ELECTION 2008

NDvotes ’08 hosts campaign advisors
Howard Lerner, Obama supporter, and Ike Brannon, McCain supporter, argued for their candidates

By ROBERT SINGER
News Writer

If the six days remaining until Election Day are as unpredictable as last night’s “Campaign Forum” hosted by NDVotes ’08, the outcome will not be easy to forecast. Ike Brannon, Senior Policy Advisor for the McCain campaign, and Howard Lerner, Executive Director at the Law and Policy Center and advisor to the Obama campaign, were scheduled to new-side-by-side, arguing for their candidacies on the issues of energy, the economy, health care, and national security.

Ten minutes past the scheduled start time, one of the seats was still empty, so moderator Rev. William M. Lies improvised. “We have a little change in plans, Howard Lerner thinks we’re on central time. Even though you’d like to, don’t let this reflect poorly on the Obama campaign,” he joked.

The format was changed to two separate question and answer sessions prefaced by opening statements, with see NDVOTES/page 6

Daniels raises awareness about heart disease

By JENN METZ
News Editor

Cheri Daniels, the First Lady of Indiana, was on campus Tuesday as part of her Heart to Heart Initiative to spread information about how the some of the risks for heart disease, the leading cause of death for women, can be reduced by lifestyle changes.

Heart to Heart visits college campuses throughout the state, offers free screenings and offers students tips on how to lead a healthy lifestyle.

Daniels, a nurse practitioner and director of the Healthy Hearts Center of Indiana Heart Hospital, also presented.

The event, which took place in the Eck Visitors’ Center Auditorium, included free cholesterol and glucose screenings provided by the Indiana Heart Institute.

Health education booths provided by the St. Joseph County Health Department, Minority Health Coalition and United Health Services.

NDVote’08, Student government offers over 450 movies

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Got an inking to watch “Juno,” “Transformers” or episodes of “The Office,” but they’re not in your movie collection?

Notre Dame students can rent their favorite DVDs free of charge starting this week as part of a new DVD service Notre Dame Student Government Committee is offering.

The ND DVD Club is operated out of Student Government offices on the second floor of LaFortune and for a year-long refundable five dollar security deposit, students currently have access to over 450 DVDs. Joining the club, Hwang said.

“If you want to rent a DVD, you can join the club,” Hwang said. The one-time deposit is refundable at the end of the academic year, as long as you follow the rules of the DVD club.

“They can rent movies for the rest of the year,” Hwang said.

“If you turn a [DVD] in late, or you don’t turn [a DVD] in, or [the DVD] is damaged, you get [the deposit] back at the end of the year,” she said.

Students can also opt out of the program if they would like.

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ELECTION 2008

Students cast election ballots early
At least 34 states offer voting opportunities before November 4

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Students have been taking advantage of alternative opportunities to cast their ballots for the Nov. 4 general election early and in-person in at least 34 states throughout the country.

The state of Indiana offers early voting to registered voters and students registered to vote in other states used fall break as an opportunity to vote in their hometowns.

Senior Colleen Desmond voted at a retirement home in Cook County, Ill. “My mom informed me that when I came home for break, I needed to go with her to early vote,” Desmond said.

Senior Pat Young, who voted for the first time at a community center in a public park in his hometown of Houston, Texas, also said that his mother influenced his decision to vote early.

“I was very encouraged to do it, and I was thinking about looking into it. Freshman Nathalie Rosado voted in her county’s courthouse in Russell County, Ky. “I was going to vote in Indiana because I thought it would be more helpful, since it was more of a battleground state,” Rosado said. However, Rosado did not make the deadline to register to vote in Indiana.

Early voting offers an alternative for individuals who miss deadlines for absentee voting and people who will be away from their homes on election day.

Young, who was too young to vote in the last general election, said early voting back about her presentations and that screening results have surprised some participants.

“Kids in college, they think they’re bullet-proof,” she said, and cited a healthy-weight, semi-active female student, who, during a previous program, was very surprised to find she had high cholesterol.

“I’m sure that people are aware of their own health and the changes they have to make to their lifestyles to improve it,” Daniels said.

Daniels said.

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SMC profs. examine abortion in the election

By SARAH MAVER
News Writer

Professor of Justice Studies, Jan Pilarski and Regina Wilson from Campus Ministry led a discussion called "What's the candidates view on abortion?" as part of Saint Mary's Super Tuesday events in the weeks leading up to the Nov. 4 election.

Pilarski presented the Catholic perspective on abortion by using "Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" a document compiled by United States bishops. It is meant to serve as a voting guide.

"Bishops are not supposed to tell you what to do," Pilarski said. "Being Catholic is about doing good and avoiding evil. If a Catholic supports an intrinsically evil acts, the bishops suggest you do not vote for them."

Intrinsically evil acts according the bishops include abortion, euthanasia, genocide and unjust war among others.

"The Catholic Church wants us to respect life from beginning to end, conception to life's finish," Pilarski said. "To
INSIDE COLUMN

Golfing in South Bend

My last round of golf of the season was nothing short of epic.
My partner Bob and I made it to the course just in time before other two twosomes. It was a scramble format, meaning we play the best ball of the two hits, so I should smash my drive in the left on the first hole (which I did) Bob could pick mine up and we played Monday. Anybody who was on campus Monday sees the inherent problem.
It was about 39 degrees out, beautiful golf weather. Laude-Tex. Under dense clouds and some pre-match spirits to keep us warm, we were, in our minds, at least, championship bound. But the weather would not cooperate.
The ball started as we approached the second green. That sentence right there demonstrates the anti-golf nature of this poor weather town. Trying to put with ball driving into your face at a 45-degree angle makes a normal 20-footer feel like a tap-in at the local putt-putt course. Any ambitions of channeling our inner Tiger and Phil evaporated up into the dark storm clouds. The links in Scotland had nothing on this. I couldn’t feel my hands after the fourth hole, except when I hit the ball thin, then it felt like hitting a baseball off a handle of a bat. The ball hopped on this hole, this time lagger and harder. The grass turned white, and the ball picked up the heat and acted as a sail.
Here’s the kicker: Bob and I both missed a 13-inch putt for par on the six. We’re not bad putts. We have to win ours (and not because it was freezing out). The ball kicked off frozen grass and edged left of the hole. We sliced, speared, kicked. There was not much we could do.
Darkness fell prematurely, so we retweeted to get some where our balls may have landed. On the ninth hole, near pitch-black, we hadn’t a clue.
Thawr. “Anybody get anything?” one would ask, hoping that between three sets of eyes someone could follow the inch-wide ball 250 yards away. “Nope, I got nothing,” was the common observation.
We formed a search party, four-wide across the fairway, laboring taking shots in the dark at where our balls stopped based on how they flew off the clubface. When Jim found his ball, it was in a storm drain. Any time you have to use the spotlight on the side of the Sock as an aiming point, you know the realism is dim.
We lost by two strokes. Championship hopes dashed until next year. But thanks to some heads-up thinking from Bob, who called our friend Jason from the eighth fairway, we had hot chocolate waiting for us, a warm tonic that washed away our pain and put the round in perspective. The emotions flowed upon us; felt like the golfer from “Caddyshack” trying to squeeze in three drives during hisenson, but the heavy stuff came down, for quite some time.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Bill Brink at 874-2914 or billbrink@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, the article “SMC students travel to Mexico for ministry” in the Oct. 28 issue of The Observer incorrectly said that Katherine Pott is a sophomore. She is a senior. Also, the name of Sister Michelle “Hermana Mica” Torp was spelled incorrectly. The Observer regrets these errors.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WOULD JESUS DRESS UP AS FOR HALLOWEEN?

Mike Mogavero
sophomore
O’Neill

“People dress up as Jesus for Halloween. Jesus dresses up like Chuck Norris.”

John Doheny
sophomore
Alumni

“Chris Gaucksch.”

Kate Mattoon
senior
Levis

“The Good Shepherd.”

Michael Augsberger
junior
Levis

“Ranbow man holding up the John 3:16 signs at sporting events.”

Alisha Wilkinson
senior
Levis

“The Lamb.”

Notre Dame group Four:7 had a costume contest Tuesday evening. Four:7 meets every Tuesday in Cavanaugh Chapel for Catholic Fellowship.

