Sudan crisis traced to varied cultural roots

Specialists delve into origins of tragedy

By MICHAEL BUSK
News Writer

In the spirit of Eve Ensler's award-winning and contro­versial play The Vagina Monologues, members of the Saint Mary's community joined together in presenting the SMC Monologues Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. in Carroll Auditorium. The Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination (CARE), along with Feminists United and the Sexual Identity and Diversity CoT, is sponsoring this innovative event in an effort to spread awareness regarding the issue of violence against women, CARE president Ginger Francis said. Francis, a junior, wanted to bring the message behind Ensler's Monologues "closer to home."

"We wanted to bring the production home to hear our community and see how women feel on this campus," she said. "It helps show that violence against women is not only real in our world, but it's happening around us. This is real in our community." The community, however, has not always been so receptive. In previous years Saint Mary's has joined thousands of other organizations to take part in the annual V-day celebration. When an official perfor­mance of The Vagina Monologues in 2000 caused an overwhelmingly negative response from not only the immediately concerned campus community but also such groups as the Board of Trustees, Parents' Council and alumni, the students took it underground by hosting unofficial readings. See CARE/ page 6

Haitian scholar brings awareness

Activist visits campus in order to 'stretch minds and hearts'

By LYNN SIKORA
News Writer

Haitian scholar and activist Dessables has been visiting Saint Mary's campus this week to deliver a series of interactive presentations to discuss the importance of cross-cultural awareness and the vital need to establish cultural diversity for our own survival as human beings. "I am here to stretch minds and hearts out of the comfort zone," Dessables said. "This requires us to be in touch with cultures with non-Western roots."

Dessables hopes to help people understand the world is diverse. There are many ways to experience the understanding of humanity such as through life, reality and truth. An evening with a gift — an unexpected gift for people who don't know they need to receive it," he said. "I hope they will accept it because it is something that cannot be forced.

Dessables believes some of the answers for a sustainable future can be found in forgotten civilizations because they are considered to be poor, count to be more than 300,000. Yet the origin of the situation is not located with any specific ethnic group, but with the Sahara Desert, which began to expand on Northern Darfur, making water scarcer and increasing the threat of famine. Additionally, political leaders in the Darfur region began to feel that they were being discrim­i­nated against and neglected by the government in Khartoum. Some of these African Darfurians formed self-defense groups in the 1990s to defend against the Arab bandits, which gradually formed into two rebel groups. These movements began to attack government installations in the area, Dowd said. The groups' ultimate aim was to end the economic marginalization of African Sudanese and to gain some African self-govern­ance in Darfur. Not surprisingly, the Sudanese government grew anxious at the hostility of these groups and in 2003, an armed conflict began between them and government forces.

Saint Mary's to perform its own 'Monologues'

Students, faculty create alternative play

By DANIELLE LERNER
News Writer

Grant allows SMC accountants to travel

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Announcer News Editor

The Saint Mary's business department, with the financi­al backing of the College's Lilly grant funds, took 30 sophomores interested in business careers on an overnight trip to Indianapolis. The group left Tuesday morning and will return this afternoon. The annual trip, which has been taken place for 20 years, has traditionally been to visit firms and companies in downtown Chicago. In the past, students had to pay their own way, which occasion­ally made it difficult for some individuals to attend, professor Claude Renshaw said.

However, in December 2003, the Lilly Endowment of Indianapolis named Saint Mary's one of 37 Indiana col­leges and universities to receive $34,3 million from a program called "An Initiative to Create Opportunity through Educational Collaboration" which aims to keep college graduates in the
INSIDE COLUMN

A bittersweet day

Today my term of the best student job at Notre Dame comes to an end. Many students do not have the same definition as me — working at least 30 hours every week, giving up a lot of your social life and putting everything else second to your job.

It's hard to explain to people when you talk about leaving the office as the sun rises, breakfast cooks in South Dining Hall or your roommate awakens while you crawl into bed. But ask the person taking over for me, and she'll agree. Ask the Editors in Chief from the past 38 years, and you'll get the same thing.

There's something about this job that makes it all worth it.

Back my brain for the past couple of weeks to figure what it is, I've come to a conclusion. It's the people down here in the basement of South Dining Hall with me. I'll always remember the way the staff came together for the Notre Dame presidential change, a U.S. Presidential election and Notre Dame football coaching change.

The way the news and sports staffs sucked it up to turn what could have been stories into eight-page special sections. Three events that resulted in leaving the office past 5 a.m. after a 15-hour day. Three events worth every minute of that hard work.

Three events that couldn't have been covered so well without my hard-working staff. I'm not just paying lip service by saying that.

I can honestly say without them, especially Meghanne and Joe, the coverage of those monumental events. The way the news and sports staffs worked together, I wouldn't have been as good. We couldn't have gone as in-depth or as broad with our stories covering those monumental events.

But it's not the professional relationships that make this place it's — it's the personal ones. When you work from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. with people, and do it all over again the next day, a bond develops.

A bond that certainly won't be forgotten. And who knows, maybe my name will be on the masthead. I've been called up to turn what could have been a parking lot into a parking lot and hop into a friend's car.

It was funny, until he jumped into the wrong car.

Albert Tasker, who works for the Monroe County State Attorney's Office, apparently got in the back seat of a car occupied by a woman waiting for her boyfriend.

The woman screamed and her boyfriend appeared. After the woman called 911, a Key West police officer found the naked Tasker in the middle of the parking lot.

Blind man who bit dog charged

EDINBURGH, Scotland — A blind man who allegedly hit his guide dog has been charged with animal cruelty.

David Todd is accused of sinking his teeth into the guide dog of his blindness partner. Todd is currently on trial.

Officers arrested the suspect on a number of charges including animal cruelty.

An eyewitness reported seeing the 34-year-old blind man kick the dog and that it repeatedly attacked a shopping mall on Feb. 8.

The case is set to be presented this weekend in the Decio Mainstage Theatre of the DeBartolo Center. Prices are $12 for the general public, $10 for Notre Dame faculty and staff and senior citizens, and $8 for students.

A seminar on Praying with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit will be held on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in the Prebytery basement.

The seminar will be led by mystical theologian Fr. Edward O'Connor, CSC.

Bad Welch will lead a discussion titled "From Rage to Reconciliation" on Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in the West Wing in Noble Dining Room at St. Mary's. Welch's daughter, Julie, was killed in the Oklahoma City Bombing.

The Notre Dame men's and women's fencing teams will participate in the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

Elizabeth Mazurek, Associate Professor, Department of Classics will present a colloquium Monday at 4:30 p.m. in 131 Decio Hall entitled, "Ovid and the Judgment of Paris."

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews@nd.edu.
**By LISA SCHULTZ, News Writer**

Most students entering Rolfs Recreational Center are concerned with their own health. This week, however, RecSports and the South Bend Medical Foundation switched the focus to the well-being of others.

Blood drive recruiter for the South Bend Medical Foundation Joanna Nuber said the blood drive registration table was set up at the front door to encourage walk-ins to take time out of their day to donate. The Rolfs entryway location was strategically chosen. 

"I found out about the drive because it's at Rolfs," senior Chris Keogel said. 

In addition to walk-in volunteers, 68 donors signed up in advance on Wednesday and over 70 signed up to donate on Thursday. This exceeded the Foundation's goal of 50 donors each day. All donations go to the Foundation's Central Blood Bank and are used in St. Joseph County. Nuber said that while there currently is no specific shortage in blood reserves, there is never a surplus.

Aside from the sheer volume of donations, another objective was achieved from this drive.

"We like to come to college campuses to get younger donors into a lifetime habit of donating blood," Nuber said. `Drives at Rolfs typically occur in October and at one point in the summer as well."

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**Special to the Observer**

In response to student requests, and prompted by concern about identity theft in higher education, Notre Dame will discontinue using student Social Security numbers as primary identifiers as of June of this year.

SSNs will be replaced by a new identifier, called "nDID," which will be viewable online by students beginning with registration for the summer 2005 session.

"The University is timing this important change with the implementation of new administrative software," University Registrar Harold Pace said. "The transition from SSNs to new nDIDs should be relatively painless."

Face noted that, in most cases, the easy-to-remember nDIDs (used in conjunction with a secret password to log into the Notre Dame network) could be used in lieu of nDIDs when prompted for a unique identifier by one of Notre Dame's online services.

The nDIDs will appear on class rosters and other internal student lists produced by the Office of the Registrar during the summer and fall sessions of 2005.

Social Security numbers will still be collected as part of the admission and financial aid process, but will only be used to meet specific financial business needs and will no longer be used as a primary identifier or appear on printed lists within the University.

Current students can determine their nDID by viewing the number on the back of their ID card, above the bar code. This eight-digit number starting with "00" is converted to the new nDID by adding a "9" as the first digit. As an example, if the number printed on the ID card is "00123456," the new nDID is "900123456."

New students entering the University after June, or any current student replacing his or her ID card after June, will have the new nDID printed on the ID card. The nDID will become active for University faculty and staff when the new administrative software for Human Resources becomes available in June 2006.

**ND physicists chosen as fellows**

Three Notre Dame physicists have been elected fellows of the American Physical Society (APS) and the Institute of Physics (IOP), United Kingdom.

