Local leaders welcome Jenkins

By MADDE HANNA
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University President Father John Jenkins will be given an elaborate inauguration steeple in Notre Dame tradition in exactly two weeks.

So upon first glance, the informal Wednesday reception for him and 70 prominent community members at South Bend's HealthWorks Kids' Museum - featuring giant plastic intestines, dangling skeletons and a transparent box filled with cigarette butts - might have seemed strange.

"Someone described this as a neighborhood block party," Jenkins said. "It's just a chance for us to meet people in the community in a relaxed setting."

Reception attendees munched and mingled informally with Jenkins and staff members in the name of community relations. And when Jenkins made a brief speech, one woman remarked that he stood next to a sign reading "SCABS."

Despite the laid-back atmosphere, there was a clear theme - maintaining and building upon the existing relationship between Notre Dame and its surroundings.

"What I've seen in the last several years is Notre Dame become a larger part of the community," Mihashawa mayor see JENKINS/page 4

Local coffee shop honors Weis

By PETER DEVINE
News Writer

After the Irish victory last weekend, head football coach Charlie Weis is more popular than ever.

Nowhere is this more evident than at the Chocolate Café, where they are now serving a new mocha in honor of the Irish's new coach, named the "Winning Weis Mocha."

A popular hangout and eatery for students, South Bend citizens and visiting fans, the Chocolate Café invented this concoction "just about a month ago," said café manager, Jessie Vance, to create Notre Dame football atmosphere in South Bend.

During football season, we'll have different promotions, especially if Notre see COFFEE/page 4

Meal plan includes more flex points

By KATHY LEE
News Writer

Students with the "Flex 14" meal plan were in for a pleasant surprise this fall when they checked their balance at Notre Dame Food Services thanks to the allotment of 260 flex points rather than the 260 given in years past.

Flex Points, dollars set aside in students' accounts to be spent only at food venues on campus, are often preferred by students who would rather eat at other food establishments than North or South Dining Halls for meals.

"Flex points are a lot more convenient than using cash," Freshman Joanna Emilian, right, pays with flex points at Reckers. Students with the Flex 14 meal plan receive an additional 20 flex points each semester for the 2005-06 school year.
Happily disoriented

No, I don’t know your name. No, I don’t know where I am. No, I don’t even know what time it is. No. I don’t even speak English all that well. Yes, I’m a freshman.

No one needs to help me in becoming “disoriented.” I’m already disoriented. I’m the master wireless editor of being disoriented. In fact, I’m just striking random keys on my computer right now. You’ll look on a long enough timeline, any chimpanzee with a laptop could type this article. But I’m pretty sure juggling off that chimpanzee at this very moment.

Listen, when you’re a freshman, you’re supposed to be ignorant and at least marginally useless.

Embrace it. As the wise Billy Madison once said, “You gotta cherish it.” When the juniors down the hall want me to be more ignorant and even less useful, I graciously accept.

Why? Well, ignorance is bliss — I’m having an awesome time and I barely know what’s going on, considering that this place and these people are all entirely new to me. The best thing about being a freshman from New Jersey is that I’m doing pretty much whatever I want.

No one has a clue who I am. I can yell at people, because no one will recognize me; I can ask ridiculous questions, because people will just assume I don’t know better; and I can write absurd columns for The Observer, because no one here has made the connection between my name and what I look like.

It really has been a whirlwind meeting so many new people and learning where everything on campus is located. I’m trying to enjoy it now before I eventually realize that these are the people and places I’ll be seeing every day for four years, and I’m eventually going to have to learn real names and stop calling everyone ‘dude’ — especially the priests.

People aren’t in college because they know exactly what to do with their lives. They’re in college because they’re trying to figure that out.

Sometimes between throwing water balloons, yelling at the television during the football game, playing ‘apple folk’ in the dining hall and trying to dodge the sprinklers, I realized that I was having fun with people even if I forget their names six seconds after they told me. Sometimes you know the most about someone when you don’t know anything about them.

This blank slate situation only comes along once in a great while, so it’s not sensible to act timid. I go out of my way to talk to lots of people, and I hope people here aren’t afraid to come talk to me. That’s because I’m in the ‘dog book’ doesn’t mean I hate.

That joke was exceptionally lame, but I’m serious — people keep telling the freshman class that we’ll settle in, that we’ll fit in and that we’ll find a place somewhere.

Don’t listen to any of that junk. It isn’t fun to settle in or fit in, because if you don’t limit yourself to certain places and people, then everyone can be your friend, and everywhere can be your home.

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**Student Senate**

**Ticket distribution addressed**

By Maddie Hanna

Avenue News Editor

Determined to avoid a repeat of last spring's long, broad, and ultimately inconclusive basketball ticketing debate, Student Senate quickly decided to send a letter to director of ticket operations Josh Berlo at Wednesday's meeting.

The letter, an updated version of one proposed last year, focuses on increasing both student attendance and student ticket options.

"One of our top priorities is to improve the student ticket exchange," the letter read.

"Although it was not very successful last year, we believe the ticket exchange has great promise, and with some modification, it could become one of the key factors in boosting student attendance at home games."

Another key issue proposed in the letter is "Midnight Madness," an event open to the general public designed to pump up fans right before the season begins.

"Most schools do this," University Affairs committee chair Matt Wahls said. "And Berlo actually seems pretty excited about that."

Wahls said his committee would like to survey the student body to find out how many games the average student-ticket holder actually attends.

"If we can be better informed," Senators approved a second letter regarding "Majors Night," an idea proposed by the Academic Affairs committee.

"The committee hopes to create an event that will be similar to "Activities Night," where students will have the ability to come and learn about all programs that interest them," the letter said.

"The proposal includes inviting local high schools in order to "not only provide a service to the local community, but also demonstrate the importance of a post high school education in today's world."

Academic Affairs committee chair Chris Harris said details would probably change closer to the event's projected date of next spring.

Senators also confirmed the topic for this fall's presentation to the Board of Trustees—community relations.

"Student body president Dave Baron said his experience this summer talking to South Bend residents about problematic student parties off campus was a critical point.

"Whether or not people believe in the ordinance, it really brought issues to light about how we're regarded in the community," Baron said. "We're respected around the world, but at our doorstep, if you say you're from Notre Dame it's not necessarily a good thing."

Student government makes a presentation on a topic of its choice to the Board of Trustees three times a year.

Senior Class Council officers took the podium at the beginning of the meeting to promote the Walk for the Cure, a Sept. 18 benefit walk for people with diabetes.

Senior Class secretary Ben Zerante, who has Type-I diabetes, asked senators to spread the message to their dorms.

"Every year Notre Dame students participate, but it's kind of disregulated," Zerante said. "This year we would like one unified group walking."

Students can register online for the walk at www.jdrf.org.

**In other Senate news**

- Head of student activities Brian Coughlin urged senators to volunteer to collect donations for Hurricane Katrina victims at the home Michigan State football game Sept. 17, noting the success and importance of the post-9/11 collection that raised close to $280,000.

"It was really the public face of the University," Coughlin said. "It was all over broadcast TV. It reflected well on the University, and it was the right thing to do. And it's not something that's just going to happen."

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**Graduate Student Union**

**Health care, parking discussed by members**

By Maggie Hyde

New Writer

Bagpipe music came drifting through the window in the middle of the Graduate Student Union's first meeting of the academic year Wednesday. The unexpected surprise did not seem to ruffle president Misty Schierberle or any other representatives who were intent upon the agenda and issues of the 2005-2006 year.

Schierberle welcomed all attending the meeting and thanked them for participating in such a "worthwhile endeavor."

Union members unanimously approved the 2005-2006 budget and then outlined plans to tackle various issues this year. Graduate student health care/medical leave policy, improved parking for graduate students and support of the Higher Education Affordability and Equity Act (HEAAE) were topics of agenda issues.

Schierberle distributed a report to meeting attendees which addressed health care, parking, social activities, graduate student orientation and travel grants.

"Better health care remains a core goal of the Graduate Student Union," Schierberle said in the President's Report. "We are continuously in contact with Anne Kleva, director of University Health Services to lobby for better insurance coverage and better family medical care. We are also revising and hoping to receive official approval for a medical leave policy."

This initiative will also include a survey of married graduate students to determine the coverage insurance of graduate students with spouses and families.

"I hope to regularly meet with Anne Kleva to discuss relevant issues, and what seems to me to be disturbing patterns of growing costs and reduced benefits," Michael D'Errico said in a report of the Health Care Committee.

The Union also plans to send members to the Legislation Action Day of NAGPS on Sept. 21. Heather Eisler of the Publicity and Procedures committee plans to attend and represent the Notre Dame Graduate Student Union in lobbying for the Higher Education Affordability and Equity Act (HEAAE).

"I have been monitoring plans by The National Association for Graduate and Professional Students to lobby for a bill that would make stipends used for living expenses tax-exempt, among other positive education-related reforms," Schierberle said in the President's Report.

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Jeff Rea said. “Both [University President Emeritus] Father [Edward] Malloy and now Father Jenkins have done great things to reach to the community. And there are tremendous economic benefits.

Ted Foti, senior vice president, said he was impressed with the Memorial Health System and co-chair of the community relations advisory group that organized the event, which described the relationship as “one of a kind.”

“We are two sides of the same coin,” Foti said. “We will continue to help each other.”

While Jenkins did not go into any specific goals, he emphasized the need to further strengthen community relationships.

“We have to do first is develop a good, sound relationship with the community,” Jenkins said. “And we have to work to make Bend a wonderful community. That’s the overarching goal.”

South Bend mayor Stephen Luecke said he was “just delighted that Notre Dame is a real partner member of the neighborhood.”

He mentioned discussions with the University regarding MetroNet, a fiber optic network running through the community to be brought to Bend and a proposal for a new research park on Edison, “something which could provide opportunities for graduate students.”

Jenkins also referred to the research park in his speech, calling it “a dimension of what we might do to connect with the local community.”

Robinson Community Learning Center director Jay Caponigro said he appreciated the interaction with Jenkins.