OFFBEAT

Accused man allegedly drives stolen SUV to court
SAN ANSELMO, Calif. —
Police have charged a man with stealing a Lexus SUV he drove to court the day a jury was to decide whether to convict him in a separate auto theft case.
The man was arraigned Monday on charges of receiving a stolen vehicle and receiving stolen property after police saw him approach the stolen Lexus in front of the courthouse with its keys in hand.
Police were attracted to the SUV after bystanders noticed several Yorkshire terriers milling around it.
The man was also charged with animal cruelty and possession of a firearm in an unattended vehicle.
Meanwhile, the 37-year-old San Francisco hairstylist was convicted in the other case. He was charged with possession of a $125,000 Porsche Carrera that had been stolen from a San Anselmo home.
Grandma performs in rap video; grandson goes to jail
WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. A Florida teenager has been sentenced to 18 months in juvenile detention for coaxing his senile grandmother into holding a gun and threatening to shoot “all the pigs” in a homemade “gangster rap” video.
Eighteen-year-old Michael Affinez pleaded guilty Tuesday to elder abuse charges. His family has said the case was a misunderstanding.
The 85-year-old grandmother can be seen in the video holding a handgun, wearing a black mask and threatening to shoot “all the pigs.”
Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Marty Wolfson, the director of the Higgins Labor Studies program is hosting "The Crisis on Wall Street and What It Means for Main Street" today at 4:30 p.m. in Room 118 DeBartolo.
Yael Prizant, assistant professor in the department of Film, Television and Theater will give a seminar entitled "Fidel Castro Performs: A Look at History and Reiteration" at 4 p.m. today in 208 McKeon Hall.
Saint Mary's College will bless Spes Unica Hall, the new academic building, tomorrow, with open houses and tours for the Board of Trustees starting at 1:30 p.m. and academic department presentations from 3:30 to 5 p.m. throughout the building. The blessing will take place in the atrium at 5 p.m. with a reception to follow and a Mass of Thanksgiving in Holy Spirit Chapel, LeMans Hall at 6:30 p.m.
Joan Payden, Chief Executive Officer of Payden & Rygel Investment Management will speak as part of the Mendoza College to Business' Boardroom Insights Executive Speaker Series Friday at 10-40 a.m. in Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business.
Gregory P. Crawford, Dean of the College of Science will give a lecture entitled "Notre Dame Science: Making a Difference" Saturday at 11 a.m. in Room 105 of the Jordan Hall of Science.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, a mail detailed information about an event to observer.nd@gmail.com.
The Shirt 2009 project is underway
Planning committee will gather for the first time in November

By MADALINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Even though there are still two more home football games this year, the project to design next season’s football shirt is underway, said Matt Barloh, president of The Shirt 2009.

Barloh, appointed president of the project at the Oct. 14 Council of Representatives meeting, said he will choose committee members to design The Shirt next week, and the group will hold its first meeting by Nov. 10.

"The first month of the project will be devoted to determining the color of The Shirt, throwing out ideas both for the graphics and the lyrics of The Shirt and establishing a strategy for our marketing campaign in the spring," Barloh said.

Barloh said there is an online application from which he will choose seven or eight students who stand out. He said he is looking for students who show a passion for the project, have past experience with design or marketing, and truly care about The Shirt project and truly cares about what goes on The Shirt and how the project is seen around Notre Dame community.

Matt Barloh
President The Shirt 2009

"Personally, I like to see someone who is truly passionate about The Shirt project and truly cares about what goes on The Shirt and how the project is seen around the greater Notre Dame community," he said.

The committee will be among the select few at the University that will see The Shirt before the big unveiling ceremony in April, Barloh said.

"We try to keep the design, theme and color secret until the day in April when we unveil it because we feel that the mysteriousness ultimately benefits the project," he said.

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Speaker shares business successes

Quality Dining, Inc. runs 118 Burger Kings, 45 Chili’s, 9 Papa Vino’s Restaurants, and recently opened Ille20, a seafood restaurant in New Jersey. Dan Fitzpatrick, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Quality Dining, Inc. discussed his journey from a small town in Toledo, Ohio to franchise success during his lecture Tuesday night in Vander Vennet Theater.

“I have a message I would like to give a voice to. Something that isn’t being mentioned of me per say,” he said.

Fitzpatrick began working within the food business until finally becoming Regional Director of 13 Burger King restaurants by age 21. Fitzpatrick, company, Quality Dining, Inc. operates 118 Burger Kings, 45 Chili’s, nine Papa Vino’s Italian and business way too code is that it taxes capital. “Some people have this notion of me per say,” he said. “I have been making in the image and the likeness of God. God doesn’t make junk. I determined have to love me,” Fitzpatrick said.

The actions of former generations are also important for you people to consider. Fitzpatrick discussed.

“We have had all these great opportunities handed to us, and we have flunked,” he said. Civil rights, the environment, energy, education and terrorism were point he believed his generation was not succeeding on.

“You guys have to be the greatest generation. My generation, we screwed it up, and it is up to you to make it better.”

Dan Fitzpatrick CEO Quality Dining, Inc.

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Senior policy advisor
McCain campaign

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Brannon starting off, and later in his speech when he arrived.

Brannon said he supports John McCain because of the character and independence he has shown throughout his life and political career.

"I think it says a lot about the man, that despite taking on several very scared cows in Ohio, he was not deterred, despite the fact that he’s fought the president-head-on on many issues, that he’s the standard bearer for the Republican Party," Brannon said.

Brannon then answered audience questions about McCain’s policies.

When asked how McCain would appoint Supreme Court Justices with regard to his beliefs about abortion, Brannon said although McCain disagrees with Roe v. Wade, he would impose no "absolute litmus test" and he does not believe abortions should be federally banned but left to the states’ discretion.

In response to another question, Brannon explained the goals of McCain’s tax plan.

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According to Brannon, taxing businesses at a high rate reduces job creation and makes workers less productive. He said that companies have less incentive to invest in the United States when they can be taxed at a lower rate overseas. Less investment, according to Brannon, lowers worker productivity, which often determines how much money can be earned.

To solve the world’s environmental problems, the next president, Lerner said, will have to "walk into a room with a number of leaders of developing nations" in order to persuade them to the proper course of action. Lerner believes that Obama has the right "personal and political skills" to achieve this.

He also stressed Obama’s commitment to meeting both economic and environmental goals, pointing out that they are not contradictory but reinforcing aims.

"Energy, the environment, and national security have come together," Lerner said. "We can solve them in ways that work for the environment, work for clean jobs, work for our economy, and work for our national security.”

"There is a very fine line between mediocrity and excellence," Fitzpatrick said. As long as you can fire yourself up to do something, you can do it, he said. Success is something that has to be worked for, it is not given.

Fitzpatrick closed his lecture with his words of wisdom, "What you can do, all else, pray.”

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Torture-induced confession tossed

GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba — A U.S. military judge barred the Pentagon Tuesday from using a Guantnamano detainee’s confession to Afghan authorities as trial evidence, saying it was obtained through torture.

Army Col. Stephen Henley said Mohammed Jawad’s statements were “obtained by physical and psychological threats of death which, under the circumstances, constitute torture.”

Jawad’s defense attorney, Air Force Maj. David Frakt, told The Associated Press that the ruling “is the lynchpin of the government’s case.”

Guantanamo’s chief prosecutor, Army Col. Lawrence Morris, said he recognized how the judge made his decision and needed to study the ruling before making more comments.

Jawad, who was still a teenager at the time, is accused of killing a soldier and later the Detroit mayor jailed for good behavior, potentially up to 20 days in this case. The judge ruled.

“If someone gets 120 days in jail, they should get 120 days in jail,” Groner said.

Kilpatrick was taken across the street to the county jail, where he will spend 23 hours a day in a private cell.

As he was being led away, he yelled out to supporters: “You all take it easy.”

They responded: “Be strong, Mayor. We love you, Mayor. We got your back, Mayor.”

Kilpatrick, a Democrat, admitted lying while testifying last year in a civil lawsuit filed by former police officers who accused him of illegally demoting or firing them.

He and chief of staff Christine Beatty, both 38, were accused of using their authority to demote or fire employees who questioned them.

They used their city pages to arrange tryouts and share sexually explicit desires. A fresh batch of messages was released last week, revealing that Kilpatrick, married with three children, liked had other lovers.

The sentencing was Kilpatrick’s first public forum since a speech to supporters after he pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice Sept. 4.
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"It's up to you, protect your heart health, start today," she said.

Along with flyers and booklets containing health information, those in attendance received Heart to Heart bracelets and a card with more information about the program and its Web site address, heart-in.gov.

The audience at Tuesday's presentation contained more male stu-
dents than when Daniels has brought Heart to Heart to other state universities, like Purdue, Ball State and Indiana University.

"It's just a handful of men," Daniels told the Observer after the presentation. "The concept is just as important for them to be aware about cardio-
vascular disease as it is for the women. We've known for a long time that heart disease is a man's disease. When you see a man who has had a heart attack, chances are four times more likely than a woman who has had a heart attack, it's a man," she said.

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was his only opportunity to vote because he did not request an absentee ballot in time.

"It was fine. I only had to wait a half hour," he said.

Rodarte, who had signed up throughout the year, said he was pretty self-explainatory — he wanted to vote early because it was pretty nice.