Ikaros Bigi and Malgorzata Dobrowolska-Furdyna, professors of physics, were named APS fellows, and Jacek Furdyna, Aurora and Tom Marzijerz Professor of Physics, was named a fellow of the IOP.

Bigi was cited for correctly predicting large CP violation in mu meson decays. Dobrowolska-Furdyna was cited for her seminal contributions to the understanding of the role of electron spin in optical transitions in semiconductor compounds. Furdyna was elected in recognition of his status in the physics community.

The APS fellowship program was created to honor members who have made advances in knowledge through original research and publication or who have made significant and innovative contributions in the application of physics to science and technology. Each year, no more than one-half of 1 percent of the then-current membership of the society is elected.

Bigi's research is directed mainly toward developing theoretical ideas that will suggest novel methods for uncovering new physics beyond the standard model of high energy physics.
Sudan

engage on both fronts and forces have specifically targeted the Sudanese government has consistently maintained that both its own soldiers and the Janjaweed militias have carried out a systematic campaign of destruction of hundreds of villages, according to Human Rights Watch. The government in Khartoum, Dowd said.

"What we find happening in Darfur amounts to a final solution in the eyes of the government in Khartoum."

Robert Dowd
Africa specialist

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Justice education program director Jan Pilarski views the visit as a wonderful way to expose students to a culture of people who have great hope and leadership despite the pain and struggle of their country. "Haiti is a place of real learning — it is a good way to live," she said. "They have a deep connection to spiritual life and a sophisticated understanding of world politics in relation to their daily lives."

Haiti Awareness Week is another attempt to introduce students to other kinds of black history. With an influx of Haitians coming to America, it is vital to understand their African and American roots, Pilarski said.

Notre Dame will hold a public lecture at the Snite Museum on today at 3 p.m. about the vodou art exhibit on display.

"Just looking at the art is not enough — you have to understand it too," Dessables said.

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primitive and backwards. Saint Mary's is the first stop on the Dessables American speaking tour of schools and churches. The College established a contact with Dessables when the justice education program held a Haiti immigration course during Fall Break 2003. Dessables said he felt very honored to receive the invitation to speak on campus.

"The future of humanity is in the hands of women," Dessables said. "I am very supportive of what women can do for a new real world."

Dessables' visit is sponsored by the Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership, Sisters of Notre Dame, Justice Education Program, the department of religious studies, Anthropology Club, Residence Hall Association, Peace-makers and the Nd Haiti Program.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Serb general indicted for massacre

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro —

Senior Bosnian Serb general indicted for his alleged role in a massacre of thou­sands of Muslims during the 1995 offensive that surrendered to the United Nations war crimes tribunal Thursday.

Retired Gen. Milan Ivoz was a close aide to wartime Bosnian Serb command­er Radovan Karadzic, a top war crimes fugitive. Ivoz is charged with the force­ful expulsion and murder of Muslims on the eve of and during the 1995 Bosnian Serb onslaught on Srebrenica, where more than 7,000 Muslim men and boys were executed.

According to the indictment unsealed in The Hague on Thursday, Ivoz was accused of belonging to "a joint criminal enterprise that included Mladic and former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic.

Syria said it will move troops soon

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Syria said Thursday it was preparing to begin withdrawing its troops in Lebanon closer to its own bor­ders, in a move to meet interna­tional demands for a complete pullout and to ease a groundswell of anti-Syrian sentiment.

But a dissatisfied United States said the Syrian pullout was not enough and demanded a full withdrawal from the Middle East nation.

"This needs to happen immediately," State Department spokesman Tom Casey said.

A resolution by the U.N. Security Council "calls in r,eal, unequivocal terms for all foreign forces to withdraw from Lebanon."

**LOCAL NEWS**

Middle school teacher charged

TOWINDO, Ind. — A 47-year-old school teacher charged Thursday with sexual misconduct with a minor, a charge punishable by six years in 20 years in prison if convic­ted.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

Canada rejects U.S. missile program

TORONTO — Prime Minister Paul Martin said Thursday that Canada would not join the con­troversial U.S. missile defense program, a deci­sion that will further strain bridge relations between the neighbors but please Canadians who fear it could lead to an international arms race.

The Bush administration has tried to make a point of new understanding that Martin is ready to work out a comprehensive understanding of what it was not done as an emergency measure.

Thefr, 84-year-old pontiff, who was taken to the hospital shortly before 11 a.m. in an ambulance, was to spend the night in his hospital room, Navarro-Valls said.

But the pope's residence may require a longer hos­pital stay and has serious consequences for the pope's abilities to carry out his duties, but since he has been able to speak, at least initially, while the breathing tube is in his throat.

Medical experts said the respirator was a serious development. "The fact that he is on a respirator is not good. The fact that

he was readmitted so quickly is not good. All this suggests there's a serious recovery in the service of his church and of all humanity."
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separate from the College. With hopes of reuniting students and administration, this year’s SMC Monologues will share nearly 30 readings submitted anonymously by students, faculty, staff and Sisters of Notre Dame. So far, the responses are promising, Francis said.

“We were flooded with the amount of responses,” she said. “We have administration behind us and have heard nothing but positive feedback.”

Students are not the only ones looking forward to the weekend. Catherine Pittman, associate professor of psychology and faculty advisor to CARE, said she is proud to be a part of this event.

“I believe that the SMC Monologues are one of the most important events I have been involved with at Saint Mary’s,” she said. “It provides an opportunity for students to reflect on their experiences in one of the most personal and sensitive realms of their lives: their sexuality.”

Other faculty members echoed Pittman’s enthusiasm. Women’s studies coordinator Astrid Henry gave the Monologues a full endorsement.

“I enthusiastically support the SMC Monologues and their performances this weekend,” said Henry. “Women telling their stories about their bodies and their sexualities is the central mission of The Vagina Monologues, and I think the SMC Monologues continues that tradition while taking it in a new direction.”

With the first production only a day away, anticipation is mounting among both participants and the community as a whole.

“I’m just really excited about how much more applicable this is to the Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame community,” said junior participant Marisa Sandahl. “I hope, if anything, people realize that the body is not something to be afraid of. Awareness and prevention go hand in hand.”

The SMC Monologues are intended for a mature audience only, as some of the content portrays instances of rape, violence and sexuality. Regardless, audience members are sure to experience a wide range of emotions.

“I am particularly impressed by our students’ creativity and energy, not to mention their willingness to honestly and courageously write about their own experiences,” said Henry. “Some Monologues are heartbreaking yet funny, but all help to tell the story of what it means to be a woman.”

Although The Vagina Monologues have been known to invoke feelings of discomfort among some, Pittman feels these feelings are vital in the quest for awareness and the battle of prevention.

“If we are concerned about provoking discomfort,” she said. “But we know that such discomfort is necessary if we want to change our community to be more aware of sexual assault, to be more accepting of diversity and to be more understanding of ourselves.”

Despite varying views on Eve Ensler and the controversy surrounding her work, the message behind the V-day movement is aimed at stopping violence against women.

“With sexual crimes being committed against one in four college women, the impact of these offenses cannot be ignored. It is hard to face the idea of violence against women,” Francis said. “But this is about more than that. This is about celebrating being a woman and not only finding a voice within yourself, but also in the world.”

Many feel this initiative represents the values and attitude encompassed in a Saint Mary’s woman.

“Saint Mary’s women don’t sit on the sidelines and watch,” Pittman said. “They act. They lead. They speak out. And that’s what SMC Monologues is all about.”

Admission to the production is free with a suggested $3 donation at the door. All proceeds benefit S.O.S., the rape crisis center for St. Joseph County.

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Mittal leader will cut 45,000 jobs

CLEVELAND — The leader of Netherlands-based Mittal Steel Co. NV says he wants to cut the company’s work force by about 45,000 jobs after it merges with International Steel Group Inc. The cuts would amount to nearly 30 percent of the combined steelmaker’s work force.

Owen Lakshmi Mittal said Wednesday during a speech to analysts in Chicago that he would like to reduce Mittal’s 155,000-employee work force to about 110,000 workers in about five years.

The combined company would have about 100,000 workers in northwest Indiana — 5,000 at the steel mill in East Chicago, along with 1,600 for ISG in East Chicago and 3,700 at Big’s Burns Harbor mill.

Mittal, who spoke Wednesday for more than an hour on a range of issues about the company’s financial plans, was addressing an analyst’s general question about how big the company’s work force was. The conference was broadcast on Mittal’s Web site.

Nash Finch agrees to $225 million deal

MINNEAPOLIS — Nash Finch Co. said Thursday it has agreed to pay $225 million for two Boeing’s Inc. wholesale food distribution centers in Indiana and Ohio, as well as two stores in Ohio.

The deal is expected to improve productivity and buying efficiencies and to add immediately to earnings, Minneapolis-based Nash Finch said.

The food distribution company said it will acquire the Roundy’s distribution centers in Westville, Ind., and Lima, Ohio, which together represent about $1 billion in annual food distribution sales and serve more than 500 customers, mainly in Indiana and Ohio.

Nash Finch does not expect to close any facilities as a result of the acquisition.

Plans for first NY Wal-Mart revoked

NEW YORK — A real estate developer serving plans to build the city’s first Wal-Mart store amid intense pressure from residents and union leaders.

