Domer doubles

Eight sets of twins currently enrolled in the Class of 2013; Twin Club formed on campus

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Notre Dame has a thing for twins.

The Class of 2013 currently has eight complete sets of twins in their year. When current junior Lillian Civantos was a freshman and learned that her class contained six sets of twins, the news came as a shock.

"I remember [University President] Fr. [John] Jenkins was addressing my freshman class and said that our class had six complete sets," Civantos said. "I just thought that was a lot."

Civantos is an identical twin. She and her sister Tess, who both work for The Observer, were amazed to learn how many twins attended Notre Dame and believed that there had to be some way for all of the twins in the school to get together.

"I thought that it would be really great if there was a way for all of us to get to know each other," Civantos said.

Civantos took her idea and formed the Twin Club of Notre Dame, which has been up and see DOUBLESPAGE 4

Game day changes a success

Season opener runs smoothly, fans respond well to additions

By SARAH MERVOY
News Writer

Saturday's season opener proved to be a success on and off the field as fans responded favorably to changes made to improve home football weekend experiences, Director of Game-Day Operations Mike Seamon said.

"All early indications are that we had a really successful weekend." Seamon said. "We were very happy with how everything unfolded."

Friday afternoon marked the first time that the tunnel to the stadium was open to the public, and over 3,500 people walked through the tunnel for photo opportunities on the field, Seamon said.

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Students report thefts, attacks near campus

Observer Staff Report

As the new school year is now in full swing, South Bend police are seeing an increase in robbery and larceny towards students, according to South Bend Police Capt. Phil Trent.

"We are seeing an up-tick in robbery and larceny as students walk alone or in twos in the middle of the night, through dimly lighted areas," he said in an e-mail. "We see this every year, just as we see a spike in burglaries during Christmas break."

Two robberies were reported by Notre Dame students last week, according to a South Bend Tribune report.

The report said a 19-year-old student told police he was tackled and robbed by two men last Tuesday. One man claimed to have a gun.

The student, who was walking down Notre Dame Ave. around 10:30 p.m., told police his backpack and wallet were stolen. The backpack contained the student's laptop computer.

Another robbery was reported earlier that week by two female students who were also tackled by two men on Notre Dame Ave. about 1 a.m. Aug. 30, the Tribune report said.

Trent said students should take precautionary measures when choosing to walk off-campus at night, especially after a few drinks.

SMC cross country to donate shoes to Uganda

By ALLISON FRANKLIN
News Writer

On Sept. 5, the participants of the second-annual Saint Mary's Alumni Race crossed a finish line made up of old running shoes, but those shoes were much more than just a finish line.

Instead of charging a race entrance fee, the Saint Mary's cross country team collected old sneakers, which they plan to send to those in need in Uganda.

Uganda is among the world's poorest countries. Approximately half of 32.4 million Ugandans live below the international poverty line, which is a $1.25 per day.

Saint Mary's cross country coach Jackie Baunor came up with the idea of helping Ugandans after two College nursing students, Caitlin Brodermkerl and Megan

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Ryan Hall residents settle in

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

The women of Ryan Hall are settling into their new home and intend to pick a mascot and colors by mid-October, around the time of the dorm's dedication, hall Rector Bryan Tornifolio said.

"In two weeks we will elect our first hall council, who will help orchestrate discussions about our mascot and colors," Tornifolio said.

The women will come up with

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Residents of Ryan Hall adjust to life in the new dorm, work on picking a hall council, colors and a mascot.
INSIDE COLUMN

On beauty

Many inside columns are like women’s skirts — long enough to cover essentials, but short enough to keep you interested. They are often comical, slightly nostalgic, or sometimes self-referential. — Cornelius Rogers

Past topics have included Batman vs. Superman, favorite pokemons and the ugly area in between the mod quad dorms. But I have decided to swim against the stream and take the path of Capistrano. I have delivered you an inside column that involves a little more of an intellectual aspect. I am sure that as Notre Dame students and alumni your sharp minds are up to the task.

"Beauty is truth, truth beauty.— that is all! Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know." Many have heard the words uttered by John Keats’ Grecian urn, but how many have really stopped to contemplate their meaning? Can all of mankind’s existence simply be reduced to this single axiom?

Nowadays the adjective “beautiful” is used to describe anything including films, games, pets, cars, clothes and of course people. Perhaps the profuse use of the word today has diminished its value, but why do we even feel the need to use the word in the first place?

Perhaps we use the word because we all are looking for beauty in some way or another. A musician searches for it in her music. An author looks for it in his writing. A wayward Notre Dame student hopes to find it at an asylum. And the scientist seeks it in natural truth. It looks like Keats’ urn hit the mark.

However, this concept of beauty seems entirely subjective. I am sure beauty cannot be just what everyone finds beautiful. Some poor twisted soul may think Crowley Hall is beautiful, but that does not make it so. Is there anything that is universally agreed upon as beautiful?

What most people find beautiful are things belonging to nature. Mountains, waterfalls, rainbows, flowers, etc. What is so special about these? For us, they are the closest thing to eternity that we will experience on earth. Mountains, valleys and seas have been here long before we were and will endure long after we are gone. Flowers may wither. Leaves may fall down and die, but both will come to life again and again. They are, in a word, everlasting. I like to think these things that are naturally beautiful are God’s way of giving us an infinitely small foretaste of the joys of heaven. And what is heaven, but the realm of all truth.

So I think Keats was onto something when he uttered those immortal words. Are beauty and truth all we really need to know? You are more than welcome to agree or disagree with me, but I hope at the very least you think about it.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Cornelius Rogers at crogers18@nd.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: What would you react to if dining halls became vegetarian?

I'd starve.

Daneille Guidry
Sophomore

I don't eat a lot of meat anyway so I wouldn't be completely opposed.

Chris Danilin
Freshman

Where's my meat?

Rebecca Sullivan
Freshman

I wouldn't be ethically opposed, but I wouldn't be for it. But as long as I have the mint and chocolate fro-yo, I'm good.

Dave Wilkerson
Senior

I'd lose 60 pounds.

Offbeat

French teens forced to marry when traveling

PARIS — As thousands of girls and young women prepare to start the new school year in France, activists are sounding the alarm over those who are missing — teenagers sent abroad over the holidays and forced into marriage.

Most victims are of Asian, African or Middle Eastern descent and belong to France’s Muslim community, the largest in Europe. While countries such as Britain have set up special units that track down victims at home and overseas, activists say France is only now waking up to the problem.

For a long time this used to be considered a cultural thing,” Fatima Lalem, who is in charge of gender equality at Paris City Hall, told Reuters. “Something like this happens, but that people don’t look at too closely.” Over the past year, illegal immigrant wins big in Stockholm lottery

STOCKHOLM — An illegal immigrant who scored a big win with a lottery scratch card in Sweden appeared on television on Saturday to collect his winnings even though authorities have been trying to deport him.

Tezelfaid Teslory, a 28-year-old Eritrean who has lived in the immigrant-friendly Nordic country for six years, won a tax-free prize of 1.2 million Swedish kronor (101,654 pounds).

But Sweden’s attempts to deport the man have failed due to his country’s refusal to take him back, highlighting a common problem for immigration officials.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

A summer long program for college students produced an exhibit entitled “Graffiti Art Project.” The exhibit is held in the Crossroads Gallery, 217 South Michigan Street. The display runs until 9 a.m. today.

“Fritz Scholder, Contemporary Artist: Influences” will be presented by Native American artist Fritz Scholder. The collection will be shown in the Maud and Fritz Kuerner Mestrovic Studio Gallery in the Snite Museum of Art at 10 a.m. today.

An exhibit entitled “In Praise of Donors, Selections from Dr. and Mrs. B. Stephen Lehman Collection” will be held in the Scholz Family Works on Paper Gallery in the Snite Museum of Art at 10 a.m. today.

“Para la Gente: Art, Politics and Cultural Identity of the Taller de Grafica Popular” will be held in the O’Shaughnessy Galleries in the Snite Museum of Art at 10 a.m. today.