“Father Jenkins has been really supportive of what we’re doing, so it’s great for people to now that,” Caponigro said.

He continued, “He’s been down [to Robinson], met with our staff and really benefited from the important role Robinson plays for the University.”

Many community members met Jenkins for the first time at the reception, which Foti said meant the event was “overdue.”

“After Father Jenkins was appointed by the Board, we didn’t know him and we couldn’t find anybody who had familiarity with him,” Foti said. “We’ve had a great relationship with the University in past years and we want to make sure this continues.

Those who had their first conversations with Jenkins Wednesday, said Rea, came away with positive impressions.

“One thing I gathered from talking to him was how much he enjoys his job,” Rea said. “You spend your life searching for something you love to do, so that’s great.”

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and offer variety from the din­ning hall,” sophomore Amanda Deckelman said.

“The Flex 14 plan provides students with 14 meals a week and an allowance of flex points. As the default meal plan for all residential students approximately 96 percent of students on campus choose the “Flex 14” plan over the 21-meal plan, according to Dave Prentowski Director of Food Services.

The extra 20 points were added to the meal plan because students complained that all of the allotted 260 points were consumed before the end of the semester, Prentowski said.

In order to answer student complaints, the Notre Dame Student Senate discussed last spring the possibility of creating a new “Flex-10” plan that would give students only 19 meals a week, but grant students a greater amount of flex points.

The Senate was unable to pass the movement for several reasons including objections from the dining halls that said increased flex points would be too expensive and some services of the dining hall might have to be cut to cover the extra cost.

“A 10 meal plan was not adopted for a number of reasons,” one of the Office of Student Affairs interest in encouraging community dining hall based meals as much as possible,” Prentowski said.

“I didn’t even know about it but it was a pleasant surprise, I feel like my schedule is busier and I end up using more points than in previous years,” said junior Ashley Kelly.

While it is true that the students have more nominal flex points, the value of those points decreased slightly. Prentowski said.

“It should be noted that Notre Dame increases the Flex portion of the meal plan each year to assure that the students do not lose purchasing power due to inflationary price increases,” he said. “In fact, the increase, most years, is higher than general retail inflation and is related to the percentage of the increase of the cost of room and board.”

He could not say if the pur­chasing power of student’s Flex points this year is greater or less than last.

While the dining halls were wary of the proposed new increased flex points, and other Food Service establish­ments such as Reckers, and the Huddle were much more accepting.

Prentowski conceded that more flex points might produce more revenue but said it could hurt service.

“While the campus retail operations may generate more revenue from added flex dol­lars in the system the additional traffic may, at times, over tax the operation to the point of insufficient and slow serv­ice,” Prentowski said, citing the long lines as Subway as an example.

Along with the arrival of more flex points, there are now more venues on campus accepting the points as a form of payment. Starting this fall, the Bookstore Coffee Shop began accepting flex points.

Though the number of flex points has increased, some stu­dents still wish there were more.

“There are enough to make a student have to learn to make decisions about spending. They could give me 500 points and I’d find a way to spend them but with more a limited supply, you become more selective in your purchases,” junior Ashley Kelly said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. hostage freed after 10 months

WASHINGTON - A U.S. military tip, raised an isolated farmhouse outside the capital Wednesday and rescued an American hostage held for more than 10 months. The kidnappers, who kept their captives bound and gagged, escaped without a gunfight.

The rescue came on a day that saw two deadly shootings around the southern city of Basra, fueling fears the bloody insurgency was taking deeper root outside Sunni-dominated territory. A roadside bomb killed four American security agents. And an Interior Ministry official said 16 people were killed and 21 were injured in a car bombing at a restaurant in a central market.

Roy Hallums, 57, "was in good condition and is receiving medical care," a military spokeswoman said after U.S. forces occupied and an unidentified Iraqi from the farmhouse 15 miles south of Baghdad.

Iran offer of oil rejected by U.S.

TYBURN - Iran offered to send the United States $20 billion in crude oil in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina if Washington waived trade sanctions, the State Department official said Wednesday that offer was rejected.

In a gesture that mirrors American aid offers after the 1988 earthquake in Iran, Tehran's envoy to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, Mr. Pourandreason, said his government would ship up to 20 million barrels of oil, state radio reported late Tuesday.

"If sanctions are lifted, Iran is prepared to send that quantity of oil to America," the radio quoted Mr. Pourandreason as saying.

But in Washington, the State Department's executive secretary, Harry K. Thomas Jr., said the offer was rejected because it was conditional.

NATIONAL NEWS

California passes gay marriage bill

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The California Legislature on Tuesday became the first legal body in the country to approve a bill allowing same-sex marriages, but the measure faces an uncertain future with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

There were loud cheers from gay-rights activists in the Assembly gallery as lawmakers approved the bill 50-29, while giving it a one-time event not to be repeated, Revenue Commissioner John Eckart said Wednesday.

Tropical storm heads to Florida

JACKSONVILLE BEACH, Fla. — Brisk wind and forceful rain from Tropical Storm Ophelia moved through this beachside community Wednesday, sending tourists scurrying inland and driving surfers out of the churning Atlantic.

The tropical depression off the coast strengthened into a tropical storm on Wednesday and could bring strong winds and heavy rain to central and northern Florida over the next few days.

LOCAL NEWS

Tax amnesty to begin next week

INDIANAPOLIS — The end is near for the Indiana tax amnesty program. The two-year program, which was introduced to encourage tax compliance, is set to end Aug. 15.

But state and local revenue officials are warning those who do not come clean between Sept. 15 and Nov. 15 that they will face stiffer penalties such as interest, late fees and collection efforts. And there are no plans for another amnesty period in the future.

GAZA STRIP

Palestinian security chief killed

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas vowed to hunt down the killers of a powerful former security chief whose gambling-style slaying Wednesday laid bare Gaza's raging power politics. Israeli troops days before Israel hands over control of the coastal territory.

In a break with tradition, Abbas, a shadowy militant group claimed responsibility for killing Moussa Arafat, cousin of the late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, in a burst of gunde.

Adding to the tension, the Israeli military said the vital Rafah crossing point between Gaza and Egypt would be closed Thursday until further notice as part of Israel's Gaza pullout, which could be completed as early as Friday.

About 100 masked militants stormed Moussa Arafat's heavily guarded home in an upscale Gaza City neighborhood early Wednesday, sparking a 30-minute gunbattle with dozens of his bodyguards. The assailants burst into the home, dragged out Arafat in his pajamas and gunned him down in the duty street.

Arafat's oldest son, Manhal, a sen­tor security commander, was kid­napped by the gunmen. Officials said negotiations, brokered by Egyptian security officials, were under way to secure his release.

The killing raised new questions about the Palestinian Authority's ability to take control of Gaza after Israel completes its pullout next week.

Israel secured a block from the headquarters of the Palestinian Preventive Security Service, which failed to respond, and 490 yards from Abbas' Gaza residence, where he was spending the night.
The initial feedback to the Office of News and Information about the spot has been limited so far, Storin said. “Some people with a bad experience with admissions found the video personally disturbing,” Storin said.

Their interpretation is that you must pray in order to get into the University, he said.

Jenny Enright, a Notre Dame sophomore, says that the commercial was “maybe a little bit offensive.” She believes a lot of people can relate to waiting for a response from college.

Storin said he hopes people understand the ad shows the faith-based aspect of Notre Dame.

“We are a university that attracts young people of faith,” Storin said. Flory remarked on the difficulty of bottling a message about the University in a 30 second ad. “It’s hard to craft a message so perfect that no one can dislike it,” Flory said. Storin said he hopes viewers will focus on the words “a high-er education at a small school,” which appear at the end of the spot.

“The kind of person attracted to Notre Dame is a person who believes in prayer,” said Storin. This spot will be played throughout the year during televised Notre Dame sports. It can also be viewed in both the normal 30 second version and an extended (60) second version at mms/streaming.nd.edu/can-die60.wmv.

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destroyed from the accident. "A lot of people drove by and it didn’t look like a lot of damage but we had very, very extensive damage," Judy Medick said.

Throughout the repair and renovation project the owners have also had to combat rumors circulating Notre Dame websites. "There were lots of rumors on NDnation – the bad ones being that Ricky is selling, the hospital is buying the property, they are retiring in Aruba,” Ricky Medick said. "But those aren’t true. We’re here for the long haul.”

The owners are planning specials for certain nights of the week to help students get reacquainted with the pub. “In the beginning we’ll be running a lot of drink specials,” Ricky said. "Tuesday night is student appreciation night - with students (it’s) going to be margarita night.”

Senior Andrew Harkins, who went to CJ’s when he was a sophomore, plans to visit once it reopens. "I liked CJ’s a lot, the food was really good,” Harkins said. “It was kind of dirty but that’s part of its charm. I am excited that it’s opening.”

Since the accident, Ricky and his siblings have been trying to cope without their chief source of income.

“it’s been a little rough,” Ricky said. “But what happened has happened and we just have to move forward and do the best we can with what we have available - until business picks up.”

Bringing back old regulars shouldn’t pose a problem. The pub has attracted famous Donors since its inception in 1984. It’s a favorite of television personality Regis Philbin, athletic director Kevin White and office of student affairs president Bill Kirk. Ricky said, “I’m delighted that it’s reopening.” Kirk said, “They’ve got great cheese-burgers. I’m looking forward to it.”

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University Resources for Gay, Lesbian, & Bisexual Students

The Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs
(Confidential information, education, and resources)
Contact: Sr. M.L. Gude, CSC, 1-3550, or student members (see web site for student contact info.)

Office of Campus Ministry
(Annual retreat for gay/lesbian/questioning students and their friends; pertinent library resources in 304 Co-Mo; confidential discussion and support)
Contact: Fr. Dick Warner, C.S.C., at 1-9704

University Counseling Center
(Individual counseling)
Contact: Dr. Maureen Lafferty at Lafferty.3@nd.edu

For more information, check out our web site: http://www.nd.edu/~scplsn/
Evacuees to receive debit cards
WASHINGTON - Federal plans to hand out debit cards worth $1,000 to families displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

Homeland Security Department Secretary Michael Chertoff, under fire for his agency's response to the disaster, held a conference call with governors of states with evacuees and described the plan. While many details remained to be worked out, the plan was to quickly distribute the cards, starting with people in major evacuation centers such as the Houston Astrodome.

