Congressman reflects on violence in Ireland

**U.S. holds critical role in solving crisis in Northern Ireland**

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

The United States' role as a mediator in the conflict in Northern Ireland can serve as the model for future diplomatic resolutions in other parts of the world, according to Congressman Peter King.


Notre Dame legend Ara Parseghian joined the Siegfried Hall marching band Sunday in their matchup against Zamh. Parseghian coached the Irish from 1964 to 1974.

Building on tradition: Legacies thrive at Notre Dame

By SAM DERHEIMER
News Writer

An alumnus tosses a football down South Quad to his 6-year-old son on a sunny fall afternoon.

"It's a Notre Dame tradition students know will one day become a reality for them as well."

Many students dream of the time when it will be their turn to bring their kids back to Notre Dame for their chance to play a little pre-game catch.

The unusual thing is, for an exceptionally large percentage of students, it is a dream already achieved — only from the other perspective.

As applications from the Class of 2004 start arriving, the admissions office will undoubtedly receive many applications from students already well aware of the traditions inherent in the name Notre Dame. And a lot of them will be accepted.

Twenty-three percent of the current undergraduate are not the first from their families to attend Notre Dame. The Irish, in fact, boast one of the largest legacy tallies in the nation. Only schools such as Stanford, Princeton, Yale and Harvard have legacy numbers that are on the same level as Notre Dame.

And these legacies have a very significant role in the Notre Dame community. "So much of our school spirit comes from the legacies," said sophomore Luke Ratke, a second-generation legacy. "These kids come in already knowing what it means to be a part of the Notre Dame family. From experiences we've already learned to love Notre Dame, and it kind of like becomes our job to teach those who don't understand yet." Such an atmosphere growing up can not help but breed exceptionally high expectations. "For me, all my expectations were met," Ratke said, "but I know other people, basically programmed since birth, came in with expectations unbelievably high, nothing could have met them."

"Personally, I think it's a good thing," said sophomore Dane Rodriguez, who is not a legacy. "I know there would be a lot of tradition coming in, and I was attracted to that family aspect of Notre Dame I had always heard about."

Some students have a slightly more negative view. An O'Neill Hall freshman, who wished to keep his anonymity, questioned...
**Inside Column**

A friendly reminder

Friends are complicated things to have. They make you laugh, they make you cry, they make you crazy. And when they really do their job well, they make you think.

It is one of life’s amazing miracles to just sit down with a friend and talk, just talk, about anything and everything. When it happens, it’s magic. A human connection is made that is almost unexplainable (but I’ll try anyway).

This connection is not made easily. It only occurs with those people you look forward to seeing, with those people you look forward to sharing inside jokes with. They’re the people you pay hard-earned money to fly to see on breaks and the ones you pay big phone bills to talk to. They’re what you just “click” with. We had these people in our lives during high school. We may still have them from days long gone. They are the links to our past and the great school. We may still have them from days long gone. They are the links to our past and the great school. We may still have them from days long gone. They are the links to our past and the great school. We may still have them from days long gone. They are the links to our past and

They’re forming these new, important bonds too. When they’re gone and share.

**Outside the Dome**

Nike releases locations of college apparel factories

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Nike released a partial list of its college apparel production facilities for five universities. The list came in response to Thursday’s protest on college campuses across the nation last year. Nike factory lists for Georgetown University, the University of Arizona, Duke University, the University of Michigan and the University of North Carolina. Nike released the locations of 39 factories that produce Georgetown apparel in Bangladesh, China, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Taiwan, Thailand and the United States.

Georgetown Solidarity Committee president senior Laura McSpedon said that the group is “really excited about [the disclosure].” It’s a really good first step, but there is a lot more to do.

“Now the hard part is to go about correcting the problems in these factories,” she said.

Nike also released profiles of selected factories in North Carolina, Bangladesh and China. For example, in the profile of a headwear factory where Georgetown apparel is produced in Bangladesh, Nike said that Dada “has earned its name and fame as the provider of most congenial working conditions for the workers. Dada is simply a model of a good factory — others should follow it. McSpedon said that this is only a partial list of Nike’s factories and that Nike probably picked “its cleanest and cheapest factories [for the profiles].”