An exhibit called “Thin: Photographs by Lauren Greenfield” will host 53 color photographs of young women with eating disorders. It will be held in the O’Shaughnessy West Galleries in the Snite Museum of Art today.

A Blood Drive will be held at noon in the ballroom of LaFortune Student Center. Participants can sign up at www.givellin.org and schedule an appointment today.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail details about the information to observer.questions@gmail.com
Demand for DVD rentals still strong

By JILLIAN STINCHCOMB
News Writer

The demand for the DVD rental service – started by Notre Dame's Student Government last year – is still strong, according to student body president Bob Reish's term because the Buddle was removing of its DVD service.

Schmidt said an added bonus is that the program "is a great way to get people up to the office."

The ResLife Committee of Student Government runs the service. Schmidt said although they haven't promoted the DVD club strongly this year, they will likely send an e-mail to the student body soon, promoting the service.

According to Schmidt, it's mostly used by people that know about it from last year. Although, some students saw the DVD return chute in the Student Government office during Best of LaFortune – an SGA event highlighting areas of the student center – and were reminded of the service.

They haven't set hours for the service yet, but Schmidt stated that there was "almost always" someone in the Student Government office to help students looking to rent DVDs, and the DVD return chute is meant for late-night returns when no one is in the office.

In a couple of weeks, they will also be actively purchasing new releases from the summer months. Currently there are over 400 titles available in the DVD collection, including older titles such as "Pretty in Pink" and "Pretty Woman," newer titles such as "No Country for Old Men" and "The Kite Runner," as well as television series such as the first couple seasons of "The O.C." and the fourth season of "The Office."

In a change from last year, there is no longer a five dollar deposit to ensure returns. According to Schmidt, that policy was a hassle. Now, students have to fill out a form with their netID so that if the DVD isn't returned in a week, they will receive emails reminding them to return their rental.

"The DVD Club is important because we want to supply the student body with an efficient and convenient way to rent DVDs for class or recreation."

Nick Ruof Chair ResLife Committee

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ideas as a hall.
"We will find what's a good fit for us," Pastorek said. "Then we will shrink the list and have a dorm vote."

Tornifolio, previously rector of Pasquerella East, is adjusting to the new surroundings quite well.

It was difficult to leave PE," Tornifolio said. "I loved my time there. But the opportunity to start something and build something from the ground was something I felt called to do.

Senior and first Floor Resident Assistant Sarah Pastorek is also excited about Ryan Hall.

"The biggest thing is that we get to start our own tradition and build the kind of community we want to live in," Pastorek said.

Pastorek, previously a resident of McGlinn Hall, said that the 248 residents of Ryan Hall are enjoying the new community.

"We want to live here," Pastorek said. "I'm really enjoying living here. I made the right decision."

Tornifolio said the new building is not without its smogs, as the residents of Ryan can attest.

"At the moment, we only have warm water, not hot water," sophisticated and previously Lewis resident Marta Michalska said. "But really, you have so much awesome stuff here, you can't really complain."

Some locks are backwards, others more sophisticated, and previous McGlinn Hall resident Maria Emilian said, "Sometimes they stick, too, so you can get locked out of your room."

"We're tweaking here and there," Tornifolio said. "Of course there are things that no one can prepare for. All in all things are going quite smooth."

To welcome residents, the staff had a Ryan Hall Kickoff on August 31, including a grill-out and girl time for the new community.

The new building is full of beautiful features, the residents said. Included is a beautiful chapel and large spaces for residents. Emilian said, Ryan Hall is a "green" hall, Michalska said. Some green features include high efficiency washing machines, energy efficient windows, and toilets that have two flush sizes to save water. Michalska said.

"One thing that was stressed by Ryan Hall residents is the new and unique community," Tornifolio said. "There's lots of excitement, lots of involvement. All the girls involved are trying to take good things from the dorms, to bring the best of the dorms here."

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Doubles

 operating for about a year. "The club is a way for differ­
ent people on campus to meet each other and talk to one
another about what makes our lives special with being twins," Civan­
tos said. "Being a twin is not the same as not being a twin; you go through life differ­
enly." The Twin Day is a forum where we can rejoin in our twin pride."

Givantos describes her very close relationship with her sis­
ter, with whom she had a lot of motivation in trying to bring the various Notre Dame twins together. "Although all sets of twins are different, but I would say that nine times out of ten, your twin is your best friend," Civan­
tos said. "Tess is definitely my best friend." She said that while she is glad that she and Tess both ended up at Notre Dame, it was never an option for her to go to the same university. "We never wanted to pick a school based on the fact that the other one was going," Givantos said. "We both ended up being the best fit for both of us.

Although Givantos and her twin are both pursuing degrees in the Program of Liberal Studies, having the same major as her twin is not typical for most twins. "If two people go through life together, they end up liking the same things on a basic level," she said. "We are different than each other, but we are in more of the 'twin fluid' and I'd like to think that I have a calming effect on the other person and she's sure she'd disagree."

Junior twins Kennedy and Coleman Collins state that while they are twins, they each have their own personality. "I don't think that we're totally different or totally similar," Kennedy said. "We're some­where in the middle." Kennedy agreed that being an identical twin doesn't affect his day-to-day existence other than occasional confusion from friends. "People confuse my brother and me all the time; it's just part of being a twin," he said.

Columbus works for The Observer photog­
graphy depart­
ment, says that the confusion contains a way to
with location. "Last year I lived on North Quad and he lived on South," Coleman said. "So when I went on South Quad I'd get called Kennedy all the time."

The Collins said they share more of a typical sibling relationship as opposed to a twin one. "It's a normal brother rela­tion ship and nothing else," Kennedy said. "It's only differ­
ence because we're the same age."

Coleman agrees that he and his brother are their own separate entities and that it gets frust­
enome being known as a twin before being known as an indi­

erial. "To see a twin as only a twin is shortsighted," he said. "People ask me all the time what it's like being a twin. I turn around and ask them what it's like not being a twin; I have no other frame of reference." "I have been and for the longest period of time."

"I've had my best friend living with me my whole life and I have her here at school," Catherine said. "Both girls say that they enjoy being twins," Catherine said. "Sometimes it's almost easier to be known as such but if I would still like to be seen as my own individual."

"I'm excited but we'll see that before," he said. "Seven hun­
dred people took advantage of the new parking option Saturday when the Notre Dame nine-hole golf course was opened to the public for park­ing and tailgating," Seamon said. "I spent a lot of time out there on Saturday morning to see how it was coming togeth­
er and people were just real­
ly positive," he said. "The people who came got in real easy and got out real easy." Seamon said with good weather, the golf course could be a parking option for up to 20 people but if it rains, the course will not be open for parking.

"That day service people wearing green blazers were scattered throughout campus Saturday to provide informa­tion and assist guests," Seamon said. "When we work and study and live here, we know exactly what's going on. A lot of people here for the first time don't know where the book­store is or what time the band is playing," he said. "So these folks were never people out." Seamon said they're taking pictures of people. People say, you can see what of picture of me in front of that." Another highlight was the new "Rally on the Green," which took place Friday after­
noon and Saturday before the game. Over 5,000 students, alumni and guests came to the Irish Greens, the field behind DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, to listen to live music, eat food and play games.

"We just had a lot of people go through there," he said. "People kind of used it as a gathering spot. I think it will only continue weekly."

Seamon said changes to improve security, including a system where fans sent text messages if someone was being unruly, and ticket scan­ners to make the entry process as smooth as possible, were also successful. Seamon did not have specific information about any arrests made during Saturday and represen­
tatives from Notre Dame Security Police could not be reached due to the Labor Day holiday. But Seamon did say the weekend was both successful and safe, overall.

"We think everyone had a great weekend," Seamon said. "It was a really good weekend." Contact Sarah Merwosh at smerwosh@nd.edu

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X-Country

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McClowry, both volunteered at a Clinic in Uganda over the summer. Brodermel, a former cap­
tain who graduated in 2008, and McClowry, who is a captain this year, volunteered during the summer of 2008. After Banters suggested working with the connection that the Belles now had with Uganda, the cross country team got together and brainstormed. The team realized that, as runners, they owned a collection of old sneaker­
ers they no longer needed and a good cause for another," according to Allen Miller, a 2008 graduate and former captain. However, the Saint Mary's cross country team does not have a tradition for giving back to the community or completing this service project. We also learned that the Saturday's donated shoes as an entrance fee and some generous alumnus donated money, sending shoes to Uganda is both expensive and complicated. "We're looking for corporate sponsors," Miller said. The race on Saturday was the second Alumnae Race held up by Saint Mary's cross­
country team. Students and Alumnae were joined by fac­ulty and parents, all whom donated running shoes.