Michael Brown, the head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency which is administering the novel card program, said it is aimed at those with the most pressing needs, "the most displaced and the most urgent." Brown said the cards will encourage people in shelters to have to start rebuilding, "This is going digital."

General Motors was going digital.

"The concept is to get them some cash in hand which allows them to make their own decisions about what they need to have to start rebuilding," Brown said. Republican Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who participated in the conference call, said the cards will be offered "to people in shelters as well as people who are not in shelters but who have evacuated the area and need help." He said the hope is the cards will encourage people to leave shelters voluntarily.

Harry Potter downloads available
NEW YORK — Before you rip your iPods. Harry Potter is going digital.

J.K. Rowling, once publishing's greatest holdout against the computer age, has made all six Potter novels available for audio downloads. In a move possibly spurred by Rowling's sale to Microsoft, Rowling said she was concerned about online piracy, included bootleg editions for which the original text was altered.

"Many Harry Potter fans have been keen for digital access for a while, but the deciding factor for me in authorizing this new version is that it will help combat the growing incidents of piracy in this area," Rowling wrote. "There have been a number of incidents where fans have stumbled upon unauthorized files believing them to be genuine and, quite apart from the fact that they are illegal, the Harry Potter context of those can bear very little resemblance to anything I've ever written!"

Economic assessment looks bleak
Higher energy prices, slow growth, job losses to ensue, says Budget Office

WASHINGTON - Hurricane Katrina will have a greater economic impact than previous killer storms, though the energy price spikes, slower growth and job losses will not be enough to push the country into recession.

That's the view of the Congressional Budget Office, which on Wednesday provided the government's first assessment of the economic impact from the country's worst natural disaster.

The CBO predicted the aftermath of Katrina would see job losses of 400,000 in the coming months, a reduction in growth of as much as a full percentage point in the second half of this year and that September gas prices will average about 40 cents higher than before the storm.

These impacts were described as "significant but not overwhelming." Still, the CBO cautioned that the economy could suffer a more serious blow if energy supply disruptions along the Gulf Coast last longer than expected.

"Last week, it appeared that larger economic disruptions might occur, but despite continued uncertainty, plans to reopen refineries and restarting pipelines to make those larger impacts less likely," CBO Director Dan Chernoff said, who wrote in a letter to Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., and other congressional leaders.

The CBO estimated that gasoline prices would rise over the second half of this year and that September gas prices will average about 40 cents higher than before the storm.

The CBO said overall economic growth, as measured by the gross domestic product, could be reduced by between 0.5 percentage point and a full percentage point for the second half of this year but this downshift in growth should be temporary as long as gasoline prices retreat to pre-Katrina levels.

Before the hurricane, private economists were forecasting growth in the second half would come in between 3 percent and 4 percent following growth of 3.6 percent in the first half of this year.

There have been some promising signs on the energy front in recent days with crude oil prices dropping as more Gulf Coast production resumes.

Ford, Toyota announce major recalls

WASHINGTON - Ford and Toyota, two of the world's largest automakers, on Wednesday recalled nearly 5 million pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles in separate moves to respond to consumer concerns over fires and problems with the power-steering system.

The recall by Ford Motor Co., the fifth-largest auto industry recall in U.S. history, affects 2.8 million pickup trucks and SUVs from the 1999-2002 model years, including the top-selling F-150 pickup.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it had been investigating complaints of engine fires linked to the cruise control switch system.

Toyota Motor Co., meanwhile, recalled 973,000 sport utility vehicles and pickup trucks over concerns that a rod linking the steering wheel and the wheels could fracture when the steering wheel is turned while the vehicle is stopped. The affected vehicles include the 1990-1995 4Runner SUV, 1989-1995 truck 4WD and 1993-1998 T-100 pickup.

In the Ford case, NHTSA said Wednesday it was reviewing 1,170 allegations of engine fires related to the vehicles and would continue a probe launched earlier this year. There have been 12 fires in cases cited in news reports or lawsuits in Iowa, Georgia and Arkansas.


Ford said its inquiry found brake fluid could leak through the cruise control's deactivation switch into the system's electrical components, leading to potential corrosion. That could lead to a buildup of electrical current which could cause overheating and a fire.

Owners will be notified by mail immediately. Dealers will install a fused wiring harness to art as a circuit breaker in the system. The company said the harness would cut off electrical current to the switch if the current increases.

In January, Ford recalled nearly 800,000 vehicles from the 2000 model year because of concerns over engine fires.

"We have a solution that fixes the problem and we're confident that this is going to be the right remedy," said Ford spokesman Kristen Kinsky.

An aerial view of the refinery near Cowden, Miss., Sept. 1, shows the holding tanks surrounded by water. The force of Hurricane Katrina is ripping through the nation's economy.
**MEXICO**

**Ship delivers supplies to devastated regions**

Welcomed gesture seen largely as symbolic

Associated Press

NUEVO LAREDO - A Mexican ship laden with hurricane relief supplies anchored off Mississippi Wednesday night, while an aid-bearing Mexican army convoy reached the U.S. border in a journey marking the first time its military has aided the United States.

The Papaloapan, a navy vessel, arrived in U.S. waters following its voyage from the Gulf coast port of Tampico and began unloading rescue equipment by helicopter, the Mexican navy's press office said.

Meanwhile, a convoy of 45 vehicles and soldiers arrived at the border city of Nuevo Laredo Wednesday evening. It was to cross into U.S. territory early Thursday. Gen. Francisco Ortiz Valadez told reporters as his men refueled at a local gas station.

"This is just an act of solidarity between two people who are brothers," said Ruben Aguilar, presidential spokesman.

The convoy represents the first Mexican military unit to operate on U.S. soil since 1946, when Mexican troops briefly marched into Texas, which had separated from Mexico and united with the United States.

It included military specialists, doctors, nurses and engineers carrying water treatment plants, mobile kitchens, food and blankets.

"This is just an act of solidarity between two peoples who are brothers," said Fox's spokesman, Ruben Aguilar.

Army press office employee Francisco Aguilar said he did not have details of the convoy's precise location. It originally was scheduled to arrive in Houston to provide food for evacuees, but apparently has been rerouted to Dallas.

All of the convoy participants will be unarmed. In July 2004, Mexican troops interrupted the funeral of a Mexican-born marine killed in Iraq. They are projected to the nonworking, ceremonial rifles carried by two Marines who came from the United States for the ceremony.

Mexican military apologized but said it has an obligation to employ a ban on foreign troops carrying weapons on U.S. territory.

The convoy has a "very high symbolic content," said Javier Oliva, a political analyst at the National Autonomous University. "This is a very sensitive and historic and political reasons.

Large Mexican flags were taped to many of the 35 olive green Mexican Army trucks and tractor trailers as they paralleled northward toward the border Wednesday. The convoy includes two mobile kitchens that can feed 7,000 people a day, three flashed trucks carrying mobile water-treatment plants and 15 trailers of bottled water, blankets and applesauce. The 195 Mexicans taking part include military engineers, doctors and nurses.

**LONDON**

**Hurricane claims foreign lives**

Many European citizens remain missing in ravaged New Orleans

Associated Press

LONDON - Three weeks have passed since Tom Noone last heard from his 51-year-old brother, Mike, who lived near New Orleans.

"As each day goes by, it's just harder and harder. I've got to make every effort I can to try and find him," Noone told The Associated Press from his home in Abingdon, central England.

Britain and other countries are working to account for their citizens who are missing in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina. For some relatives, the search has ended happily as those once estranged begin returning home.

Mike Noone, a mechanical engineer for Lockheed Martin Corp., has lived in Louisiana for 28 years. His three children - Patrick, 24, Ryan, 20, and Marion, 16 - also have not been in touch, Tom Noone said.

The level of anxiety around the world is measured on a Website for the Geneva-based international Red Cross - http://www.familylinks.icrc.org.uk/ routes - which lists more than 117,000 names of people who haven't been located.

Several hundred names have been deleted as people have been found, said spokesman Florian Westphal.

Britain's list of 96 people is the largest number confirmed by a European government. Poland says it has yet to account for 22 citizens, but France, Germany, Russia and Italy are among the nations which decline to say how many of their people are missing.

Russia has confirmed contact with 112 citizens that it has in consulates in Houston, and Germany says it tracked down 10 people known to live in the region.

France's Foreign Ministry indicated it had been contacted by some families of those governments who have confirmed deaths of their citizens.

At least five Australians remain unaccounted for, including 30-year-old Ashley McDonald, whose credit cards and driver's license were found in a hotel in Baton Rouge. U.S. and Australian authorities are searching for him, Australia's Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said.

South Africa says three of its citizens are not accounted for. Like Noone, Andrew Mcllnnes of Devon, England, is relying mainly on the Internet in his search for his 60-year-old father David.

"We had a falling out, and haven't had contact for about six years, but I really wanted to get in touch to make sure he was OK," Mcllnnes told The Associated Press. He believes his father was living in New Orleans.

He said he posted a message on the Web site of the American Red Cross and another on the New Orleans-based Web site http://w-w.nola.com. One message tells his father: "There is a plane taking off, a room ready if you need it."

There have been hopeful homecoming scenes in Europe this week.

Christine Sabadello lost notes, an outline and books she was using for her doctoral dissertation at the University of New Orleans, but she told The AP she was "just happy to be alive" after returning home to Austria.

She said she rested a mini­ van as the storm approached and evacuated with some friends. "We just thought we'd spend a nice weekend in Texas," she said.

They got as far as Alexandria, La., and took shelter with the par­ ents of a friend.

"People showed up at the house and brought food and money," Sabadello said. "We were invited over for dinner - homecoming scenes in Europe.

Ten Russian college students returned to a heartfelt welcome in Moscow on Wednesday. They had been stranded in a second-floor apartment in New Orleans for three days before being evacuated by helicopter and sent first to San Antonio, then to Atlanta.