With early voting, Rodarte said he got to have the full experience of going to a polling place and cast ballots elec-
tronically.

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Wall Street's best day in two weeks — and one of its biggest — brought little real reason to celebrate.

Even the manic, final-hour of buying that sent the Dow Jones industrial average soaring almost 900 points Tuesday was overshadowed by a government program that could turn on investors in an instant.

The extraordinary, lurching volatility that has gripped Wall Street since the financial meltdown began in mid-September meant there were no guarantees the rally would hold, not even for a few days.

Investors are expecting a cut in interest rates when the Federal Reserve announces its decision Wednesday. But they're also starting into an economic abyss, bracing for a recession of a depth no one knows for sure.

Any other day like this — the Dow and the Standard & Poor's 500 both rose almost 11 percent — might have ended with boisterous cheers and paper tossed into the air. On Tuesday, 4 p.m. came with a meager applause.

"I don't think it will be a sustained move," said Matt King, chief investment officer at Bell Investment Advisors.

The Dow finished 889 points higher to close at 9,062. On Oct. 13, the Dow rose 936 points, then fell ever, no other single-day rally has come close in terms of percentages to that happened Tuesday.

Analysis ventured a number of explanations for the sudden rally — including coming interest rate cuts, bargain hunting, a market correction that is bottom and the expectation that banks, at the urging of the White House, will quit hoarding money and start making loans.

"There is nothing fundamental that came out today or yesterday that would take it up or down," said Bob Andre, chief investment strategist at Portfolio Management Consultants. "The market is exhausted from going down."

The mood on Main Street is decidedly more pessimistic, and new data Tuesday showed Americans are more depressed than market analysts had expected.

The Conference Board's consumer confidence index plunged to the lowest level in its 41-year history in the wake of this month's financial meltdown, the sharp drop in home prices and increasing job losses.

The index fell to 38, down from a September reading of about 61 — the third-steepest monthly decline since the board started the measure in 1967. Analysts, way off the mark, had expected 52.

"It's the worst consumer environment since the 1981-1982 recession," said Adam York, an economist at Wachovia.

Americans believe "there's a very dire situation in the U.S. economy right now, and they're not far from being right," he added.

Financial market turmoil and falling housing prices have wiped out trillions of dollars of household wealth in recent months. The S&P 500 had fallen 27 percent in October, and 40 percent for the year, before Tuesday's jump.

In addition, companies cut 760,000 jobs in the first nine months this year, sending the unemployment rate to 6.1 percent last month. Many economists expect layoffs to continue and the unemployment rate to rise to 8 percent or higher in 2009.
Congo

Rebels advance on province capital

Associated Press

KILIMANYOKA — Rebels vowed Tuesday to take Congo's eastern provincial capital advanced on Monday by government troops, sending thousands fleeing. Chaos gripped a separate area as government soldiers fired on civilians and aid workers trying to escape, the top U.N. envoy said.

Alan Doss said peacekeepers were forced to "respond," apparently meaning they shot at troops who are supposed to be their allies, after the soldiers opened fire on those trying to leave Rutshuru, a strategic town north of Goma. He vowed to keep Rutshuru and other towns out of rebel hands.

"We are going to remain there, and we are going to act against any effort to take over a city or major population center by force," he told reporters in New York in a videoconference.

U.N. helicopter gunships werebelief to have operated near Rutshuru and Kilimanyoka, which is about 7 miles north of Goma. They were hampered by rebels' use of civilians as shields, U.N. spokeswoman Sylvie van den Wildenberg told The Associated Press.

The rebels also are fighting around Bugiru, a town between Goma and Rutshuru, as well as northwest of Goma around Sake — using several fronts to scatter government forces and U.N. peacekeepers.

By early Monday, the government control to the line of the troops that retreated. They were being re-supplied from a truck loaded with rocket-propelled grenades.

Aid agencies in Rutshuru said their workers could bear bombs exploding as the rebels closed in and angry and frightened civilians and soldiers blocked their evacuation by U.N. peacekeepers.

The mob looted humanitarian centers and the belongings of about 50 trapped aid workers in Rutshuru, said Ivo Brandau, a spokesman for the U.N. humanitarian agency OCHA.

Brandau said tens of thousands of civilians were fleeing that town, heading north and east toward the Ugandan border. Rutshuru had a population of about 30,000 residents and the same number of refugees.

Doctors Without Borders said its doctors and nurses trapped at Rutshuru Hospital had treated 70 war wounded since Sunday but most patients had fled the hospital.

Meanwhile, a sudden influx of an estimated 30,000 people tripled the number of hours the size of a camp in Kitavi, a few miles from the front line, said Ben Baudrand, spokesman for the U.N. refugee agency.

"It's crowded up there," Baudrand told The Associated Press from Goma, citing U.N. staff in Congo. "Those crowds of people coming down from the north have already started turning up here."

In Kitavi, young men lobbed rocks Tuesday at three U.N. tanks also heading away from the battlefront, sending hundreds scattering.

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"What are they doing? They are supposed to protect us," said Jean-Paul Makabola, a 31-year-old nurse from Kimbina. The unrest in eastern Congo has been fueled by factions left over from the Rwandan genocide and the country's unending civil wars, Renegade Gen. Laurent Nkunda has threatened to take Goma despite calls from the U.N. Security Council for him to respect a cease-fire brokered by the U.N. in January.

Nkunda charges that the Congolese government has not protected his minority Tutsi tribe from a Rwandan Hutu militia that escaped to Congo after helping perpetrate the 1994 Rwandan genocide. Half a million Tutsis were slaughtered.

Nkunda's ambitions have expanded since he launched a fresh onslaught on Aug. 28. He now declares he will "liberate" all of Congo, a country the size of Western Europe with vast reserves of diamonds, gold and other resources. Congo's vast mineral wealth helped fuel back-to-back wars from 1997 to 2003.

The U.N. says more than 200,000 people have been forced from their homes in the last two months, joining 1.2 million displaced in previous conflicts in the east. Outbreaks of cholera and diarrhea have killed dozens in camps, compounding the misery.

On Monday, peacekeepers in attack helicopters fired at the rebels trying to stop them taking Kilumana, a village on the main road 30 miles north of Goma. But fleeing civilians say the fighters overran Kilumana again.

The rebels retaliated by firing a missile at one U.N. combat helicopter Thursday, but missed, U.N. spokesman Sylvie van der Wildenberg said.

U.N. efforts to halt Nkunda's rebellion are complicated by the country's rugged terrain, dense tropical forest that roll over hills and mountains with few roads.

The chief U.N. mandate is to protect the population. But since the peace deal is also supposed to help the Congolese army disarm and re-integrate Hutu militia — by force if necessary.

But Bisimwa, the rebel spokesman, claimed Tuesday the Congolese army has abandoned dozens of its positions to Hutu militiamen.

"It's the Hutus who are on the front line and when we are fighting, not the army," he said. U.N. peacekeepers "leave us no choice but to fight on."

Nkunda long has charged that Congolese soldiers fight alongside the militia of Hutus, an ethnic majority in about 40 percent of the region.

Some 800 Hutu militiamen have voluntarily returned to Rwanda, the U.N. says, but the fighters recruit and coerce Congolese Hutu children and young men into their ranks daily — far outnumbering those who have returned home.

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ELECTION 2008

Campaign News

Biden to campaign in Indiana

Democratic vice presidential candidate Joe Biden will make a campaign visit to southern Indiana just three days before Election Day.

Barack Obama's presidential campaign says Biden will make an appearance in the Evansville area on Saturday. No additional details are being released yet.

The visit will come three days after his running mate, Sen. Sarah Palin, campaigned in Jeffersonville on Wednesday night. It will be Palin's third visit to Indiana in a week.

Biden drew a crowd of several hundred people to a Jeffersonville park when he last campaigned in Indiana on Sept. 24. He also stopped with Obama at a restaurant in the northeastern Indiana town of Hamilton on Aug. 31.

Joe the Plumber backs McCain

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Joe the Plumber endorsed Republican John McCain for president on Tuesday.

Samuel J. Wurzelbacher gained national attention when Obama told him during a campaign stop that he wanted to "spread the wealth around." Their exchange about Obama's tax plan aired countless times on cable news programs, and McCain repeatedly cited it as one example of the middle-class worker who would be hurt economically by an Obama presidency.

In a McCain rally at a flag store, Wurzelbacher said he feared that Obama would turn the U.S. into some sort of dictatorship.

Obama rallies supporters in PA

HARRISBURG, Pa. — From a Pennsylvania rainstorm to two thunderous Virginia rallies, Barack Obama told revved-up followers Tuesday they were "so close" to winning.

Targeting two key states, defending one and surging in the other, the 47-year-old Democrat said, ribbing his Republican rival John McCain: "There's the safe ground of linking one and surging in the other, and they were close to winning.