The Belles were also able to build on the success of last year's Alumnae Race. "We had a really good turnout. A lot of alumni came back," Miller said. "Hopefully the race will continue to grow."

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Game

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One couple from Tennessee made the trip to South Bend solely to go through the tun­
el. "They literally drove up here on Friday, did the tunnel, took the pictures of the tunnel, and then drove back home," Seamon said. "They didn't even stay for the game."

Seamon said fans were grateful for the opportunity. "It was countless stories of people never being able to see [the tunnel] before." Mike Seamon
director

Game-Day Operations

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Police nab eighth jewel thief suspect

LONDON — Police say they have charged an eighth man in one of Britain's biggest heists.

The 22-year-old suspect David Joseph is accused of helping to plot the Aug. 6 theft of £65 million worth of rings, bracelets, necklaces and watches from Graff Diamonds' flagship store in London.

Seven others have been charged with conspiracy to rob the Bond Street jeweler. One of them, 24-year-old Aman Kasana, is accused of attempted murder and false imprisonment.

Police say two men walked into the store, pushed the staff aside and ran off with the cargo and escaped with the jewels in a series of minicabs.

A ninth suspect has been released on bail and has not been charged.

Tourists arrested after stabbing cabbie

ST. JOHNS, Antigua — Six American tourists in Antigua were charged with assault and malicious mischief.

They are charged with slaying a driver who gave them a tour Friday because they believed they were being overcharged, according to police.

The two defendants — Shoshannah and Rachel Chisholm — were released on $5,000 bail each and are expected to enter pleas during a hearing Monday.

The tourists, who were visiting the Caribbean island on a cruise ship stopover, refused to pay a driver who gave them a tour Friday because they believed they were being overcharged, according to police.

NATIONAL NEWS

Serial killer arrested after decades

MILWAUKEE — Milwaukee police said Monday that they have arrested a man connected to the slayings of nine women dating back to 1986. A driver who gave them a tour Friday because they believed they were being overcharged, according to police.

The defendants — Shoshannah and Rachel Henry, Nancy and Dolores Lalane, Mike Tierre and Joshua Jackson — were released on $5,000 bail each and are expected to enter pleas during a hearing Monday.

The tourists, who were visiting the Caribbean island on a cruise ship stopover, refused to pay a driver who gave them a tour Friday because they believed they were being overcharged, according to police.

It occurred and found Afghan police carrying broken weapons away from the sraming tankers — proving, they said, the dead were linked to insurgents.

The Taliban, however, issued a statement calling the killings "an act of terrorism and blood of human beings, they have been determined in truth or falsity of this situation," the statement said.

German military rules, breaking down doors and tying up staff and visitors. The U.S. military said it was investigating the allegation.

Civilian deaths have undermined support for foreign forces among many Afghans. Growing public anger prompted the top American and NATO commander in the country, U.S. Gen. Stanley McChrystal, to draw up a new doctrine aimed at limiting such casualties.

McChrystal has pledged to investigate Friday's airstrike.

The attack on the hijacked tankers provoked outrage in Germany, where newspapers ran graphic photos of badly burned victims, stoking opposition to the war in Germany, which has some 4,200 soldiers in northern Afghanistan — the third largest contingent of foreign forces behind the United States and Britain — has been reluctant to commit more troops.

For many Germans, the country's role in the Afghan conflict raises unwelcome memories of their country's past military involvement. The German public also fears losing more soldiers — 35 have been killed in Afghanistan since 2002.

Bads of Germany, ISAF (International Security Assistance Force) and NATO are seen on the sleeve of the uniform of a German soldier in Kunduz, Afghanistan, Monday.

Deadly L.A.-area arson fire still burning

Associated Press

The blaze was 56 percent contained and had blackened 1,375 acres, or 246 square miles, as it burned deeper into the wilderness in its 13th day, feeding off leaf litter on the ground, old growth and dead timber.

"Even the mountain goats won't climb in there because it's so steep and rugged," Judy said.

The flames have reached the bottom of the south face of Mount Waterman, which has a small ski area on its northern side. Meanwhile, Los Angeles County sheriff's and fire investigators continued their homicide investigation into the fire. Officials have said the cause of the fire was arson but have released no findings.

Los Angeles County firefighters Tedmund Hall and Arnoldo Quinones were killed in a vehicle accident Aug. 20 while seeking an escape route for their inmate fire crew after flames overran their camp on Mount Gleason.

Fire Chief's spokesman Steve Whitmore said the men's vehicle was airlifted off a mountain and taken to a secure location Monday so investigators could analyze it. The examination of the site where the fire started near the Angeles Crest Highway wrapped up Monday, he said.

AFGHANISTAN

Afghan civilians killed in airstrike

Associated Press

German troops admit to killing 70 civilians but defend the decision to attack

KUNDUZ, Afghanistan — An Afghan rights group accused Monday a recent airstrike on a pair of hijacked tankers of killing as many as 70 civilians in northern Afghanistan, saying the German troops whose commander ordered the bombing defended the action.

A Rights Monitor, an independent human rights group, reported that its survey of the area following Friday's attack shows it killed as many as 70 villagers who were siphoning gas from the vehicles that the became stuck on a sand spit in the Kunduz River.

The group's report came at the German government backed down from its previous insistence that only the Taliban hijackers had died, raising some civilians likely were killed.

But Germany defended the decision to call in the airstrike, citing fears the tankers could be used to mount a suicide attack on its troops.

Mohammad Omar, the governor of Kunduz, has also said the airstrike had fully targeted the airstrike, which he said killed up to 72 people — likely all militants.

The Taliban, however, issued a statement calling the killings "an act of terrorism and blood of human beings, they have been determined in truth or falsity of this situation," the statement said.

German soldiers in Kunduz on Monday rejected criticism that their command was unable to call in the U.S. warplanes.

Three soldiers from Armored Infantry Battalion 391, who spoke on condition of anonymity under German military rules, said they went to the scene of the airstrike hours after
Kennedy not running for Senate

Associated Press
BOSTON — Former Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II, the eldest son of Robert F. Kennedy, announced Monday he would not run for the U.S. Senate seat held by the late uncle, Edward M. Kennedy. The decision was certain to widen the race for the Democratic nomination.

In a statement, the former six-term congressman said he cares about those seeking decent housing, fair pay and health care. But he added, "The best way for me to contribute to those causes is in continuing my work at Citizens Energy Corp."

The decision surrenders a seat the Kennedy family has held for all but two years since 1953, when John F. Kennedy moved from the U.S. House to the Senate, before being elected president in 1960. It became vacant Aug. 25, when Edward Kennedy died of brain cancer at age 77. He was first elected to the Senate in 1962.

It also removes an excuse for three veteran Massachusetts lawmakers — Reps. Joe Kennedy, Michael Capuano, Edward J. Markey and John Tierney — who have said they are considering campaigning but would not run against a member of the Kennedy family. The senator's wife, Vicki, had previously ruled out a campaign.

In a fiery speech Monday morning at a Boston labor breakfast, former Rep. Markey, said they have been contact-

 "Everybody loves you," the congressman told a crowd of 400, to boos from two delegations of Massachusetts Democrats who long supported him and the White House, if he would not distinguish himself from other candidates.

"Everybody's for prevailing wage, everybody's for (project-labor agreements), everybody's for this, and the other thing. Me too. That's good. But when it comes time to make the tough decisions, that's when you start to figure who's with you and who's not."

But Kennedy said an "interim" address among others as a "33-year member of the House, honorary title as dean of the New England delega-

tion and chairmanship of the House Select Committee for Energy Independence."