The decision, announced by city officials Wednesday, comes as a blow to the retail giant, which has sought for years to move into the lucrative New York City market.

ChoicePoint breach puts users at risk

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Warren Lambert thought it was just another piece of junk mail until he read the letter more closely and learned that one of the ads might be a threat. Lambert, a 67-year-old retiree in Chicago, was one of millions who received a notice that they need to steal his identity and ruin his credit.

Lambert is one of nearly 145,000 Americans rendered vulnerable by a breach of the computer databases of ChoicePoint Inc. that contains a growing pool of information of who we are, what we own and where we go.

The Georgia-based company began mailing notice letters after acknowledging this month that thieves opened more than 50 ChoicePoint accounts by posing as legitimate businesses.

Lambert, a retired banker in San Francisco, now spends several hours a day phoning customer service agents, poring over credit card statements, ordering credit reports and checking bank accounts.

He worries that thieves will eventually do to him what sheriffs detectives in Los Angeles say they’ve done to more than 700 other people — reroute his mail, ring up credit card debts, buy a car or even commit a felony in his name.

“Now I have to be on a credit monitoring service and look over my shoulder for the rest of my life,” said Lambert, 67.

“I feel sorry for the younger victims who are eventually going to buy a house or a car. They’ll try to buy and then they’ll discover that their credit is ruined.”

More than 25,000 people were victims of identity theft last year, crimes that cost the nation roughly $5 billion not including lost productivity, according to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. The Federal Trade Commission ranks identity theft as the No. 1 fraud-related complaint.

Many victims are dumbfounded by the dearth of federal and state laws aimed at protecting their credit histories and other information about them that data brokers gather and sell to institutions including news organizations, banks and, increasingly, companies vetting prospective employees. Victims are also frustrated by the amount of time it takes to re-establish identities.

Boeing contract ruled invalid

Involvement with former senior Air Force official seen as a conflict of interests

WASHINGTON — The Air Force improperly forced The Boeing Co. to pay a $4 billion contract to upgrade C-130 cargo planes, congressional investigators said Thursday.

The Government Accountability Office sided with Lockheed Martin Corp., BAe Systems and 1-3 Composites, which complained that its work on the award was tainted by the involvement of a former senior Air Force official who had admitted giving special treatment to Boeing.

Darleen Druyun, who later took a job at the Chicago-based airplane maker, is serving nine months in prison after pleading guilty to violating federal conflict of interest laws.

“The record ... shows that the Air Force conducted discussions in a manner that favored Boeing,” according to a two-page summary from the GAO, the investigative arm of Congress.

“In the basis of the record presented, the Air Force director of logistics would have recommended that Druyun’s acknowledged bias did not prejudice the three protestors,” the report said.

The GAO said it normally would have recommended an entirely new competition. But because much of the C-130 contract had been in place for more than three years, that may not be practical, the agency said.

The report recommend that the Air Force conduct new competitions for the remaining parts of the contract and look for a contractor to compensate the three companies that protested the award to Boeing.

A Lockheed spokesman said Thursday the company was pleased by the GAO report.

Boeing said in a statement that its work on the C-130 modernization contract continues on schedule.

“We will await the Air Force’s decision on GAO’s recommendations. In the meantime, Boeing will continue to support the Air Force’s requirement to field a vastly more capable and modernized C-130 fleet under the current development contract,” Boeing spokesman Paul Goode said.

Doug Karas, an Air Force spokesman, said the resolution of the protest allows the Air Force to “continue moving forward in repairing the harm caused to its acquisition system by the illegal and unethical actions of Miss Druyun. We commend GAO’s prompt adjudication of the protest and will address its ruling accordingly.”

Last week, the GAO upheld Lockheed’s protest of a $2.5 billion Air Force contract awarded to Boeing to build precision bombs that can be launched from a fighter plane, bomber or unmanned aircraft.

Boeing won the protest because of its ties to Druyun. Boeing’s ex-chief financial officer, Michael Sears, was sentenced to four months in prison last week for his role in hiring Druyun.

It was unclear Thursday how much of the $4 billion contract would be reopened for competition. Boeing won a development contract, valued at about $970 million. But officials were not sure how much of the remaining $3 billion would be put out to bid and how much would remain with Boeing.

Keith Ashdown, vice president of Taxpayers for Common Sense, a government watchdog group, called the GAO report further confirmation that Druyun’s inappropriately steered billions of dollars of Air Force contracts to the doorstep of the Boeing Co.”

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Boeing’s ex-chief financial officer Michael Sears, left, leaves court with his lawyer, Sears hired Darleen Druyun, whose role with Lockheed Martin led to the formation of an illegal contract, congressional investigators said.
Young cellular phone users difficult to track

Growing population poses problem for pollsters

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — They're mainly young, single and urban. They move frequently, usually owning their own phones. Pollsters call them "cell phone only" because they don't own traditional phones.

As this hard-to-track population grows, so does the problem of accurately incorporating them into polling and scientific surveys that seek to measure everything from health and business practices to political attitudes.

For now, the problem is most pressing in areas of research where the attributes of young adults are sought, such as surveys of radio listener preferences.

Paul Lavrakas, a public opinion researcher at Nielsen Media Research, organized a meeting in New York City this month where pollsters and others involved in survey research discussed ways to address the cell-phone-only issue. One major aim is to learn how to deal with this population before the next presidential election.

"What the industry doesn't know how to do is how to statistically balance those reached by cell phones with those reached on land lines," said Lavrakas. "The cell-phone-only population is growing fast. In 2001, it comprised about a half-percent of the population. Now it's estimated at 7 percent. Among people age 15 to 24, almost one in five have only cell phones, according to Clyde Tucker, a researcher at the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The industry has to deal with the cell phone issue while it's still manageable or it will be dominated by the fastest-growing group of people. When cell phones have become a problem for surveys — "and that's not a good practice," said Mike Brick, a statistician at WorldCom, which handles scientific surveys for the federal government.

The cell-phone-only issue is just the latest challenge facing

survey researchers. People have shown less willingness to talk to survey researchers, especially on the phone. Many polls are conducted on the telephone, the fastest and most efficient way to do a survey. But some surveys are done face to face.

"Raj Naik, a 26-year-old employee of a software company who lives in Rosslyn, Va., is a good example of the "cell phone only" crowd. He got rid of the traditional phone because most of the calls he received "were calls I didn't want to take," Naik said he wouldn't mind getting calls from survey researchers "if those calls aren't costing me anything, but as soon as someone calls on my cell phone, it's costing me something." That's part of the problem for pollsters: Cell phone users don't expect to get survey calls. When they do, many are uncooperative.

"People say, 'Do you know you're calling me on my cell phone?'" said Charlotte Stow, a Georgia State researcher who has done experimental cell phone surveys. "Some people mentioned the privacy issue, saying, 'How do you get my number? I only give it out to family and friends.' Some just hung up immediately."

Rob Stuart, a 23-year-old personal trainer in Washington, D.C., recently hung up on a caller. "I may get one if I have a family or someone else living with me or if I was working out in my house," he said.

Leading up to the 2004 presidential election there was concern polling would suffer because of difficulties reaching cell phone users. Surveyors accommodated for this by giving extra weight to young adults, and the phone polls turned out to be generally accurate.

"The industry dodged a bullet this time," said Scott Keeter of the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.

Drugs may reduce AIDS cases

New combination could prevent mother-child transmissions

Associated Press

BOSTON — Scientists fighting the ravages of AIDS in the Third World have shown convincingly that a short and relatively inexpensive combination of HIV drugs could reduce mother-to-baby transmission rates in Africa far more effectively than the single pill now used.

But the cost of the drug combinations could still be prohibitive in some of the most impoverished parts of the world.

Scientists have long been searching for an alternative to the AIDS drug now widely used in the Third World, nevirapine. Nevirapine is cheap and highly effective at preventing babies from contracting the AIDS virus from their mothers. But up to two-thirds of women become resistant to the drug.

The drug combinations appear to have an extremely low rate of resistance, and offer a relatively inexpensive and easy-to-take alternative for many women.

"This is very promising for low-income countries," said one of the researchers, Dr. Francois Dabis of Victor Segalen University in Bordeaux, France.

However, the drug combination would likely cost more than double the usual $8 for a single dose of nevirapine for mother and newborn. As it is now, some countries cannot afford nevirapine.

"It's important not to be rapid in commercialization," said Dr. Mary Fowler, a U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention specialist on mother-to-baby HIV transmission. "The translation from trials to programs is incredibly challenging."

The findings were presented in Boston on Thursday at the 12th Annual Retrovirus Conference, the world's chief scientific meeting on AIDS.

In impoverished lands, nevirapine is widely given in single doses to infected pregnant women and then to their newborns.

In the United States, the complete three-drug HIV cocktail has cut mother-to-baby transmission rates to around 2 percent, but patients in the United States are given longer treatments, and drugs that are far more effective and expensive than those tested in Africa.

The African studies — one in the Ivory Coast, one in Botswana — reduced rates from four to six weeks after birth to about 5 percent, the lowest ever recorded in Africa. Nevirapine in single doses typically reduces that rate from around 55 percent to 12 percent.