McCain "wants to sit," said James Madison University because the indoor setting was too packed.

Inside, Obama found 12,000 more people, mostly students who were too excited to sit.

"Without a doubt, there is real power with issues related to schools and welfare services and will you get the road you want," said James McCain, a history professor at the university. "State lawmakers have tried to do very hard-and-bitter issues.

Republican Gov. Mitch McConnell, who faces Democrat Steve Beshear in the race, said at a rally Tuesday night, "He wants — or at least can live with. That could include further expansion of full-day kindergarten and automatic tax credits to taxpayers if the state's budget surplus reaches a certain level.

"This is expected to be a big year for Democrats, and Barack Obama has put his mark on it," one PA. - 2006 - 2007, it's inevitable that the Republican is an underdog in two key states," McCain said. "They've proven they can work together, and proven they can win.

INDIANA GOVERNOR'S RACE

HIGH STAKES FOR INDIANA DEMOCRAT IN TIGHT RACE FOR GOVERNOR'S SEAT

WASHINGTON - Democrats are on a winning streak in Indiana, but whether they can hold on to it will depend on Tuesday's election.

Barack Obama's victory in the state last week has put Democrats in charge of the state Senate for the first time in decades. Republicans are expected to keep their majority in the House for at least another four years.

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Democrats are doubtful.

McCain also is heard an increasing number of prominent Republicans who have suggested he follow his lead in the GOP circles.

Some Republicans have pointed the finger at McCain's chief strategist Steve Schmidt; others are rushing to his defense.

And, frustrations by Palin's allies over her rocky introduction to the public and her McCain's handlers over the Alaska governor's unscripted moments spilled into the open through anonymous quotes in news stories that senior campaign advisers deny a rift and attribute the griping of a few junior aides.

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Republicans hope against odds

A determined McCain fights on, refuses to surrender as election draws near

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Life as the senior class knows it ends at graduation this upcoming May. Just as the words of the unofficial Yale alma mater stand, we’re living in the “shadows of the gladdest years of life” right now. Well, if these four years of college are the best we’ll ever have in our lives than can possibly look forward to anything after graduation? I don’t think we can.

Let’s look at the various aspects of the era that face us in the future and how each of these different ages will fail to satisfy us.

Early Adulthood
The biggest shock after college: you have to get a job. I’m trying to resist this necessity as much as possible but I realize I need to be able to afford the lifestyle to which I’ve grown accustomed. I can’t ever see myself being able to put in an 80-hour work-week, and hopefully I’ll never have to. But it could be that way. Unfortunately.

Middle Age
Ostensibly children, marriage, and the work-a-day life continue to dominate the environments of the people our parents’ age. Paying bills? Paying taxes? It’s not a money issue — it’s a writing issue. I’ve seen that episode of Seinfeld where Jerry cripples his hand signing those Japanese checks. That health risk, along with increased potential for heart and prostate issues, make Middle Age the least appealing age.

Senior Citizenship
I have nothing but respect for senior citizens. But in the past month, I have had two exceedingly awkward encounters with elderly women. I relate to these occurrences to you, reader, because otherwise my point will be dulled by lack of specificity.

The first happened at the Krispy Kreme in Mishawaka. I was trying to order a dozen hot donuts on a Saturday morning and this woman approaches me outside the range of my peripheral vision. She shuffled over to me ever noticing her. Without introducing herself, she grabs my arm (too close to death) and says, “I was going to go to Arby’s but then I saw that red sign on so I decided to come get a free doughnut.” Two things, One: why did I know about this free doughnut policy? Two: what gave this woman the right to sneak up behind me, grab my arm, and talk to me?

The second instance occurred at my local polling place this past week. I was voting absentee-in-person on Monday afternoon and waited quietly for my name to be called up to the voting booth. An older woman sat down next to me and I said hello with a polite head nod, figuring that our conversation would end there. A few minutes later, the woman turned to me and said, “You never know who you’re going to sit next to!” I couldn’t tell if this meant I was supposed to recognize her, if she was trying to figure out if I was famous or not, or if she was indicating that she was seconds away from doing something shocking. I didn’t respond, deathly afraid of my seatmate. Then she said, “Too bad I’ve been eating onions all morning,” and preceded to cackle for several more minutes. I think goodness, I was called to vote shortly thereafter.

These women were not unjustified in talking to me but I cannot figure out why senior citizens feel the need to talk to strangers in such fashions. I do not look forward to a day when I will want to talk to as many random people as possible. I can barely muster up the strength to talk to my closest friends, I won’t be able to survive in a world where it’s expected you’ll speak with unknown people in lines at fast food restaurants, waiting rooms, and offices.

Deceptitude
Most people would stop their age divisions at the senior citizen level. But in my experience this does not speak to the actualities of our dynam- ic population. I mean, you can join the AARP at 50 and hold that membership seemingly indefinitely (as long as you pay those dues when due). We need to come to a higher understanding of old age in this country: an increasing life expectancies in many sectors of the US population, there should be a last phase of life that runs from the age of 85 until death.

And actually, I look forward to this point in my life. I’ll be too old to be a senior citizen, too young to be dead. I’ll be just senile enough to be inappropriate and offensive as I desire. If anyone is hurt by my comments I can blame sensitivity in the purest and most beautiful form of deniability in existence. Nobody gets me to feel any lighter headed. But on top of this freedom comes the actual hardship of actually being senile. We can romanticize the loss of one’s intellectual capacities with envious eyes, but we have to take a step back to understand that the inherent condi- tion of using your senility for humor is truly and truly being senile. And I don’t actually ever want to be senile. Do you? I think not.

So now we’ve deconstructed each of the periods of life after we leave this hallowed ground. And every last one of them has the appeal of getting hit by a freight train. I don’t have any solutions or optimistic advice. I agree with Yale. These bright college years will never be matched. Ever. Sorry.

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We could use a little socialism right now.

Now Jesus Christ was a socialist. In "Barack the Socialist" (Observer, Viewpoint, 10/28/08), Christie Pesavento upbraids Obama for not making his health care plan a priority. But how many of us actually mean vote for Barack the Socialist. Colin Powell, endorsing Barack Obama on "Morning Joe" (Oct 28), claims that his test is not whether Obama is a socialist; but rather whether he will actually try to do what the Constitution and law permit. A similar analysis is necessary here. The important question is not whether Obama is a socialist, but whether he would matter if he were.

The fact is, the United States could use a little more socialism. Pesavento's "example to illustrate the injustice of restrictive practices" is entirely misleading.

First and foremost, Obama is not advocating, and has never advocated, anything approaching a system in which "everyone receives the same grade." People currently making $250,000 a year ("next to nothing" in some locales, according to Pesavento) will still make $250,000 a year under Obama's plan, but they will pay the marginal tax rate they paid under Clinton. Obama is not saying that everyone is wealthy. Nothing like today, when federal half-cuts are required. Under Obama's tax plan, "poor people" get a tax cut. By the way, keeping more of their hard-earned money, you get a 'sense of ownership'. Our entire progressive income tax structure has always been "redistributive" but you'd better believe it's the classiest bias of the author. She paints a scenario in which "you have worked hard and want to pass a law so that your grandchildren have an economy that's more closely tied to effort than it is today. But it will take a time or two to get the law passed." Right.

Nor is this a "real plan" with "no jobs for the homeless" or "a real plan to lower childhood poverty should be managed, but he is an outright supporter of death of almost our children daily. Obama believes we should take no action on global warming unless we can find a way to pay for it. We have taken the "non-binding" resolution that can be an allergist or podiatrist and still be a legal abortion provider. If the FOCA is passed, anyone can be an "abortions provider" because to do otherwise might interfere with a woman's access to abortion.

I am a single issue voter. I admit it. A candidate's stance on abortion is my litmus test. I believe that any candidate who supports abortion on demand is pro-choice, but how can we trust someone who is not willing to put themselves in our shoes and vote for them regardless of how they were going to patch the economy or reform health care. Yet, when a candidate says they are pro-abortion, how can they be trusted on tax cuts? I have heard numerous people on the campaign claim that they feel that Obama is a socialist. The fact is, as "a pro-life" and for that reason they will be casting their vote in his favor. We will avoid other "life" issues, I want to add, when we discuss immigration with a libertarian who used economics to espouse a view that in any way limit access to abortion. The FOCA would end the need for parental consent or notification which is required in 35 states. While a school cannot force a student to have an abortion, they could to have to have her parent's consent. The FOCA would strike down the breakup of the law. The FOCA would require in the future to perform abortions be a legal abortion provider. If the FOCA is passed, anyone can be an "abortions provider" because to do otherwise might interfere with a woman's access to abortion.