After Kennedy announced his decision, Markey issued a state-

ment saying: "I now must weigh where I can make the greatest impact on the issues facing the people of Massachusetts."

Former Rep. Martin Meehan, who is now chancellor of the University of Massachusetts-Lowell but still has nearly $5 million in his campaign account, had also said he would defer to Kennedy, but he has been luk-

 warm about a campaign even if Kennedy decides to run.

Another Democrat, Rep. Stephen Lynch, said at the breakfast it's "likely" he will be announcing his candidacy during the week. The former ironworker, who lives in blue-

 collar South Boston, said he wanted to wait until after Labor Day.

"I probably won't fit in in the U.S. Senate, but I think that, in a lot of cases, the people of Massachusetts don't want a sen-

ator to fit in. They want them to stand out, and I offer through my experience," Lynch said.

Lynch recalled twice being lobbied off by whistleblowing and automaking jobs, adding, "I share the experience that a lot of others are feeling right now."

Attorney General Martha Coakley became the first high-

profile Democrat to declare for the seat when she announced her candidacy last week. Her supporters lined city intersec-

tions for two blocks around the hotel hosting the Greater Boston Labor Council breakfast, testify-

ing to her early organizational advantage in the 90-day sprint to the primary election.

"We're off and running," Coakley said as she shook hands outside.

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**IN BRIEF**

Massey Energy CEO blasts energy bill
HOLDEN, Va. — The chief executive of coal mining giant Massey Energy blasted supporters of climate-change legislation and other environmental issues affecting the coal industry at a free Labor Day concert and rally in southern West Virginia.

CEO Don Blankenship said he wanted to show people at the event how government regulation is hurting the coal industry, driving up energy prices and making the country less competitive.

"We're hopeful that through networking that they will educate their neighbors and that they'll all begin to speak out," Blankenship said. "We think that will make a difference."

Richmond, Va.-based Massey, which operates mines in nine states, said Barry Sharp, chief financial officer for Arlington, Va.-basedImagine. "It's a good fit."

Charter school supporters hope the move by Kansas City-based Entertainment Properties is the first of many such partnerships as they deal with increased interest from parents but not more money to build or expand their facilities.

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**MARKET RECAP**

**Firms invest in charter schools**

Despite economy, private investors provide funding for American education

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Charter schools, already limping a surge in students, are getting attention from another group: private investors.

Entertainment Properties Inc., based mostly for making its money into movie theaters and wineries, recently bought a private charter school operator Imagine Schools for about $170 million. The real estate investment trust acts as landlord for the schools and is using the investment to expand its chain of 75 schools.

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**Health bill threatens safety-net hospitals**

By the time Congress may threaten the funding and future of the nation’s already-struggling safety net hospitals.

It’s an irony that hospital leaders are expressing anxiety as Congress considers this week to take up health care again. Hospital leaders support expanding insurance coverage to more Americans, but they worry financing the expansion will cause some testing urban hospitals to deteriorate and close.

They point to Massachusetts, the laboratory for health care overhaul, where one safety net hospital, Boston Medical Center, is suffering the state claiming it’s covering too much of the cost for expanding coverage. Another safety net standby, Cambridge Health Alliance, has closed health centers and cut services; its Somerville Hospital no longer keeps patients overnight.

"It looks like a national plan will be modeled on Massachusetts and it’s a disaster for poor people," said Dr. Stoffe Woolhandler, Harvard Medical School professor and a doctor at Cambridge Hospital.

"The insurance offered doesn’t cover everyone," she said. "It’s filled with gaps like copayments and deductibles. Patients can’t afford it, so they turn to the public sector and the public sector isn’t there anymore.”

What worries Woolhandler and others are proposals to fund national reform that would require payments gradually to hospitals handling more than their share of uninsured patients. One proposal would reduce these funds — called DRIS payments for “disproportionate share hospital” — by $20 billion, in three large annual chunks starting in 2017.
The main health care bill, H.R. 3200, "America’s Affordable Health Care Act of 2009," has 1,017 pages. I read it, which gave me some, but not much, sympathy for House members who admitted that they voted for it in a cloud ofendorsement without reading it.

Senate Finance Committee has removed "the end-of-life provisions" from its bill because they would pay physicians to "assist patients toward end-of-life care and rate physician quality of care based on the creation of and adherence to orders for end-of-life care." But that bill is only one of several on the subject. It is too early to count the end-of-life consultations out. As Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said on August 16, "I'm hoping that at the end of the day" the consultations provisions "will be part of the overall package.

Let's take a look at Section 1233. It says, more important, what it does not say and thus leaves to bureaucratic, implementing regulations which could make the 1,017 pages of the bill look like a telegram. "An advance care planning consultation" is between "the individual and a practitioner," or who has the authority under State law to sign orders for life sustaining treatments. The bill does not state whether the consultation will be initiated by the practitioner or by the individual. Nor does it state that the individual is compelled to have a consultation. "Though not mandatory," wrote Charles Lane of the Washington Post editorial board, the consultations... aren't quite 'purely voluntary'. To me, "I think, "pure voluntary" means 'not unless the patient requests one.' Section 1233... lets doctors initiate the chat and gives them an incentive — money — to do so. Indeed, that's an incentive to insist. Patients may be in the dark without mercy, but many will how to white-coated authority. Once they're in the meeting, the bill does permit formalisation of a plug-pulling order right then and there." Regulations could, in effect, make the consultations mandatory, to be initiated by the individual or the practitioner, with penalties on the individual who fails to initiate it.

A consultation shall include: "An explanation by the practitioner of advance care planning... and... advance directives, including living wills and other durable powers of attorney... the role... of a health care proxy... (and) the provision of a person of a... relationship to the patient with the practitioner..." with advanced care planning... (an) explanation... of... end-of-life services... available, including patient care and hospice... an explanation of orders regarding life-sustaining treatments... which shall include... the reasons why... such an order is beneficial to the individual and the individual's family... and the reasons why such an order should be updated periodically as the health of the individual changes." Note that the consultation "shall include" an explanation of only one side of the question of whether such an order would be beneficial.

A consultation... may include the formulation of an order regarding life-sustaining treatment... which is an actionable order relating to the treatment of that individual that it is signed and dated by a physician... or another health care professional (as specified by the Secretary)... in a form that permits it to stay with the individual and be followed by health care professionals, across the continuum of care... communicates the individual's preferences... and... may include the for- mulation of an order regarding life-sustaining treatment, including an indication of the treatment and care desired by the individual... is to be... standardized within a given locality... as identified by the Secretary, and it may incorporate any... directive... executed by the individual.

The level of treatment indicated by the order "may range from... full treatment to an indication to limit to some or all specified interventions. Such... levels of treatment may include indications respecting, among other items — (i) the intensity of medical intervention if the patient is seriously ill... or has serious cardiac or pulmonary problems; (ii) the individual's desire regarding... hydration. This "aardnews" order becomes part of the individual's permanent record, available to the government and health care profes- sionals who are involved in the individual's care. Opponents of end-of-life consultations were derided by President Obama and the media for raising the prospect of "do not resuscitate." But note that the order does not have to be signed by the practitioner who conducts the consultation. Regulations, consistent with Section 1233, could provide that the order would be signed by a "health care profession... rather than the patient who for- mulated it. There is no mandate that the physicians who sign the order ever saw the individual involved. Could the government be a member of a panel reviewing such orders without ever seeing the patient? Apparently so.

The obligation "communicates the individual's preferences, including... the treatment... desired by the individual." But it does not specify that the order must comply with these preferences. If the individual hadexecuted an advance directive, the order "may incorporate" it does not have to include it or refer to it.

Section 1233 does not state whether the individual's personal physician, lawyer or family members may be present at the "advance care planning consultation." Nor does it specify that the order will be subject to judicial review.

An "advance care planning consultation" may be held "if the individual... has not had such a consultation within the last 5 years." A consultation "may be conducted more frequently... if there is a significant change in the health conditions of the indi- vidual, including diagnosis of a chronic, pro- gressive, life-limiting disease, a life-threat- ening injury, or upon admission to a skilled nursing facility, or a hospice program." The bill imposes no limit on the number or frequency of such consultations, raising the prospect of repeated pressuring of patients to forego treatments.