In the Ivory Coast study, French and African-based researchers used single-dose nevirapine for 120 women, and coupled it with two other common AIDS drugs: AZT and ZTC, sold collectively as Combivir.

The Combivir was given to the mothers during pregnancy and for three days after birth. The newborns were also given single-dose nevirapine and AZT.

At 6 weeks of age, fewer than 5 percent of the newborns were infected. Drug resistance was also extraordinarily low in the children. Only 1 percent became resistant to nevirapine, and just 8 percent to ZTC.

In the Botswana study of 1,179 births, mothers were given multi-week AZT alone, and in combination with single-dose nevirapine.

The World Health Organization is expected to consider broadening its guidelines soon in light of research on such new regimens. Its recommendations now include single-dose nevirapine and an AZT- nevirapine regimen.

"For a minimum additional cost, we may get many benefits," said Dr. James McIntyre, an AIDS researcher in South Africa.

However, several researchers cautioned that single-dose nevirapine will still be needed in many places.

"It is essential to preserve single-dose nevirapine as an option when more complex regimens are unavailable," said Mark Isaacs, vice president of policy at the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation in Washington.

A separate arm of the Botswana study also gave a boost to advocates of breast-feeding for HIV-infected women. Some babies were breast-fed and treated with AZT for six months, while others were given formula. More of the first group contracted HIV, as expected, since the virus can be passed through breast milk. By 6 months, however, the two groups had almost identical rates of HIV-free survival after 18 months.

Doctors have long known that the AIDS virus can be transmitted through breast milk. But many are reluctant to encourage breast-feeding in the Third World, since formula feeding has been linked in the past to more baby illnesses and deaths from a variety of causes.

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The grant has provided funding for Saint Mary's faculty and students for various academic and career-oriented projects and trips within the state, such as this week's trip to Indianapolis.

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Jessica Adach, trip participant

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not want the murderer to die at the time, however, she said she understood when her mother told her she was too young to grasp the situation.

As Broome aged, she realized her father's murderer had become nameless and faceless to her.

She said she felt this realization was "proof that the system strips away humanity."  

Renshaw said that one night she had a dream her father's murderer had been executed. She described waking up panicked.

"There is a man in prison in I.A. who took my childhood one afternoon," Broome said.

This belief, however, does not change her strong opposition to the death penalty.

"I know what life is and I know it is not in my power to demand it be taken away," she said.

Broom said the murder of her father is not made any easier by the fact another man will die. She does not want the son of the murderer to feel her grief, and said she spoke the execution of an individual affects innocent victims. Broome also said the execution of her father's murderer could never fill the void left in her life. "My heart is not full of hate," she said. "It is full of grief."

Father John Gilmarten, who came to Notre Dame this week to share his experiences with the death penalty, reflected on his friendship with death row prisoner Michael Ross. Ross requested the death penalty hoping it would bring peace to those victims affected by his actions.

Gilmarten spent time with Ross building a friendship and said Ross regarded him as a spiritual guide. Prior to Gilmarten's arrival at the jail, the death row inmate had only spoken with fellow inmates and guards.

Ross was scheduled to be executed Jan. 28. Gilmarten said newscasters and policemen rounded the premises.

"It was a show, it was terrible," he said. Ross's execution has once again been postponed, Gilmarten said, adding that the day Ross was to be executed, he said to Gilmarten, "When you hug me, remember for 13 years I never touched another person." Gilmarten said that through their relationship, Ross learned that God had forgiven him for what he had done.

The prayer service was part of a series included in Death Penalty Awareness Week. Other activities include a March 1 speech by Madison Hohley, a former inmate who found himself in the death row and a keynote address by former governor of Illinois George Ryan.

Ryan's speech will explore his unprecedented 2003 decision to issue a moratorium against executions, which freed Hohley and three other death row inmates while commuting the sentences of 163 others.

The speech will be followed by an open panel discussion titled "The Death Penalty in Indiana."

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not want the murder...
Basketball celebrates 100 years

When fans think of Notre Dame athletics, they think football and national championships, Heisman Trophies and legendary games. But when fans think of Notre Dame basketball, a moment here and there along with a couple of coaches and players encouraged the sights.

This weekend’s celebration of the 100th anniversary of men’s basketball at Notre Dame presents a perfect opportunity to change that.

Unlike the much-repeated legendary history of the Notre Dame football program, the knowledge of the men’s basketball program usually goes unsaid, except for the banners hanging from the rafters of the Joyce Center.

Yes, the sight of UCLA in South Bend on Sunday will bring back memories of the Irish ending the Bruins’ 88-game winning streak in 1974 — a memory even casual Notre Dame basketball fans can recall.

But how many people know the Irish were the last team to beat the Bruins before that streak started? The much-repeated chants of 20-1 in the Feb. 8 upset of previously undefeated Boston College made national headlines.

But how many people knew the chants originally occurred in 1977 when Digger Phelps urged the student body to line the court and yell 29-1 prior to the upset of No. 1 San Francisco?

And that’s just the tip of the iceberg.

Notre Dame basketball is about more than Digger Phelps, Mike Brey, Austin Carr and Chris Thomas. It’s about Notre Dame being the only school with three three-time consensus All-Americans — all happening in the 1930s.

It’s about Notre Dame handing four separate teams their first loss after those squads had won 20 or more games to begin their seasons — more than any other school.

Few people know about the illustrious history of Notre Dame basketball because Brey has just brought the program back on the map. The 1990s were a dark era after 20 successful seasons under Phelps — when making the NCAA tournament became expected and not a cause for celebration.

This weekend, welcome back the former players returning to the Joyce Center as the Irish continue their trek to March Madness.

Then after you hear their names, records and accomplishments, go out and pick up one of the well-written books recently composed about Notre Dame basketball.

You’ll be surprised at what you find.

Letter to the Editor

Sept 11 Collapses Not Explained

I was intrigued to see that Wednesday World Trade Center structural engineer Leslie Robertson spoke on campus and briefly addressed the World Trade Center collapses. However, I was extremely disappointed to find yet another vague and confusing explanation from him regarding the collapses. This comes on the heels of news that only nearly half of the Sept. 11 victims’ remains have been identified due to insufficient DNA evidence.

There is a growing concern among the general population that the explanation of what happened to the towers on Sept. 11 is glaringly insufficient. The shock of images of the towers collapsing is gradually being replaced by skepticism about how this event could have happened. For example, how could fire produced by jet fuel inside of the planes get hot enough to melt the steel inside the towers? Kevin Ryan, a site manager for a division of Underwriters Laboratories (the product compliance and testing company that certified the steel used in the World Trade Centers) was recently fired for voicing his concerns that while “experts” told us that the towers collapsed due to steel melting at 2000 degrees Fahrenheit, the World Trade Center steel was ASTM E119 certified, meaning it withstood temperatures of 2000 degrees Fahrenheit for several hours in testing. Evidence suggests that the weak and quick-burning fires in the World Trade Center only exposed the steel to 500 degrees Fahrenheit. If you are an endorser of FEMA’s “Truth Theory,” take into consideration that the report left out the presence of crumpled trusses, and the fact that the tower’s inner cores were not stacked but a collection of columns. The core structure of the towers is inconsistent with the “zipper theory” which purports to explain the rapid demise of the towers. Observational evidence that shows concrete not only already turned to dust before hitting the ground) fell at the same speed as the actual building is even more disturbing, taking into account that this implies that the towers encountered an inexplicable absence of resistance as they collapsed straight down, along the path of most resistance.

This brings me back to the recent news story of the undefinable remains of victims. A New York City firefighter put it best when he said, “You sift through two 110-story office buildings, and you don’t find a chair, you don’t find a desk, you don’t find anything.” Is this consistent with a collapse brought on by the force of a plane hitting the towers? Why do we still get the story that Building Seven was leveled because of internal fires when so many other buildings have withstood more intense fires for so long? These few small observations are really just the tip of a massive iceberg being discovered by a surprisingly large part of the population genuinely confused and genuinely angry about the lack of legitimate inquiry into what really happened on Sept. 11.

There is a movement occurring that is larger than a few cheezy flash videos. What I’ve quickly noted above in no way represents the main or even best arguments against the official explanation. I’d encourage anyone curious to check out www.911truth.org.

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*Poll appears courtesy of the Observer. It is based on 153 responses.

Quote of the Day

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness — only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate — only love can do that."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

civil rights activist
Why Europeans doubt Bush

It is difficult to gauge what is worse — bitter bikes or fanny benders. Sometimes the actions of either group net identical results, almost as though they are one and the same. Such is the case with the relationship between European leaders and President George W. Bush. Europe is convinced that as best allies, Bush will not make serious efforts to include them during his second term.

On Monday in Brussels, a seemingly insignificant series of small incidents spoke volumes on what type of arm's-length inclusiveness Bush plans for Europeans. As was usual during last year's American campaign appearances, the White House dictated the visual messages placed on the stage backdrops, the visual insignias on the podiums as well as the stage placement of podiums, chairs and flags. Bush set a tone that the U.S. was the eight-hundred pound elephant in the room and had no intention of changing.