Clinton. This means that not only can the state not restrict a woman's access to abortion, the state must provide a woman with the means to exercise this right. The FOCA will invalidate all laws restricting doctor abortion facilities. By letter of the law, it will have to be managed, but he is an outright supporter of death of almost our children daily. Obama believes we should take no action on global warming unless we can find a way to pay for it. We have taken the "non-binding" resolution that can be an allergist or podiatrist and still be a legal abortion provider. If the FOCA is passed, anyone can be an "abortions provider" because to do otherwise might interfere with a woman's access to abortion.

Moreover, our church says one thing, while our politicians say another. If the FOCA is passed, anyone can be an "abortions provider" because to do otherwise might interfere with a woman's access to abortion.

I'll do as President is sign the Freedom of Choice Act. "The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) will effectively codify Roe vs. Wade. So, even if the Supreme Court does overrule Roe, abortion will remain untouched. This law not only guarantees the right to abortion for future generations, it also strikes down all existing laws that in any way limit access to abortion. The FOCA would end the need for parental consent or notification which is required in 35 states. While a school cannot force a student to have an abortion, they could to have to have her parent's consent. The FOCA would strike down the breakup of the law. The FOCA would require in the future to perform abortions be a legal abortion provider. If the FOCA is passed, anyone can be an "abortions provider" because to do otherwise might interfere with a woman's access to abortion.

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The Wildcats are back! Again. Hallelujah! Disney addicts are flocking to theaters to enjoy the favorite guilty pleasure. As I’m sure many a girls’ dorm room can prove, High School Musical is far more than just a phenomenon — the innumerable HSM posters and Troy and Gabriella bed sheets are undeniable proof of an obsession that has overrun girls of all ages. The trend is the most PG Fun you can have. Luckily for fans everywhere, this made for TV classic has been taken to the next level and we can see our favorite to-0-old-to-actually-be-high-school-students on the silver screen.

There are so many things to love about High School Musical. Watch as teens break into song and dance during their usual day-to-day activity is packed with entertainment value.

First, there is some serious mock-ability. Any dance number that starts with choose frites being dumped on a girl can’t go wrong. Second, there are the legitimate dance moves memorialized by Corbin Bleu. If talent doesn’t float your boat, there’s always the hilarity that ensues when Zac Efron attempts to bust a move. Note the “Bet On It” routine from “High School Musical 2” where Zac Efron frolics through a golf course singing about perforing complete with fist jabs, jazz fingers, split jumps and skipping. Not only fun and wholesome to watch, but amusing when one considers that Efron is supposed to be the high school “it boy”.

As far as the musical routines are concerned, catchiness is the name of the game. Those who unhesitatingly turn up their noses at the High School Musical pop soundtrack dwell in an untenable nature the tunes. The songs are what’s not to enjoy about this delightful school romance (and bromance), finding love and taking over the stage hours of fun.

And what about his love for devoted, one-of-a-kind Gabriella Montez? Efron frolics through a junkyard suddenly transforms into a barnacle (Sharpay Evans) and Lucas Grabeel and the show in a big way, with elaborately choreographed numbers that are high-impact dance number. The two somersaults seem masculine and natural.

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THE BOYS ARE BACK IN HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3

By JENN METZ Scene Writer

If you’re in the market for a film that riles your emotions and leaves you contemplating the meaning of life when the credits roll, High School Musical 3: Senior Year may not be for you.

But, if you’re looking for something packed with energy, egotistic cliches, and some how make pirouettes and somersaults seem masculine and natural.

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One night during high school I sat down to watch TV with my younger brother. We both grew up on Disney, avidly waiting for the latest Disney Channel Original Movie since the days of Lizzie McGuire. So, when I decided to venture back into the world of my youth for a night, I was hoping to regain some happy childhood mojo. But Disney had changed. Being a musical theatre geek in high school, I had approached this new "High School Musical" movie with measurable excitement. But Disney, my beloved Disney, had sold out. I was not watching a relatable hero battle life and insurmountable foes in order to "find" herself, as is the general formula for the D-COM, but instead I saw a mockery of absolutely everything from high school theatre programs to Disney itself.

The music was a joke, nothing like the "Even Stevens" musical episode I loved so much. Instead it was overproduced, simplistic droll, built on computer keyboards and electric drums on par with a Britney Spears comeback. It wasn't even witty.

The lyrics were unbelievable to the point where I had to ask, "Did she just say 'hip-hop hoorary'?" After half an hour I turned to my brother and said, "This script is so bad, it's making my toenails cringe." Disney's attempt at "cute-hip-upbeat-flourishing-fun" had fallen flat on its face.

Much to my chagrin, the twenty-somethings came out in droves to the point that no-fool Disney decided to make a second. And a third. But before you gag me with a spoon, here are some reasons I passionately despise this "HSM" thing with the white-hot intensity of a thousand suns. The music.

It could have been cute, but it's just awful. I love the simple, catchy attitude of musical theatre today, but this went beyond. I would rail on against the composers, but they're sitting on piles of money so the argument would be moot. It's a principle thing, though. Yes I say unto you, composers: The music you wrote is miserable and I hope your money is worth what you lost as a musician. Key change!

The story

The first movie was ridiculous, and coming from an intense high school musical program I can tell you with certainty that it was nothing like reality. I know "that's not the point," but really guys, give high school thespians some respect. We got none from the sports programs. The second movie's plot was unremarkable. I offer it up to the chopping block.

Though I haven't seen the third, I've heard of there are a number of blasphemous changes that make Disney look just plain stupid. I'm here to tell you none of those kids are going to Julliard. Julliard programs are classical, and they aren't exactly looking for any of the skills these characters display. And a Stanford honors program?

Honey, Stanford is an honors program. And there is no way anyone from Stanford is getting away with a relationship with someone attending Cal Berkeley. The schools are mortal enemies.

The acting

Vanessa Hudgens. "Nuff said.

Though I could continue, it would be for naught, because I know everyone who loves High School Musical isn't going to stop loving it anytime soon. And I can't really blame a franchise that is off making billions of dollars through clean entertainment, even if it is an artistic disaster. All I can say is when we look back on our lives, is this really what we will want to see as our cultural contribution to the universe?

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Chad Danforth (Corbin Bleu) Chad has always been the most resistant to his East High classmates stepping outside of the status quo. Basketball is the only thing on his mind. So can he open his eyes in time and gather the courage to ask his lady to prom? And will he be able to convince his best friend Troy to drop the drama and work on his jump shot? Bleu finally gets his chance in the spotlight as the best dancer in the cast and stunned even his own heart when he be headed to In the Heights. "The Boys Are Back."

Gabriella Montez (Vanessa Hudgens) She got the whole gang together by shaking things up with her arrival at East High in "High School Musical."

But this time around she will struggle with leaving the only place the ever developed roots and friends for her dream school Stanford. It's her idea that they all go the spring musical, but with early orientation they will make the plan? And will she still be wearing her "T" for Troy necklace as a college freshman? Note Hudgens' dancing prowess in "Can I Have This Dance" and powerful voice in "Walk Away."

Troy Bolton (Zac Efreon) He captured the heart of beautiful Gabriella while wowing off the obvious advances of arrogant Sharpay and paved the way for others at East High to break the mold as the jock-turned-singer. In the latest installment, the captain and leader of the Wildcats must decide his future: play basketball at his Dad's alma mater? Or pursue drama? All while worrying about the state championship, spring musical, prom, graduation, and the distance between him and his beloved Gabriella in college. Go to see Efron's muscles and blue eyes in "Screech." Stay to see where Troy will end up.

Sharpey Evans (Ashley Tisdale) As drama club president and the self-centered diva of East High Sharpay has one goal in mind: to become a supermodel. Unfortunately, Gabriella seems to be the one in her way again. Sharpay is on a mission to catch the eye of the Julliard scoutes and will stop at nothing to hog that spotlight. She also provides comic relief and a plethora of hot pink, crazy fashions. Her grandiose flair for the dramatic translates beautifully in her over the top duet with brother Ryan, "I Must It All."

Ryan Evans (Lucas Grabeel) Although still a diva in his own right, over the movies Ryan has transitioned from villain to ally, and stepped out of the shadow of sister Sharpay. He won the grand prize for his choreography in "High School Musical 2" and will be back to choreograph the senior year musical. He too is wying for a spot at Julliard while dreaming of a successful career after graduation. He shines alongside new friend Kelsi. But will his sister entice him to return to the dark side to steal the show? Grabeel is a fantastic actor, singer, dancer and his solo performance in the reprize of "I Must It All" is absolutely charming.
MLB

MLB puts Series on hold until at least tonight

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Sooner or later, someone will win this World Series.

Just not Tuesday night. Too wet.

Wet, besides, the baseball commissioner went home to Milwaukee.