"Obamacare" seeks to increase those who are covered and to reduce costs. The only way to achieve both objectives is to ration the health care provided to the elderly and disabled. Half of a person's medical expenses generally occur in the last six months of life. The rationing, at first, will be technical- ly voluntary. Grasping words that she is not eligible for that hip replacement. She will be given the option of taking pain pills. But she will be encouraged to relieve the burden on her family through legal means of accepting care. Therefore, Section 1233 is evil in its effect and potential.

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What does it mean for you to live in hope? Is it as a sports fan, obsessing over injury reports and game schedules, debating and commiserating with friends in front of a packed stadium or television set, all the while hoping for a win? Is it as a student, studying and reading, pouring over a semester's worth of work with hopes that you will make the grade? All too often our hopes lay in the hands of another, be it a professor, or be it a football team. The challenge for us all is to take what can seem to be a passive endeavor and transform it into an active one. As Christians, this is truly what faith demands of us. To be hope in action.

As a seminarist in the Congregation of Holy Cross, I have come to view hope as actively choosing to live differently. To live a life of prayer, to reflect on how faith in God can become hope in action. For me that has meant, and continues to mean, standing with the poor, doing service, actively choosing to give my time to those in need. It has been at times as simple as choosing to recycle, to conserve energy, to be conscious of what I buy and where it comes from. As a two-time alumnus and current graduate student in Theology I have been aided in this endeavor to embody hope in who I am and what I do. Let's not let font spam our polls or petitions. Come and see the new Geddes Hall, the first "green" building on campus. Come and be a part of seminars over fall, winter, and spring break, to learn, serve, and live a more compassionate life outside the classroom. Be part of the CSC's campaign "Hope in Action." Learn to live differently by emulating what Pope Benedict XVI's states in Spe Salvi, that "all serious and upright human conduct is hope in action."

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Exhibit indeed

Eating Disorders are not art. Emaciated women are not art. Death and destruction are not art. However, the administration of the Snite Museum apparently disagrees. By promoting Lauren Greenfield’s documentary, Thin, which follows four young women in a residential treatment facility for eating disorders, as art, they are equating a deadly mental illness with mere entertainment. The advertising for this exhibit fuels the obsession of many women and men with dieting, exercise, and body image. I strongly urge the Snite to reconsider its vast advertising campaign and even the exhibit itself for the sake of the mental and physical health of the students of the University of Notre Dame.

Morgan C. Caudle alumnus Class of 2009

U-Wire

Fanatasm over IKEA font change

Thanks to the blend of current events, coupled with numerous domesticated issues across the country, the change of IKEA's signature typeface from Futura to Verdana font is another issue for consumers to digest.

For more than 60 years, IKEA has represented the charming Swedish vendor of inexpensive, unique home furnishings. The company's 2010 catalog delivers familiar appeal, but the text is branded by the not-so-familiar Verdana font.

Although the company has not provided an official reason for the change, IKEA spokeswoman Monika Goic said the Verdana font is more cost-efficient because it is already in use by Microsoft, allows IKEA to use the same font in all countries.

The difference between the fonts is virtually unnoticeable. But according to the designers and thousands of fans, the change reflects an unfavorable alteration to the IKEA brand. The main complaint protesters share, besides the font’s ugly appearance, is that the original font portrayed IKEA’s innovative philosophy. The Futura font provided a unique theme that fit the company’s style.

Amid all the tragedies in the news, IKEA’s font fiasco has provoked an immediate hostile response. The uproar created on blogs, Twitter and other social-networking Web sites fueled Romanian design consultant Daniel4, another protest is launched and although it is not quite as desperate as the first, it was simple, and while it wasn’t flashy it gave fans all the information they needed. Graphics were simple and certainly did not compare to other over-the-top stadium scoreboards, which was just fine. The simple scoreboard ensured that fans focused on the game and evoked a more traditional feel inside the stadium.

The new display has full color, which is a welcome upgrade. However, this has not turned out to be a double edged sword. While some displays, like the monogram and American flag in full color, were classy additions, other new usages were inappropriate.

Following a big defensive play, the moon exploding followed by the text “Get loud” on the scoreboard flops when fans enter Notre Dame Stadium, they can expect to clap and cheer.

So what are we asking for? We want the scoreboard to tell us what we want to know, such as other game scores and game stats. The scoreboard should not display silly graphics that serve no purpose. When fans enter Notre Dame Stadium, they should experience a traditional and unique experience that can’t be found anywhere else. Unfortunately, some of the new graphics are out of place, and should no longer be used.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for the memories

My 11-year-old son loves all things Notre Dame. He loves football, is in Junior Football League, and one of his goals is to play football for the University of Notre Dame. This past Saturday we had tickets in Section 35 right by the Student Section. After Notre Dame’s fourth touchdown, he felt someone tap him on his shoulder and he turned to me and said, “I’m going to do push-ups!” I turned around and watch his face light up as several students lifted him into the air, 28 times. I guess time will tell if he will play for the University of Notre Dame, but even if he doesn’t, I can tell you this: he will never forget the first time he did push-ups in the Notre Dame student section! I don’t know the students who did this for him, but that little gesture just created a lifetime memory for an eleven year old football-loving boy at the University of Notre Dame. So if you are reading this, thank you! And you are, without a doubt, ND!

Mark Altenhofen Gothen, DN

New scoreboard flops

On Saturday, we saw many firsts for the Notre Dame gameday experience. The band marched through the Law School arch. There were new gameday hospitality measures. The first shutdown in the Charlie Weis era. Another first was the introduction of the new energy efficient scoreboards.

While we applaud the University’s concern for the environment and energy consumption, we feel that the manner in which new LED displays were used detracted from the unique atmosphere of Notre Dame Stadium. Specifically, some graphics that were displayed during the game were nothing short of atrocious. The old display was simple, and while it wasn’t flashy it gave fans all the information they needed.

Why is there so much uproar over a font? Are we that bored, or have we run out of causes to fight for? Sadly, we have arrived at the age of narcissistic journalism, a con­

Stephen Siena

We’ll call Melissa. Don’t think we won’t.

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Jon Stewart On Obama Speaking At Notre Dame

Over time, you come to realize that very few things can really cheer you up. I find that these two things are a) Ben and Jerry’s and b) ridiculous YouTube videos. Here are four that are guaranteed to put a smile on your face, even if they have no other actual merit.

Funny French Bulldog Goes Crazy on a Yoga Ball:

If cute animals don’t make you smile just a little, I am going to call PETA on you. This video is of a puppy having way too much fun with a yoga ball.

Baby Cries when She Hears the Michigan Fight Song:

In light of this weekend’s victory, Notre Dame fans far and wide can only smirk when they contemplate what the rest of the season could hold. A second 35-0 shutout against USC? Let’s go with ‘yes’ and ‘I expect nothing less.’ This little girl knows how the game is played, and watching her reaction makes the smirk nothing more and nothing less than smug. She is learning who does and doesn’t play real football at an early stage in her life.

Stalking Cat:

And back to the funny animals! This cat is super sneaky, and while not everyone will find it as amusing as I do (low attention span, folks), it is highly entertaining to observe as the cat gets closer with every camera shot. Any ninjas in the audience, take note. This is how it’s done. If I could sneak as good as this cat, my roommates would have to sleep with both eyes open. Or, conversely, stay awake all night every night.

Jon Stewart on Obama at ND:

Now this is one that probably (unfortunately) slipped through the cracks. I’m sure a few of you — not many, of course — will remember how a certain President was our Commencement speaker this past May. It was a baller speech, by the way. But I’m sure even less of you will recall the reactions to the University’s decision. This is one of the more amusing ones. Jon Stewart, you capture our school well.

So when you need to turn that frown upside down — or avoid that paper due on Friday — pull up these for some senseless, time wasting amusement. After all, being easily entertained facilitates procrastination, and YouTube is the best source for that at all times.