"We sprawl on mattresses across the street to a bridge four days later and there we were rescued by a military heli­ copter," said Vitaly Nikiforov, as his mother embraced him. 

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From your friends
Chirac's health problems unclear
French President missed Cabinet meeting due to "vascular accident"

Associated Press

PARIS — President Jacques Chirac skipped a weekly Cabinet meeting Wednesday for the first time since taking office in 1995, as authorities kept France in suspense for a fifth full day about what exactly ailed the hospitalized 72-year-old leader.

Officials have cryptically referred to Chirac's illness as "a small vascular accident" that affected his vision in one eye. With little to go on, doctors not involved in Chirac's treatment suggest a range of possible problems from minor — a ruptured blood vessel in a retina — to serious.

Officials of the presidential Elysee Palace have worked to portray the president, admitted to Val de Grace military hospital Friday night, as active and deeply involved in the affairs of state.

Chirac met Wednesday for the first time with government spokesman, Minister Dominique Strauss-Kahn, and Premier Lionel Jospin, to go over Chirac's work. Strauss-Kahnmet Chirac for his "warmth and confidence" and said the president was "calm and reassuring." Strauss-Kahn did not specify what medical problems were affecting Chirac.

With memories of those deaths strong, the media has accused the government of guarding details of Chirac's condition like a state secret. However, many politicians argue that France's law on medical secrecy justifies guarding such information.

"All of us are telling the truth and Chirac has a minor problem — a retinal hemorrhage or vascular accident," said Dr. Stephan A. Mayer, associate professor of neurology and neurosurgery at Columbia University Medical Center in New York.

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THOUSANDS EVACUATED BY MILITARY, POLICE

New Orleans residents holding out in homes

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Using the unmistakable threat of force, police and soldiers went house to house Tuesday to evacuate all holdouts — by force if necessary. He warned that the combination of fetid water, fires and natural gas leaks after Hurricane Katrina made it dangerous to stay.

In fact, the first government tests confirmed Wednesday that bacteria in the floodwaters is at least 10 times higher than acceptable. And the staff left the elderly residents behind in their beds.

The Waterfronts continued to recede, fast. Slowly, with only 23 of the city's normal contingent of 148 pumps in operation, the water continued to rise. The pumps in St. Bernard Parish had fallen 5 feet. The Standing water was covered with oil and diesel. We have thousands of people who want to voluntarily evacuate out of their homes at gunpoint, said the governor.

Hurricane separates loved ones

Pregnant women, terminally ill apart from families during storm

Associated Press

Rachael Watson is 19 years old and nine months pregnant. Her 1-year-old daughter is missing. So is her boyfriend. She paces the storm room, crying, far from her former home in New Orleans, rubbing her belly while her worries run wild.

"I just can't take it no more," she said as she locked her front door and dove into the end of the house where she had lived since 1955.

"He's old and he has prostate cancer and he's got dementia," she said. "He lives by himself in that trailer. She has called and called, but the kids are too busy to get through."

"He has three grown daughters who live nearby, but no one can find her sister and brother," she said.

"I just can't take it no more." Rachael Watson, hurricane victim

"We all just wanted to get in the car and go ... but where do we go? What would we do?"

Angie Holman, Jackson, FL resident
EYE

Elections take step toward democracy

Associated Press

CAIRO — Amr Moussa, the co-chair of the Egyptian poll monitoring mission, said the panel had received no major complaints or reports of problems.

Nine candidates ran against Mubarak this time, but only two were considered significant — Nour of the al-Ghad Party and Nafaa Gomaa of the Wafd — and the president was expected to win handily. Final results were not due until Saturday.

El-Baradei and several independent monitoring groups said they thought turnout was low, contrary to government predictions of high turnout. The number of voters might indicate whether recent calls for reform have shaken Egyptians out of an apathy generated by years of stagnation.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said the U.S. government was following the election closely and called the vote "a beginning."

"These elections really mark a historic departure for Egypt," he said. "In the fact that you have multieandidate presidential elections, I think it's safe to say that Egyptians have not seen a presidential election like the one they have just seen in their lifetimes."

Sean McCormack
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Thursday, September 8, 2005

SOUTH AFRICA

U.N. says anti-poverty goals unmet

Associated Press

Rich-poor gap widens, one-fifth of humanity living on one dollar per day

The goals were promised by 189 governments to the world's poor people, and the countries have less than a decade to meet them, said Kevin Watkins, chief author of the 2005 Human Development Report. One landmark will be next week's meeting.

He said that "without the required investment and political will," the promises will not be met.

Progress is being made overall, the report said, but the gains often have been slow, life expectancy has increased by two years in developing countries, and more than 130 million people have been lifted out of poverty since 1990.

In many instances the gap between rich and poor is widening, the report said. One-fifth of humanity lives in countries where many think nothing of spending $2 on a cappuccino. Another fifth survive on less than $1 a day.

In many countries that are making progress, it is only the wealthy who are better off, the report said. The gap between child mortality rates among rich and poor is increasing in countries like Ghana, Zambia and Uganda.

In India, the death rate in children under 5 is 50 percent higher for girls than boys.

Such disparities present one of the greatest barriers to progress, Watkins said. At the current rate, 115 countries with a combined population of almost 2.1 billion are off track by more than a generation on at least one millennium goal.

Reducing the number of children who die before 5 is projected to take until 2045. That translates into 41 million more child deaths over the next decade than if the target were met.

Missing the target on reducing poverty would mean 360 million more people surviving on less than $1 a day, the report said.

Governments of developing countries must take responsibility for reversing these trends by tackling inequalities, respecting human rights, encouraging investment and rooting out corruption, the report said.

But their success will depend on wealthy nations making major changes in aid, trade and security policies.

This year saw the eight richest nations devote unprecedented attention to poverty at their summit in G8nnesgtoast, Scotland, including a pledge to double aid to $50 billion by 2015.

But it is still far from keeping pace with growing incomes in the wealthiest countries, the report said. Much of the help is poorly coordinated and comes with too many strings attached — including the purchase of goods and services from donor countries, which reduces the value of aid by almost $2 billion in sub-Saharan Africa alone.

Improving aid with meaningfulless without giving poor countries a fairer share of world

Rich-poor gap widens, one-fifth of humanity living on one dollar per day

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Some years ago, I came by a fact about Madonna. I don’t know how it happened; I do everything I can to avoid learning about celebrities’ lives, but somehow the information keeps seeping in.

Madonna had let it be known that her daughter, Lourdes, was not allowed to watch television because Madonna believed it had a bad influence. Perhaps, I remarked to a friend of mine, what Madonna was really worried about was that Lourdes might turn on MTV and happen across her mother’s “Erotica” video. That screen, I said, would be audible from space.

“My friend demurred. He’s a physicist, so I initially assumed his complaint was that a scream cannot travel through the vacuum of space, but it turned out that what he objected to was my slur on Madonna’s parenting.

If Madonna’s raunchy videos would be disturbing to her daughter, my friend countered, it was not her fault, but the fault of our society for teaching her daughter that sex is something to be consumed. If we could get past our prissy Victorian taboos, then we would live in a more mainstream culture.

But what a weird environment this is imagined (or just as frequently assumed) in all kinds of debates, but these days it is most commonly encountered in discussions of pornography. I don’t think it’s a good argument, but it does seem to be an effective one (who wants to be a prissy Victorian?), and it has no doubt contributed to the increasing acceptance of pornography in our culture.

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The Observer

Open letter to Father Jenkins: Burnishing the public image

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It wasn't until 1996's "Traveling Without Moving" that Jamiroquai (Jay Kay and his consistently-changing band mates) reached a wider American audience, despite attaining superstar status across the pond some years ago. It may come as a surprise then that "Dynamite," the group's latest, is actually their sixth album and will be in stores on Sept. 20. It's a perfect starting point for anyone who would like to discover, or re-discover, one of the premier dance groups out there.

Jamiroquai revolves around its tabloid-friendly front man, Jay Kay. Discovered in near poverty, a single demo disc he created bought him an unprecedented eight-CD deal from Sony/BMG. The group's initial offering, "Emergency on Planet Earth," was released in the UK with considerable European success thereafter.

Dynamite
Jamiroquai
Sony

Recommended tracks: "Seven Days in Sunny June," "Black Devil Car" and "Electric Mistress"

From the left, the lead singer and song writer for Jamiroquai, a British dance/funk band, performs on stage. The band will release their sixth album on Sept. 20.

Hold Steady's creativity shines in latest effort

By JOE LATTL
Scene Critic

After the release of "Separation Sunday," last spring, The Hold Steady became the kings of low and medium market media. The band received a "best new music" tag from the influential Pitchfork Media, as well as an interview. They performed on "Last Call with Carson Daly." In Target's latest ad campaign, a series of online videos called "Odds Against Seven," college freshmen drive across state lines to see The Hold Steady play live.

However, none of the hype matters if you can't get used to frontman Craig Finn's hard-bitting yet rangless voice. His half-speaking, half-singing delivery is a "love-it-or-hate-it" stain on the New York-by-way-of Minneapolis band's debut. It takes time to get used to Finn's voice, or at least time to tune it out. Though, the man can write good poetry. His he-said-she-said lyrics dress up an album driven by an unused narrative — traveling around the country and watching stuff happen. Here's the good news. "Separation Sunday" has some of the most fun guitar riffs from the last year. The music recalls themes from nearly every era of rock, with distortion, Hammond organ and piano. Each song is filled with an army of characters — upbeat, but not heavy enough to offend anyone. None of the songs drag, and there is enough variety between each song to keep the story interesting. (Which is good because Finn's voice never changes.)

An a cappella opening of "Hornets! Hornets!" starts off the album before exploding into a guitar-driven verse about bitter post-breakup thoughts. "She said I won't be much for conversation ... I kinda dig these awkward silences."
The track, "Cattle and Creeping Things," makes it appear as though this is really how Finn sings. It wasn't just one song. Finn refused to be distracted by the tri- umphant and hectic chord changes of the chorus, and instead maintained his storytelling tune. "Your Little Hoofrat Friend" is the strongest song on the album and also the choice for the band's performance on Carson Daly's show. It is the best song because of the likeable, brief, palm-muted measures in the chorus immediately after the simple chord progression. It is the strongest because it's the closest Finn comes to actually singing a tune.