Mike Dunson of the Phillies and Rays can play ball Wednesday night. But snow showers are in the forecast for Philadelphia.

So just sit tight, folks. We'll play a game while it's dry. Right now, bad weather is turning the Fall Classic into a Spring Classic.

Players and fans remained in limbo Tuesday, with Game 5 still suspended from the previous night.

It was tied 2 in the sixth inning when a steady downpour turned Citizens Bank Park into a wet concrete field, washing away the foul lines and turning home plate into a puddle.

The Phillies lead 3-1 in the best-of-seven matchup, meaning Philadelphia could be close to winning a championship the city desperately craves.

Maybe not.

"It's kind of like overtime in a football game," Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon said. "Or sudden death.

"It's just the way it is," he said. "There's no crying about it.

OK, no crying here.

The manager's wife, April Dunson, had Springsteen while filling out his lineup card was real calm — 3-7, win one, lose one. It was 1:47 a.m. then saw this unexpected red flag force his Rays to relocate to a hotel 25 miles south in Wilmington, Del. Too bad for complaining, anyway. A series studied with big boppers such as Ryan Howard and R.T. Unson was no longer whacky — it was downrightucky.

The teams are tentatively set to resume at 8:37 p.m. Wednesday.

Since the Phillies will come to bat in the bottom of the fifth inning, fans will wait long for the seventh-inning stretch. Which might not even have time to get a hot dog.

Hard to tell how many people will turn in event, provided everyone can scramble back with their soggy stubs. The Phillies' ballpark holds nearly 46,000 people and surely logistics will prevent some of them from returning.

Then again, a $160 seat in the upper deck is suddenly more valuable for someone eager to see the Phillips try to win a third straight NL title since 1980, and the city's first major sports title since the NBA's 76ers in 1983.

By Tuesday evening, over 50 tickets were available for resale on StubHub.com, spokeswoman Jordan Fennor said. The prices ranged from $550 to $3,500.

Commissioner Bud Selig, who flew home for a day, was ready to return to the Philadelphia as long as necessary.

"We'll stay here if we have to celebrate Thanksgiving here," he said in announcing the suspension.

"If the Phillies win a battle of the bullpens when Game 5 resumes, they'll parade up Broad Street. If they lose, time to fly to Tampa Bay.

"Delays in the series are rare. There has never been a rain-shortened game and this was the first suspension since there were three straight washouts in 1962 with the Yankees and Giants, and a series of rainouts set up the classic 1975 game between Boston and Cincinnati that Carlton Fisk won with a home run off the foul pole. In 1989, the game was suspended."

While baseball purists deride any travel as an antiseptic dome that's ringed with crazy catwalks, at least wet weather isn't a factor.

Ruins intruded in Game 3 Saturday night, with the first pitch pushed back to 10:06 p.m. — the last start time in the World Series — and thePhillies last pitch shortly before 2 a.m.

Despite a shaky forecast, baseball tried to play Monday night.

The weather was raining lightly at the start. Within a few innings, it was clear the showers weren't going to quit.

"You're not going to win a World Series sitting in the dugout," Phillies pitcher Cole Hamels said.

Soon, every pitch and popup became an adventure as All-Stars were reduced to looking like Little Leaguers — the grounds crew kept putting down Diamond Dust to absorb the moisture, and it kept caking the infield.

With the wind chill dropping into the 30s, several players wore caps with ear flaps attached. Mud flaps would've been more appropriate.

"I was upset with some of the things that went on," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. "But I definitely was agreed with everything that happened, and I also agreed that the game definitely had to be stopped. The conditions were definitely unplayable.

NBA

Police release new details regarding Thomas overdose

Associated Press

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — Officers who responded to Isaiah Thomas' home after a 911 call reporting an overdose on sleep­ ing pills found a man passed out in his car and gave him oxygen until an ambulance arrived.

Authorities have not publicly identified Thomas as the victim, who met a familiar person with the case, speaking on condition of anonymity because the official police report has not been released, has confirmed it was the former NBA star and Knicks coach.

On Tuesday, Harrison Police Chief John Derris said the ex-coach for saying it was his department's job to protect his patients. He was fired as the Knicks' coach last April, still works for the team.

Thomas has denied being the victim, as an adviser and consultant, the team president in 2003 and became coach in 2006 after Larry Brown was fired.

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Some of the latest details about the Thomas case were first reported by Newsday.

Harrison police on Thursday from Thomas' multimillion-dollar home in the Purchase section of Harrison went first to state police, then to Harrison. Harrison police on patrol nearby got to the scene first, saw a 47-year-old man on the floor and went into "standard operating procedures," Hall said.

They administered oxygen until an ambulance crew arrived and took over, eventually lifting the man onto a gurney and taking him to White Plains Hospital.

Hall said it was his department's first call to Thomas' home. An emergency services log, with the names of the caller and the patient blacked out, indicates the ambulance arrived at the house minutes before midnight.

Hall said someone at the house gave his officers a prescription bottle, and the officers gave it to the ambulance crew so the hospital doctors could know about it. They then searched the house for other medications that might have been involved but found none, he said.

As a player, Thomas won NBA titles with the Detroit Pistons in 1989 and 1990 and an NBA championship with Indiana in 1993. He joined the Knicks as the team president in 2003 and became coach in 2006 after Larry Brown was fired.

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**AROUND THE NATION**

Wednesday, October 29, 2008

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**Men's Soccer Rankings**

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**NHL**

San Diego Chargers defensive coordinator Ted Cottrell looks on during a divisional playoff game against the Indianapolis Colts. Cottrell was fired by the San Diego Chargers Tuesday, and replaced with inside linebackers coach Ron Rivera.

**Chargers fire defensive coordinator**

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Norv Turner of all people came up with the San Diego Chargers' hardest hit in weeks when he fired defensive coordinator Ted Cottrell on Tuesday.

Cottrell was ranked by the head coach in large part because his defense couldn't get to opposing quarterbacks, the most glaring shortcoming for a unit that has had little spark since losing star outside linebacker Shawne Merriman to season-ending knee surgery after the first game.

Cottrell was replaced by inside linebackers coach Ron Rivera, a Super Bowl winner with the Chicago Bears in 1985. Rivera will have the two weeks to figure out why the Chargers (3-3) have underperformed.

"Probably the things that we have needed to improve are the same things that affected us in Week Two and so on," Turner said. "The same things have been an issue throughout the first eight games, and it's been three.

Any kind of week-to-week improvement "I haven't been here," Turner said. "I've been involved and we've had the same things happen to us over and over in terms of teams scoring, allowing a lot of yards early in games, making big plays in the passing game and keeping the football."

Cottrell didn't return a call seeking comment. This is the third time he has been fired as a defensive coordinator he was let go by the New York Jets after the 2003 season and by the Minnesota Vikings after Bill Battle took over as head coach following the 2005 season.

The Chargers have no seeds or interceptions in the last nine games. They are at or near the bottom of the league in several statistical categories, including 32nd in passing yards per game (265.1), 23rd in points allowed per game (24.9) and 27th in yards per game (259.1).

Cottrell had become a popular target of fans as the Chargers lost three of their last four games, including a 37-32 loss to former teammate Drew Brees and the New Orleans Saints in London on Sunday.

That game was indicative of the Chargers' defensive shortcomings, with no pressure on the quarterback and a lot of passing yards. Brees threw for 343 yards and three touchdowns.

Cottrell was a personal favorite of general manager A.J. Smith going back in days before the Buffalo Bills. Smith didn't return several calls seeking comment.

With the two weeks coming up, Turner said he decided after Sunday's game that Cottrell had to go.

"Ultimately we had a lot of discussion after the game. Ultimately I just felt like we need to make a decision based on what's best for our football team and where we need to go and that was the decision I made," said Turner, who is 27-19-1 as an NFL head coach.

"We know what we have to do," the coach said. "We have to create more pressure on the quarterback, and obviously when we're not able to bring more pressure, not give up big plays."

**In Brief**

Angels exercise team options on Guerrero, Lackey

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Los Angeles Angels will exercise their 2009 options on pitcher Vladimir Guerrero and pitcher John Lackey, but will decline their option on outfielder Garrett Anderson.

The 32-year-old Guerrero, an eight-time All-Star who batted .311 with 37 home runs and 95 RBIs this season, will earn $15 million next year. He has a $15-million buyout. Guerrero has hit at least .300 with 25 or more home runs in 11 straight seasons, joining Lou Gehrig as the only two players in major league history to accomplish that feat.

In six seasons with the Montreal Expos and five with the Angels, Guerrero is hitting .324 with 2,136 hits, 392 home runs and 1,269 RBIs in 1,739 games. He has surgery on the medial meniscus in his left knee Oct. 10 but is expected to be ready for spring training.