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**SCENE**

**NO DOUBT**

By JOEY KUHN

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ZZ Top, the legendary Texan blues-rock band, will perform at the Morris Performing Arts Center this Wednesday evening. ZZ Top has been playing together for 40 years and is one of the few active classic rock bands that still consist of the original band line-up. The trio of Billy Gibbons, Dusty Hill and Frank Beard was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2004 by Keith Richards of the Rolling Stones. Early in his 50s, Gibbons used to play with Jimi Hendrix, who named Gibbons one of his two favorite guitarists.

Over their four decades, ZZ Top has journeyed all the way from roots rock to electrified, all-tongued blues-rock and back again.

After forming in late 1969, the band achieved fame in the 1970s with their relatively simple, guitar-bass-drums approach to the blues. Their songs could have comprised the soundtrack for a bell's Angels lifestyle of cars, booze, and girls. The band reinforced this Texas-biker image by wearing black leather, cowboy hats, sunglasses, and later, chest-length beards (ironically, Frank Beard is the only member without a beard). In 1984, the Gillette Company reportedly offered Gibbons and Hill a million dollars each to shave their beards in a television commercial, but they declined, stating, "We're too ugly without them."

During the 1980s, like almost every other band, they began to experiment more with electronic effects and synthesizers, crafting a new sound that blended their good-times Texas rock with eighties pop. They embraced MTV and produced a series of hit music videos featuring a cherry 1933 Ford Coupe hot rod and a trio of nameless babes.

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They also brought out one semi-new song, a cover of Adam Ant's "Stand And Deliver." Back in May, No Doubt made a cameo on "Gossip Girl" in which they played this song. It's rumored that it will be working on their 2010 album, but these rumors have yet to be confirmed.

No Doubt's 2009 tour has been receiving great reviews across the country and proved that, even after five years apart, they are all still great performers. Their reckless abandon and non-stop energy were in full force. They can also easily transition from their high-octane "I'm going to jump in your car and we'll play my instrument and make it look easy" performances into slower ballads that seem intimate even in a crowd of 20,000.

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**NO DOUT**

Starting a Comeback

By MAIJA GUSTIN

Scene Writer

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MLB

Urbe's five RBIs fuel Giants in 9-4 win over Padres

Rockies stay two back in wild-card race in win over Reds as Dodgers' Ramirez hits homer, gets ejected in 7-2 win

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Pumped-up Freddy Sanchez homered twice, tripled and drove in five runs as the San Francisco Giants beat the San Diego Padres 9-4 on Aug. 10.

Sanchez and Edgar Renteria hit back-to-back home runs, help­ing the Giants remain two games back of the Rockies in the NL wild-card race.

Colorado beat Cincinnati.

Penny did not give up a hit until the fifth inning when Velez's triple leading off the fifth. The Padres certainly didn’t want a repeat of the Sanchez’s game-improbable no-hitter against them on July 10.

Penny struck out six and walked one over seven innings in his first career shutout. He won at Philadelphia in impressive fashion Wednesday, two days after he signed with the Giants following his release by Boston.

Adrian Gonzalez hit a towering solo home run off Penny in the sixth, the slugger’s second in as many games.

Gonzalez gave his plane his drive to dead center before starting a slow trot. Penny apparently took too long to throw the ball and pumped both arms in the direction of the hit. Before the ball traveled two batters later after a called third strike to Venable ended the inning.

After the home run, Penny recalled the final five batters he faced.

Uribe tripled to start the second and scored on wild pitch by Clayton Richard (4-2) to put the Giants ahead, then homered a fly ball that skipped off the wall after bouncing both up and down in the dirt.

San Francisco has scored 21 of 25 games against NL West foes.

San Francisco is in a stretch of three consecutive games is five, last done by the Alex Rodriguez on Aug. 11.

Fisher (1-1). The right-handed

Greene was pulled in the eighth for his third save in five outings.

Cincinnati

Greene got Gomes to fly out to end the inning, lifting the Nationals' record to 61-78.

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San Diego Chargers linebacker Shawne Merriman tosses a towel to a teammate during the Chargers practice on Monday. Merriman was arrested on suspicion of choking and restraining his girlfriend, reality TV star Tila Tequila, on Sunday.

**Chargers' Merriman denies allegations**

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — San Diego Chargers star outside linebacker Shawne Merriman said he didn't harm reality TV star Tila Tequila at his home early Sunday and added he was concerned for her safety because she appeared to be intoxicated.

Merriman was arrested and accused of choking and throwing Tequila to the ground as she tried to leave his home in suburban Poway. Tequila signed a citizen's arrest warrant charging Merriman with battery and false imprisonment. Both are felonies.

Merriman spent about 2½ hours in the downtown jail before posting bail.

He kept referring to a statement issued through his attorney Sunday night.

"At the time, I was concerned about her welfare given the intoxicated state she appeared to be in and I encouraged her to stay until safe transportation could be provided," Merriman said in the statement. "We would all do our best to help a friend if we considered their actions to be detrimental to their personal safety."

"I don’t see any way Tequila could have caused any harm to Ms. Tequila, however, paramedics were called and she was examined but no injuries were reported," the statement continued.

"It’s kind of a tough situation where you think you’re doing the right thing," Merriman said Monday. "I’m glad that everyone was safe at the end of the day. I don’t think I will regret that part."

San Diego had not commented on Merriman’s domestic relations status prior to his arrest, but team spokespeople said they would assist Tequila in finding a lawyer.

"No. I can’t talk about any of that stuff," Scott E. Levinson, an attorney for Tequila, didn’t respond to an e-mail asking for comment on Merriman’s statement.

Also Monday, the owner of a downtown club where Merriman and Tequila attended a party Saturday night said his staff told him Tequila had been drinking and it appeared Merriman had ordered only bottled water.
Pirates clinch 17th-consecutive losing season in 4-2 loss

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Pirates' not-so-magic number is zero, or the number of winning teams they've had during a record-setting run of futility over 17 forgettable seasons.

The Chicago Cubs assured the Pirates' unwanted place in baseball's record book, getting two homers from Derrek Lee and an effective start from Ted Lilly while beating the last-place Pirates 4-2 on Monday.

By losing their 10th in 11 games, the Pirates are guaranteed of finishing below .500, just as they have every season since 1993. The 17 consecutive losing seasons represent the longest streak for a team in the four-major North American pro team sports and only the Phillies (1933-48) have had as many as 16 in a row.

The Vancouver Canucks (NHL, 1976-91) and Kansas City/Osaka Kingu (KBO, 1983-98) had 15 consecutive losing seasons each and the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers had a 14-year streak (1989-96).

"We can't ignore it and say it didn't happen," said manager John Russell, whose team was dismantled by the trading of five everyday players since opening day. "We're not accepting it. We're making moves to make sure we build a championship team. That has to happen as soon as possible."

The present-day Pirates (54-82) are a mix of prospects and lower-paid players, and most are oblivious to the significance of the loss. Rookie starting pitcher Daniel McCutchen (6-1) didn't realize his first career loss would be the Pirates' 1501st since the streak began, the most after the Pirates and the New York Yankees, who have a 1-2-1 record since the start of the 1976 season.

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"There isn't any team that wants to lose," said Piniella, whose own team hasn't won the World Series since 1908. "Some are a little more fortunate, some have more money to spend, some of them draft better players. But I sure this organization in the near future will start winning with more regularity. It would be great for the National League and the fans here. They've had a lot of history here and success in the past to draw on."

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Jamie Moyer became the Phillies' last-minute starter when J.A. Happ was unable to pitch because of a right oblique strain. Moyer got a no-decision after allowing two runs and three hits in six innings.

With the Phillies leading 1-0, Moyer walked Miguel Tejada in the second and Pence drove a foul-count pitch over the railroad tracks in left, his third home run of the series.

Howard and Ibáñez homered in the fourth, the second time this season the two sluggers have connected in consecutive at-bats.

Moehler walked Ibáñez and Jayson Werth with two outs in the sixth and Sammy Gervacio relieved. Pedro Feliz walked on four pitches to load the bases, but Gervacio got Carlos Ruiz to fly out.

Moyer retired 11 in a row after Geoff Blum's single in the second inning. Bourn led off the Houston sixth with a line-drive single up the middle that Moyer ducked to avoid. Moyer retired the next three batters to wrap up his 101-pitch outing.