In another effort to avoid difficult questions during the president's so-called campaign town hall meetings last year, the White House went to the extreme effort to hand-pick the entire audience for Bush's major speech. It was another sign that the next four years will not change much. Europeans loudly heard that while Bush speaks of improving relationships abroad, he will absolutely not participate with those whom he needs to engage, namely his policy opponents.

Most importantly, though, to better control the content and message that appeared in the United States, the White House insisted on two separate press offerings during Bush's photo opportunity opposite French President Chirac — the first for foreign press, followed by a session for American reporters. To further manipulate the visual visual message for the American audience, the White House dared to alter the stage between press sessions.

Initially, the stage held a blue and white backdrop with the words "Belgium Brussels" centered behind two chairs. Four flags adorned the stage. Two flags sat at each side of the backdrop about two feet apart behind each president so that both flags, one French and one American flag, appeared over the shoulder behind each president in for the closed-up shots. During the first foreign press session, European broadcasts and the CNN Europe web site clearly showed a French flag behind Bush.

However, at the following American session, White House staff moved the French flag behind Bush so that it was almost totally obscured in the framed close-up head shots broadcast in the United States. The blatant repositioning made the French flag white and red portions appear to be just another stripe within the American flag. The White House successfully portrayed "God Bless America and its freedom fries" back home.

Diplomacy is a vital element of world and American security. Yet Bush's handlers have successfully portrayed "Old Europe" as weak and out of step. This president continues to play to the testosterone element of American society by stubbornly refusing to heed harsh feelings and admit that Europe has value in the world. What harm would it have been for the president to proudly display a French and American flag behind him as a visual reassurance to the world that he truly does want harmony with our traditional allies?

While most Americans accept Bush's three changing excuses for invading Iraq — "weapons of mass destruction," "better to fight there than here" and "Saddam was bad and Iraq is better off now" — Europeans do not hold the same Texas definition of diplomacy. They wonder why, for example, the United States does not simply invade Cuba, just 90 miles from our coast, because "Castro is bad and Cuba would be better off."

Europeans know that Americans give their president a pass because of the World Trade Center attacks, yet French papers proclaimed that they were all Americans as well after the attack. They are upset that this week's visit exuded a tone that Europe should get over it, that Bush would do it again without them again if he so desires. Diplomacy Texas style is rooted in the 2000 American election, like it or not. Bush took his 537-vote win in Florida as a mandate to govern without looking back. While some say the margin was only one vote, courtesy of the Supreme Court, the fact remains that Bush's handlers have charged forward as though they had a Nixon or Reagan landslide. Although Bush barely garnered 52 percent of the vote in 2004 with only one more state in his win column, his handlers monitor their usual zero.

It is ironic that most of Bush's agenda may not have succeeded if not for our sense of fear and revenge emanating from the attacks of Sept. 11. Americans have given Bush a blank check to fight terror, even in a benign Iraq over radical Iran or Syria. Europeans know that despite Bush's claim that differences regarding Iraq should be left in the past, they know Bush will proceed with or without them.

That is the type of diplomacy Europe may cope with for now, but will continue to doubt.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Darfur — a call to action

After attending the Darfur symposium on Wednesday I was appalled by the atrocities that are being committed on a daily basis in Sudan. But what really angered me was an interview that was a part of the United States and the rest of the international community on this issue. President Bush spoke in his Inaugural Address about spreading freedom and liberty throughout the world.

If ever there was a time to give these words some concrete meaning, the time is now. The people of Darfur are becoming the victims of a systematic campaign of displacement, rape and murder by the Janjawid. These atrocities are supported by the Sudanese government. President Bush should be praised for labeling the atrocities in the Sudan as genocide, but because we refuse to act to put any kind of force behind our rhetoric, the genocide continues.

As a result of the continued inaction on the part of our government and the international community, we are allowing 10,000 Darfurians to be killed on a monthly basis. In this day and age after we have witnessed the horrors of Armenia, the Holocaust and Rwanda, atrocities like this should be unacceptable. Despite the horrific events that have already occurred, there is still an opportunity for Americans to rally ourselves to the challenge and bring a peaceful settlement to the situation in the Sudan.

We must all speak out as Americans, as Catholics, as supporters of freedom and justice, as Republicans and as Democrats, as people of good will; we must speak with one voice and demand action on behalf of the Darfurians who are in dire need of our assistance.

Andrew Sullivan supplement April 30th

EDITORIAL CARTOON

"GRAB A BRUSH, TONY, AND I'LL SHOW YOU HOW WE MEND FENCES IN AMERICA!"
Kate Winslet, right, is unlikely to win an Academy Award. Jim Carrey was once again overlooked in nominations.

The 2005 Oscar race has been one of the closest in recent history. At first it seemed “The Aviator” was the clear front-runner. But then, the tables have turned somewhat, as the dark horse candidate “Million Dollar Baby” has started to overpower the Miramax machine. I’ve gone back and forth several times in several categories, but I am going 37 for 39 for those last two years, where nearly all of the winners were foregone conclusions. Expect this to be one of the tightest of the year, most exciting and hotly debated Academy Awards in recent history.

Best Picture

What will win: “The Aviator”

Why it will win: Martin Scorsese’s grand biopic of mogul Howard Hughes might not be the obvious frontrunner, but it will still likely win the Oscar for a variety of reasons. It won the Best Picture (Drama) Golden Globe and leads the Oscar pack with 11 nominations, which is a good sign. No Scorsese film has ever been named Best Picture (this includes such past revered nominees as “Taxi Driver” and “Raging Bull”), so the Academy will have to take that into consideration.

Finally, it has the overpowering Miramax machine behind it, which is both a good thing and a bad thing, since it tends to smother Academy voters. It’s possible that “Million Dollar Baby” will overcome its dark horse status and win over Oscar voters, but the last time that a true dark horse won was back in 1981, when the Oscar went to “Chariots of Fire.” As for “Sideways,” it’s started to fall out of favor, with A.O. Scott from The New York Times declaring it the most overrated film of the year.

What should win: “Million Dollar Baby”

Why it should win: This was a really, really difficult call. On one hand, three of the five best picture nominees are phenomenal films (“Million Dollar Baby,” “Sideways,” “The Aviator”). On the other, none are quite so affecting and emotionally charged as “Million Dollar Baby.” Eastwood has crafted a remarkable film that is nearly on par with his previous Best Picture winner, “Unforgiven.” This is probably the best picture of the nominees.

Best Director

Who will win: Clint Eastwood (“Million Dollar Baby”)

Why he will win: In 1976, Martin Scorsese failed to receive a nomination for “Taxi Driver,” his first Best Picture nominee. The Oscar that year went to John G. Avildsen, who won for “Rocky,” written by first-time actor-turned-writer Sylvester Stallone. In 1980, Martin Scorsese received a nomination for “Raging Bull” and lost to first-time actor-turned-director Robert Redford for “Ordinary People.” In 1990, Martin Scorsese received a nomination for “Goodfellas” and lost to first-time actor-turned-director Kevin Costner for “Dances with Wolves.” It would only be fitting if Scorsese loses this year to actor-turned-director Clint Eastwood, who previously won the directing award for “Unforgiven.” This would let him doff the considerable talents of Eastwood, who directed “Million Dollar Baby” with a rare power and understatement almost completely missing in contemporary Hollywood. Besides which, the Academy tends to favor Directors who work within the same genre. And Eastwood evoked powerful performances from not only Hilary Swank and Morgan Freeman, but also delivered remarkable cameos as well.

Who should win: Martin Scorsese (“The Aviator”)

Uma Thurman gave an excellent performance in “Kill Bill: Volume 2,” but did not receive an Oscar nomination.
Who should win: Morgan Freeman (Million Dollar Baby)

Why he should win: Freeman hasn’t won yet, despite nods for Driving Miss Daisy and The Insider. A re-appropration of other sources, he will likely still emerge with the Oscar because of The Aviator’s overall strength as a film. His script is balanced, though the dialogue is surprisingly less memorable than in other Scorsese films. Despite this caveat, The Aviator still has a strong screenplay, even if it hit a few bumps in the road.

Who should win: Charlie Kaufman, Michel Gondry, and Pierre Bismuth ( Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind)

Why they should win: This is the best screenplay of the year — it is funny, sad, romantic and experimental without being overly sentimental. The screenplay is a true triumph in ingenuity and the sort of postmodern romance story that tends to polarize its audience. The best screenplay award has somehow eluded Kaufman, whose previous work Being John Malkovich, Adaptation, was some of the best, most clever stuff written since Pulp Fiction. While this isn’t as strong, Screenplay voters first have to overlook The Aviator as a candidate, and Kaufman’s past work and status in Hollywood’s narrative-replacement genre should make Eternal Sunshine a shoo-in choice. It is a genuine, beautifully written screenplay.

Best Adapted Screenplay

Who should win: Alexander Payne and Jim Taylor (Sideways)

Why they should win: One of the best-reviewed films of the year, Sideways transcends its origins precisely because the script is so well written. The Academy will not overlook this film, even if it fails to win the Best Picture — the Best Screenplay award will be something of a runner-up prize for Sideways.