"Stevie Nix" and "Chicago Seemed Tired Last Night" are other highlights on the album. Both have a new trend in indie rock — songs about songs. Each works better than the Statistics' "Final Broadcast" or Trail of Dead's "Worlds Apart." The Hold Steady comes off more sincere and Finn's storytelling delivery makes each track more interesting.

Not many bands sound like The Hold Steady, and it's probably because they don't really want to sound like them. The description of the band is simple — a singer who tells stories over rock music. But their creative geniuses were aiming in that direction. They remain the one band people can be certain aren't lip-synching on stage.
Bigger label gives Death Cab room to grow

By BRIAN DOXTADER and MOLLY GRIFFIT
Assistant Scene Editor

Brian: It must be tough to be Death Cab for Cutie. Appearances on "The O.C." and the runaway success of headliner Ben Gibbard's side-project The Postal Service have made Death Cab's latest, "Plans," the other bodily-awarded poprock release of the year. It's an honor and a cooldown.

Death Cab never sounded like a band intended for superstardom, so the band's hesitancy is understandable, but a little disappointing nonetheless. "Plans" is in evidence of a band in transition, making the jump almost, nearly seamlessly to the major label but tripping just slightly on the landing. In effect, it is the sound of a band that, for the first time, sounds a little unsure of its direction.

Accordingly, Death Cab's latest isn't "Transatlanticism," their last album and their best thus far (nor is it The Postal Service's "Give Up." Instead, the band tries in progress forward within the confines of its sound, which works in some cases but not in others. It doesn't have the immediacy of either of the two afore-mentioned albums, but it does have a warm and inviting sound that suits Gibbard's starry-eyed romanticism.

If anything, Death Cab sounds more understated than ever, which is apparent from the outset. "Marching Bands of Manhattan," the opening salvo, is as quietly agreeable as "The New Year" was bombastic on "Transatlanticism."

Thankfully, the production doesn't mute everything into obscurity, as the songs do sometimes sound quite clearly. This clarity is welcome and even necessary, as there are certainly some fantastic songs on "Plans." Among the best are the pseudo-epic "Different Names for the Same Thing," the lovely and understated "I Will Follow You into the Dark" and especially the stirring "What Sarah Said," unabashedly the album's masterpiece. Like most Death Cab albums (and also, incidentally, symphonies of U2 albums), "Plans" runs a little too long, and the overall quality starts to dip towards the end.

Gibbard's lyrics are better, though they still tend toward the maudlin at times, and incomprehensibility at others. Gibbard's dreamy idealism — a heady mixture of universality and off-balance specificity — could be considered embarrassing, but the songwriting and overall earnestness keep "Plans" afloat. Like Pavement's Stephen Malkmus, Gibbard is best in sound bytes, as he's capable of a killer line or two, even when spinning dangerously close to formless. It's a head verses heart, and it's always this way.

Molly: The independent music scene is a difficult place for bands, and sometimes when you succeed, you fail. Small bands usually accumulate fans on their way up, and some of the luckier groups must decide if they want to stay true to their roots and remain independent or sell out and sign with a bigger record label. The album "Plans" marks this cross-road for the band Death Cab for Cutie. They stand on the brink of commercial success with their new album, but they are also leaving the small label and the small underground scene where they were first embraced. The album is the group's first departure from the Barsuk-based label Barsuk Records and their first album for the much larger Atlantic Records.

Death Cab, from a small college town in Washington State, gained a loyal following over the course of five albums and little commercial success. This all changed with the release of 2003's "Transatlanticism," which found a more mainstream audience. The fact that the television show "The O.C." embraced the band and mentioned them constantly introduced the group to a new, wider audience. The band performed "The O.C." during the second season and songs like "Lack of Color" were featured during prominent and emotional scenes on the show. Ben Gibbard's role as part of the emo/techno band The Postal Service and the success abroad of "Transatlanticism" also created a greater awareness of Death Cab for Cutie in the musical community. The group's song "Such Great Heights," was covered by Iron and Wine for the soundtrack to the film "Garden State."

While the band's image and direction are changing, "Plans" is still up to the caliber of the bands prior albums. The band continues to stay true to its emo roots with contemplative lyrics about love, death and the afterlife. The tone of the album is more upbeat than some of the band's other efforts, and the songs sound much more polished and put together, which speaks to the experience of the band.

The standout track on "Plans" is "I Will Follow You into the Dark," a simple but potent ballad about love that traverses the boundaries of life. There are images of heaven, hell, rows and lyrics like, "If there's no one beside you when your soul embark[s] I will follow you into the dark." The powerful effect of singer Ben Gibbard's boyish voice coupled with the lone guitar on the track makes it simple but immensely powerful.

Other great songs on the album include "Marching Bands of Manhattan," a warm, soothing song about trying to live in the moment and not being entirely successful. "Different Names for the Same Thing," a piano-driven song that is about traveling in a foreign country and being frustrated by the language barrier is another song that sticks in your head.

"Brothers in a Halo" is notable because it originated from Chris Walla, which is the first song the band has ever had the courage to name after you as you don't have to say, "Death Cab for Cutie." Gibbard and the band, with themes of love and growing older. Death Cab is known for its dark and sometimes depressing lyrics as well as its heady melodies. This album has lyrics that will bring tears to your eyes, but the arrangements are filled out and give the album a greater sense of warmth and of hope and revealing the band's new maternal side.

"Plans" is ultimately a meditation on dealing with aging and about the potential that love has. The band's audience is growing and expanding to include a more diverse fan base. If they continue to achieve the same musical and emotional quality that "Plans" manages to execute, they may not only find success with their loyal fans, but with people who appreciate good music everywhere.

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Death Cab began as a solo project for lead singer Ben Gibbard, left center, in 1997. Since then, they have enjoyed both critical and commercial success.
Giambi slugs homer in eighth to beat D-Rays

Newark - Jason Giambi and the New York Yankees certainly never figured it would be such a relief to beat Tampa Bay. Giambi, a go-ahead, two-run homer with two outs in the eighth inning, and New York rallied past the Devil Rays Wednesday night for a much-needed victory against a surprising nemesis.

"I love being in that spot, and it's great to come through," Giambi said. "Hopefully, this will get us going and get us on a little bit of a tear."

Hideki Matsui hit his 400th career homer and drove in three runs for the Yankees, who fell out of first place in the AL East and lost slugger Gary Sheffield to an injury. Sheffield tore ligaments in his knee and will be out for the season. New York also lost starting pitcher Mike Timlin with a hamstring strain.

"That's the most important thing. He didn't lose his composure and won the game," manager Joe Torre said.

Tanyon Sturtze (5-3) worked 1 3-3 innings for the win, and Mariano Rivera pitched a perfect ninth for his third save in 40 tries. The Yankees remained four games behind first-place Boston in the AL East and a half-game ahead of Cleveland in the wild-card race.

With Tampa Bay ahead 4-3, Joe Borowiak (1-3) retired his first two batters in the eighth before giving way to Brian Bruney, who walked a batter and was replaced by a pinch-hitter with the tying run on base. Bruney stepped on the face of Mike Timlin and was ejected from the game.

"It's a slider that didn't slide. It stayed right there on the plate. It was a pitch for a strike," Bruney said. "I tried to blow it fouled off, but it stayed right down the line."
City agrees to Colts' new stadium in '08

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts and the state board overseeing con­struction of a new downtown stadium have reached an agreement clearing the way for work to start on the $500 million project, a state sena­tor said Wednesday.

The deal is expected to be formally announced Thursday by the Indiana Stadium and Convention Center Building Authority, Senate Tax Committee Chairman Lake Kenley, R­-Noblesville.

Kenley said the biggest hurdle in negotiations was a proposed $3 per ticket tax for Colts games, which is not included in the deal. The ticket tax would have brought in about $2.5 mil­lion, and Kenley said officials wanted to make sure that would have enough money without it to cover expenses.

"The revenue sources have enough of a cushion that they will probably be all right," Kenley said.

Colts spokesman Craig Kelley said he did not imme­diately know about any plans to announce a stadium deal with the state.

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Moss poses challenge to Pats

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The New England Patriots marvel at the talent of Randy Moss. They'll see it up close Thursday night when the receiver who grabs attention as well as passes makes his debut with the Oakland Raiders.

Yet if anyone should know that one star can't win a game by hands it's the Super Bowl champions, who built their suc­cess on the team concept.

"We played a team similar to that before in Philadelphia and Terrell Owens is one of those players, dynamic players that can change the game," line­backer Willie McGinest said, "and I don't think one guy can control everybody else."

Owens caught nine passes for 122 yards in the Super Bowl 6 1/2 weeks after ankle surgery, but the Patriots beat the Eagles 24-21 for their third title in four years.

Thursday night's NFL opener begins the Patriots' quest to become the first team to win three consecutive champi­onships.

In March, the Raiders obtained Moss from Minnesota, where he averaged 87 catches for 1,306 yards and 13 touchdowns in seven seasons, although he was slowed by a hamstring injury last year.

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Texas’ Young is early season Heisman hopeful

Longhorns’ standout begins year Saturday visiting Ohio State

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Vince Young could be the Texas Longhorns’ quarterback for the next four years or so. It’s a quick take followed by a burst of speed and the Texas quarterback is past a defend- er, he stiff-arms him and runs toward the end zone.

Young weighs 233 pounds with 4.4 speed, he’s the most dan- gerous running quarterback in the country for Saturday night’s blockbuster matchup. Young rose from a Rose Bowl win last season, he ripped off dazzling TD runs after the big game.

Brown has watched Young mature as a player and as a leader, which makes him more comfortable as a coach to let him loose.

"He flipped the switch and took over our team," Brown said. "It’s fun to have a mature guy who’s not just surviving at quarterback. He’s getting better every play."