Lackey was 12-9 with a 3.75 ERA this season. Originally selected in the second round of the 1999 first-round draft, the 30-year-old has a 91-63 career record with a 3.51 ERA. He will earn $7 million in 2009. The Angels could have bought out his contract for $500,000.

**Holmes to return to Steelers' lineup after arrest**

PITTSBURGH, Penn. — The Pittsburgh Steelers won't further punish wide receiver Santonio Holmes for being charged last week with a marijuana-related offense and plan to start him Monday night in Washington.

Holmes, who led the NFL in yardage-per-catch last season, was benched for the Steelers' 25-14 loss Sunday to the New York Giants and was out in uniform. He was allowed to return to the team after speaking to his teammates and issuing a public apology on Monday.

The NFL could punish Holmes once his case is resolved, but coach Mike Tomlin said there will be no additional action taken by the team. Tomlin did not say if Holmes was fined, although he likely was.

Holmes, a third-year player out of Ohio State, was charged with a misdemeanor count of possession of a small amount of marijuana following a police stop Thursday. Holmes has a preliminary hearing before a Pittsburgh district judge on Nov. 24.

"As a football team and an organization, in terms of our view of the situation, we've had to do that," Tomlin said Tuesday.

North Texas reports fifteen players failed drug tests

DENTON, Texas — Fifteen North Texas football players failed drug tests conducted this fall at the request of coach Todd Dodge.

Eighty-six players were tested from Sept. 24-Oct. 15. They were chosen by the coaching staff and were considered regular contributors to the team. The results of the testing were first reported by the Denton Record-Chronicle.

The school normally tests athletes at random, and the NCAA tested 20 players separately late last month. North Texas hasn't received results of the NCAA tests.

Dodge said at his weekly news conference that he couldn't specify the types of drugs, but later referred to them generally as "street drugs."

"All I did was what any Division I coach has the right to do," Dodge said. "When you've been around the business long enough, you look at consistency, you put two and two together and you come up with some ideas. It was time to send a message to say, 'No.'"

**MBL**

Rays at Phillies

8:00 p.m., Fox
SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles end regular season vs. Trine

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's College looks to cap off its season with a victory over conference opponent Trine tonight. The Belles have already clinched a fourth-place finish in the MIAA conference, but will look to improve on their 18-9 overall record and their 9-6 conference mark. Trine is currently in 8th place in the MIAA, but can possibly finish as high as 6th.

This is the second meeting between the Belles and the Thunder this season, with the Belles taking the first match in four games. Senior captain Kacla ellellmann led Saint Mary's in the first match, accumulating a team-best twenty kills and a match-high fourteen digs.

On the season, junior captain Lorna Słopyzynski paces the Belles with 328 kills on the season. Freshman setter Danielle Brink has recorded a team-high sixty-three assists for the year.

The Thunder are led by senior outside hitter Sallie Richardson, who has notched 443 kills on the season and is averaging 4.82 per game.

This is the Belles' last game before the MIAA conference tournament, which begins November 4. The tournament, along with the regular season results, will decide which team receives the MIAA's automatic bid for the NCAA Tournament.

The game will be played tonight at 7 p.m. at Trine in Angola, Ind.

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Recycle The Observer.
Glass takes over AD reins at IU after scandal

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Fred Glass has been called The Closer. Now he gets to be The Cleaner.

Glass, who orchestrated bringing the Super Bowl to Indianapolis, took on a greater challenge Tuesday by accepting the athletic director's job at Indiana amid an NCAA phone-call scandal and allegations the school failed to properly monitor four-game losing streak.

Glass has been called The Cleaner.

"We're almost over the long, national nightmare, I hope, because our place is one that has always followed the rules," said Glass. "I think we can have that again."

It's been a tough time for Indiana athletics.

The football team just ended a four-game losing streak. The men's basketball program has the pending NCAA decision and is bracing for its worst season in decades under new coach Tom Crean.

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To Glass, however, it's a dream job.

The lifelong Hoosiers fan spent Tuesday's news conference proudly recounting stories about pretending in grade school to be Indiana's 1967 Rose Bowl team, and the vivid memory of skipping school to meet the

Hoosiers' 1976 national championship basketball team.

"With the Hoosiers in desperate need of a fresh start, they turned to a man with long ties and a strong investment in the university. The 49-year-old earned both of his college degrees from Indiana and has served on an arts and sciences advisory board. His wife, Barbara, and daughter, Katie, are both Indiana grads, too."

Perhaps the most significant advantage Glass had over other finalists was his statewide credibility for doing things the right way.

"What they really needed was somebody who could sort of restore trust and confidence and reconnect the program to its roots," said Notre Dame athletic director Jack Swarbrick, a former colleague of Glass at Baker and Daniels, an Indianapolis law firm.

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He has no experience in athletic department administration, but does have a long track record of bringing major sporting events to Indianapolis, developing budgets and fundraising. He brings significant sports and political experience to Bloomington. Glass led Indy's unsuccessful bid for the 2011 Super Bowl and served as chief of staff to then-Gov. Evan Bayh in the early 1990s. From 2000 to 2007 he was president of the Capital Improvement Board, which owns and operates Lucas Oil Stadium and Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, and he helped negotiate long-term deals to keep the Colts and the NCAA's Final Four in Indy.

Greenspan orchestrated a major housecleaning. He imposed penalties that included the loss of a scholarship for this year, IU spokesman Larry MacIntyre said.

"In our discussions, I was greatly impressed that Fred not only understood the challenges before our intercollegiate athletics program but also the importance of IU athletics being an integral part of the life of the entire university," McRobbie said.

"Basketball may be the easiest fix because we've got a dynamic coach. Basketball is a major hit when former coach Kelvin Sampson and his staff were accused of making more than 100 impermissible phone calls while Sampson was still under NCAA sanctions for a similar scandal at Oklahoma."

In February, the NCAA accused the school of five major violations before later reducing one to a secondary charge.

On the day Greenspan announced his resignation, the school was hit with another major allegation: Failure to monitor.

"I think it's almost immeasurable, not only for basketball but it's almost worse for the university."

"Basketball may be the easiest fix because we've got a dynamic coach."

Indiana University president Michael McRobbie introduces IU's new athletic director Fred Glass at a press conference Tuesday.
Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Lute Olson’s doctor said Tuesday that the former Arizona basketball coach had a stroke within the last year and he advised him to retire.

The comments by Dr. Steven Knope at a news conference called by Olson’s family offer the first explanation for Olson’s sudden retirement last week, two days after he appeared at the Wildcats’ media day. Olson said at the time he was energized and looking forward to his 25th season with Arizona.

Knope, an MRI confirmed the stroke in the frontal part of Olson’s brain, which left the Hall of Famer with severe depression and impaired judgment.

"There is a rather cruel twist of fate," Knope said. "He was doing great over the summer and very much wanted to fulfill his obligation to the community and the university."

Knope said Olson is resting at home and is on a blood thinner, and he’s optimistic Olson will recover.

The announcement ended almost a year of speculation about Olson’s health. Rumors began to circulate when he took a leave of absence last season for what he later termed a "medical condition that was not life-threatening." Over the last few weeks, Knope said he had talked to Olson about retiring because Olson was struggling to handle his workload as preseason practice opened.

"He just couldn’t put the pieces together," Knope said. "He couldn’t do what he needed to do for the team."

Knope said he ordered the MRI on Monday after Olson did not respond to recent treatment for depression.

"Unlike a typical stroke that you may imagine where someone is unable to walk or talk or move a limb, this stroke occurred in a part of the brain where much of his intellectual function and his motor function was perfectly normal," Knope said. "So it wasn’t quite apparent. The tipoff and the clue came in the last several weeks, when we began to treat what appeared to be a bout of depression that simply didn’t respond."

Knope said he had treated Olson for depression in the last year, during which Olson went through a contentious divorce from his second wife, Christine.

In April, Olson appeared reenergized and returned to the grind of major college coaching. Olson told his doctor, "I love the game, I can’t wait to get back." Knope said.

Knope had changed. Knope said the coach had responded earlier to antidepressants but in the more recent bout he did not and also exhibited out-of-character behavior.

One public example came when a combative Olson sparred with reporters during the April news conference to announce his return. He typically had cool but cordial relations with the media.

"I think we can attribute that behavior to the stroke," Knope said.

At media day last week, Olson expressed concern about his behavior that day. "I’ve wished I had that hour back many times," he said.

"Olson’s hands have trembled in recent years, prompting rumors that he has Parkinson’s disease. Knope said Olson suffers from a benign condition called familial tremor but does not have Parkinson’s."

"There is no dementia going on in coach Olson," Knope said. "He had a mental status exam two days ago, and he scored almost perfectly."

Knope said Olson is still accepting that his health forced him to retire. Knope said the coach is "beating himself up" for leaving the team shortly before the season.

