.S. calls for peace keepers in Liberia

Associated Press

The United States called Monday for the United Nations to send as many as 15,000 peacekeepers and 900 police officers to Liberia to help restore peace and start rebuilding the battered West African nation.

The U.S. draft resolution circulated to Security Council members asks Secretary-General Kofi Annan to transfer authority to a new U.N. peacekeeping force in October. A Nigerian-led West African force has been in the country since early August, bringing calm to the capital after nearly three months of fighting that killed more than 1,000 civilians.

The draft, obtained by The Associated Press, would give the U.N. force a broad mandate to help implement a June 17 cease-fire agreement, assist Liberia's new transitional government, facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid, protect U.N. staff and disarm combatants and retrain them for civilian life. It also would send civilian staff.

The council was scheduled to receive an open briefing Tuesday on Liberia.

The Security Council authorized a two-month deployment for a 3,250-strong West African force to help end fighting between forces loyal to warlord-turned-President Charles Taylor and rebels battling since 1999 to oust him.

Taylor went into exile in Nigeria on Aug. 11, and a power-sharing government will be installed Oct. 14, leading to democratic elections in 2005.

Despite promises from all combatants to avoid violence, however, armed gangs allied with the government and the rebels have been looting villages.

The U.N. Mission in Liberia, known as UNMIL, which would take over from the West Africans under the proposed U.S. resolution, would be authorized for a year and consist of "up to 15,000 United Nations military personnel, including up to 250 military observers, and up to 900 civilian police officers, and a civilian component."

The draft resolution declares "that the situation in Liberia continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security, to stability in the West Africa subregion, and to the peace process for Liberia."

It condemns the continued fighting and calls on all parties "to immediately cease hostilities" and abide by the cease-fire and peace agreements. It demands that all countries prevent armed groups from further destabilizing Liberia and neighboring Guinea and Sierra Leone.

It also expresses alarm "at the dire consequences of the prolonged conflict for the civilian population throughout the territory of Liberia."

The resolution would welcome the appointment of Jacques Klein as Annan's envoy for Liberia and put him in charge of the U.N. mission. Klein predicted Friday a long haul in helping the country back onto its feet and called for generous contributions to rebuild the devastated country.

Critics see drug plan as illegal

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. Rod Blagojevich's plan to explore buying state employees' prescription drugs in Canada was met with opposition Monday as critics said such a move would be illegal and harmful to patients and businesses alike.

"It's not a long-term solution," said Michael Polzin, a spokesman for Illinois-based drugstore chain Walgreen Co. "I think the efforts would be better put toward finding a permanent solution rather than a quick fix that is illegal."

Americans seeking relief from high prescription drug prices have increasingly turned to pharmacies in Canada, where prescription drugs are much cheaper because of a favorable exchange rate and government controls.

But federal law bars consumers from bringing foreign drugs into the United

States, and the Food and Drug Administration warns that buying Canadian drugs presents "significant, potential health risks."

Canadian health officials do not regulate drugs sold to Americans, including drugs manufactured elsewhere in the world and brought to Canada specifically to be exported. The FDA hopes to convince Blagojevich his idea is flawed. "Our concern can be summed up in a word: safety," said spokesman Lawrence Bachorik.

Businesses say the practice saps money from American companies, hurting small business and leaving pharmaceutical giants less money for research and development.

Blagojevich spokeswoman Abby Ottenhoff said the first-term Democrat is simply exploring the idea and has not reached any conclusions about its safety or legality. If he concludes that buying from Canada makes

sense but is illegal, he probably would lobby Congress to approve pending legislation allowing the practice, she said.

Rob Karr, a vice president for the Illinois Retail Merchants Association, said if Illinois begins buying drugs in Canada, it could trigger an avalanche that sweeps business away from local pharmacies.

"That would clearly be the snowball. If you do it for the state employees, then what about everybody else?" Karr said.

No state has taken the step of using Canadian drugs in its prescription programs, although California officials have discussed the issue. The city of Springfield, Mass., recently began encouraging its employees to buy in Canada.

The Justice Department filed a lawsuit last week to shut down two companies that help senior citizens purchase cheaper prescription medicines in Canada.

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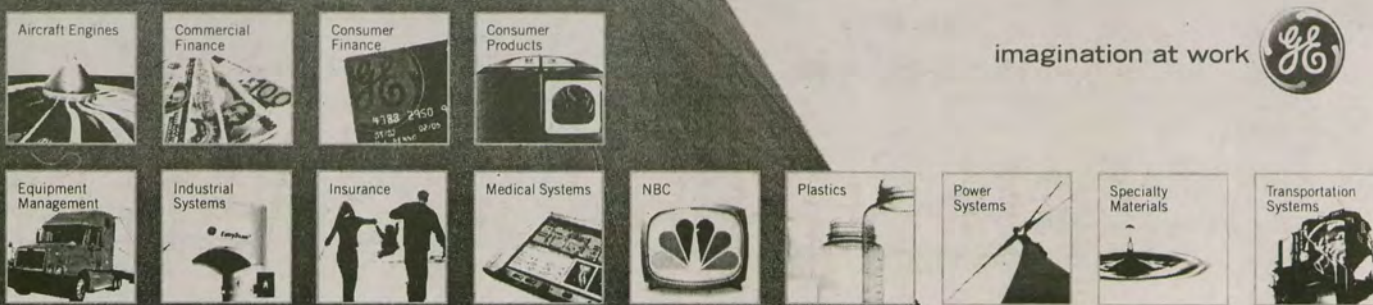
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Turning peril into peace

Since our founding, Americans have used historical events to draw inspiration or insight for current circumstances. We, like all socialized communities, transform our triumphs and disasters into symbols.

The Revolutionary period exemplifies our traditions of independence and courage. When thinking of World War II, American resilience and determination comes to mind.

In our time, Sept. 11, 2001 has become one such occurrence. Although how it will be remembered is still being constructed by Americans today, the mere mention of this tragedy has the power to incite as much emotion as other events of years past. I remember vividly where I was when the first airplane crashed into the first World Trade Center tower — on a bus headed for downtown Chicago — and how I felt as the horrific events unfolded. America changed that day, and we all have a story.

Now, two years later, as individuals and a country we are trying to decide how best to remember Sept. 11 and extract some lesson to add our definition to what it means to be American.

Much of how Sept. 11 is and will be remembered depends on the words and deeds of George W. Bush. As President, we looked to him that day for guidance on how to feel and proceed. Looking at his actions since the terrorist attacks, I feel Bush has misused the memory of Sept. 11 to divide our nation, erode the constitution and justify an extensive program for war.

In the aftermath of Sept. 11, the outpour of patriotism and nationwide concern showed the best of our citizens. George W. Bush and company dismantled that solidarity and replaced it with an exclusionary form of nationalism while increasing nationwide anxiety. In a population already obsessed with violence, Bush created new fears of not only the ambiguous "evildoers," but also other

Americans. Anyone could be a terrorist; of course, Arab-Americans living peacefully became the easiest examples. Color-coordinated alerts informed us on how paranoid we should be each day. In Bush's America, everyone is either a potential victim or perpetrator of terrorism.

As part of the war on terror, Bush invoked the memory of Sept. 11 to launch an assault on the Constitution — the root of our freedom. With the U.S.A. Patriot Act, passed 45 days after the attacks, the Bush administration dismantled the most basic liberties guaranteed to Americans for centuries. The act grants the FBI access to library, student and medical records without a warrant or probable cause, lessens oversight of the judicial branch in terrorist investigations and broadly defines a terrorist group to be any body of people acting to influence government policies.

Patriot II, an extension being debated currently, proposes the creation of a DNA database of deemed terrorists, gives local police the go-ahead to spy on political and religious organizations and threatens loss of citizenship to Americans considered dangers to homeland security.

With such malleable definitions of domestic terrorism and invasive practices, concerned citizens taking to the streets or organizing privately to question U.S. policy become enemies of the state. Patriot I and II violate Amendments 1, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 14 and turn undue suspicion on people engaged in one of our nation's most valuable pastimes.

Throughout history, protesters have brought about the greatest national advancements, including female suffrage, civil rights for African Americans and increased environmental awareness. To

suppress such individuals is completely obtuse to our goal of preserving the United States as a beacon of freedom and opportunity.

Perhaps the greatest license Bush has taken with Sept. 11 is his declaration of an unbounded and unspecific war on terror. In order to prevent future attacks, the United States had to dismantle all of our possible enemies while producing mounting civilian and infrastructural casualties. Using a need for justice as vindication for violence is nothing new. Inflicting pain on another is the most primitive and illogical form of reconstruction after tragedy. Bush's combination of secrecy, urgency and vengeance has entrenched our soldiers and tax dollars in an ambiguous conflict which has alienated America from other nations and many of its citizens.

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George W. Bush's rhetoric of tragedy has obviously proved cancerous to American democracy and international stability. We must reclaim the memory of Sept. 11 immediately with a new program of homeland stewardship.

On Sept. 11, 2003, Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu spoke here of ways to turn calamity into genuine peace. Looking to South Africa as a model, we need to set aside Bush's lust for vengeance and concentrate on bolstering education and health care, eradicating the U.S.A. Patriot Act, and relieving unemployment. How we live today will be an example to future generations on how to emerge from great hardships. We owe it to them and ourselves to preserve an America that embodies its creeds and works for lasting peace.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Diplomas shouldn't draw boundaries

I have a question to ask the Notre Dame student body: guys, why are we here? Do we want an education, or do we want blue-and-gold holders for our license plates?

Don't get me wrong. We are college kids, and as such, we goof around. I'm glad of this; I think we need it, and so I try to keep goof-off remarks in perspective.

During the first half of the Washington State game, when the kids behind me started yelling that all Cougars were destined to pump gas and sit in cubicles — in other words, to work for Domers — I was angry, but I blew it off. These fans were ignorant and their stereotypes hurtful, but in the broad scheme of things, both were unremarkable.

But Monday's "Fives" comic strip, featuring a Michigan grad pumping premium into a Domer's Ferrari, was too much. Cat-calls at a football game are one thing, but publishing these prejudices as credible and, in this instance, humorous, is des-

picable.

We are part of a large and prestigious school, and as such, we have a nationwide presence. Let's remind ourselves of our place.

Here, I could write pages on the difference between a diploma and an education. I'll refrain, however, and say that Notre Dame does produce leaders — and excellent ones. So does Michigan. But any virtuous leader-to-be, no matter his or her provenance, is loathe to create boundaries at this point in the game.

For one, I have some homework to do first.

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Sept. 15

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Permanent good can never be the outcome of untruth and violence."

Mahatma Gandhi
Hindu nationalist leader

An argument about arguing

Welcome back. Last episode we discussed Oxford: its history as a university and as a town. Now, if you remember, I am not leaving for England until Oct. 4, which leaves me a little lee-way for the topic of this article. What I want to talk about is the logical structure of a Viewpoint article. Why am I picking such a boring topic? Who cares about "logical structures," and what are they, anyway? Is that a piece of lettuce stuck between my teeth? Read on, for all these questions shall soon be answered.

Geoff Johnston

A Domer at Oxford

Last year, the Observer published what I considered to be an inflammatory and ill-conceived Viewpoint column — I won't mention either the topic or the author. Two of my friends and I wrote a letter protesting its publication. We didn't dispute the facts; what we were concerned with was the tone and structure of the essay. Having read many of the columns and letters submitted over the past two years, I've decided to try my best to lay out the "do's" and "don't's" of editorial writing. The Notre Dame community deserves to read coherent, well-considered, constructive essays, not angry, pandering, illogical trash.

Here are my guidelines, in order from first to last, that should be fulfilled in a well-constructed logical argument:

Define your terms. If you are arguing against Papal infallibility, describe to the reader the doctrine of Papal infallibility. I have been guilty of arguing with someone for 10 or 20 minutes before we finally realized that we were using the same word to mean two different things.