Young rushed for 1,079 yards last season, with 14 touchdowns, to go with 1,849 passing yards and 12 TDs through the air. In a 60-3 season-opening win over Louisiana-Lafayette, he passed for 173 yards and three TDs and scored another on the ground.

"If there’s a knock on Young, it’s his passing. He threw 11 interceptions last year and has throwing motion isn’t pretty. He throws a soft deep ball, but sometimes gets lazy on the shorter passes, dropping to a sidearm delivery."

Even so, he completed near- ly 60 percent of his passes last season and was 13-15-15 in the first half of the season opener. Young bristles at questions about whether he’s a "complete" quarterback.

"If you’re completing the ball downfield to your receivers, you’re a quarter- back," Young said.

But defenses fear his legs most.

"Vince Young is definitely the heartbeat of that team," said Ohio State defensive line- man Mike Kudla. "You’ve def­initely got to contain him and you’ve almost got to make them one-dimensional and make them throw the ball on every down."

Even when Young drops back to pass, defenses soon realize that forcing him into the pocket and keeping him there can be two different challenges. Even Young’s teammates sometimes don’t know where he’s going.

"There’s been a couple of times we got caught standing around and he’s still back there running," said tackle Justin Blalock. "It gives us a lot of confidence to know there’s a playmaker back there.

"When the chips are down," Blalock said, "he can pull something from nowhere."

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Young has embraced his role as leader. He took charge of the Texas offense midway through last season, he downloaded the music himself into his iPod digital music player.

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He’s taken his charge to the coaching staff as well.

Young was part of a group of players who went to coach Mack Brown and urged him to listen to some hip-hop music the players like. Brown says he downloaded the music himself into his iPod digital music player.

"I was telling him sometimes what 50 Cent be saying, it’s similar to some of our guys’ lives," Young said.

Brown could be the Heisman Trophy leader of a Texas team pushing them to be perfect.

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"I’m the guy, and I’m going to be the leader," Young said.

That’s my role.

Young has been talking to his teammates about this game for months. When the players trickled back to cam- pus for summer conditioning, he left them a written mes- sage in the locker room: "If you want to beat Ohio State, meet me here every night at 7."
Bob Jones 
CLEVELAND — With a whistle and the raucous chant of a contract dispute, Browns first-year coach Romeo Crennel began his post-practice news conference during training camp with a quick weather report.

"Nice, warm sunny day," he said, smiling. "How's everyone doing?"

Fine, thanks. In July and August, Clevelanders usually feel pretty good about life in northeast Ohio — and the Browns. But in September the climate changes, football season arrives and the wind off Lake Erie offers a chilling reminder of colder, busier days ahead.

Crennel senses them coming. Just days before making his NFL head coaching debut after 24 years as an assistant, New England's former defensive coordinator insists he's still enjoying being the man in charge of reviving the Browns.

"Sure, so far," Crennel said. "The honeymoon is still going on right now. Ask me in a couple of weeks, and the answer may be different."

No doubt. Because 10 years after former owner Art Modell moved them from Baltimore and six years since their expansion reincarnation, the Browns, once one of the league's giants, are only a few months removed from bottoming out. Since 1999, they've lost a league-high 66 regular-season games, changed coaches three times, endured innumerable personnel moves and gutted their front office. There have been costly injuries, blown draft picks and assorted off-the-field disruptions, the latest being Kellen Winslow Jr.'s season-ending motorcycle crash.

To some fans, Cleveland's three years without the Browns were better than the past six watching them.

"It has made me sick," offensive tackle Ryan Tucker said. "Looking stinks worse than anything, man. I'm tired of it.

As was owner Randy Lerner, who along with team president John Collins, hired general manager Phil Savage away from the Eagles, stripped the Browns, the Patriots and changed almost every coach since the Browns but their orange helmets.

"In my opinion, there's a lost generation of Browns fans out there," Savage said. "They haven't enjoyed the feel-good atmosphere of having a quality, winning product. That is really our objective."

Crennel's job is to fix the mess on the field. He and Savage have overhauled the roster, getting rid of 22 players who made at least one start last season. The club will open 2005 with 26 new faces — 10 rookies.

"The coach is new, too. But

Browns look to Crennel for leadership, success

Associated Press

Indianapolis defensive schemes challenge Simon

Ex-Philadelphia star running out of time before start of season

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts playbook is an important to Corey Simon as his helmet or pads.

The former Pro Bowl defensive tackle, signed last week after he was released by Philadelphia in a contract dispute, is hurriedly trying to learn the Colts' system as well as get back into football shape. He went through a couple brief walk-throughs Monday and Wednesday mornings and had his first full practice with the rest of the team Wednesday afternoon.

He still doesn't know how much playing time he'll see during the opener Sunday night at Baltimore.

"We're going to roll and see what happens," Simon said. "I feel like Superman. I feel like I could go all day. But that's not my deal to decide."

Simon was the Eagles' first-round pick and the sixth overall selection in the 2000 draft. In five seasons with Philadelphia, he had 270 tackles and 32 sacks, but he would not sign a one-year franchise tender the Eagles offered him because he wanted a long-term contract.

He skipped all of Philadelphia's minicamps and its training camp and agreed to a five-year deal with the Colts with the Eagles within days after the Eagles released him.

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"He did fine," Dungy said after Wednesday's practice. "He's really learning what we do very quickly. He's a big-powerful guy, something we had not had inside. I think it's going to help us."

Tripplett, a second-round pick in 2002, started every game two years ago, but was a reserve last season. He said he wasn't worried about losing his starting spot again to Simon.

"Just having a player of his capability, I'm excited to be around him," Tripplett said. "I'm taking this as a learning experience. I know he's a good football player and ready to go, so I wouldn't be surprised if we saw a lot of Corey on Sunday."

Wide receiver Peyton Manning said Simon's presence on the field will likely help the offense, too.

"Coach Dungy's philosophy is to get the best players out there," Manning said. "The more good players we can get on this team, the better we'll be as a team. Corey's a veteran, he's a player who has made big plays in his career, he's used to winning."

The Colts, 6-5 in their first winless preseason since 1990, used fewer starters in those games. Several players, including center Jeff Saturday, missed the entire preseason with injuries.

"I'm ready to get back," said Saturday, who was sidelined by a hamstring injury. "I probably could have come back a while ago, but it just wasn't quite ready."

Another player expected to return is receiver Brandon Stokley, who missed the preseason with a shoulder injury.

Stokley, one of three Colts receivers with at least 1,000 yards and 10 TD catches last season, returned to practice Monday and expects to play against the Ravens.

"Right now it looks that way," he said. "I'm just waiting for a coach's decision. But it's as good a time as ever to try it out. It feels good. It's either going to be healthy or it's not, so it's time to play football."

Summer Internships in Mexico
Notre Dame - Universidad de Guadalajara
USAID Program for Small Agricultural Producers

What: Team Presentations of Summer 2005 projects (with reception to follow)

When: Thursday, September 8th, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Where: C-103 Hesburgh Center
Miners' rookie shortstop Mike Morse dives for a ground ball in a Aug. 24 game against the Rangers. Morse was suspended for ten games on Wednesday for violating the leagues’ steroid policy.

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Seattle Mariners rookie Mike Morse was suspended 10 days Wednesday for violating baseball’s steroids policy, and said he was still being punished for an “enormous mistake” he made in 2003.

Morse became the ninth major league player penalized under the sport’s tougher drug rules. He hit a go-ahead single in the seventh inning for a 3-2 win over Oakland on Tuesday, and on Wednesday the grievance by the players’ association to overturn the suspension was denied by arbitrator Shyam Das.

“This result is unfair and unfortunate. It punishes Michael Morse again for conduct for which he has already been punished,” said Michael Weiner, the union’s general counsel. “The PA does not believe the parties ever intended for the Basic Agreement to compel such a harsh result.”

Morse, 23, was batting .287 with three home runs and 23 RBIs in 209 at-bats since being called up from Triple-A earlier this season.

The infielder-outfielder was acquired last season in the trade that sent pitcher Freddy Garcia to the Chicago White Sox.

“We think you cannot evaluate a program based on the results of a single case, that overall, the rules that we negotiated are designed to be strict but fair with the overall goal being to deter use,” said Rob Manfred, executive vice president of labor relations in the commissioner’s office. “To the extent that anyone disagrees with the result in a particular case, it might be the result of our desire to deter use.”

In a statement before Wednesday’s game against the Athletics, Morse apologized to “the fans, my teammates, the Mariners organization, baseball and to my family,” and he offered an explanation.

“Back in November 2003 when I was 21 years old, I made an enormous mistake in my life. I took steroids while in the minor leagues,” he said. “My thigh muscle, which I had previously torn, had never healed and I was scared that my career was over. I was desperate and made a terrible mistake which I deeply regret.”

In May 2004, I was punished and suspended, which I deserved.”

### In Brief

Big 12 coaches satisfied with instant replay

DALLAS — Nebraska coach Bill Callahan was one of the staunchest proponents for instant replay in the Big 12. He still is, even after five plays were reviewed in the Cornhuskers’ season opener.

“They were possession calls and boundary calls and things of that nature. I think it was well done,” Callahan said. “The calls were well-represented and logically thought out before they pulled the trigger and asked for a replay. What occurred was valid, was logical.”

There were eight Big 12 home games in which instant replay was used for the first time last weekend. There were seven plays reviewed, the five at Nebraska and one each in the Texas and Oklahoma games.

Two calls were overturned in the Cornhuskers’ 25-7 victory over Maine on Saturday. An interception to overturn the suspension was valid, was logistical.”

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Mariners’ rookie suspended for steroids

NBA stars to play charity game for Katrina victims

HOUSTON — Lebron James, Kobe Bryant, Dwyane Wade, Kevin Garnett and other NBA stars will play in a game Sunday in Houston to benefit Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

TNT basketball analyst Kenny Smith organized the game at the Toyota Center. It will start at 5 p.m. EDT and will air on TNT at 11 p.m. EDT.