Wesley Wright (3-2) replaced Gervacio in the seventh. He gave up a double to Jimmy Rollins, but got the final two outs.
Two studies conducted for the NFL set a potential relocation fee of $101 million to $195 million to move the Phoenix Coyotes to Hamilton, Ontario.

The figures are listed in a brief filed over the weekend in the bitter fight in U.S. Bankruptcy Court over ownership of the franchise.

The potential fees are in stark contrast to the $12.9 million to $27.9 million cited by economics professor Andrew Zimbalist in a study conducted for Canadian billionaire James Balsillie.

Balsillie, co-CEO of the company that makes the BlackBerry, wants to buy the franchise for $212.5 million, contingent on moving it to Hamilton.

The NHL, in its filing, said that even $195 million would not begin to address the true damages done to the league by such a move.

"No relocation fee or indemnity payment (regardless of the amount) could compensate the NHL" if the court takes away the board of governors' ability to determine who owns a team and where it plays, the NHL said.

The league contends there is no precedent for such a court ruling.

The NHL said Balsillie and the debtors group headed by Coyotes owner Jerry Moyes "want this court to create revolutionary new legal and equitable principles in order to get more money into the hands of Mr. Moyes and an NHL franchise in the hands of Mr. Balsillie in Hamilton, Ontario."

Meanwhile, attorneys for Moyes said in a court document that the NHL's solution is simple — just add $80 million to the league's bid.

However, the league and the city of Glendale don't want to give Moyes very little, if any, thing. Moyes would get $104 million under Balsillie's bid.

The league and city contend the money Moyes lost is not a debt but equity. They also want Moyes' claim subordinated to that of other creditors.

The city also is arguing against a $22.5 million claim by Wayne Gretzky, the Coyotes coach who owns a small share of the franchise.

Moyes' attorneys were critical of the tone of the court filings by Glendale and the NHL.

"The city's — and, for that matter, the NHL's — continued vilification of all the parties involved contributes nothing to this issue," the Moyes document said.

Not only has Baum yet to rule on the ownership and relocation issues, he also hasn't decided whether Balsillie can get out of the Coyotes' lease to play at Jobing.com Arena, which was built by Glendale for $183 million specifically for the hockey team.

A third potential buyer, Ice Edge, has said it would spend up to $150 million to buy the team, contingent on reaching an agreement with the city of Glendale on a new lease. The NHL has yet to vote on Ice Edge as a potential owner.

The Coyotes are being funded by the NHL during the ownership fight. Balsillie wants to move the team immediately if the purchase is successful but offered in court last week to start the season in Glendale, then move as quickly as possible, NHL officials have ridiculed that idea.

Balsillie also offered to play a season in Glendale if the league splits the losses.

Commissioner Gary Bettman said the NHL isn't interested in that idea.
Fisichella not planning to replace injured Massa

Associated Press

FIORANO, Italy — Giancarlo Fisichella made it clear that he has no plan to become a full-time replacement for injured driver Felipe Massa at Ferrari.

"I spoke with Massa by phone and he told me he's very happy for me and that I was the right choice," Fisichella said Monday during his introduction as a Ferrari driver for the final five races of the Formula One season.

"I responded that I'm very sorry about what happened to him and told him to get better soon. Whenever you want your car and take it because this is yours. I just hope I can do what you would have done," Fisichella recounted, according to the ANSA news agency.

Massa is not expected to return until next season after an accident almost cost him his life at the Hungarian GP.

Ferrari's long-time test driver Luca Badoer filled in for Massa in the first two races after the accident but qualified last and finished no better than 14th, prompting the team to hire Fisichella from Force India last week.

"I began my career with Minardi in 1996 and after nearly 14 years I had pretty much given up hope of driving a Ferrari, so I'm filled with happiness and pride now," Fisichella said.

Fisichella, a three-time world endurance champion, said his decision was based on Ferrari's need to have a proven driver in the car right now.

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NASCAR

Patrick ponders options

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out Danica Patrick plans to give NASCAR a try.

After all, why would she use her summer vacation to tour North Carolina race shops if she had no intention of trying out stock cars?

"She's twice been to Tony Stewart's place and visited shops owned by Joe Gibbs, Richard Childress, Jack Roush and Michael Waltrip," Fisichella said. "She's sought advice from Chip Ganassi, who owns both IndyCar and NASCAR teams, and last week spent time with Stewart, who has driver championships in both series.

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MLB

Kershaw to miss start after bruising shoulder

Associated Press

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"It is obviously pretty disappointing. It's really frustrating, too. At the same time, it's hard to believe what it is. I just have to get back to work now." The Dodgers did not immediately announce their starter Saturday, when they open a three-game series at San Francisco.

Left-hander Randy Wolf, scheduled to start Friday, is a likely candidate. Dodgers manager Tony La Russa said he should be ready to go.

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"I wasn't running really hard," said Kershaw. "I didn't think you don't something is there and you run into it, you don't go for it at all," Kershaw said.

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NTON, Mass. — Steve Stricker can build a strong case for his second PGA Championship title on Tuesday, September 8, 2009. It is his second victory of the season and his third in two weeks over Tiger Woods in the tournament. His third victory of the season moved him up to a career-high No. 2 in the world ranking. And he replaced Woods atop the FedEx Cup standings.

What satisfied Stricker the most, however, was how he won. In a wild Labor Day finish on the TPC Boston, where a half-dozen players came to the par-5 18th hole with hopes of winning, Stricker finished with back-to-back birdies for a 4-under 67 and a one-shot victory Monday.

"Knowing I had to make a couple of birdies and actually doing it means a lot," he said.

The names kept changing atop the leaderboard throughout the back nine, and Stricker only found comfort from seeing his name in the mix. Jason Dufner was the first player to break out of the tie with a two-par 69 on the front nine on Tuesday morning.

Standing in the 17th fairway, Stricker heard another cheer from fans and figured it was Scott Verplank making birdie from a row of trees to tie for the lead.

That's when Stricker took over.

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"I knew that Stricker would be tough to catch today," Verplank said. "He's not Tiger, but you know what? He may be the second-best player, at least on this tour. The guy is really, really good. So I knew he was going to be tough to catch. And it turns out he was.

"I think it was a shot that Stricker recov­ered from two poor drives that cost him three penalty strokes and had a chance to join Dufner and Verplank until he made a bogey on the next hole."

Stricker finished at 17-under 267 on the weekend, and the leader went 6-under 66. It was the fourth time in five weeks that Harrington, wireless since his PGA Championship title last year, had a chance in the final round. He had a one-shot lead heading to the back nine until hooking his tee shot into a hazard on the 11th, and hook­ing another tee shot on the 12th for a lost ball.

"I'm disappointed with today because it was in my control," said Harrington. "I was leading the tournament, going into the back nine it was nine to nine to lose. And I lost it. I'll feel this one a lot more than some of the others."

Wood's also part of the fun, although briefly.

"Certainly, from where I was at, I couldn't win the tourna­ment, even if I shot 60 or something like that," Woods said.

"He's absolutely unique," Harrington added. "I think he could have had 50 birdies in the last round.

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Associated Press

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Clausen said the timing of the routes with his receivers helped him develop.

"That's one of the main things why I can throw the ball like I do," Clausen said. "The timing is one of my weaknesses and just knowing that the receivers know where I'm going to throw the ball and they know where they're going to be can contribute to that."

Clausen felt comfortable enough with his play that he told Weis to play him as a starter.

"Actually Jimmy and I talked about it first," Weis said. "I can tell you in for another series, but I think we should go with what we've got here, and he says, 'I agree. Let's put him in there.'" Weis said.

Clausen passed for 3,172 yards last season and threw 25 touchdowns with a 60 percent completion rate. He missed Flory for a few games because of an injury, however, and it hampered the team.

"You know, Golden (Tate) was pretty much the only one out there with Kyle (Rudolph) last weekend," Clausen said. "I think when you have as many seniors as we do and you're not in a sweep as well.