State your assumptions. If you are arguing about abortion, first state whether you believe in God. If so, do you believe that human life is sacred? If so, do you believe that quickening occurs at the point of conception? When arguing, you must always respect the sensibilities of the reader. If the reader is an atheist, then you cannot begin your argument by quoting the Bible.

Find a common ground. It is rare that any two people share the exact same set of beliefs (with the exception of us Notre Dame students). Thus, you are often going to have to argue for a few assumptions to help construct an argument. Let's say that you are arguing for capital punishment, and that your claim is that murderers have forfeited to the state their right to life by their heinous actions. This argument presupposes that people are able to forfeit their right to life. But as the Declaration of Independence states, "They [the people] are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life." According to Webster, unalienable means, "incapable of being alienated, surrendered," thus I might not agree that the right to life is a right that can be forfeited to the state.

Construct a valid argument and support with verifiable facts. Once you have built a base of common beliefs by the above method, you can begin to construct an argument. Hopefully you will have already agreed on the basic points under consideration; the argument should now be a simple matter of connecting the dots. If you need to introduce new claims, then do so with supporting facts; don't rely on vague references like, "It's obvious that," or, "Well, most people would say..."

Be friendly and open. This is the most important step. Arguments should be constructive; they should strive to affect some good. There is no reason to insult, to belittle or to ignore because these tactics serve only to separate people and divide them from others. Arguments should help unite and help build community. As Aristotle alluded to in his Ethics, friendship is the proper environment in which to debate and discuss, because friendship is necessary in the search for truth.

Some of you may still be wondering why I have stated the obvious, or why I didn't simply write an argumentative essay on a current issue. The truth is that many of our current social problems stem from people who don't have well-considered opinions. I have a good friend who is a Catholic and also claims that abortion should be a choice made individually. The problem is that these two positions are incompatible. There are basic propositions that Catholicism assumes and others that abortion assumes that conflict with one another.

But many people don't have a coherent world view, so they allow themselves to believe contradictory things, simply because they have never examined the assumptions on which their opinions rest. The question is not, "Is the war in Iraq wrong," the question should be, "Can I remain a Christian and support the war?" The question is not, "Is affirmative action good," but, "Is affirmative action consistent with Christian social justice?"

We must stop considering problems in total isolation, without questioning the assumptions we bring to the table. As the year flies by, demand that the arguments you read are coherent and constructive, rather than being vague, inconsistent and intolerant. If you do this (and I speak here from experience), then we will finally be able to solve the seemingly intractable issues of abortion, euthanasia, homosexuality, capital punishment and a just war criterion.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Third World leaders must take responsibility for problems

In his column in Monday's Observer, BJ Strew attempts to place the blame for the problems that Third World countries face on the richer countries of the world, such as the United States.

Is it possible that we are not the cause of every problem that the world faces? Could a country's own issues, whether economic or not, be their fault?

The cause of many of the problems that these countries face is the fact that many of these Third World governments are run by fanatical despots who do not care about the welfare of their own citizens. These leaders only care about increasing their own power and going to any means necessary to protect that power.

The United States has tried, in many cases, to provide aid to these countries; almost exclusively has this plan been thwarted by the government of that country. In Somalia, for example, the United States, along with the U.N., tried to aid the people of Somalia by delivering food and medical aid. The leadership of Somalia refused to allow the U.S. to do this and captured the shipments.

How is this America's fault? We try to feed hungry people in many countries throughout the world, including Somalia. Many people would consider this to be the right thing to do, except for the despotic leaders of these countries and BJ Strew.

Strew blames the United States for pushing down agricultural prices in these countries when we provide food shipments to them. What are we supposed to do? Should we simply say, "I'm sorry, you can't eat today because it will affect your agricultural

prices?" This is what Strew is proposing. I will propose a radical idea — that it is the leaders of those countries who are responsible for the problems facing their countries, not the United States.

Instead of blaming Starbucks for problems facing coffee growers in South America, blame the drug cartels who force the farmers to supply the cocoa to them at lower prices than could be had if sold for coffee production. Once again, this is not the fault of some vast American conspiracy to rule the world.

Also, Strew claims that pharmaceutical companies should give up monetary goals in order to supply state-of-the-art medicines to Third World countries. He makes it sound evil that the companies think that they should be compensated for the research funds that they poured into these drugs. He says that the annual cost for this is 14 million lives. The cost is also billions of dollars in research. If these companies are forced to lose that money, what incentive do they have to produce new and better drugs? If there is going to be no compensation for their expense, the drug companies will simply stop developing those drugs. How exactly is that supposed to help anyone, whether they live in the Third World or the First World?

Instead of crying exploitation of Third World countries by the "big bad bully," the United States, we should hold these countries accountable for their own problems.

Ryan Brady
senior
off-campus
Sept. 15

Support football team unconditionally

In yesterday's Irish Insider, the sport editors have done the most damage to the outcome of the Michigan game. They seem to have believed by degrading the football team through their reviews, it would make the Irish propel through the season, back to top 10. Think again.

A 0.48 overall on the report card, 3 out of 3 articles with negative tones and overly depressing statistics. Give me a break. I could have found all of these from those guys at ESPN and Sports Illustrated fresh on Sunday morning.

Worse yet, the critiques do not even hesitate to slam on the freshman quarterback. How will the rest of the freshman players interpret this? They are the future of the program. Students at Notre Dame have always talked about the "bubble" — how it affords them the opportunity to grow in a comfortable environment with their own pace. What happened to the "bubble?"

We, as fans and sports editors, have to play our role well. Yes, we each shed \$15

to successfully assemble the "Sea of Green." We each paid \$144 for a season ticket. We got sore throats from shouting at the pep rallies and the games. But when we quickly balk at failures, it will all end in vain.

Those of you who attended the Gator Bowl earlier this year: Do you remember how our team just quietly retreated into the locker room following the loss? They did come back out a minute or two later to salute the student section. Did they forget the tradition? Or did they just know our "conditional" support all too well?

I agree football is a physical sport, but those players are still humans. Let us not so aggressively project doubtfulness onto our team. Let us show our team a steady support, especially at a time like this. After all, we are still ND at the end of the day.

Yanto Go
Fischer Graduate Residence
Sept. 15



MOVIE REVIEW

'Cabin Fever' proves to be transparent

By JOHN LOWE
Scene Movie Critic

Cabin Fever is the mindless tale of five college students, who head to a cabin in the woods on a non-stop orgy of sex and alcohol. Any time a story begins with a bunch of rowdy teens heading into the woods on a bender, I immediately become disinterested because this is the biggest horror movie cliché ever.

Unfortunately, a sickly drifter, who shows up on the group's front porch, interrupts their planned debauchery. Some rare, mysterious disease, which is never named, has nearly eaten all of this drifter's flesh. The door, of course, is quickly shut in his face but it is too late — one of the teenagers has already been infected and, one by one, they all begin to infect each other.

The majority of the paper-thin plot is driven by their paranoia and irrational behavior. The dialogue between the

characters is so awkward and ridiculous it is impossible to take the movie seriously. *Cabin Fever* is *The Blair Witch Project* meets *28 Days Later*.

Rider Strong, who played Shawn on the hit TGIF sitcom *Boy Meets World*, is Paul. Paul represents "Joe-everybody" and is the most likable guy in the bunch, which isn't saying much.

The object of Paul's affection is the virginal Karen (Jordan Ladd) who is the "All-American" girl. She is the first one to be infected, forcing Paul to watch his childhood love waste away before his very eyes.

Marcy (Cerina Vincent) is the sex kitten; her only purpose is to provide for some occasional gratuitous nudity. She has several upper body nude scenes that have absolutely nothing to do with the furthering of the story, but, strangely enough, do provide entertainment for the men in the audience.

Marcy's boyfriend, Jeff (Joey Kern), is the egocentric jerk who eventually abandons the group in order to save his own skin, pardon the pun.

Bert (James DeBello) is the bumbling sidekick, who makes random crude jokes and comments.

Even the director, Eli Roth, makes a cameo, which is also something of a cliché.

Cabin Fever is unapologetically gory.

The make-up artists create surprisingly real flesh-eating bacteria façades for the actors, especially considering the movie was made with such a low budget. I defy anyone who saw the movie to tell me that he or she didn't get nauseous at least once.

However, the make-up artists are the only ones who should receive any accolades for this train wreck of a movie. It looks as though the film *Gigli*, starring Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez, might have some competition for worst movie of the year.

Cabin Fever will leave you feeling the same way you

did after seeing *The Blair Witch Project*: disappointed, violated and annoyed.

The plot is transparent, the dialogue is contrived and a majority of the characters are so unlikable, you don't really care who makes it out in the end. It is insulting for the creators of this movie to think that the youth of today would actually enjoy a movie like this.

But more and more, this is the trend for Hollywood — the mass production of mediocre films that give little respect to the audience. Could this mean the end of Hollywood or is this just a slump?

"Cabin Fever"



Director: Eli Roth
Writers: Eli Roth and Randy Pearlstein
Starring: Rider Strong, Jordan Ladd, Joey Kern, Cerina Vincent and James DeBello



Photo courtesy of www.imdb.com

Jeff (Joey Kern), accompanied by Bert (James DeBello), stare in awe at the unfortunate situation they have found themselves unable to control.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Spade disappoints as a screenwriter in latest venture

By STEPHANIE CHAMBERS
Scene Movie Critic

The movie *E! True Hollywood Story* of *Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star* is a satire which attempts to capture the life of a once-famous child star of the 70s, Dickie Roberts (David Spade), as he tries to regain his former television commercial glory days, throwing aside his adult life of parking cars.

Dickie Roberts is an abandoned child who grows up to be no more than a valet until he decides to audition for a role in an upcoming movie produced by Rob Reiner (played by himself). However, Roberts encounters dilemma, forcing him to step outside himself and his usual methods of acting.

He auditions for a role that requires him to portray the elated sentiments of a child who has discovered a red bike on Christmas Day. Reiner gives

Roberts a chance to prove himself, but to Roberts' dismay, he fails to meet the acting ability needed.

After this disappointment, Roberts makes this his mission and will go to any length in order to become the character Reiner desires to fill the role.

Roberts never experienced the emotions of a normal child, particularly in reference to receiving Christmas gifts like that of a beautiful, shiny red bike. He resolves to prove Reiner's suspicions wrong by correcting his unsteady acting capability.

The Tracy family is Roberts' cure to his acting woes. Roberts pays the Tracy family more than \$20,000 to move in and glean the interactions of a normal family, one in which he never encountered.

The children, Sam and Sally, give Roberts pointers on how to speak and deal with parents. In return, Roberts offers tips to Sam on how to talk to girls and teaches Sally the moves necessary to gain a spot on the pompom squad. The children's mother, Grace, is amazed with Roberts' helpfulness to the family and rewards him with the bike he never dreamt he would have.

The question you may pose now is whether Roberts' efforts in learning to be a normal child helped aid him

in obtaining the role for his desired film. My answer is: Who cares? The ill-plotted movie is not worth the time or the money. The main focus of the movie — Roberts learning to be a normal child — is almost lost in him proving he's not a loser.

The one hour and 39-minute, slow-moving film is rated PG-13 for a reason. *Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star* certainly caught the attention of the cackling 11- and 15-year-olds sitting by my side. As I recall, the theater was primarily filled with young middle school-aged youths.

As for the more mature crowd, their faces lacked any form of expression. The scant chuckles, including mine, proved the failure of the plot,

written by David Spade.

The only accomplishment in making of the film is David Spade's urge to produce something fun for himself. I would rather lend an ear to Michael Jackson's abnormal childhood stories than this theoretical life story. David Spade, former film writer, ought to think twice before again wasting hours in an effort to write scripts.

"Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star"



Director: Sam Weisman
Writers: Fred Wolf and David Spade
Starring: David Spade, Jon Lovitz, Alyssa Milano and Rob Reiner

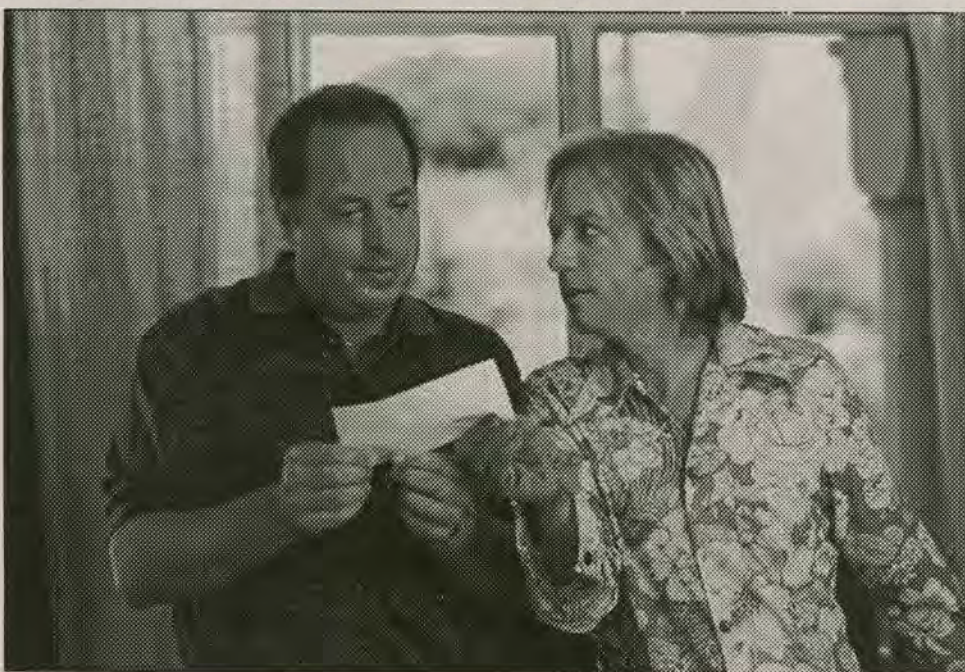


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Dickie Roberts (David Spade) confers with longtime friend and agent Sidney Wernick (Jon Lovitz) regarding his return to grace as a successful actor.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Cage shines in fresh, quirky film

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Assistant Scene Editor

Society has always been fascinated with the trade of con men. Perhaps it is their ability to gain a quick buck solely through the use of their wits, while the rest of us have to earn that same dollar through hard work. But while society may be more intrigued by the exact details of their scams, it is the minds and personalities behind these gifts that really give life to the crimes.

Matchstick Men presents a fresh, live-

ly look at the humorous inner-workings of an unlikely con artist while creating a very memorable protagonist in the process.

In the film, Nicolas Cage plays Roy, a neurotic, obsessive-compulsive con artist who is a wily veteran at the precise art of confidence scams. Backed by his ambitious protégé, Frank (Sam Rockwell), Roy is on the verge of pulling off a lucrative scam when the unexpected arrival of Roy's estranged teenage daughter, Angela (Alison Lohman), disrupts his carefully ordered life and jeopardizes his high-risk swindle.

There is a scene in *Matchstick Men* where Roy, the epitome of a neat freak, is explaining to his psychiatrist that he spent last Tuesday watching dust fibers settle on his carpet and worrying that he might vomit because of this. That got Roy to thinking that he should just blow his brains out and end it all. But, thinking more about the matter, he started worrying about what that would do to his "damn carpet." And according to Roy, that was a good day.

Watching Nicolas Cage bring life to Roy in scenes like these is delightful. He carefully balances the neuroses that plague Roy with the other side of the man — the poised, cunning and experienced con man whose obsession with perfection translates to flawless executions of his scams. This balance makes the performance that much more believable and memorable.

Every twitch of an eyelid and spasm of a muscle that Roy exhibits is amusing. Cage has proven himself again to be one of Hollywood's most versatile actors, easily handling this complicated comedic role with the same success that has made him a big-budget action star with films like *The Rock* and *Gone in Sixty Seconds*, and an Academy Award winner and nominee with *Leaving Las Vegas* and *Adaptation*, respectively.

With a different approach, the role of Roy could easily have become either over-the-top or mundane. But Cage adds a sincerity to the role that con-

vinces the audience how frustrating even the simplest tasks are for Roy, while also showing the humor behind the character's awkward behavior.

While Cage's performance outshines those of his fellow actors at times, both Sam Rockwell and Alison Lohman also impress in their respective roles. Rockwell, who is an easy-going but very adept con man, provides a much-needed

ed contrast to Roy's uber-type-A personality. Lohman, who is almost 25 years old in real life, does a wonderful job in conveying the wide-eyed fascination of a 14-year-old with her father's questionable trade.

If *Matchstick Men* could be summed up in one word, it would probably be "quirky." Every aspect of the film gels impressively, from the outlandish directing style of Ridley Scott and the offbeat score composed by Hans Zimmer, down to the very plot and characters, which break the mold set by previous crime capers.

The ending seems forced at first, until you consider that it fits perfectly with the type of film that it resolves — a quirky one. Ultimately, the film concentrates on the characters rather than the scam, which is a pleasant change that, given the obvious talents of the cast, translates impressively to the silver screen.

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Roy Waller (Nicolas Cage) teaches his estranged teenage daughter, Angela (Alison Lohman), a few tricks of the precise art of grifting, or scamming.

MOVIE REVIEW

Added humor of Depp drives sequel to success

By MELANIE RATCHFORD
Scene Movie Critic

He's a myth. He's a legend. He's the guitar-carrying, gun-slinging El Mariachi in Robert Rodriguez's *Once Upon a Time in Mexico*.

The concluding tale in the trilogy of the legendary folk hero El Mariachi, which stars Antonio Banderas as El Mariachi, Salma Hayek as Carolina and Johnny Depp as Agent Sands, is more stylish than its predecessors and also features more humor.

Once Upon a Time in Mexico follows the story of Barillo, a major drug lord (Willem Dafoe) who plans to kill the president and overthrow the government with the aid of the corrupt General Marquez.

The town's resident CIA agent, Sands, enlists the help of El Mariachi to take out Marquez (on whom El Mariachi seeks to take revenge), only after he has assassinated the president. He then recruits a retired FBI agent to kill Barillo and his doctor, who, years before tortured and murdered his partner.

Sound confusing? Well, it is. Just when you think you know who is in

control and working for whom, you find out you're wrong. The only character you can easily keep track of is El Mariachi, who, in true hero form, works only for himself.

Everyone betrays everyone else, and the film turns out to be a long trail of blood leading us to the story's conclusion.

There is a lot of violence; the movie is probably not meant for those who tend to cringe at the sight of blood. But then again, if you've seen *Desperado*, you pretty much know what you're getting yourself into.

What makes this movie equally entertaining, if not more so than the original, is the added humor, driven mostly by Sands and his sly remarks. Depp, in his normal fashion, once again brings an eccentric character to

life in a way that only he can. Slightly crude, and not exactly politically correct, he feeds us a bevy of one-liners and insults you can't help but laugh at.

There is also an interesting selection of co-stars, including Enrique Iglesias as a member of El Mariachi's "band" and Mickey Rourke as a United States felon on the run, finding refuge in Mexico with the help of Barillo.

If you're looking for an Oscar-worthy



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El Mariachi (Antonio Banderas) is flanked by his fellow "band" members, including Enrique Iglesias, as they coolly stroll along the streets of Mexico.

flick, you're unlikely to find it in *Once Upon a Time in Mexico*. However, if you're looking for two hours of good old fight sequence action and entertainment, you might want to check it out.

Bottom line: if you liked *Desperado* at all, you're likely to be a fan of *Once Upon A Time in Mexico*, enjoying it just as much, if not more. It has a similar feel only it is more consistently violent and much funnier. If you hated the first

movie, don't bother with this one. If you've never seen *Desperado* but like the genre, give it a try. I wouldn't ask for my money back. You may want to see the original first, though — it makes this sequel a little easier to follow.

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MLB

Lopez goes over 100 RBIs, leads Braves past Expos

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Javy Lopez and the Atlanta Braves want to put a strong finish on another great regular season.

Lopez reached 100 RBIs for the second time in his career as Atlanta reduced its magic number for clinching a record 12th straight division title to three with a 10-6 victory over the Montreal Expos on Monday night.

Robert Fick hit his first homer in six weeks and Horacio Ramirez (11-4) won his third straight decision for Atlanta, which got its major league-leading 94th win and moved 10 games ahead of Florida in the NL East.

Ramirez allowed seven hits and two runs in seven innings.

Hernandez allowed seven runs — six earned — and five hits in 3 1-3 innings.

Montreal's Brian Schneider hit a pinch-hit grand slam off Trey Hodges in the ninth to make it 10-6.

Atlanta added a run on Andruw Jones' sacrifice fly in the third to take a 4-1 lead.

The Braves added three more runs on a strange play in the fourth.

Hernandez hit Fick with a pitch to begin the inning and Vinny Castilla singled. Ramirez bunted and Fick slid safely into third ahead of Hernandez's throw to load the bases.

Rafael Furcal hit a soft liner which second baseman Jose Vidro dropped, but second-base umpire Joe Brinkman and plate umpire Derryl Cousins signaled an out. Vidro then threw home as all three runners advanced.

Catcher Michael Barrett caught the ball as he stepped on the plate and ignored Fick, who scored Atlanta's fifth run unimpeded, as he threw to third baseman Todd Zeile, who stretched to catch the ball as Castilla slid into third.

Expos manager Frank Robinson came out to argue with Cousins as the three other

umpires sorted out the play — which was ruled an infield fly.

When play resumed with Castilla on third, Ramirez on second and Atlanta up 5-1, Hernandez threw a wild pitch as Castilla scored the Braves' sixth run.

Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 3

Ryan Vogelsong was starting to wonder if he'd ever earn his first major league victory.

The Pittsburgh Pirates right-hander scattered three hits over five innings for his first win in the bigs, a 6-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Monday night.

"It's been a long time coming. I'll tell you that," said Vogelsong, who struck out two, walked three and allowed just one hit over his final 4 1-3 innings.

Vogelsong (1-1) debuted as a reliever with San Francisco in 2000, and was 0-6 in 22 previous major league appearances, including four starts.

Vogelsong, out of minor league options after this season, had won five of his last eight starts at Triple-A Nashville. He spent most of last season on the disabled list recovering from right elbow surgery in September 2001.

Matt Stairs hit a three-run homer in the first inning to back Vogelsong.

After Abraham Nunez reached on a fielder's choice and Reggie Sanders was walked by Todd Van Poppel (0-1), Stairs' 18th homer cleared the right-field seats and rolled into the Allegheny River.

The Reds had runners in scoring position in each of the first three innings, loading the bases in the second before Vogelsong got Eric Valent to fly out to center.

"We definitely helped him out, chased some pitches out of the strike zone," Reds manager Dave Miley said. "If we get a big hit in the first couple of innings, it could have been a different game. We had opportunities there early in the game and just couldn't capitalize."

Chicago 4, New York 1

The thought of the playoffs is enough to make even the worst of the Chicago Cubs' aches and pains go away.

Matt Clement was dazzling despite pitching with a strained groin, matching his career high with his 13th victory Monday night as the Cubs gained ground in the NL Central with a 4-1 victory over the New York Mets.

The victory pulled Chicago within 1 1/2 games of first-place Houston, which was idle.

Clement (13-11) has been bothered by a strained groin since his Sept. 3 start, when he got hit in a calf and then had to run the bases. He had to leave his previous start in the sixth inning despite having a no-hit bid and a 4-0 lead.