Organizers said Wednesday that participating players will donate money and supplies valued at more than $1 million to aid Katrina victims.

Players are scheduled to hand out truckloads of supplies to shelters across the city before the game.

Other players set to play include: Steve Francis, Sam Cassell, Jermaine O’Neal, Ron Artest, Stephon Marbury, Channing Billups, Paul Pierce, Lindsey Hunter, Alonzo Mourning and Charles Oakley.
Robinson receives second chance with Vikings
Ex-Seahawks wideout currently in alcohol treatment after being released by Seattle

Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Stuck in an alcohol treatment center in South Carolina, Koren Robinson wasn’t sure where his life was headed. Overcome with anxiety, guilt and embarrassment, Robinson tried to figure out how he went from ninth overall draft pick in 2001 to sitting on the brink of career annihilation.

Then the phone rang.

Vikings coach Mike Tice was on the other end and, after a few conversations, Tice told the troubled young receiver that he may have a second chance waiting for him in Minnesota when he checked out of rehab. Suddenly, Robinson had hope.

"To have someone like Coach Tice call you and say you’ll give me an opportunity once you get out of there, it’s that much better to go in and do what you have to do and get out of there," Robinson, his voice quivering a bit, "it gives you motivation to get everything handled, because you have someone waiting on you when you get out. In any situation, any aspect of your life, to be wanted feels good."

Robinson signed with the Vikings on Tuesday. Now the former North Carolina State star is looking to resurrect a career — and a life — that was overwhelmed by the temptations of pro football during his four years in State.

Great run, pleaded guilty in July to drunken driving and had all but one day of his yearlong sentence suspended. He has a Sept. 14 court date stemming from the charge, but the Vikings are confident his troubles with alcohol are behind him.

He was cut by the Seahawks, three seasons after showing so much promise when he caught 78 passes for 1,240 yards and five touchdowns.

"I definitely got caught up in the NFL lifestyle," Robinson said. "That didn’t get me where I wanted to go, where I wanted to be. I had to do something else, man."

Robinson checked into the treatment facility and spiraled into a pit of self-doubt.

"It was tough," Robinson said, swallowing hard, his eyes welling up with tears. "I was afraid. I was scared. The fear of the unknown, not knowing if I was ever going to get the opportunity to play ball again. Knowing that I had to do some things to get myself right, personally, as far as being a better father, a better son, a better brother. I felt like I had to get that right first and foremost before any of the football things."

"I felt like I was embarrassing my family. My parents didn’t raise me like that, for the things I was doing. They didn’t raise me like that. It was time for a change."

A player with Robinson’s speed and talent will always get a second chance. That it came with the Vikings, who dumped Randy Moss in the offseason because they tired of the distractions he created, came as a mild surprise.

"Koren Robinson is a guy who has such great ability," quarterback Daunte Culpepper said. "If you go through the afeld things, everybody goes through something to get where they want. We have to welcome him and embrace him and hope that he understands the importance of him being successful and doing the right thing."

Easing the transition will be a challenge. Brian Williams, a close friend of Robinson’s from their days at North Carolina State. Williams encouraged Tice to purse Robinson and vouched for him on a personal level.

Now it’s up to Robinson to prove his friend right. Wearing No. 18, Robinson is currently listed as sixth on the depth chart at receiver and Tice said he did not expect him to suit up for at least the first two games.

"We’re not going to rush him because I have some pretty good receivers ahead of him right now who are really coming on quite strong," Tice said.

What ultimately convinced the coach to give Robinson another shot was his humble demeanor and willingness to admit he needed help.

"He voluntarily went into rehab and knows that he messed up," Tice said. "You deal with these spoiled athletes and a lot of times even though they’ve made mistakes and they’re caught, they still don’t want to admit they need to get some things squared away."

Koren Robinson stretches during an April workout with Seattle. The troubled receiver was picked up by Minnesota after being released earlier this year by the Seahawks.
Nine Days of Prayer

and solidarity with our sisters and brothers
who have struggled through the trauma of Hurricane
Katrina

A profound word of thanks to the entire Notre Dame community—students, faculty, and staff—who helped to contribute for relief efforts over the weekend.

The nine day period
of prayer and solidarity
BEGIN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
and continues through
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Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows,
Thursday, September 15 at 5:15PM,
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Four goalies try out for spot vacated by Richter

Young netminders vie to replace 1996 World Cup MVP

Associated Press

Not since 1994 has a mystery surrounded who would be the United States' top Olympic goalie.

Mike Richter was given a, true constant for the American team once NHL players starting filling out Olympic rosters in 1998.

It was a simple choice. He grew up in the USA Hockey program, played in the Olympics as an amateur in 1988 and then won a Stanley Cup with the New York Rangers. He sealed his position as "the guy" with an MVP performance in the 1996 World Cup. But he couldn't play forever. Now there isn't a clear choice for the Turin Games in February.

A young crew of four goalies was invited to this week's Olympic hockey orientation camp and all like their chances. "These are young kids. This is the foundation," three-time Olympic forward Keith Tkachuk said Wednesday. "You need great goaltending, and that's what we've had over the years with Mike Richter."

Robert Esche of Philadelphia is 27 and has the most NHL experience. He has played 128 regular-season NHL games and helped the Flyers reach Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals in 2004. The other three are 23-year-old Rick DiPietro of the New York Islanders, 29-year-old Ty Conklin of Edmonton, and Buffalo's Ryan Miller, who is only 25.

"There are going to be some tough choices," U.S. general manager Don Waddell said. "If you watch what we have going on right now with the four guys we have here, three are experienced NHL players and one is on his way to what will be a very bright NHL career.

"The goaltending end of it, where it might have been a question a few years ago, I think is starting to answer itself. I think it will be a strength for us come February."

Catholic Q&A

What are Indulgences?

One of the major complaints of the reformers at the time of the Protestant Reformation was the buying and selling of indulgences by some people within the Catholic Church. So what is the deal with indulgences? Are they still around?

Indulgences are indeed still a part of Catholic Church teaching and relate closely to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Catholic theology on the nature of sin and forgiveness. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines an indulgence as "a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose difference!" We all know that sin separates us from God. When we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the priest (representing God and the Church) forgives us of the guilt of our sins. This forgiveness breaks down the barrier between God and humankind, and takes away our "just reward" for sin: eternal punishment. However, as the Catechism clarifies, sin also "entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures which must be purified... This purification frees one from what is called the 'temporal punishment' of sin (#1472)."

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In gaining a full understanding of indulgences, one must examine our Christian understanding of sin and its "double consequence." We all know that sin separates us from God. When we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the priest (representing God and the Church) forgives us of the guilt of our sins. This forgiveness breaks down the barrier between God and humankind, and takes away our "just reward" for sin: eternal punishment. However, as the Catechism clarifies, sin also "entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures which must be purified... This purification frees one from what is called the 'temporal punishment' of sin (#1472)."

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One receives an indulgence through prayer and works of charity. Indulgences can be received for everything from making religious pilgrimages, to serving the poor, to praying a rosary, if these are done with the intention of receiving an indulgence. Normally, receiving the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation, as well as offering prayers for the intentions of the pope, complete the process of obtaining an indulgence.

Of primary importance here is to remember that our God is rich in mercy, and He is not a heavenly accountant. The forgiveness an indulgence obtains still comes from the font of God's endless love and mercy. While some members of the Church tried to profit from the sale of God's mercy, a clearer understanding of sin, indulgences, and God's mercy will hopefully put some of these misunderstandings to rest.

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with a lot of intensity. We made the needed adjustments in the second half.

"In terms of the outcome from a coaching perspective, we had players positioned not in com-

fortable places."

The Titans put away their third goal to go up 3-0 in the 36th minute. Midfielder Lyndsay O'Brien pocketed a pass from forward Amy Sott past Belles' goalie Laura Helme.

Mackenzie credited Helme with playing a strong game.

"She made a great effort, han-
dled a lot of shots," Mackenzie said.

Also coming up strong for the Titans were seniors Carrie Orr, Shannon Culbertson and Maura Schoen.

On offense, Carolyn Logun and Lauren Hinton pressured the Wesleyan defense but could not find the back of the net.

The last goal for Wesleyan came near the start of the sec-

ond half, just past the 50th minute of play, on an unassisted shot from Caroline Leighton (1 goal, 1 assist).

The Belles had trouble dealing with a quick Titans offense — a team much faster than Saint Mary's customary competition.

"They made it very difficult for us in terms of trying to figure out a way to slow them down a bit," Mackenzie said. "They were a very technical team, they just played a better brand of soccer than we did tonight."

The Belles held the Titans scoreless for the remaining 30 minutes of regulation, making the necessary changes to handle the explosive Titans attackers. This was the last turn-up before the Belles begin MIAA conference play on Saturday against strong rival Hope College. Mackenzie feels her team will come ready to play and start of their season strong.

"We have to take two steps back before we take a step for-

ward," she said. "We will sort it out. We have the ability to be a really good team.

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Brewster

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week.

On Sunday night, Brewster collected a career-high 28 kills, also the second-highest total ever by a Notre Dame middle blocker.

The senior middle blocker has been "unbelievably valu-
able to the team right now," Brown said. While she had a few lapses in her usually exce-

p tional serving over the week-

end, the 6-foot-3 Brewster gained confidence as the matches went along.

Already equipped with out-

standing talent and work ethic, she is nearly unstop-
nable on offense and impassa-

ble on defense as matches progress.

Some athletes might tire and fade, but Brewster wants the ball more.

"I think when it's [the match] on the line, she wants the ball," Brown said. "And she just does smart things. It's her experience, her leader-

ship, the way she's leading by example."

"She was outstanding [last weekend]."

There's not much of a break for Notre Dame — just this week in practice to prepare for another tough tourna-

ment.

The Irish will travel to San Antonio this weekend for the University of Texas San Antonio Dime Rally in the Alamodome, the site of this year's volleyball Final Four.

Continuing its alreadyグル

elling schedule, Notre Dame takes on No. 8 ranked Southern California Friday at 7 p.m., Oklahoma Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and No. 6 ranked Florida Sunday at 11 a.m.