Sam Smoger gives the Belles a very experienced duo on the attacking side of the field. Hedinger was second on the team with three goals last season and notched two assists. Smoger pitched in a goal and an assist of her own.

The two will be back when the U.S. team either wins the Championship or is eliminated from the tournament.

"I just really want to win over there," Maund said. "Then come back, help the team, land (be) helper and win the national championship."

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helps when the majority of the team's upperclassmen are home rather than underclassmen. It's always really good when you can get the freshmen in there too, but I think the seniors are the most important," Brown said.

Our Dame (3-3) has had its ups and downs in the early part of the season, highlighted by a 3-0 sweep of No. 10 Notre Dame on Oct. 2 and is currently 0-2 at home as part of the Shamrock Invitational.

Each of the team's three losses, two of which came this weekend in Cincinnati at the Xavier Invitational, has been a sweep as well. "It's very, very early in the season and obviously we would love to do better last weekend but we're learning a lot, we're making good strides," Brown said.

A noticeable feature of the team's play so far is the fact that each player has a clearly defined and distinct role.

"With the early stats that each player knows where he's going well. Senior outside hitter Serinity Phillips and sophomore setter Kristin Dealy lead the team in kills with 62 and 50, respectively. Senior setter Janelle Nicholas leads in assists with an

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from a defender for another and screened a third to catch a bounce when he wound up for the game.

"He just makes plays every time the ball's throw to him," Clausen said. "He's got a lot of good moves.

Flory caught 48 balls for 719 yards last season and notched 14 touchdowns. Clausen was pretty much the only one out there with Kyle (Rudolph) last weekend," Maund said. "I think when you have as many seniors as we do and you're not in the middle of the season that it's at least comparable, if not heading with the arrow pointing to Weis.

"I'd have to say, based off of everything, I think learning a lot, we're making progress," Clausen said. "We have, I think that's the most important it is to us. He played in two World Cups, so he's kind of seen it before done that. He has been helping us prepare mentally and physically."
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CELEBRITIES BORN THIS WEEK: Devorah Sass, 31, Cuba Gooding, 35, John Kerry, 53, Ginnie German, 30

Happy Birthday: Be a little more creative about the way you handle your financial matters. Cut some corners (smaller than a cockroach) and treat yourself to essentials this week. Your personal finances will be what kinds in your interests and don't govern your life. Your career will be a little more successful than normal. Your friends will be the center of your world. Love will be in the air. Your health will be in good shape. Your past is important. Your future is bright.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your friends will be difficult to control and could lead to conflict. Your emotions will more than your logic. Relationships and use something that will hurt your career. Take care of your friends. Family and friends will be there for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Keep anything that can help you advance professionally. But if not, take care of business and you will find that the time you want to launch your plan. Don't worry over things that will hurt your career. Your friends will be there for you. Your health will be in good shape. Your past is important. Your future is bright.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't let your anger show. Someone is just waiting for you to make a mistake. Keep your stages under control and handle difficult situations. Good things will come to you. You are patient and get your hands dirty.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you can handle what's ahead of you, go for it. If you can't return now just to spread with someone you love, rethink your situation. Your personal and professional will be more consistent. 

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Cell the doors and you will avoid being taken advantage of by a false taker. Don't go to anyone asking for a handout or wanting your assistance. Now is not the time for it. Those who should be trying to get along.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Let your charts lead the way. Someone is likely to make you angry and, if you want to guard, it will set you back and make you feel. Concentrate on what you do that is positive. Love is found in you and a romantic evening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) A live one; any changes will ensure that you have every chance per the way you want. Let your stages, and past experiences guide you. Don't let your friends take you back to where you don't have something worthwhile to offer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You will be ready to come back from the dead. Some of your personal and professional will be more consistent. Little effort will be required to manage them. A little effort and friendly persuasion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You can take anything you want if you are by your side, you will be winning your time and money. Every time you ask for something, you will be doing your best to make up for it. You don't have to impinge. Use a little charm and friendly persuasion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Few changes are expected in your area and you will make an effort to look better and put with things you have some history with. The more you do to redeem your past, the better. If you are ready to meet this past, you better end up with what will make it better.

PIECES (Feb. 19-March 20) Don't plan your day or you have more questions that may be on your mind. You may not have the time to gain your past, the one you will face. Friends will be there for you. Your personal and professional will be more consistent. Little effort will be required to manage them. A little effort and friendly persuasion.

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Men's Soccer

Maund, Powers to represent U.S. in Under-20 World Cup

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Two Irish players will be representing country and Notre Dame this month when they play in the Under-20 World Cup in Suez, Egypt. Maund and freshman midfielder Dillon Powers were named to the 21-man roster of the United States' under-20 team in late August and will leave for the World Cup after this weekend's games against Seattle and New Mexico. Depending on the team's success, the two may not be back until Notre Dame's Oct. 21 match with Georgetown.

"I was really excited when named to the team because I worked really hard to get there," Maund said. "It's the World Cup, where every player dreams to be at one point. It was a great honor and I'm really excited to go." Maund, who will turn 19 a week before the team's first World Cup game, has played 282 of 290 total minutes this season for Notre Dame (1-1-1). In 2008, his freshman season, he played every possible minute. "It's tough to miss time from the season," he said. "But our squad is really deep this year, so we have options. Boss — that's our coach (Bobby Clark), we call him Boss — he has things up his sleeve. The team should be okay."

Powers, a highly regarded recruit and just 18 years old, has played in all three games for a total of 42 minutes. He has already notched an assist, in the Sept. 1 win over Michigan. "You just kind of get used to the fact that you're going to be gone and you travel all the time," Powers said. "It's the life of a soccer player." Maund has been playing with U.S. Soccer for years — he played on the under-14, under-15 and under-17 teams, and started all three games in the under-17 World Cup in South Korea. Powers is newer to the

Football

Awards show

Clausen, Floyd garner weekly honors in win

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Michael Floyd and Jimmy Clausen got Nevada's attention. Now they've got the nation's.

Floyd, a sophomore receiver, was named the National Performer of the Week by the College Football Performance Awards Monday. Floyd caught four passes, but turned them into 189 yards and three touchdowns Saturday during Notre Dame's 35-0 win over Nevada. Those totals were tops among receivers in week one. He took a swing pass down the left sideline of our teams goals this season rests in the hands of this season."

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Chemistry key to success

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It's a word that sophomore athletes hate and freshmen fear, but one that sports teams need for survival.

That word is chemistry, and Notre Dame is saturated with it.

"I think the chemistry is good," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "I think we have a very experienced team ... I think it's very positive."

Experience is a big factor in team chemistry — Notre Dame's six seniors have known each other since they signed their letters of intent close to five years ago, and the players have played together as freshmen. Experience and chemistry have had plenty of playing time together.

"They've been through the preseason, the tournaments before," Brown said. "It

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Belles led by strong senior class

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Saint Mary's finished last season with a disappointing record of 2-13-1, partly due to the team's inexperience and shortage of senior leadership. However, second-year coach Ryan Crabb's squad won't have that problem again this year.

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Kuschel has high hopes for Saint Mary's in '09

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If you talk to Belles' volleyball head coach Toni Kuschel, it's safe to say that she thinks things are looking up for this year's squad. Saint Mary's, which finished in third place at the Capital Tournament this past weekend, will start conference play against in-state rival Trine tonight at the Angola Athletic Complex. The sky is the limit for this Saint Mary's team," Kuschel said. "This game is very important and will help set the tone for the end of the season."

Despite her own expectations, Kuschel admitted that the fate of this season rests in the hands of her talented players.

"One of our teams goals this year is to finish in the very top of the MIAA. A coach can have a clear picture of what they want for their team, but the 12 of them are the ones who have to believe and make it happen out on the court."

The Belles should have no problems when it comes to self-motivation. They are led by a strong senior class headlined by Lorna Slepzenski. Slepzenski, an Indiana native, was recently named to the Capital Tournament All-Tournament team and was a big reason for the Belles' success. However, the Belles will need to also help along what Kuschel describes as a "very talented" freshman class, who got their first taste of college volleyball this weekend.

The Belles will open conference play tonight against the Thunder, who went only 9-20 last season.