Though he's been improving with daily treatment, he still isn't 100 percent. But it sure didn't look that way against the Mets.

New York managed just three infield singles against Clement in seven innings, and the only run he allowed was unearned. He struck out five and walked two.

"He did what they hoped for," Mets manager Art Howe said. "He went out and shut us down."

Joe Borowski pitched a perfect ninth for his 29th save in 33 chances.

St. Louis 11, Milwaukee 2

Brett Tomko was on the mound for Tony La Russa's 2,000th career victory — and for No. 2,001. That's how tough it's been for the St. Louis Cardinals lately.

Tomko allowed six hits over eight innings and drove in three runs as the Cardinals snapped a four-game losing streak with an 11-2 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Monday night.

Tomko went 2-for-4, including a two-run single in the second and an RBI single in the third, as the Cardinals moved within five games of idle Houston in the NL Central.

"It's never over till it's over," Tomko said. "We've just



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Shortstop Rafael Furcal flips to turn a double play against the Expos. The Braves are ten games up on the Florida Marlins.

got to keep winning games and win as many as we can and see what happens."

Albert Pujols hit his 42nd home run, leaving him tied with Barry Bonds for the NL lead. Jim Edmonds also homered for the Cardinals, who scored seven times in the first three innings off Wes Obermueller.

Obermueller (0-5) is winless in 11 career starts over the last two seasons. He lasted 2 1-3 innings — his shortest outing of the season — and allowed seven runs on seven hits.

The Cardinals took a 7-0 lead after three innings, scoring one more run than they had while getting swept over the weekend in Houston.

San Francisco 8 San Diego 7

Watch out, Hammerin' Hank — Barry Bonds is just 100 homers away.

Bonds hit his 655th career home run and also reached a milestone in walks as the San Francisco Giants rallied to beat the San Diego Padres 8-7 on Monday night.

Bonds connected for a solo shot off Brian Lawrence in the

first inning for his 42nd homer of the season. The slugger is five shy of tying his godfather, Willie Mays, for third on the career list at 660.

Hank Aaron leads that list with 755, followed by Babe Ruth at 714. Bonds is tied with St. Louis' Albert Pujols for most in the NL, one behind major league leader Alex Rodriguez of Texas.

San Francisco's magic number to clinch the NL West was reduced to four. Any combination of Giants wins and Dodgers losses that equal four gives the Giants the division title. Los Angeles didn't play Monday.

Joe Nathan (10-4) retired the only batter he faced for the win.

Bonds was walked twice, including a free pass in the eighth that resulted in the tying run. J.T. Snow had walked two batters ahead of Bonds, and Edgardo Alfonzo hit an RBI single to pull the Giants within one. Benito Santiago then hit a 3-2 pitch into left to score Bonds.

Snow hit a solo homer to center in the first, two batters before Bonds. But the Giants failed to hold their early advantage.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yankees pound Orioles after rain delay

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — When the tarp was spread on the field amid a driving rain, the New York Yankees were locked in a tight duel with the Baltimore Orioles.

When the rain stopped, the rout was on.

Alfonso Soriano went 4-for-5 with two home runs, and Aaron Boone also connected twice to lead a six-homer attack that carried the Yankees to a 13-1 victory Monday night.

Soriano set the tone by driving the first pitch of the game into the left-field seats, and New York took control by scoring five runs in a span of five pitches against Rodrigo Lopez (7-10) during a six-run fourth. Jason Giambi led off the fourth with his 39th homer, and 100th RBI, to put the Yankees up 2-1. After a walk and an out, rain caused a 49-minute delay.

After play resumed, Ruben Sierra took a pitch and then singled. Boone hit the next offering far over the left-field wall, a three-run shot that made it 5-1. Karim Garcia singled on the next pitch, and Soriano hit the following pitch into the left-field seats.

"I don't think I ever remember a game with an hour rain delay — or 40-some minutes, whatever it was — and then in five minutes we score five more runs," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

"He likes to throw strikes," Torre said of Lopez. "We certainly don't want to get him in

a position where he can use his other ammunition. We're a patient ballclub, but when we see a strike, we're going to swing at it."

Lopez got the final two outs, but did not return for the fifth inning.

"He was loose, he had plenty of time to get ready," Orioles manager Mike Hargrove said. "He just made some bad pitches right off the bat."

After the game, Lopez received a lecture from Orioles pitching coach Mark Wiley and catcher Brook Fordyce in the middle of the clubhouse.

Texas 6, Seattle 4

Seattle manager Bob Melvin did not want Texas slugger Rafael Palmeiro to beat him. Instead, Mark Teixeira did the job.

Palmeiro and Teixeira homered as the Texas Rangers ended a five-game losing streak and dropped Seattle farther back in the AL wild-card race, beating the Mariners 6-4 Monday night.

The Mariners fell 1 1/2 games behind Boston, which beat Tampa Bay 8-2, for the wild card. Seattle started the day 3 1/2 games behind Oakland, which played Anaheim, in the AL West.

"We know Seattle is trying to make the playoffs," Teixeira said. "We're trying to win games just like they are, so it makes it more interesting."

Teixeira, who tied a career-high with four RBIs, capped a four-run sixth inning with a three-run shot that gave the Rangers a 6-4 lead. His 23rd

home run of the season came two batters after the Mariners intentionally walked Palmeiro.

Palmeiro has hit nine home runs against Seattle this season. Laynce Nix had an RBI single before Teixeira's shot.

"I didn't want to mess with Palmeiro out there again," Melvin said. "If I had it do over, I'd do it the same way."

Minnesota 13, Cleveland 6

Torii Hunter and the Minnesota Twins headed home in first place.

Hunter tied his career high with five RBIs as the Twins defeated the Cleveland Indians 13-6 Monday night and took sole possession of the AL Central lead for the first time since June 30.

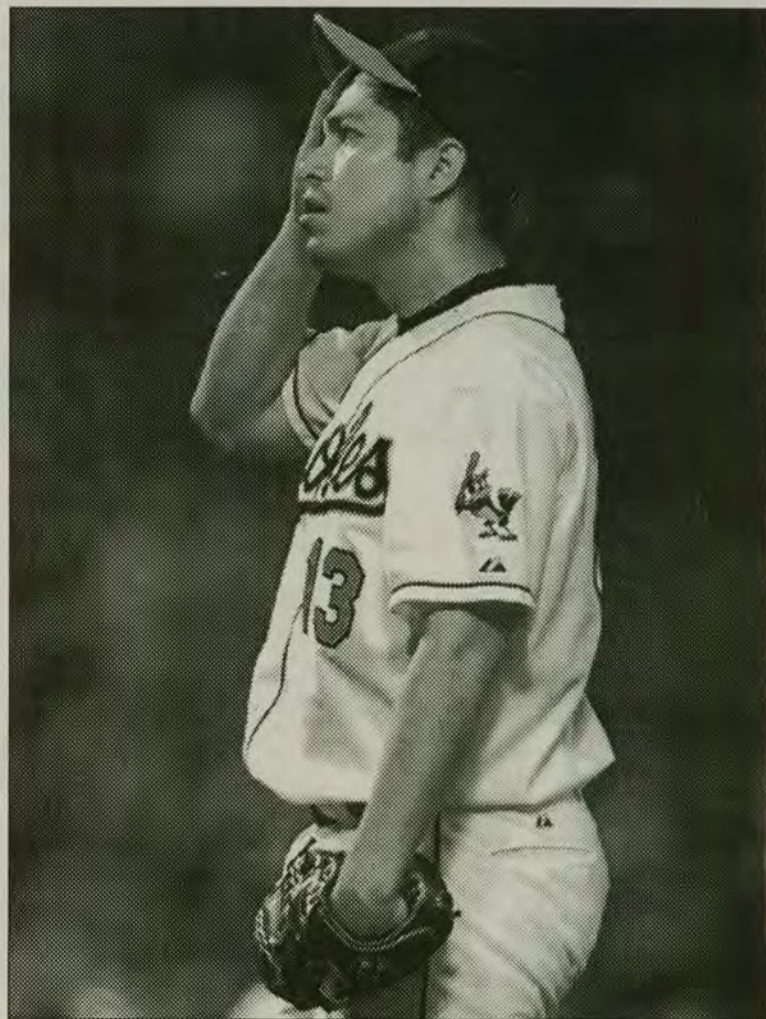
"I'm so pumped up for every series, every game right now," Hunter said. "We're playing good ball. It's the right time of year for that."

Hunter, Michael Ryan and Cristian Guzman each drove in two runs during an eight-run sixth inning. Hunter added a three-run homer in the ninth off Terry Mulholland, giving him 99 RBIs, a career high.

Minnesota won three straight after losing the series opener.

"Mission accomplished. We're going home with the lead," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "We'll see what happens now. This is where you want to be, in the pennant race at the end. We're excited."

Minnesota (81-69) moved a half-game ahead of idle Chicago (80-69). The defend-



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Baltimore's Rodrigo Lopez reacts after giving up a home run against the Yankees Monday night.

ing AL Central champions, 37-20 since the All-Star break, begin a three-game series Tuesday against the White Sox, the start of an eight-game homestand.

"It's going to be tough because they are pumped up, just like us," Hunter said. "We can't think of sweeping them. That would be great, but we've got to take two of three."

Johan Santana (11-3) improved to 7-0 in nine starts since July 29 as the Twins won for the 10th time in 13 games. He gave up four runs — three earned — and four hits in five-plus innings.

Boston 8, Tampa Bay 2

Boston's hitters are slugging the ball all over Fenway Park again — and onto the street beyond.

The Red Sox broke out of a rare slump with 14 hits, including homers by David Ortiz and Manny Ramirez, and Derek Lowe won his fifth straight decision in an 8-2 win over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Monday night.

That followed a series against the Chicago White Sox in which Boston managed just 19 hits while losing two of three.

"You look over long periods of time, not short periods of time," said catcher Jason Varitek, who knew Boston's offense would revive. "Everybody's contributed."

Lowe did his part, improving to 5-0 over his last seven starts after going 1-3 in his previous six. He allowed two runs and four hits in eight innings.

Through five innings, he gave up one hit, and Boston led 4-0 against the team he pitched a no-hitter against on April 27 last year in Fenway Park.

"When you're a sinkerball guy, you get in a good rhythm

and you like your chances," said Lowe, who got 17 of his 24 outs on grounders, six on strikeouts and one on a fly ball. Scott Sauerbeck finished the four-hitter.

Boston stopped a two-game losing streak and increased its lead in the AL wild-card race to 1 1/2 games over Seattle, which lost at Texas.

Every Red Sox starter had at least one hit. Ortiz and Ramirez each had a homer and a double, and Ramirez added a single.

Kansas City 10, Detroit 4

Trying to avoid setting the post-1900 record for losses, the Detroit Tigers keep coming up against teams fighting for playoff spots.

Detroit became the first AL team to lose 111 games since the 1939 St. Louis Browns, dropping to Kansas City 10-4 Monday night as former-Tiger Joe Randa drove in five runs.

The Tigers lost their third in a row after winning the series opener.

"A win is a win, even against them," Kansas City manager Tony Pena said. "They beat us in the first game, but now we've started to get some momentum. We need to keep that and take it into the next series."

Kansas City remained three games behind Minnesota, which took over sole possession of the AL Central lead by winning at Cleveland, and closed within 2 1/2 games of idle Chicago.

"That's a good team, and they are still competing for a playoff spot," Tigers manager Alan Trammell said. "They looked flat when we beat them on Friday, and I thought maybe they were done, but they've come back and played three very good games. Now we are the ones looking flat again."

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WOMEN'S MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

Women's soccer league decides to call it quits

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The cash-strapped WUSA called it quits Monday just five days before the Women's World Cup, bringing an abrupt end to a soccer league built on the success of the 1999 tournament.

The decision was made by the league's board of governors at a meeting in New York.