"I can’t tell you how much Lute wishes he were here today," Knope said.

Olson’s interim replacement, Russ Pennell, expressed his support.

"Today’s news, as odd as this may sound, is comforting only in that he now knows what he’s up against as he works to return to good health," Pennell said.

Former Arizona coach Lute Olson watches his team practice before a 2007 game. Olson retired Thursday after 24 years with the Wildcats.

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Pierce leads Celtics over Cavs in season opener

Associated Press

BOSTON — The championship banner rose to the rafters. The tears trickled down Paul Pierce's cheeks.

The MVP of last year's NBA Finals finally was part of a ceremony that often seemed unattainable throughout his 10 seasons, all with the Boston Celtics. But on Tuesday night, before their season opener against the Cleveland Cavaliers, the Celtics' 17th title banner and first since 1986 was hoisted high above the same court where Boston routed the Los Angeles Lakers 131-92 barely four months ago in the clinching game.

John Havlicek, an eight-time champion with Boston, carried the golden Larry O'Brien trophy onto the court accompanied by other former Celtics and handed it to Pierce. They hugged and Pierce cried.

"As a kid, I always dreamed of moments like this," Pierce told the crowd before the first quarter. "You never know if this day is ever going to come. I've had a dream come true to add another banner to the rafters."

The team's owners handed out championship rings to players before the green-and-white banner was raised with several players pulling on two ropes that lifted it to the ceiling. Some former Celtics were presented with rings between the first two quarters.

"One team, once a year gets to have a ring celebration," coach Doc Rivers said before the ceremony. "I wanted to be out there either. First of all, it's long. And, secondly, they're giving us something they want."

It was a bright night for Boston — fans' cameras flashing for nearly the entire 15-minute ceremony and glowing rings made of 14-karat white gold with a total of 92 diamonds and emeralds. The top of the ring features an emerald shamrock surrounded by 64 pave set diamonds.

During the celebration, "MVP" was written on rings for every player.

"In this game, you have the players that you're playing for the ring," he said before it began, "and, there you are, being a part of fulfilling the goal of every player."

"It's one of the few times you don't get boosed when you're the commissioner." Turns out, he was the only person boosed at the ceremony. Then he opened it by saying, "Here we are, No. 17."

And when he was done, the crowd chanted, "Let's Go Celtics."

A brief video of Celtics patriarch Red Auerbach, who died at the age of 89 in October 2006, got loud cheers when it was played on the scoreboard at the beginning. He guided the Celtics to their first 16 titles as coach or general manager.

When Rivers came out to get his ring — with Auerbach's signature engraved on the inside — he put his left palm atop the Celtics.
SMC SOCCER

Belles prepare for last regular season game

By ALEX BARKER
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Opposing environments have proven unfriendly to the Belles so far as they have not recorded a road victory in seven tries this season. Today, Saint Mary’s travels to Albion, where the team hopes it can shake its road woes and conclude a tough regular season schedule on a winning note.

The Belles find themselves in a slump. having lost their last nine matches. Last week, Saint Mary’s dropped two very closely-contested matches against Alma and Kalamazoo by one-goal margins.

Despite their disappointing record this season, the Belles have not been completely over-matched. Eight of their 11 losses have come by one-goal margins, including all but one conference loss.

Saint Mary’s has shown its ability to put the ball in the goal as it has found the net in all but three games this season, including a four-goal effort in its conference victory over Trine.

The Belles’ leading scorer on the season is senior forward Lauren Hinton, who has found the back of the net five times and has also served up two assists.

Saint Mary’s has also received a huge offensive contribution this season from the freshman class, which is led by forward Katelyn Tondo-Steele. Tondo-Steele has two goals and an assist. In all, freshmen have accounted for six goals and five assists, nearly half of the Belles’ offensive production.

Saint Mary’s junior Patty Duffy has stepped up in goal, having recorded 72 saves and giving up less than two goals per match.

Saint Mary’s will begin postseason play when the MIAA conference tournament kicks off Nov. 1.

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"It's really just repetition and repetition," Nicholas said. "And getting in certain situations and things like that. That's what we understand positions."

That relationship was on full display Oct. 12 in a match against Pittsburgh. Despite Notre Dame's loss in the Panzini, Nicholas notched a career-high 93 and Kaelin capitalized with 21 kills.

In her role as setter, it is Nicholas' job to run the offense on the court during the course of a match. She said her biggest responsibilities are calling the plays and deciding what type of set is best for a given situation.

Nicholas credited part of her success to the fact that she had the opportunity to play with former Irish setter Ashley Tarutis for two years before taking over the starting role this season.

"[Tarutis] helped me learn the offense and taught me how things were run on the court," Nicholas said. "I just want to play as good as I can in whatever position I could from her." 

The Irish (11-1, 6-3 Big East) currently sit in third place in the Big East, tied with Pittsburgh and trailing Cincinnati and St. John's. Nicholas said that, while she had hoped for a better start, she's confident Notre Dame will make a run in its remaining matches.

"I think we have done OK up to this point," she said. "We haven't really won the big games, but we've also let down matches that we should win. We're just keeping it going everyday at the gym, we'll be all right."

The Irish have already lost their matches against Pittsburgh and Cincinnati, but have a matchup with conference-leading St. John's this weekend at the JACC. Nicholas, though, said she's not worried. "That's what we're here for."

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five bogeys in eight holes. He responded with a birdie and nine pars to salvage the round and finish strong.

Kubinski said Alan-Lee's round was a good indication of the benefit experience provides to the young team.

"We have a number of guys really coming a long way in terms of learning to make shots," Kubinski said. "Alan-Lee's round was a perfect example learning to right the ship and starting to make some better finishes after getting a lot of experience."

Junior Doug Fortner shot an ugly 10-over par 82 in his opening round before firing a 72 and a 73 in his final two rounds to finish in 46th place.

Senior co-captain Olavo Batista's final-round 81 dropped him into 54th overall after shooting a 76 and a 74 to start the tournament.

Freshman Chris Walker rounded out the Irish effort with a 20-over 236 in his second collegiate tournament.

The tournament, which was played at the par 72, 7,197-yard Forest Oaks Country Club in Greensboro, N.C., marked the last competition Notre Dame will see until March. Despite inconsistent results and a last-place finish at the Fighting Irish Gridiron Invitational, the Irish have a young crop of talented and increasingly experienced golfers heading into the spring season.

"Coming into the fall, we didn't know what to expect with [senior Joel Franassian] being out," Kubinski said. "We hoped to play a little better than we did, but we're very encouraged. A lot of guys are really learning, and we're expecting to bounce back in the spring and make a run at the Big East Championship."

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him for 10 years — from 1996-2000 at Stanford and from 2001-05 at Notre Dame. That explains the major similarities between the two teams in terms of scheme and formations, Clark said.

"If you ask anyone, they'll always say they're very similar to us," he said. "At the end of the day, the personnel dictate how things go, but I think you'll find that there will be a lot of similarities."

With home-field advantage and a chance to guarantee themselves a share of the Blue Division crown, the Irish are poised to erase concerns about last week's stumble.

"Everybody knows what the stakes are," Clark said. "If you're in the last week of the season and you're playing for something very meaningful, you know it's been a good season."

"We're in that situation, playing for the trophy, and you can't ask for more than that. Well, you can — you can ask to play very well — and that's our goal starting against Georgetown."

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Last week against Washington, Aldridge was Notre Dame's leading rusher — the first time this season he was tops for the Irish — with 84 yards on only 13 carries, two of which went for touchdowns.

"When somebody all of a sudden gets something going, you're not looking to take them out just to take them out. You're looking where he is right now," he said.

The fourth quarter of Saturday's game against Washington also showcased Notre Dame freshman running back Jonas Gray, who had yet to see playing time earlier this season because of the team's depth. Gray carried nine times for 61 yards (6.8 yards per carry) in overtime against the Huskies.

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Gray is especially important this week for Notre Dame because of his speed and quickness, both of which mirror Pittsburgh tailback LeSean McCoy. Weis said Gray will represent McCoy this week for the Notre Dame scout team.

"Gray will be wearing a big old 25. So just you might as well look at him this week and call him McCoy instead of calling him Gray because that's who he will be this week in this practice," Weis said.

Notes:
• Senior wide receiver David Greene told Weis earlier this week that he feels fully healed after back spasms kept him out of the Washington game.

"He intends to go this week, and we'll see how those spasms are acting when he's out there in practice, because I really don't know the answer until after I see him running around out there," Weis said of his offensive captain.

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Irish set for rematch against Big East foe Georgetown

Hoyas come to town for midweek game today at Alumni Field

By MATT GAMBER
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No. 19 Notre Dame can clinch at least a share of the Big East Division crown with a victory today in a 2:30 p.m. home tussle with No. 24 Georgetown.

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