Who should win: Richard Linklater, Ethan Hawke, Julie Delpy and Kim Krizan (Before Sunrise)

Why they should win: This is a beautifully written film (by the director and the two stars from characters created by Linklater and Kim Krizan) and one of the best screenplays of the year. As a philosophically tinged examination of love and relationships, Before Sunrise is the kind of sensitively written, minimalist film that draws the viewer into the lives of its characters. The dialogue flows easily between the two characters as a kind of naturalistic duct that forms a framework into which the bigger themes of the film are woven. It is likely it won’t beat Sideways, but it probably deserves to — Linklater, Hawke and Delpy have written a wonderful script.

Best Foreign Film

Who should win: Cate Blanchett (The Aviator)

Why she should win: Here’s some irony. Cate Blanchett could win her first Oscar for playing the most-nominated and winningest actress of all time. This is why the Academy really needs to be a little more realistic in its nominations to the best of the competition. Not only is she still very young, but the Academy probably still has painful memories of Star Wars and no doubt will stage a potential embarrassment of awarding her now and then witnessing an equally wooden performance in the upcoming episode of Star Wars.

Who should win: Jamie Lee Curtis (Sideways)

Why she should win: Curtis’ role as a kind of madonna is extraordinary. This is a wonderful role that has been deftly played by a great actress. Any win for Curtis will be a welcome surprise, and if all else fails, this is the year for a Spanish actress to win!

Best Supporting Actor

Who should win: John Logan (The Aviator)

Why he should win: Despite the controversy surrounding Logan’s purported re-appropriation of other sources, he will likely still emerge with the Oscar because of The Aviator’s overall strength as a film. His script is balanced, though the dialogue is surprisingly less memorable than in other Scorsese films. Despite this caveat, The Aviator still has a strong screenplay, even if it hit a few bumps in the road.

Who should win: Steve Zissou (Before Sunset)

Why he should win: This is the best performance of the year — it is funny, sad, romantic and experimental without being overly sentimental. The performance is a true triumph in ingenuity and the sort of postmodern romance story that tends to polarize its audience. The best performance award has somehow eluded Kaufman, whose previous work Being John Malkovich, Adaptation, was some of the best, most clever stuff written since Pulp Fiction. While this isn’t as strong, Screenplay voters first have to overlook The Aviator as a candidate, and Kaufman’s past work and status in Hollywood’s narrative-replacement genre should make Eternal Sunshine a shoo-in choice. It is a genuine, beautifully written screenplay.

Best Original Score

Who should win: James Newton Howard (The Aviator)

Why he should win: This original score is the best of the year. It is able to capture the mood of a story about an extraordinary man, and it does so without being overly sentimental. The score is a true triumph in ingenuity and the sort of postmodern romance story that tends to polarize its audience. The best score award has somehow eluded Kaufman, whose previous work Being John Malkovich, Adaptation, was some of the best, most clever stuff written since Pulp Fiction. While this isn’t as strong, Screenplay voters first have to overlook The Aviator as a candidate, and Kaufman’s past work and status in Hollywood’s narrative-replacement genre should make Eternal Sunshine a shoo-in choice. It is a genuine, beautifully written screenplay.

The Observer
Chicago's Iguchi adjusting to the major leagues

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Tadahito Iguchi's body clock is a bit out of whack, so when he hit a home run on his second day of spring training, it was a rather remarkable accomplishment.

Yeah, sure it was just batting practice, but he's still trying to shake off jet lag.

Iguchi, signed to play second base, will make $2.3 million this year and $2.4 million in 2006. Chicago has a $3.25 million option for 2007 with a $200,000 buyout.

Now he's working to adjust to just about everything. He had visited the United States about 10 times previously, including a trip to the 1996 Olympics where Japan won the silver medal in baseball.

"Coming straight to the big leagues from Japan is different. I grew up in this game and went through every level," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said.

"Today it is tougher. I don’t think it’s because of the language and the culture, but because they are in the spotlight right away," he said. "When you come from Japan and come straight to the big league level, you have something to prove. I think Shingo last year did a tremendous job and I’m expecting the same with Iguchi."

Iguchi, 30, batted .333 with 33 home runs and 89 RBIs last season. He’s won two stolen base titles, three Gold Glove awards and been an All-Star four times.

In his eight-year Japanese career with the Fukouka Daiei Hawks, Iguchi hit 149 homers and stole 159 bases to go with a .271 average.

"Fortunate," he said of his homer off Politte. "Not really surprising, but I'm not a home run hitter. I just need to get a hit."

Takatsu struggled in spring training a year ago (1-7, 7.59 ERA) but finally got untracked and then took the closer's job in mid-June.

He was 6-4 with a 2.31 ERA in 19 saves and became such a popular figure at U.S. Cellular Field that the White Sox started playing a song over the public address system when he was called into a game.

"Iguchi, expected to dislodge Willie Harris at second base, not only helped because league pitching seems to have more movement than he’s used to.

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MLB

Palmeiro may sue Canseco for steroid use accusations

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., — The Baltimore Orioles' Rafael Palmeiro is leaving open the possibility of filing a lawsuit against Jose Canseco, who said he introduced the first baseman to steroids when both players were with the Texas Rangers.

Canseco cited Palmeiro as a steroid user in his new book. In an interview on the CBS television show "60 Minutes," Canseco said he injected the drug into Palmeiro.

Palmeiro issued a statement last month in which he denied ever using steroids, and he especially acknowledged picking up that assertion Thursday after his first practice of spring training. Palmeiro also said he’s considered hiring the law firm of Orioles owner Peter Angelos to take legal action against Canseco.

"The one thing I can say is I have the best law firm and the best lawyer standing in the wings in Peter Angelos," he said. "I have options available for me. He stands behind me and he’s ready. I will look at all my options and I’ll decide." Palmeiro, 40, ranks among the greatest hitters in baseball history. The four-time All-Star has 551 career homers, 2,922 hits and a .298 batting average.

He would prefer to focus on preparing for his 20th big league season, but the topic keeps swinging back to steroids during an impromptu interview session in the Baltimore dugout at Fort Lauderdale Stadium.

"I can’t worry about those things. Along the way, the truth is always going to be someone saying something about you, whether it’s true or not. You just go on," Palmeiro said. "My job right now is to get ready for baseball. My mind has to be here."

Orioles manager Lee Mazzilli told Palmeiro that he has the full support of the team.

"It’s totally unfair because it’s always hearsay," Mazzilli said. "I think in this country you’re innocent until proven guilty. They don’t have to defend themselves. If you feel good about yourself, you shouldn’t worry about what people say."

Palmeiro is at a loss in trying to figure out why Canseco chose to include him as one of several players that used steroids.

"He and I grew up playing ball together in the Miami area, but we never did anything together other than play on the same team," Palmeiro said. "We went our separate ways after high school and I never saw him again until I was in the big leagues and I was in the minors. He and I have never been close friends or anything. We were teammates, but that’s about it."
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NCAA BASKETBALL

Anderson leads Michigan St. past Wisconsin

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Alan Anderson tweaked his shoe up — and it had nothing to do with earning a spot in Michigan State's record books.

Anderson didn't miss a single point against the 10th-ranked Spartans to take over the game, becoming the fourth Michigan State player to take at least 10 shots without missing a single one.

But the senior forward paused and smiled as he spoke after the game. "They took a 15-4 turnaround jumper and three-point shot against ranked opponents and a six-game skid against Wisconsin.

"It was our last chance against those guys," Anderson said. "This one was huge, man. They took our home-winning streak from us. They took a 15-4 streak against ranked opponents and a six-game skid against Wisconsin.

"I don't think I could be happier for our players," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "This is what we've been shooting for. It wasn't like they conquered the world, but we beat a good team soundly.

Wisconsin's Alando Tucker had his first 20-point game and scored 16 points and reserve Zach Morley added 11.

The Spartans (20-4, 11-2 Big Ten) have won 10 of 11 since losing to the Badgers on Jan. 16, winning their last nine by double digits.

Those lopsided victories didn't quiet their critics because of the strengths and weaknesses the team has shown since the regional finals of the 2003 NCAA tournament.

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The Badgers didn't pull within single digits again until there was just over a minute left.

Michigan State's Alan Anderson, right, puts up a shot over Wisconsin's Shariel Chambliss during the first half Thursday.

No. 24 Cincinnati 80
Marquette 68

With Marquette missing its best player, all No. 24 Cincinnati had to do was let its two formidable power forwards take over the game.

Eric Hicks and Jason Maxiell were up to it again.

Hicks scored 17 points and Maxiell added 14 on Thursday, leading the Bearcats to a win in Marquette's first game without leading scorer Travis Diener, lost for the season with a broken hand.

Cincinnati (21-6, 9-4 Conference USA) got up by 28 points in the second half before cooling, one of the Bearcats' worst habits. Marquette hit some late 3s, cutting the lead to seven points in the final minute against Cincinnati's reserves.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Horns, Hawks loom on horizon

By ANN LOUGHERY

Sports Writer

The No. 20 Irish are looking to redeem themselves after two heartbreaking losses to No. 5 Duke and No. 9 North Carolina. Notre Dame (4-4) nearly pulled off a pair of upsets last weekend, winning the doubles points and holding early advantages but ultimately falling 4-3 to both teams. This weekend, coach Jay Louderback hopes the results will be just the opposite as the Irish take on No. 13 Texas (6-0) on Saturday and No. 57 Iowa (4-2) on Sunday.