The eight-team WUSA was filled with the world's best female players, including U.S. stars Mia Hamm, Brandi Chastain and Julie Foudy. Chastain provided the signature moment in the '99 tournament when she ripped off her shirt after scoring the championship-winning goal against China.

But the attention the Women's World Cup received faded over the years, leaving the WUSA floundering. TV ratings were almost nonexistent and the league had trouble finding fans who weren't under 18 and play on a soccer team. Average attendance slipped from more than 8,000 the first season to about 6,700 a game last season.

"This is a sad day for women's soccer and women's sports," Foudy said.

The WUSA hoped another World Cup this fall would bring last-minute corporate sponsorships to save the league, but that hasn't happened, said John Hendricks, chairman of the WUSA board of governors.

Hendricks blamed weak corporate support for the league's failure.

"I was intoxicated by what I witnessed in 1999, and I mistakenly believed that level of support would flow over into the league," Hendricks said.

The WUSA's owners have invested more than \$100 million to fund the league, and some of the top players took pay cuts this season to help keep it afloat. Even after cutting

costs, the league was about \$16 million in the red.

Hendricks said the league needed eight sponsors to spend \$2.5 million each per year. The WUSA recruited only two sponsors willing to spend that much, Hyundai and Johnson & Johnson.

"If we only had six or seven CEOs in America that had stepped forward in the past year," Hendricks said. "An independent women's professional league can survive — if it has corporate support."

The league conceded the timing of the announcement was awkward but said the WUSA had to consider all its employees and players who aren't in the World Cup.

"We couldn't keep the doors open even another 24 hours without jeopardizing a decent and fair severance package for our employees," Hendricks said.

Foudy said the announcement will be a distraction to players on the U.S. national team. Every member of the 1999 World Cup champions was a WUSA founding player.

"Yeah, I wish we had the opportunity to not have this distraction," she said from Charlottesville, Va., where the U.S. team is training for its opener Sunday in Washington. "That's true for all the WUSA players in the World Cup."

"But we are not just going to give up, even though the odds are stacked against us. We will still hold out the possibility of reviving this."

The league employed 375 people, including players, and had franchises in Boston, Atlanta, San Diego, Washington, New York, San Jose, North Carolina and Philadelphia. The Washington Freedom won the title last month.

The Women's World Cup begins Saturday in Philadelphia, and the U.S. team opens the next day against

Sweden in Washington, D.C. Fifty-six WUSA players are to compete, representing 11 of 16 countries in the tournament.

WUSA players took an active role in the league's management and were involved in the decision to close the league.

"The impact of the WUSA on women's sports and millions of fans has been extraordinary," said Foudy, captain of the San Diego Spirit and U.S. team, and a member of the WUSA board of governors.

"The players remain hopeful that more sponsors will recognize the value of associating their brands and products with the wholesomeness of the WUSA," added Hamm, the sport's biggest star and career scoring leader. "Major sponsors committed to bringing back world class women's soccer could enable a successor league to launch in 2005 or perhaps even earlier."

The WUSA will not dissolve entirely until next spring, Hendricks said.

"There is a glimmer of hope that a few months down the road the phone will ring from a deep-pockets sponsor," Hendricks said.

The folding of the WUSA leaves Major League Soccer as the sport's only top-level professional league in the United States.

"Although we are disappointed by today's action, we believe this decision has no impact on the future viability of the sport of soccer in the United States," MLS commissioner Don Garber said. "Major League Soccer continues to be encouraged and excited about the explosion of youth participation in the sport, as well as the Hispanic and international opportunities which present themselves daily. We continue to focus on building stadiums, developing players and expanding our footprint across the United States."



Courage teammates Hege Riise, Danielle Fotopoulos and Birgit Prinz embrace at midfield after defeating the Freedom 3-2 in the WUSA title game last month. The WUSA called it quits Monday after losing over \$16 million.

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PGA

Singh holds on to win rain-delayed tourney

Associated Press

SILVIS, Ill. — Vijay Singh played a quick 13 holes and earned a hefty check that moved him closer to one of his career goals: winning the PGA Tour's season money title.

Singh collected \$630,000 for his four-shot win at the rain-delayed John Deere Classic on Monday, moving ahead of Davis Love III on this year's tour earnings list.

"My goal is to really be able to win the money list just once before I finish. This will probably be the best opportunity I get," said Singh, who now has collected \$5.7 million and a career-high three wins this year.

With three more PGA Tour events on his schedule this year, Singh likes his chances.

"If I can win one more time, I think I've got it sealed," said Singh, who also moved past Phil Mickelson for third place on the career money list with nearly \$24 million in 11 years on the tour.

Singh closed with a 6-under-par 65 for a total of 16-under 268. He had six birdies in a bogey-free final round that was held over a day after darkness suspended play Sunday night.

Chris Riley (71), J.L. Lewis (71) and Jonathan Byrd (68) shared second at 12-under 272.

Riley said Singh is tough to catch when he has the lead in the final round.

"He's in the Tiger Woods, Davis Love, Mike Weir, their class. I'm trying to get there," said Riley, who now has six top-10 finishes this year.

Byrd said consistency is the

key to Singh's game, especially with his short irons.

"He's hitting it [within] 15, 20, 10 feet all day. You do that for enough holes, you're going to make something," Byrd said.

Singh also is being mentioned as player of the year.

"I can control the money list. I cannot control the player of the year," he said.

Singh started play Monday at 12 under, tied with Lewis, who posted his lone career win at the Deere Classic in 1999.

The pair resumed their final round Monday on No. 6, and Singh began to pull away after he birdied No. 8 and Lewis followed with a

bogey on No. 9.

Lewis, who used only 50 putts when he shot consecutive 6-under 65s in the first two rounds, struggled on the green over the weekend.

"I didn't feel nervous but I played like I was so I must have been," said Lewis, who shot even par the last two rounds.

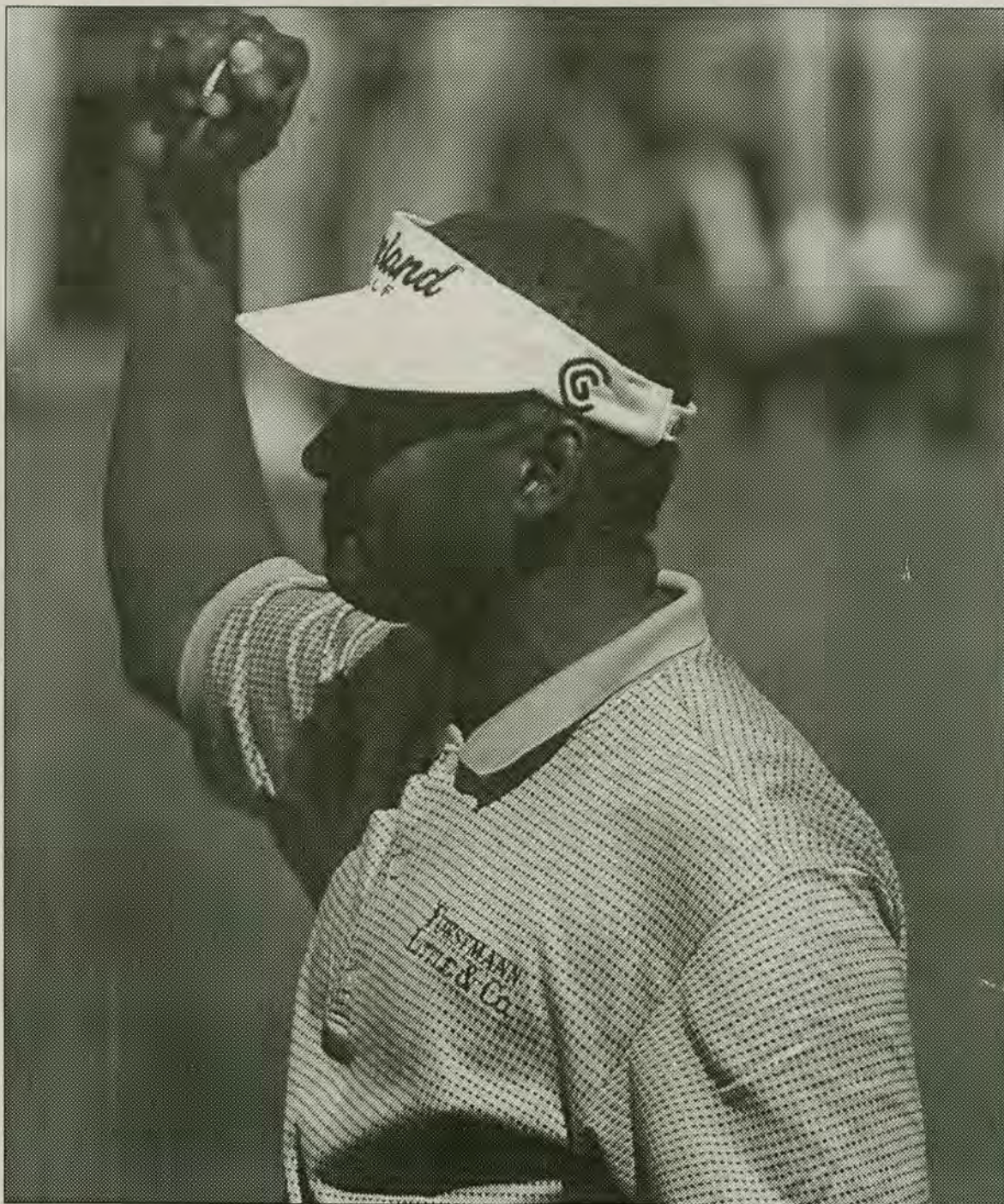
Paul Stankowski, in his third PGA event since returning from wrist surgery, tied for fifth at 11 under with Hidemichi Tanaka and Kevin Sutherland.

The Deere Classic drew its best field after being moved back from its usual tee off in July. However, the tournament was plagued by a Saturday downpour that postponed the third round and pushed play into Monday.

It was the first PGA Tour event to extend into Monday since the FBR Capital Open in June. However, 22 of 39 tournaments this year have had some kind of weather delay.

"My goal is to really be able to win the money list just once before I finish. This will probably be the best opportunity I get."

Vijay Singh
golfer



Vijay Singh raises his arm after winning the John Deere Classic. He won \$630,000 and got closer to being No. 1 on the PGA Tour's money list. API Photo

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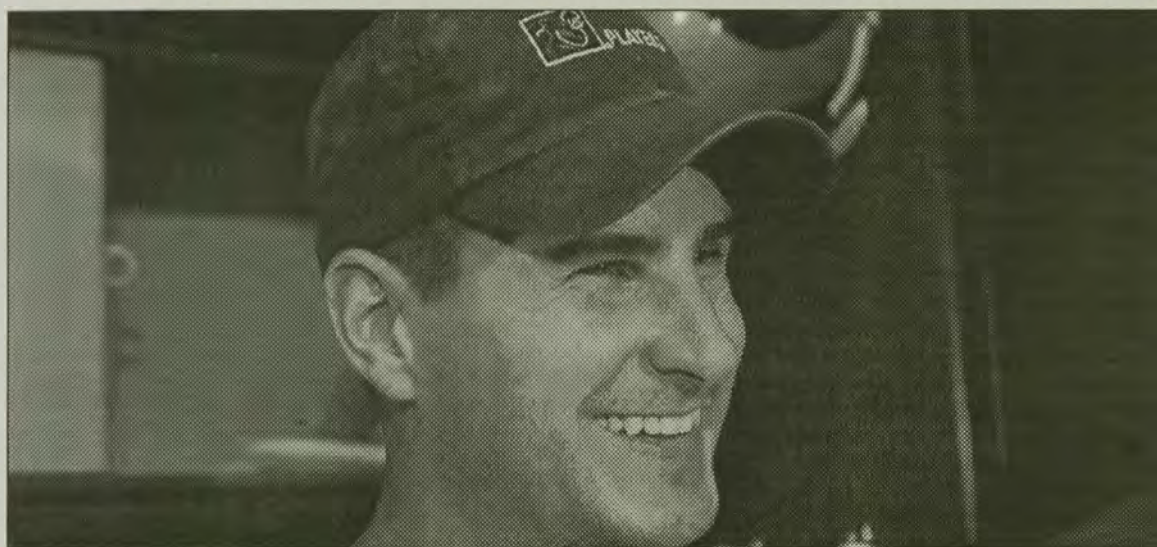
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NFL

Bulger named starter for Rams game Sunday



Rams quarterback Marc Bulger smiles during an interview after the St. Louis victory Sunday over the 49ers. Bulger was named the Rams quarterback for next Sunday's game.