Brewster welcomes the challenge. She sees it as an opportunity, and she has no fear of other American Volleyball Coaches Association Top 25 teams — just respect.

"It is such an opportunity to play a team in the top 25," she said.

Now, the Irish themselves are in the top 25. They entered at No. 19 this week after their successful week-

end.

The ranking is their highest since Nov. 2002 when they were No. 17. They are 3-0 for the first time since the 2002 season.

Notre Dame hopes to have sophomore starting outside hitter Ellen Heintzman back by this weekend. She injured her medial collateral ligament in the Michigan match and sat out the Shamrock Invitational. As a team with momentum, with a national player of the week and a returning starter, the Irish might be the ones to be feared in San Antonio.

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MLB

Matsui slams 400th career home run in win

Yankees slugger hit 332 homers in Japan

Associated Press

Hideki Matsui's milestone made news on two continents. The New York Yankees out-

fielder hit his 400th profes-

sional home run Wednesday night, outginging in the fourth inning against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Matsui's drive to right cen-

ter off Doug Waechter gave him 500 career runs this season and 68 since joining the Yankees in 2003. He hit 332 homers for the Yomiuri Giants of Japan's Central League from 1993-02.

"The feeling itself, it is the same," Matsui said through a translator. "I don't really add the statistics that I had in Japan and the home runs in the United States."

But he did keep the ball as a souvenir.

“To me, it's not that impor-

tant," he said. "Perhaps my parents will be pretty happy if I give it to him."

Waechter retired his first 10 batters before Matsui's homer, his first since Aug. 23 against Toronto's Miguel Batista. But Yankees manager Joe Torre doesn't think Matsui had been pressing to reach the mile-

stone.

"Knowing him as we do, I doubt that he was goal-orient-

ed there... especially getting up in situations where base hits were so important to us," Torre said. "He's too profes-

sional, just too good at what he does."

Matsui also hit a two-run double in the sixth inning, cutting New York's deficit to 4-3. He finished 2-for-4 with three RBIs, and the Yankees rallied to win 5-4 on Jason Giambi's two-run shot in the eighth.

"The home run was one thing, but to come back with the double the next time, that was the one that got us back to where we felt we could win the game," Torre said.

Nicknamed "Godzilla" in Japan for his power, Matsui was a three-time Central League home run champion and hit 40 or more three times.

But after hitting a career-

high 50 in 2002, he had only 104 RBIs this year, his sixth straight season with at least 100 going back to his career in Japan.

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**PGA Tour**

**Canadian Open struggles to attract big names**

Woods, Mickelson, others pull out for a variety of reasons

Associated Press

Regardless of what happens the rest of the week, Vijay Singh has already given the Canadian Open a huge lift — just by showing up.

With Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, and other top stars passing up the world's third oldest pro tournament, the pressure is on defending champion and second-ranked player in the world is huge.

Singh injured his back a couple of weeks ago playing ping pong with his son, and he's been pushing himself from last week's Deutsche Bank Championship in Boston and this week's Canadian Golf Association, which runs the tournament.

Maybe so, but Mickelson, Kenny Perry and Davis Love III are among the tour's household names who played the Canadian Open last year at Glen Abbey and aren't here this week. With a few extra spots to work with, 16 Canadain players, including three amateurs, are in the field.

Part of the Canadian Open's problem is that the PGA Tour schedule puts it right in the middle of a pair of tournaments on the East Coast — the Deutsche Bank Championship in Boston and next week's 84th U.S. Open.

Some players apparently weren't willing to make the long trip west after the extended stay in Boston, then have to travel back across the U.S. to play in Pennsylvania.

"It definitely hurt us," Ross said of the PGA's scheduling.

Even Olin Browne, a journeyman tour player who scored a rare win at the Deutsche Bank, pulled out.

Stephen Ames, a native of Trinidad who now is a Canadian citizen, said Wednesday the PGA Tour schedule favors tournaments in U.S. soil.

"It feels like we're being kicked back to a secondary category," Ames said. "I wish the PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem would look at that. We have so many foreign players now that we should share the wealth rather than just thinking Americans all the time."

**Tennis**

Ginepri continues Cinderella U.S. Open run with victory

Unseeded American reaches semifinal with win over Coria

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Robby Ginepri, an unsung, unseeded American toiling hard through the U.S. Open, gutted his way out of trouble and got the gift of Guillermo Coria's 13th and 14th double-faults on the last two points to reach a Grand Slam semifinal for the first time.

Ginepri, a 22-year-old who had never gone beyond the third round of the Open, won his third straight five-setter against a seeded player, 4-6, 6-1, 7-5, 3-6, 7-5, Wednesday and guaranteed that an American will play in the final.

Ginepri's opponent in the semifinals Saturday will be the winner of the Andre Agassi-James Blake night match.

"The last three matches took so much out of me. I'm just dead right now," Ginepri told the crowd as he suffered and celebrating on a 1-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 victory over Coria in his previous match, but against Ginepri there was nothing but respect. On one point earlier in the fifth set, the players gave each other a high-five at the net when they combined for a perfectly thrilling point — a beautifully angled drop shot by Coria, a full-court running scoops by Ginepri feathered barely over the net, and a putaway backhand half-volley winner by Coria.

Now trailing 4-5, Coria saved the second match point with a backhand and the third with a brazen overhead from the baseline that skipped off the net and caught the net post.

He held to 5-5 after one more long rally.

After saving his ninth ace at 124 mph to hold for a 6-2 lead in the fifth, Ginepri jumped out to his fourth match point at 30-40 on Coria's serve when the wearying Argentine slapped a forehand just wide. Nervous, Ginepri pulled the front of his yellow shirt up to chomp on it with his teeth, then tried to close out the match.

Instead, as saw Coria save the point with a forehand that Ginepri stretched to reach but couldn't return.

Three points later, Coria missed a backhand wide to give Ginepri a fifth match point. Coria saved that with a surging forehand winner, and volleys were all Coria had left. He double-faulted to set up the sixth point with a double-fault and double-faulted again to lose.

Coria had been having problems with the nerve in his right hand and wasn't able to grip the racket hard.

"I was losing feeling on the hand," Coria said in Spanish while motioning with his right pinkie.

"It has been happening for a long time."

"I had a lot of treatment ...
The Flying Dutch attack was orchestrated by junior setter Stephanie Poll, who logged an astounding 42 assists and a match-high 24 digs. Outside hitters Julie VanderSlicke and Kim Brandes caused problems for the Belles all night, recording 22 and 11 kills, respectively.

For the Belles, junior Kristen Playko led the way with a team-high 8 kills and 5 digs. Junior Amanda David, who is a setter for the first time in her career, had 21 assists and 16 digs for the Belles.

"They showed some spirit and fight," the coach said. "They showed some heart, but we needed to do that throughout the match. We had too much of that in spurts.

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Weis is not far off in his description of Gary, who holds the Michigan high school state records for carries (1,134), rushing yards (8,431), touchdowns (151), scoring (924) and consec­

100-yard rushing games (24).

"We're not going to be that team again," Schroeder-Biek said. "We're going to be that team again," Schroeder-Biek said. "We're going to be that team again."
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FOOTBALL

Wolverine rush

Notre Dame defense aims to keep Michigan offense one-dimensional, preferably off-ground.

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The last time Notre Dame played Michigan in Ann Arbor, the Wolverines ran the ball 54 times. Michigan won the game, 38-4.

It’s no secret Michigan coach Lloyd Carr is most comfortable when his team is running the ball efficiently. Even last Saturday, with Michigan up 27-10 at halftime of an eventual 33-17 win over Northern Illinois, sopho­more running back Mike Hart had 27 carries for 137 yards and one touchdown. Freshman back Kevin Grady also had nine car­ries, 42 yards and a touchdown.

"They always had a great offensive line, so in the last 15, 20 years they started recruiting nationwide and the skill has come on board to give them as much speed as most of the mar­quee teams in the country," Irish defensive coordinator Rick Minter said. "I think it’s all about stopping the run.*

Irish defensive end Victor Abiamiri fights off a block against Pitt Saturday. Abiamiri and fellow linemen Trevor Laws, Derek Landri and Chris Frome will be key against Michigan’s running game.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Dutchmen get best of the Belles

Schroeder-Biek says team mental approach was “disappointing”

By KEVIN BRENNA
Sports Writer

Sometimes your head just isn’t in it.

Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said that was exactly the case for the Saint Mary’s volleyball team last night at the Angela Athletic Center. Hope College downed the Belles in four quick games: 30-18, 30-21, 27-30, 19-30.

“It’s disappointing,” Schroeder-Biek said. “We are capable of so much stronger play. We didn’t go into this mentally as strong as we needed to.”

The coach was upset with the low level of confidence displayed by Saint Mary’s in its first confer­

ND VOLLEYBALL

Brewster honored by CVU

Preseason Big East player of the year continues to shine

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

It’s coaching instinct.

When preseason All­American Lauren Brewster slips up — which is rarely — Debbie Brown almost wants to scold her star player.

"I think it’s interesting because there are so many aspects of the game, and I wouldn’t get down on Lauren for anything," Brown said. But she struggled with her serving. Usually we get a lot of points on her serving. "But last (Saturday) night and tonight (Sunday, in the Shamrock Invitational), she started off not serving as well as she could have, but then she finished so strong."

Brewster, the preseason Big East player of the year, had a total of six service errors last weekend against then No. 11 ranked Texas (1-1) and Arizona State (4-4). But she also had 46 kills, a .310 attack percentage, 10 digs and 11 blocks on the week­end, earning tournament MVP honors.

She has led the Irish to a 3-0 start this season including last weekend’s sweep of their own invite and a victory over archrival Michigan in the sea­son opener. Her performance landed her in unmatched ter­ritory for a Notre Dame volley­ball player.

On Tuesday, Brewster became the first Irish player ever to be named the CVU.com National Player of the Week by Collegiate Volleyball Update and the second­ever to be named na­tion­al player of the week by any organization. She was also named the Big East Conference player of the see BREWSTER/page 24