"Last weekend, we just had trouble finishing our matches," Louderback said. "We can't let them go into third sets like we did against Duke and North Carolina. This weekend is another opportunity for us to compete against a top team." Texas looks to be the most challenging opponent the Irish will face this weekend. Last year, Texas defeated Notre Dame 5-2, winning two of the three doubles matches and four of the singles matches. The team returns many of its top players, including No. 80 Kordor Strohm and the No. 26 doubles duo of Katie Buckert and Strohm. Freshman Courtney Zaufi, ranked 97th in the nation, also joined the already impressive lineup.

This year's match looks to be equally tough. Texas remains undefeated this season at 6-0 with a conference record of 4-0. Last weekend, Texas took on Nebraska and Oklahoma State in a double header. The Longhorns were flawlessly victorious, sweeping both teams 7-0.

The Hawkeyes look to be a tough chore as well. Although Notre Dame won last year 6-1, Iowa has won each of the last seven meetings since then, boasting rankings in both singles and doubles.

"They kind of had a slow start, but they've been playing really well in the last few meets," Louderback said. "They're very talented just like all of the teams on our schedule. We don't really have any off weeks." Louderback added their rigorous and demanding schedule is what will propel them to a strong finish towards the end of the season when they face especially tough competition in the NCAA championships.

"We've already put a solid doubles team," Louderback said. "And now we're focusing on singles. I think the chances our kids have competing against these teams, the stronger our singles will become."

The Irish will take the courts against Texas on Saturday at 12 p.m. and against Iowa on Sunday at 3 a.m.

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FENCING

Fencers pointing to national meet

By ERIC RETTER

Sports Writer

Consider this weekend's event a transition tournament. Notre Dame, who is No. 2 in the women's poll and No. 4 in the men's, will play host to the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships. The tournament, through a postseason event, has no relevance to the NCAA finals or regionals, the latter of which are next weekend.

"It's our first tryout for NCAs, but the Conference tournament is not the place to qualify," head coach Janusz Bednarski said.

With that in mind, the Irish are still approaching the event with the same goal as always—winning.

"It's a prestigious event, and we want to be champions," Bednarski said.

The Irish men will be led by senior co-captain Mitch Selbera, who is still hunting for his first NCAA title. Selbera currently owns the men's single season record for wins, with 65 this year.

"It's one of the most talented teams we've ever had," Bednarski said.

The women will be led by their two defending NCAA champions, sophomore sabre Valerie Probst and defending foil champion and junior Allejia Kryczalo. Freshman Mariel Zagonis, the 2004 Olympic gold medalist, has also had a strong season and looks to continue that success this weekend.

The tournament marks Notre Dame's return to action after a two week lull. In that time, the team has spent practice time focusing on fundamentals and fundamentals alone.

"We have returned to practice to improve tactical elements that we lost during the hoslting season," Bednarski said.

Bednarski was happy that his team got some time to prepare itself for the final push for a championship that begins in part this weekend.

"The two weeks were very helpful for us," he said, "they gave us practice before regionals."

Before the off stretch, the Irish had competed for four consecutive weekends in dual meets where they saw at least one top-10 team, including No. 1 Ohio State in consecutive weekends. Perhaps the most important part of this weekend's work is that they will once again face Ohio State before the NCAA tournament begins.

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BALMY PALM SPRINGS AWAITS SOFTBALL TEAM

By JUSTIN SCHUVER

Associate Sports Editor

A week after flying out to California only to see rain cancel four of the five games they were scheduled to play, the Irish are hoping for a little more cooperation from nature this time around.

Notre Dame (4-2) is scheduled to play in the Palm Springs Classic in Palm Springs, Calif., this weekend in the team's third straight road tournament. The Irish expect to face a wide variety of opponents, including three ranked teams.

The team's 12-1 loss to Pacific was the worst loss for the Irish last season, but Notre Dame will have a chance for redemption this Saturday when they take on No. 20 Tigers.

The Irish open with two games on Friday — against Loyola-Marymount and then a battle with No. 4 UCLA.

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**IN BRIEF**

**Woods coasts in match play championship**
CARLSBAD, Calif. — Two-time defending champion Tiger Woods won his 13th consecutive match at the rain-soaked Match Play Championship on Thursday.
Woods coasted to a 4-and-3 victory over Nic Price, as nine of the top 10 seeds advanced to the second round.
Top-seeded Vijay Singh beat Shingo Katayama 4 and 3. Phil Mickelson led by as many as four holes before dispatching short-hitting Loren Roberts 3 and 1, and Retief Goosen went the distance with Stephen Leaney, winning 1-up.

**Deadline reached with deals**

Associated Press

The weakest division in the NBA suddenly looks a little stronger, with Antoine Walker back on the Celtics and Chris Webber in Philadelphia.
The NBA trade deadline came and went Thursday with a total of 11 deals involving 35 players being agreed to in the final 24 hours before the cutoff.
Baron Davis was traded from New Orleans to Golden State for Speedy Claxton and Dale Davis, Kevin Van Horn went from Milwaukee to Dallas for Calvin Booth and Alan Henderson, and Houston acquired several veterans to add to the league's oldest roster.
Walker went to Boston in a four-player trade, with Gary Payton, Michael Stewart, Tom Gugliotta and a No. 1 pick going to Atlanta.
Rodney Rogers and injured forward Jamaal Mashburn were dealt from New Orleans to Philadelphia for Glenn Robinson, who has not played this season. It was the second trade in a span of less than 24 hours by 76ers general manager Billy King, who pulled off a blockbuster Wednesday night by acquiring Webber from the Sacramento Kings for forwards Corliss Williamson, Brian Skinner and Kenny Thomas.
In other deals:
- San Antonio acquired center Nazr Mohammed and guard Jamison Brewer from New York for forward Malik Rose and two future No. 1 draft picks
- Cleveland acquired guard Jiri Weltsch from Boston for a future No. 1 pick
- New York acquired forward Maurice Taylor from Houston for guard Moochie Norris, forward Vin Baker and a second-round draft pick
- Houston got guard Mike James and center Zenon Hamilton from Milwaukee for guard Reece Gaines and two future second-round picks
- Golden State sent center Eduardo Najera to Denver, guard Luis Flores and a No. 1 pick to Denver for forward Nikoloz Tskitishvili and guard Rodney White
- Charlotte dealt veteran Steve Smith to Miami for forward Malik Allen.

Webber was on the tele­phone with former Michigan teammate Jalen Rose when Webber received a call from Kings coach Rick Adelman to inform him of the trade.
ND Women's Track

Irish runners to rest this weekend

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's track team will enjoy a well-deserved bye this weekend, just six days after finishing second at the Big East Indoor Championships.

The Irish were scheduled to travel to Boston to compete in the USATF Championships, a national championship-caliber event featuring several professional athletes. Instead, Notre Dame has chosen to keep all their athletes home to rest. Coach Tim Connelly explained the logic behind the decision.

"The girls competed real hard last week. The competition was intense, and it was a very long week — we left Wednesday night and didn't get back until Monday morning," Connelly said. "After a week like that, we need some time off to get everybody rested for NCAAs and let people catch up on work."

Connelly was pleased with his team's performance last week at the conference meet. Knowing that Pittsburgh was the prohibitive favorite, the Irish came closer to the Panthers than Connelly figured they would. Junior Stephanie Madia's performance drew special recognition from Connelly.

"She [Madia] ran a great meet, running second in the mile and the 3,000, and running strong in two relays," he said. "To run four races at that level was incredible."

The only negative Connelly drew from the Big East meet was junior All-American Molly Huddle's foot injury. Huddle, running in her first meet of the season because of a foot injury she sustained in cross country, suffered an injury on a different bone in her foot. The injury is blamed on running before the previous ailment was healed. Connelly said, lamenting the decision to run Huddle last weekend.

"It simply wasn't worth it," he said. "This will be a longer recovery because will be sure not to rush her back from injury.

The Irish will run next in the Alex Wilson Invitational at Lotus Group starting a series from today, which will be the final meet before the NCAA championships.

"We'll be running kids that are close to provisional times, and other athletes who run provisional times, but will be looking to move up in the rankings to assure themselves a spot in the small but competitive NCAA field," he said.

A member of the Irish 4x400 meter relay team runs during the finals of the Meyo Invitational Feb. 5.

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MLB

No pain in ankle for Red Sox ace

Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Curt Schilling’s manager was encouraged, but the perfectionist pitcher was less than thrilled Thursday after throwing off a mound for the first time since winning Game 2 of the World Series.

Sixteen days after beating St. Louis, the Boston Red Sox pitcher had ankle surgery.

"This was a day when I didn’t feel as good as I wanted to feel," Schilling said after his 47-pitch, 16-minute workout at Fort Myers, Fla. "My ankle didn’t hurt, so I guess that’s a positive for people other than me.

Pitching opening day against the New York Yankees on April 3 — probably against former Arizona teammate Randy Johnson — remains a possibility, and Schilling’s competitive nature is driving him toward that.

But he wants to make sure he's healthy at a much more important time.

“I think he looked terrific," manager Terry Francona said. "He wants to be doing every corner right now and throwing splits, and that’s just not going to happen.”