Decision is set for at least this week's contest

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Kurt Warner's two MVP awards were of no use to him Monday: Marc Bulger was named starting quarterback of the St. Louis Rams.

Coach Mike Martz made his choice a day after Bulger's strong play in the second half of the Rams' 27-24 overtime victory over the San Francisco 49ers.

Martz emphasized his decision wasn't necessarily for the long term.

"Marc Bulger will be our quarterback this week," Martz said. "Where that goes, who knows? How long that is, let's not worry about it."

Martz's decision apparently had nothing to do with Warner's health.

Warner sustained a concussion in the first half of the opening 23-13 loss to the Giants, but has not missed any practice and ran the scout team last week.

"What I based this decision on was a lot of things, and those are things I'll keep to myself," Martz said. "I think it's better left that way."

Instead, Martz said he made the decision in the "best interests" of the team. The overriding factor: Bulger moved the team.

"That's why he's in the saddle right now," Martz said.

Bulger lost two fumbles in the first half Sunday, but was 15-for-17 for 155 yards the rest of the way.

"I got into a little bit of a rhythm," Bulger said. "Once half-time came, I was able to sit there and say 'I'm not playing that bad, don't do anything stupid, protect the ball and regroup.' It worked this time."

Martz said Bulger improved as the game went on.

"Had he not gotten better every quarter, I'm not sure I'm standing here and saying this is our decision," Martz said. "But he did. The fourth quarter I thought was exceptional, so we're going to pick it up

from there and see where it goes."

Bulger, who finished 25-for-36 for 236 yards and two touchdowns, is 7-1 as the starter for the Rams the last two seasons. Warner is 0-7 in that same span and had six fumbles in the opener.

Martz said he hadn't been able to talk to Warner about his decision. Players had the day off Monday.

Martz said he felt a "tremendous sense of loyalty" to Warner, who led the Rams to two Super Bowls in a three-year span from 1999-2001 and helped them win

a championship after the '99 season. He expects Warner to be ready whenever the team called upon him.

"Kurt is not a has-been," Martz said.

On Sunday, Martz said Warner relayed in plays from the sideline without complaint.

"You can't handle it better than the way Kurt handled it," Martz said. "He handled it like a pro, and you know he's dying inside. He has to be."

The Rams paid Warner a \$6 million roster bonus in February after the parties were unable to agree on a restructuring of his contract. But Martz said he has full support of the Rams' front office.

"This is a very important decision, and I can't imagine a better situation for a head coach," Martz said.

"They're very supportive of the decision."

Rams players also are behind Bulger.

"We have all the confidence in the world in Marc Bulger," offensive tackle Kyle Turley said. "He definitely played an excellent game. I've got a lot of respect for that

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Mike Martz
Rams coach

kid."

Offensive guard Andy McCollum said Bulger acts like a seasoned veteran instead of a sixth-round draft pick who was an unknown backup before getting his shot last year.

"Marc's the man out there," McCollum said. "He's doing a great job out there running the show."

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2 UCLA	4-1-0	3
3 Saint Louis	5-0-0	4
4 North Carolina	5-0-1	5
5 Wake Forest	3-1-0	2
6 Old Dominion	5-0-0	7
7 Santa Clara	4-0-2	6
8 Southern Methodist	4-1-0	9
9 St. John's	3-2-0	15
10 Akron	3-1-1	—
11 Alabama-Birmingham	4-0-2	12
12 Connecticut	2-2-1	10
13 Penn State	4-2-0	—
14 UC Santa Barbara	4-0-1	14
15 South Carolina	6-0-0	16
16 Rutgers	3-1-0	8
17 Brown	2-0-0	—
18 Notre Dame	2-1-2	18
19 Hartwick College	4-1-0	13
20 Tulsa	5-1-0	21
21 Coastal Carolina	3-1-0	17
22 Indiana	2-2-2	11
23 Seton Hall	2-1-2	—
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7 Connecticut	3-0-2	8
8 Virginia	4-1-1	18
9 Texas	4-2-0	11
10 Cal	2-0-2	13
11 Penn State	4-1-1	7
12 Ohio State	5-0-0	15
13 Clemson	5-1-0	19
14 Washington	3-1-2	24
15 West Virginia	5-1-0	12
16 Colorado	4-1-0	16
17 Duke	4-1-1	10
18 Santa Clara	2-1-3	2
19 Denver	4-1-0	21
20 Boston College	6-0-0	20
21 Portland	4-2-0	17
22 Dayton	4-1-1	22
23 Tennessee	5-1-0	—
24 Stanford	3-2-0	—
25 Princeton	3-0-0	—

Eye on Irish Opponents

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TENNIS



Tennis stars Venus (left) and Serena Williams (center) with their grandmother Ora Lee Price, mother Oracene and sister Yetunde Price (right) in Florida. Yetunde, the eldest sister of Venus and Serena, was shot dead early on Sept. 14.

API Photo

Suspect arrested in Williams shooting

Associated Press

COMPTON, Calif. — A man was arrested in the shooting death of a sister of tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams, and authorities Monday searched for four other possible suspects in the slaying outside a house known to attract gang members.

Aaron Michael Hammer, 24, was booked for investigation of murder late Sunday and jailed without bail. Sheriff's deputies said he had ties to a gang but was not a member.

Yetunde Price, 31, was shot in the chest early Sunday about a mile from

the tennis courts where her younger sisters first rose to prominence in this gang- and violence-plagued city outside Los Angeles.

The motive for the slaying remained under investigation.

Price was killed by a gunman standing in front of a house that was known to attract gang members and where drugs have been sold in the past, authorities said.

"At this point we just don't know if this is gang or narcotics," said sheriff's Lt. Daniel Rosenberg, a homicide detective. "I can tell you there are certain indications to suggest this location has involved either gangs or

drugs. The house was troublesome to both the residents in the community and the deputies in Compton station."

Price, who no longer lived in Compton, was sitting with a man in a sport utility vehicle shortly after midnight when they got into a confrontation with several neighborhood residents, Pena said. Authorities said it was not known whether Price knew her assailant.

The man with Price was uninjured and drove her to a relative's house, where he called 911, authorities said. Price was then taken to a hospital, where she died.

The man with Price,

Rolland Wormley, 28, was jailed after authorities discovered he was on parole, which he allegedly violated by being at the scene of the shooting. Deputies did not disclose why he was on parole.

Price, one of five sisters who spent their early years in Compton, was a registered nurse who owned a beauty salon. She also served as a personal assistant to her famous half-sisters, who moved to Florida with their parents when they turned pro as teenagers.

Price was divorced and had three children, ages 5, 9 and 11.

IN BRIEF

Jurevicius out after collision

Tampa Bay receiver Joe Jurevicius tore a ligament in his right knee during a loss to the Carolina Panthers and will be sidelined four-to-six weeks.

The injury to the medial collateral ligament will not require surgery.

Jurevicius was hurt in a collision with Bucs fullback Mike Alstott during Tampa Bay's 12-9 overtime loss Sunday.

Jurevicius had four receptions for 31 yards against Carolina. He had four catches and scored two touchdowns in Tampa Bay's 17-0 season-opening victory over Philadelphia.

Karl Williams replaced Jurevicius against the Panthers. The injury also could mean more playing time for Reggie Barlow.

"It's unfortunate that Joe Jurevicius and Rickey Dudley, two guys who played a significant role in our offense, are no longer with us," Gruden said.

Mora suffers knee injury

Orioles outfielder Melvin Mora will miss the final two weeks of the season because of a knee injury.

Mora, who played in his first All-Star game this season, has a partial tear of the medial collateral ligament in his left knee.

"I've just got to let it heal," said Mora, who struggled to adapt to a bulky brace and crutches as he maneuvered through the Baltimore clubhouse Monday.

"There's a bone bruise on the knee, too," he added, before outlining his recovery plans. "Rest, rest and rest."

The injury occurred Saturday in Toronto, when Mora awkwardly landed against the right-field wall at SkyDome. He had to be taken from the field on a cart.

The fact that he won't need surgery is of little consolation to Mora, whose career year was interrupted by injuries.

With Mora out, the Orioles pur-

chased the contract of outfielder Pedro Swann from Triple-A Ottawa. Designated hitter David Segui, recovering from wrist surgery, was transferred to the 60-day disabled list to open a spot on the 40-man roster.

Swann, selected Ottawa's MVP after hitting .280 with 10 homers and 53 RBIs, missed the Sunday phone call from Darrell "Doc" Rodgers, the Orioles' director of minor league operations.

A resident of Newcastle, Del., an hour northeast of Baltimore, Swann routinely turns off his cell phone during NFL games. When he checked his voice mail after flipping between the first halves of two games, Swann found messages from his agent and Rogers.

"I definitely want to make an impression," Swann said.

Hargrove views Swann, who had brief stints with Toronto and Atlanta, as an extra outfielder and a left-handed bat off the bench.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles sweep Chicago for fourth straight win

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

What a difference two weeks make. In the first match of the season back on Aug. 30, Saint Mary's faced the University of Chicago in a scrimmage game at the SMC Triangular, losing in straight sets to the visitors.

Monday, the Belles returned the favor, knocking out the Maroons in straight sets by a score of 30-19, 32-30, 30-28. Saint Mary's currently has a four-game winning streak.

"The University of Chicago is a good team," Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. "Even though they had some injuries and only dressed eight, they still had the strength of their team out on the court."

"I was happy with how when our players lost the momentum they were able to bring it back."

The Belles got off to an easy first game victory, but struggled in the second game, trailing by eight points at one time. Schroeder-Biek said many of these struggles could be pinned on a poor serving game.

Saint Mary's had 12 missed serves in the three games.

It was not until players like libero Michelle Gray re-ignited the stalled Belles offense that Saint Mary's was able to hold the Maroons at 28 points and

eventually come back to win 32-30.

"Michelle is really the one who turned game two around for us," Schroeder-Biek said. "She got her serves going and ached Chicago a few times, came up with some great digs and really provided a spark for us to get back in that game."

Gary finished the match with seven digs and three service aces.

Among other notable players, outside hitter Kristen Playko led the team with 15 kills and 19

digs and tied Gary for the team lead with three service aces.

Middle hitter Elise Rupright had 10 kills and four blocks, and outside attacker Ann Carpenter collected 11 kills

and nine digs. Setter Lauren Temple led the team with 36 assists and added 10 digs.

"Because both teams have grown so much since that scrimmage at the start of the year, I thought it would be a bit more of a battle," Schroeder-Biek said. "I was happy with how we were able to beat them in three [sets]."

Saint Mary's travels to Adrian Wednesday to face the MIAA-rival Bulldogs.

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Julie Schroeder-Biek
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INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Lewis defense stops Badin in 8-6 season opening win

By MIKE GILLOON AND
DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writers

If Sunday's game between Badin and Lewis was any indication of the type of women's interhall football that is going to be played this year, fans are in for a treat. The Chicks defeated the Bullfrogs 8-6 in a defensive battle on a cool, cloudy afternoon.

Lewis was led by senior quarterback Erin Nasrallah. The scrambler with a rocket arm connected on a 20-yard touchdown pass and the ensuing two-point conversion midway through the first half to put the Chicks up 8-0. Badin took over and promptly went three and out against a stingy Lewis defensive secondary that kept the football away from the Badin receivers.

But the Bullfrogs were not about to croak. After a key fourth-down stand by their defense, Badin's offense took over on their own 25-yard-line. With time running down in the first half, they completed a couple of big passes to move the football deep into Chick territory. However, they couldn't punch the ball across the goal line and the score remained 8-0 at intermission.

The beginning of the second half was marked by miscues as Badin threw an interception on their second play from scrimmage. Lewis took over and immediately gave the ball right back to the Bullfrogs when Nasrallah threw her first interception of the day.

Both teams' offenses stalled on their ensuing drives as the defenses controlled the game. Lewis was forced to punt with about seven minutes remaining. After a long Bullfrog return, Badin only needed a couple of passes to score their first touchdown of the season.

But Lewis' defense didn't relent on the two-point conversion attempt. The Chicks swatted away the Bullfrog pass and the score stayed 8-6.

The Lewis offense took the field and ran out the clock.

"It was good to get back into the swing of things," Nasrallah said. "We have come a long way since our first practice and I was confident on our chances coming in."

The four-year starter at quarterback also gave credit to her team's defense.

"They were the key to this game," Nasrallah said.

It was a physical ballgame with a couple of personal foul penalties for excessive tackling and blocking. The excessive tackle was especially crucial. It came on a quarterback keeper by Nasrallah around right end and resulted in Lewis converting a key third down.

Badin captain Lindsay Wind was not pleased.

"I was disappointed today about some of the calls," Wind said.

However, she was also upbeat about her team's play.

"This game was a litmus test for the season. We are a very fast team and our quarterback's arms are fantastic," Wind said.

The senior center said that she was looking forward to Badin's game against Lyons next Thursday.

Both teams showed a lot of potential on the offensive and defensive side of the ball. The play of both quarterbacks was strong and the low scores speak to the strength of the defenses.

Though her team came out on the losing end, Wind was optimistic about the future.

"We will see them in the playoffs," she said.

Cavanaugh 13,
Welsh Family 8

The game was a match between two of the top two team's from last season.

Cavanaugh and Welsh Family both wanted to establish themselves as "the team to beat." However, it was a close match that wasn't decided until the last two minutes of the game, with the Chaos hanging on for a 13-8 victory.

Early in the first half Cavanaugh took advantage of their first possession and scored with a 10-yard comple-

tion to captain Jennifer Nokes.

However, all it took was two minutes for Welsh Family to come back with a 50-yard pass to Lauren Pease. Welsh Family scored the touchdown but missed the one-point conversion to make the score 7-6.

But it was Cavanaugh who came back strong late in the first half with a game turning interception by Kerri Bergen to position the team for another touchdown and make the score 13-6.

To come out with the win, Cavanaugh needed to rely on their defense to stop a strong Welsh Family offense led by a couple of critical completions by Pease. After a couple controversial calls, Welsh Family was on the 5-yard line with two minutes left in the half.

However, Welsh Family could not take advantage of the opportunity.

The team did however sack Cavanaugh's quarterback Lisa Ruffer for the safety with 10 seconds left to make the final score 13-8.

However, Ruffer was more than satisfied with the defensive team's overall performance.

"We would not have had the opportunities we had today if it was not for them," she said.

Kerri Bergen, a defensive lineman who had an interception in both halves felt that the team was "energized and ready to play" after last year's title loss against Pasquerilla East.

Although Welsh Family did not come up with the win, the team remains relentless.

Sophomore quarterback Melissa Sands believes the team "ran and drove the ball" "really well," and has "a lot of things to improve on ... but there is a whole season ahead of them."

Sophomore Lauren Pease is sure they "can play with the best teams out there." Welsh Family is certain the team can rebound after this week.

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Runners

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Senior Jackie Bauters was the only other Belles runner in the top 50, coming in just two seconds behind Otto.

All three runners placed highest for their team in Saint Mary's first meet, as well — a fifth-place finish at the Tiffin/Heidelberg College Invitational.

White improved her previous time in the 5,000 meter by 10 seconds. Otto and Bauters were 20 and 30 seconds slower in this weekend's race, respectively.

The Belles had seven of 16 runners finish in under 22 minutes. Freshmen Elizabeth Commers, Erin Nolan and Becky Feauto and senior Risa Zander all broke the 22-minute barrier, with Feauto as the anchor with a 21:54 time for 81st place.

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goals and added an assist in Notre Dame's 5-0 thrashing of Western Kentucky. In starting all six games so far for the Irish, Schefter ranks second on the team in assists with four, while scoring three goals.

"It was really hard for me," said Schefter of not being able to play last year. "I had never been hurt before in my life. Moving out to South Bend and watching my team struggle and not being to help out was really hard on me. It was definitely a learning experience. I didn't realize how happy playing soccer made me before I was hurt."

"She really has a composure and experience level above what we've had," said Irish coach Randy Waldrum. "She adds some goal scoring dimension out of the midfield — more than what we've had in the past. She's really part of the core of the team, even though she's a freshman with regard to experience. She can lead and she has that competitive edge, too, which is something our whole team really has this year."

Schefter did make the best of her time on the sidelines. Her 3.67 GPA makes her a potential future Academic All-American. She also became better prepared for the demands of playing a full season of college soccer this season.

"I have a year of college behind me and I know the academic demands of Notre Dame and traveling," said Schefter. "I got to spend a year in the program and training schedule before ever playing a real game. I think this helped me, rather than trying to make a huge transition coming in my freshmen year."

Schefter came to Notre Dame very highly regarded after her work with the Under-19 National Team and a strong high school career at West Valley High School in Yakima, Wash. The Gatorade Player of the Year in Washington after scoring 47 goals and 25 assists as a senior, Schefter was also named to the NSCAA and Parade All-American Teams.

"My junior and senior year I traveled a lot with the U-19 National Team, pretty much every month," said Schefter. "I got a lot of experience in a lot of places and am so thankful that I got that opportunity. It made the transition to college soccer easier, but college soccer is a transition even from the national team, regional thing or really any team. College is so fast and physical that you really have to get used to it. You can't describe it until you step out on the field."

"Her preparation and training with the U-19 Team really brought her game to a higher level," Waldrum said. "She should only get better as her experience grows, and once she gets fully back by adding more strength and quickness."

Now, with the team off to a good start, things seem to be returning to the norm for Schefter and the Irish program, which made the Final Four into an annual occurrence over the past decade.

"The team is completely different this year," Schefter said. "The team just has a new attitude, the team chemistry is completely different. Last year, moods were down and people were hurt. No one was real enthused about playing, but this year everyone is really excited and can't wait to work at getting better every day."

Schefter credited some of the resurgence to strong leadership from the seniors.

"All the seniors on the team

have been amazing," said Schefter. "I would say that Kim Carpenter and Amy Warner are the ones I look up to the most. Kim is just an amazing person; I look up to her so much in everything. Warner works so hard and is so talented and makes the most out of what she has."

Ironically, Schefter chose Notre Dame over two other perennial powers that the team will face this weekend in California — Stanford and Santa Clara.

"I chose Notre Dame because of my visit during the summer before my senior year," said Schefter. "I loved the campus and the feeling I got on campus. I loved the team and it just felt right. I'm really excited to get to go play Stanford and Santa Clara, though."

"I think we match up really well with both Stanford and Santa Clara," said Schefter. "We need to go out and have fun and play as good as we can."

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Annie Schefter kicks the ball in a recent game for the Irish. Since returning from an ACL injury, she has been outstanding.

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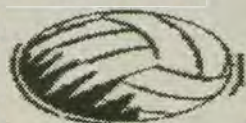
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McGlinn, Breen-Phillips start off season with victories

By MATT PUGLISI AND
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Sports Writers

Good things come to those who wait. Such was the case for McGlinn Sunday as they took a thrilling season opener 7-0 over Lyons on the strength of a late fourth quarter touchdown drive.

While the Shamrocks were undoubtedly pleased with the game's results, the contest began on a rather ominous note for McGlinn.

Lyons defensive back Juliet Hobbs picked off McGlinn quarterback Bridget Meacham on the game's first play, setting up a prime scoring chance for the Lions. However, they were unable to take advantage of the turnover as senior quarterback Roxie Trevino's pass fell incomplete on fourth and goal from the eight.

"We've only been practicing for three days and a lot of the offensive linemen are inexperienced," Trevino said in explanation of McGlinn's relentless pass rush that recorded three sacks and forced several errant throws.

The failed first-half opportunities continued to mount for Lyons as they were unable to capitalize on a pair of interceptions by senior defensive back Becky Wynne.

Following yet another

squandered red zone trip by Lyons to begin the second half, McGlinn used a crucial sack by senior Sarah Blake on a Lyons fourth down at midfield as the momentum — swinging catalyst that sparked the game-winning drive.

After three consecutive completions, a short run and a dropped pass, the Shamrocks faced third and goal from the 18. Dropping back, Meacham found sophomore receiver Raquel Ferrer down the right sideline for a 14 yard gain with 2:40 left. Following a timeout, Meacham once again hit Ferrer on a curl just inside the goal line to break the scoreless tie.

"We wanted to hit one of the girls running the out route," Ferrer said. "I was just trying to beat [the defender] to the spot; when I

"We got some of the first game jitters out of the way and we're ready to take it to PE."

Raquel Ferrer
McGlinn wide receiver

saw Bridget looking at me, I knew it was coming."

Re-energized by the emotional victory, McGlinn anxiously awaits its contest with Pasquerilla East on Thursday.

"We have to work on our offense a little, but our defense was super strong," Ferrer said. "We got some of the first game jitters out of the way and we're ready to take it to PE."

While the last second score predictably demoralized Lyons, Trevino is confident better results are in store against Badin on Thursday.

"It's just a matter of getting our timing," Trevino said. "We should be 110 percent better by next week."

Breen Phillips 24,
Pangborn 12

Even through a torrential rainstorm on Sunday afternoon at the West Quad athletic fields, it was easy to see that Breen-Phillips would be a force to be reckoned with in the coming season as they raced past Pangborn 24-12.

The game got off to a roaring start as Pangborn took the

opening possession and ran a double pass as the first play of the season. As the Breen-Phillips defense reacted to the first pass behind the line of scrimmage, the ball sailed over their heads and into the waiting arms of a Pangborn receiver who made a terrific catch on the under-thrown ball for a 30-yard gain.

The Breen-Phillips defense recovered and forced a Pangborn turnover on downs, to get the ball to their offense, led by quarterback Traci Kazmerski. Pangborn's defense came out strong by

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Katie Murray
Pangborn captain

sacking Kazmerski twice on the opening possession and forcing a 3rd and 23 while shifting the momentum to the Phoxes' side.

It was on that play that Breen-Phillips seized control and never looked back. As the Breen-Phillips sideline said, "We never punt!" Kazmerski faded back and found receiver Tara Johnson running behind the Pangborn defense for a 45-yard touchdown pass to make the score 6-0 in favor of the Babes after a failed conversion attempt.

"It was just a fly pattern and I got behind the coverage and just ran it in," Johnson said after the game.

The Breen-Phillips defense

made an interception to thwart the next Pangborn drive and then Kazmerski accounted for another score, this time running the ball in three yards on 4th and goal to make the score 12-0 after another failed conversion attempt.

For the rest of the half, the Breen-Phillips defense continued to frustrate the Pangborn attack, a fact that could have been attributed to a lack of a game ball as Pangborn's freshman quarterback was forced to throw a ball she wasn't used to.

With the Breen-Phillips defense in complete control, Kazmerski and the Babes offense got the ball back with 2:00 left in the half and ran a two-minute drill to perfection, utilizing the combination of Kazmerski's short, accurate passing, and opportunistic scrambling to mount yet another scoring drive.