Schilling’s 21-6 record and 3.26 ERA in his first season with Boston boosted the Red Sox into the playoffs, where his bloody sock became the symbol of his determination to do whatever he could to help them win the World Series for the first time in 86 years.

He had one of the worst outings of his career in the first game of the AL championship series, allowing six runs in three innings of a 10-7 loss to the Yankees.

Before his next start, a tendon that had been slipping out of place was stitched to his skin.

With blood seeping through the sutures, Schilling allowed one run in seven innings during Boston’s 4-2 win.

Red Sox pitchers David Wells, left, and Curt Schilling share a laugh during spring training Thursday.

“I didn’t feel as good as I wanted to feel,”

Curt Schilling
Boston pitcher

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Cavaliers pose challenge for Irish

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKAL
Sports Writer

When facing the No. 2 team in the nation on the road, any extra edge is always welcome. Luckily for the Notre Dame men's tennis team, Irish coach Bobby Bayliss knows the lay of the land on this road trip.

No. 24 Notre Dame (10-2) will head to Richmond, Va. and take on No. 2 Virginia (8-1) on Sunday. Originally scheduled in Charlottesville, the match has been moved to the Country Club of Virginia — where Bayliss, who hails from Richmond, worked as the assistant tennis pro while in graduate school.

"It's a big challenge but it's a great opportunity," Bayliss said. "It's going to be fun to play in front of a vocal and knowledgeable crowd at the Country Club.

There's a great number of UVa alums who live in Richmond as well as some Notre Dame alums, so I think we'll have a good following.

"Notre Dame is coming off a 4-3 road victory against Michigan State last Tuesday that came down to the wire. On a four-match winning streak, the Irish will face a difficult test against a powerful Cavaliers squad.

"Their lineup is loaded from top bottom," Bayliss said. "For example, their No. 6 player, Darrin Cohen, is ranked No. 36 in the United States among all college players. That gives you an idea of their depth. Their No. 1 player is ranked No. 7 in the nation. Straight on down, they have a very loaded lineup."

Although the Irish have stayed close to home this spring, playing only two matches on the road, Notre Dame is undefeated on the road thus far. Their last victory against Michigan State allowed the team to test its mettle in a pressure situation on the road. Although the team dropped the doubles point, they bounced back and pulled out the win.

That experience should prove valuable this Sunday.

"I think that anytime you're in a close match — like the one at Michigan State — and you're fortunate enough to win it, you grow a little into your confidence to handle tough situations," Bayliss said. "I think that's going to benefit us as the year goes on.

Virginia is coming off a dominant week of competition at the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championships. Entering the competition as the No. 9 seed, the Cavaliers defeated three top-10 opponents to reach the final — No. 2 Stanford, No. 2 UCLA and No. 6 Mississippi.

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Final three games crucial

Irish reach last few tests with the ball, future in their court

By PAT LEONARD

With three games to play in the regular season, Notre Dame (16-8, 8-6 Big East) has its fate in its own hands.

The Irish will finish their schedule with three home games at the Joyce Center, a court that has been friendly to the team this season.

"Having our home crowd at our back is a big advantage for us," Irish guard Collin Falls said. "We've been playing a lot better at home than we have on the road this year."

Falls makes a slight understatement. Notre Dame is 12-2 at home, losing only to DePaul and Syracuse, and 4-6 away from the Joyce Center.

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But after setting Notre Dame records in attendance (29,360) and points (297) last year, the Irish may be hard pressed to replicate the offense that facilitated last season's success.

Game are the squad's top three and seven players scored 20 or more. The first team All-American Smooth Dwyer, Allen, All-American Abby Owen, Lauren Fletcher and Kassien Delano — from a year ago — are all gone.

So is the five accounted for 126 of 206 (62 percent) Irish goals, with Simon's 46 tallies contributing to a Notre Dame single season record 74 points.

With a week of new faces on offense this year, Knight plans to alter the team's approach to complement the current players' talents.

"Any time you bring in new people (on offense), you're going to see some new looks and new offense," Knight said. "We're tailoring some of our plays and thinking about new looks in the strengths of this team are."

The different approach has worked well on the Irish.

"That's a tall and dominating attacker, but they graduated a lot of players, so I think that they're going to be a different team, also," Knight said.

"We're going to use it slightly more, and look to go back to some of the things that we've done before."

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ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish hit the road for opener against Ohio

By MATT PUGLISI

Finally, a chance to wash out that bitter taste.

After rattling off a program-record six straight wins to start the season, the Irish saw their offensive momentum derailed by the end of their 2004 campaign. Notre Dame dropped five of its last seven contests, including a first round NCAA tournament heartbreaker.

But the season was not withoutammblems. The Irish saw the Irish squad lose 6-4 against No. 2 Ohio State in the national semifinals, and then fall to the eventual national champs, Connecticut, 12-7.

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The 6-foot-7 forward, who Brey describes as playing much longer than his size, scored 29 points against Arizona State on Feb. 10 and is averaging 18.7 points and 8.1 rebounds per game.

"He is a tough matchup because he is our second big guy but he steps out on the floor," Knight said. "He makes a guy like Jordan Cornette, very important to defend that multi-dimensional 4-man.

On the other side of the ball, the Irish are continuing to search for a consistent balance between the guards and forwards.

"I think it's very important because when we play our best, we've had a good balance of inside, outside," Brey said. "We're trying to continue to work on that and get our big guys even more involved because they've been there some nights and other nights they haven't."

"We're trying to get a feel for that number and we're trying to come back together," Brey said.

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tionships with them," Frank said. "And probably just as important is the parents being there and meeting the coaches. I think that it's more of a pre­
liminary introduction — this is Notre Dame and this is what we can do. So, it's an orientation, if anything. Obviously they're going to try to get people excit­
ed about Notre Dame.

On Sunday, juniors and their families — or high school coaches, in some cases — will meet with the entire Irish

coaching staff. From there, they will meet with individual coach­
es. Weis said each assistant coach is assigned an area of the field and the play the junior­
iors will be split up. The group then will have lunch and attend the junior's first Big East game.

Weis sees the game as an opportunity for both the men's basketball team and the team's new hires.

"I happen to be a big fan of other sports," he said. "I'm not selfish. I don't look at this as just an opportunity for football. I'm looking at this as we can kill two birds with one stone on Sunday. Our basketball team's on the bubble, and really for this game against UCLA, we need to win. The game. So you would hope the student body

would be going to the game anyway, and our basketball team would like the help of the student body because it makes a difference when they're into the game.

"I get a residual effect of this. When I'm sitting there, I get 50 juniors from across the Midwest, and this is their first live impression of Notre Dame," Weis said.

Weis said this is the first step to improving recruiting, after Notre Dame has finished out­
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"The first opportunity for us to reshape the direction of our football program happens at that same event (Junior Day), because there's only so many things the NCAA allows you to do," he said. "This is one thing you can do. You can get them on campus.

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average and grabs 5.9 boards per game. Her presence in the paint has opened Notre Dame in nearly every game, as the Irish are 10-1 when she is in the game and 6-4 when she isn’t.

"We have a lot of concerns about our ability to guard her. She’s playing really well," Borton said. 

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St. Louis Rams quarterback

Marc Bulger, passes West

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Sowho and Yolanda Paige add

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The more you can do to even out your life and simplify your future, the more satisfied you will become. Your numbers are 6, 12, 22, 31, 39, 40.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be careful not to make decisions based only on what you can see. There will be so much that is yet to be revealed. It may not be easy for you to do this, but you will have to do it in order to avoid making a mistake.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This is not the day to be mountainous about your aims. Give your best shot and you will get what you want. Love is a high action, take advantage of it and enjoy the ride you can move about. 5 stars.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Just when you think you have everything down, something else will come up that sends you off on another whirlwind. Don't get so involved or whatever you are doing that you miss out on an opportunity that could change your future.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you overthink to things that don't really matter, you will miss out on the eventful happenings going on in your own back yard. Change may be something you like, but it will be too difficult to handle. 4 stars.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You would rather give the orders than taking them, but today is all about hard work and achievement. A financial change will come as a surprise. Don't leave anything to chance. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) No one will understand what you are trying to do, but as long as you have a handle on the situation, you will be successful. Emotional matters may lead you away if you aren't grounded. 4 stars.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may have to deal with institutions or government agencies today. Expect the unexpected and be prepared to deal with whatever comes up. This can be a turning point if you are willing to give and take.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) A new creative direction is in the picture. Combine your instinct and logic. Hold your fire and you will be just fine. 4 stars.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Don't start something new or make changes, especially if it requires dealing with other people. Emotional matters will escalate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Everything will come back to ownership, legalities and money. Prepare to give up a few things in order to rid yourself of a responsibility you don't want or need. It's a new day, and your future looks bright.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may feel a little wussy today if you haven't taken care of personal matters like you should have. Letting bad situations hang overhead will hold you back. Keep making changes until you find yourself in a more positive situation.

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**SPORTS**

**Bruiu up a challenge**

By BOBBY GRiffin  Sports Writer

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The games crucial
season wind­

With the games crucial, the Irish cannot afford any setbacks.

See Also  “Final three
football Coaches

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