Kazmerski capped the 41-yard drive with a 1-yard quar-

terback draw to make the score 18-0 in favor of BP at the half.

During halftime the threatening skies finally let loose with a hard, driving rain that delighted the two teams, both of which cheered as the rain got progressively harder. For a time, it appeared as though the downpour had given new life to Pangborn as they quickly got on the board with a 7-yard scoring strike to cut the deficit to 18-6. Kazmerski and the Breen-Phillips offense answered on the very next series, covering 50 yards, most of it on the legs of the star quarterback. Although a 25-yard touchdown run on a Kazmerski naked bootleg was inadvertently blown dead, it proved to be only a temporary postponement of the inevitable as the BP quarterback ran it in from seven yards two plays later on the same naked bootleg to make the score an insurmountable 24-6 late in the 2nd half.

Pangborn continued to fight, scoring one more touchdown on a 68-yard slant pattern to give the game a final score of 24-12 and give the Phoxes and captain Katie Murray something to build on for the rest of the season.

"We just need to get in some more practices and gain some experience," Murray said. "We are 75-90 percent freshmen, but we have some great athletes in that class. We have a lot to build on."

Although Pangborn will undoubtedly improve as the year goes on, Sunday Breen-Phillips announced themselves as a contender in the Blue League.

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Optimism runs high as Farley squares off with BP

By STEVE COYER, RACHEL SCHIROS AND KATIE WAGNER
Sports Writers

All teams must face the inevitability of rebuilding at some point. This is routine but it's surprising to see two teams so energized by their newcomers.

Tonight at 7 p.m., the women of Farley and Breen-Phillips will put their young teams to the test.

Breen-Phillips looks strong coming off a 24-12 victory last Sunday against Pangborn. Hoping to repeat last year's success that brought them to the semi-finals, Breen-Phillips will look to improve their defense and rally behind the play of their quarterback and wide receivers.

Team captain K e l l y Deckelman noted that while the team had lost key players from last year, they have been bolstered by the spirit of the incoming freshmen.

After a disappointing season last year, Farley is also optimistic about their chances this season.

"Farley's Finest are looking to take teams by surprise on the road to the stadium," said captain Angelina Zehrbach.

This will be Farley's first game of the year, but they hope to be led by a core group of returning players. Their strengths look to be a returning second-year quarterback and their wide receivers. A main factor motivating Farley's comeback this year should also be their incoming freshmen.

While each team had different outcomes last year, both Farley and Breen-Phillips feel strengthened by the enthusiasm and effort of their freshmen. Whether it's the chance

to play a game at Notre Dame Stadium or the thrill of representing your dorm, the new recruits for both teams have been very positive in their response this year.

This Tuesday night is a pivotal game for both teams. For Breen-Phillips, a win will mean a quick 2-0 start on their way to the playoffs. For Farley, this game is an opportunity to show off the rejuvenated strength of the team. Due to the optimistic outlook of both teams, this game should be closely contested. The game will be played at 7 p.m. at Riehle West.

Walsh vs. Welsh Family

Their names differ by only a letter, their mascots both evoke the untamed and when Walsh and Welsh take the field tonight other likenesses of their particular 2003 teams will likely become apparent as well.

This game between two young teams with defensive strongholds, dedication to time on the practice field and an eye on the prize promises to be an interesting meeting.

Despite being a member of Notre Dame's newest class of dorms, Welsh Family already has a reputation for athletic dominance. Nonetheless, they come to their second game of the season with a 0-1 record after an opening upset by Cavanaugh Sunday. This is perhaps in part due to a predominantly freshman team, so much so that they are calling themselves "Welsh Family Reloaded".

"We're still working on coming together and finding a team that flows," said captain Katie Sprinz.

Multiple freshman are starting, a noticeable difference for a team used to an exceptional-

ly deep lineup, but they've begun to step up to the challenge.

"They don't quite realize the intensity yet, so it's up to the older players to let them know what it is to ... want to taste the victory," said Sprinz.

The Wild Women have yet to test the mettle of their '03 team, also comprised considerably of rookies, as this game will be their first of the season.

Still, team captain Colleen Gannon is confident in the potential of their younger players.

"We have a really strong freshman class this year, but we're still waiting to figure out who the standout players will be."

The Whirlwinds look to a tough defensive line as the backbone of their strength. Contributing to a developing offense is the decision-making of sophomore quarterback Melissa Sands, who takes over because last year's quarterback is studying abroad.

Gannon also highlighted her team's defense as its base strength, crediting it with keeping the team in the running for a chance at playoff competition.

Walsh hopes that the arrival of a new offensive coach this fall will improve the effectiveness of an offensive line that has suffered a seeming inability to score consistently.

Coming off last year's loss

against the Whirlwinds, Gannon said, "It will be a competitive game. It'd be a really good win for us to start the season to boost the team confidence."

Equally positive, Sprinz said of "WF-Reloaded," "We definitely are looking to the stadium, and while knowing there is no guarantee, it is definitely doable."

Pangborn vs. PW

Do not be misled by Pangborn and Pasquerilla West's less than stellar records last football season.

Both have not only looked better in team practices than last season, but have each gained many valuable freshman.

Katie Murray, Pangborn's sophomore captain, said that in her team's first game, they scored twice as many touchdowns as all of last season. The team's six-man coaching staff is certainly one of the sources of Pangborn's improvement, according to Murray. "Three [coaches] are dedicated to offense and two are dedicated to defense," said Murray. The sixth coach works with the defense.

Pangborn's freshmen also are great contributors to the team's success so far. In fact, Pangborn's young team consists of only six sophomore

upperclassmen: the rest are freshmen.

"We have some really athletic freshman and our coaches are really impressed with them," Murray said.

Last week, Pangborn scored all of its touchdowns in the second half, and Murray described her squad as being "definitely a come back type of team."

Today will be Pasquerilla West's season-opener and these women are starving to suit up. They've been scrimmaging for three weeks and "everyone is just looking forward to playing," said sophomore player Heather Van Hoegarden. Pasquerilla West is also under great leadership, thanks to their captain Leslie Schmidt and the return of both of their old coaches.

Van Hoegarden said that it's an "added bonus" to have the same coaches as last year, because "they know the players". Other signs of future success for the women of Pasquerilla West include the addition of freshman to the squad.

"We have a lot of experience, most of our starters are back, but we also have a lot of new freshmen, that should help out a lot," Van Hoegarden said.

Neither teams faced each other last year but are eager to take the field tonight at Riehle West at 9 p.m.

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Angelina Zehrbach
Farley captain

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Welsh Family captain

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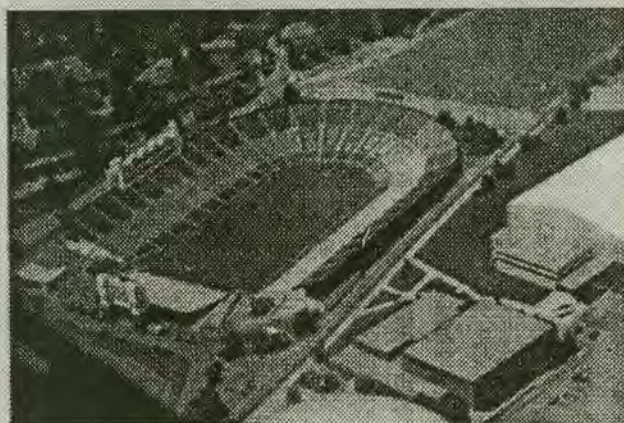
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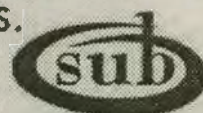


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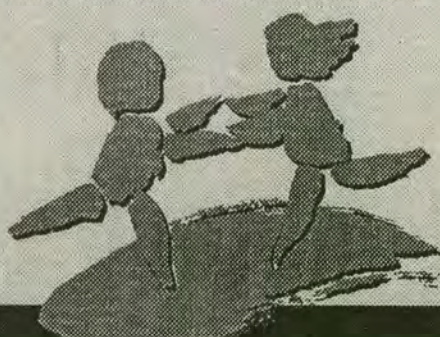
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FOOTBALL

Searching for answers

By MATT LOZAR
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It's gut-check time for the Irish. The season is only two games old and 10 games remain, but after the worst loss in 18 years, nothing appears to be going right.

The offense was nonproductive against Michigan, passing for one yard in the first half, never advancing past the Michigan 37-yard line and being outgained by Wolverine running back Chris Perry by 37 yards (177 to 140).

The defense yielded 439 yards and the strength of the team, the ability to stop the run, turned into a major weakness Saturday allowing Michigan to run for 188 yards. The special teams didn't help either, allowing a number of long punt returns and making poor decisions on whether to run out of the end zone or take a touchback.

The Irish won't make excuses. "It's a poor game by us as a team," running back Julius Jones said. "We've just got to go back and look at it and get better for next week."

"We didn't perform and guys didn't step up. Plain and simple, guys didn't get the job done," running back Ryan Grant said. "For the talent level we have, there is no excuse that guys don't step up."

While the defense's only big play was linebacker Courtney Watson's first quarter forced fumble, the offense didn't contribute anything significant to the game. In the fourth quarter against Washington State, the offense capitalized off opportuni-

ties created by the defense by driving down the field to put 20 points on the board.

Against Michigan, the Irish regressed.

"Anytime that you don't score any points and you aren't very effective in anything, then I think it is always a step backwards because you aren't moving forward," offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said. "You've got to regroup and we play the Spartans next week."

Michigan State comes into Notre Dame Stadium this weekend not feeling too good about itself either.

The Spartans gave up two touchdowns in the last 69 seconds of their game Saturday against Louisiana Tech to lose 20-19. Making the loss tougher to swallow, the Spartans had a touchdown called back because of a penalty, recovered a fumble inside the Louisiana Tech red zone, failed to get any points out of it and had a face-mask penalty on a sack during Louisiana Tech's final touchdown drive.

One more thing the Spartans have to worry about is the health of their reinstated quarterback Jeff Smoker who is questionable for Saturday's game. Smoker left the team last season to treat a substance abuse problem. He returned to the team this summer and earned his starting job.

Maybe the Spartans are just what the Irish need. No matter who lines up on the opposite side of the field, the Irish know they have to play a whole lot better than they did Saturday.

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Julius Jones runs the ball against Michigan on Saturday. The Irish find themselves struggling for answers after their 38-0 loss to the Wolverines. They only gained 140 total yards in the loss.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Schefter returns to boost Irish



Annie Schefter is back from an ACL injury to play for the Irish.

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Due to an ACL injury, a year ago Annie Schefter could only watch as her teammates struggled to a 13-8 record and she missed the Big East Tournament. With the injury healed and a year of classes under her belt, Schefter, now a sophomore, has played a major role as the No. 2 Irish have returned to national prominence by starting the season 6-0.

In what may have been her best game thus far in an Irish uniform, Schefter scored two

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Freshmen lead Belles to sixth place finish

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's cross country team finished in a tie for sixth place in the nine-team Aquinas College Invitational on Friday.

"No one surprised me," Belles coach David Barstis said. "We ran similar to the first meet."

The Belles tied fellow MIAA competitor Hope College in the 5,000 meter race with a score of 144. Grand Valley State University won with a score of 15, and host Aquinas College finished second with 84.

"I was pleased with the out-

come," Barstis said. "One of the things we are working on is closing our 1-5 gap. We need to get the gap down to 30-45 seconds. Since I view these races as workouts, we train through them. That means they are racing on tired legs. They'll get a break before the first conference meet at the end of the month."

The St. Mary's freshmen led the way for the Belles for the second straight race. Katie White placed highest at 30th with a time of 20:09, and Sara Otto finished close behind her in 35th (20:21).

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