“We need a complete list,” said McSpedon. GSC Chief Organizer junior Andrew Millmore echoed McSpedon’s skepticism about Nike’s motivations for the release of the list. “They are using [the release] to make themselves look better in comparison to other companies, and they only picked the ones they were comfortable exposing,” Millmore said.

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**Police arrest NYU library thief**

NEW YORK

A man accused of hoarding 570 overdue books from New York University’s Bobst Library, incurring $31,000 in fines, was arrested Monday and charged with grand larceny and criminal possession of stolen property, police said. George Szamansky, 44, was arrested at a SoHo gym. Police also raided his Stuyton Street apartment Monday and recovered the mostly history and political science books that were checked out in 1997, police said. The figure of $31,000 was calculated by adding up fines of a 25 cents per day, $1 per day for recalled books, and $20 in processing and fines plus the cost of each book after fifty days, New York University spokesman John Beckman said. The university made several attempts over the last two years to retrieve the books from Szamansky, a freelance writer for the New York Press, who was continuing education student at the university from 1993 to 1997. “We made many attempts here to ask for the books but he either spurred us or ignored us,” Beckman said. After the matter was referred to the university’s general counsel, the police were called to the situation.

**Princeton profs visit White House**

PRINCETON, N.J.

Three Nobel Prize winners in the Princeton University physics department — Dean of the Faculty Joseph Taylor, professor Philip Anderson and professor emeriti Val Fitch — were among nine scientists who met with President Clinton Wednesday to express support for the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. The president hopes to see the treaty ratified by the Senate sometime this term. According to Fitch, the treaty would prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons worldwide and provide for an increase in the number of censors around the globe needed to identify clandestine nuclear activity. Both Anderson and Fitch said they were impressed with the president’s understanding of the issues at stake. The three men said they spent about two hours in the White House, including an hour-and-a-half in the company of the president, who addressed the group for about 20 minutes. “He spoke extemporaneously and touched on issues not previously mentioned,” Anderson said. “Clearly he had thought some of the issues very deeply for himself.” Both Fitch and Anderson said they had visited the White House on previous occasions.
Marchers ‘take back the woods’

By NICOLE HADDAD

With dances, chants and poetry, students and professors gathered last night in support of survivors of violence at “Take Back the Woods.”

Supported by the Saint Mary’s Feminist Collective and Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination (CARE), the march was held to empower all members of the community to feel secure in their right to have safe access to all areas of the community.

A march through the Saint Mary’s Woods was followed by a bonfire, poetry readings, dances, drums and ritual dances.

“You should never have to feel afraid of going into the woods,” said senior Sara Spuller, president of C.A.R.E. Reasons for holding this march are to "help empower women and men who have had some kind of assault as well as concerns about being out and not being protected," said psychology professor and senior Pittman.

“We are trying to give people a chance to feel safe.”

Bishop hopes for united world

By ERIN PIROUTEK

When astronauts view the Earth from space, they see not a conglomerate of countries, but one unified world. Argentinean archbishop Estanislao Karlis called for an ecclesia in America.

“Ecclesia in America.”

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“The Pope wants to strengthen and recognize the idea of a real unity for the continent.”

Ecclesia in America.

Estanislao Karlis argued that the idea of a real unity and the responsibility to respect the cultures of small nations is needed. Although the tendency is for the powerful to dominate, we resist this temptation, he said.

“The Pope wants to strengthen and recognize the idea of a real unity, for the continent.”

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CUBA

Castro allows 400 Jews to emigrate to southern Israel

Associated Press

LONDON
Cuban President Fidel Castro agreed to a secret deal that allowed 400 Jews to emigrate to Israel. The Sunday Telegraph reported.

An Israeli official confirmed the report. Speaking on condition of anonymity, the official said 400 immigrants arrived more than a year ago and have been living in the southern coastal city of Ashkelon. Most are students and hope their parents still in Cuba will be allowed to emigrate as well. Cuba has no formal ties with Israel, having broken off relations after Israel's victory in the Yom Kippur War in 1973, so the exit visas were granted through Canada, the London-based newspaper said, citing unnamed sources in Israel.

There has been no mention of the Jewish immigration in Cuba's government-controlled news media. Officials with Cuba's Foreign Ministry were not available for comment on Sunday.

Castro is known to want to improve Cuba's image abroad and encourage Washington to consider lifting the nearly 40-year-old embargo wreaking the nation's economy.

The official said he expected that other Jews who want to leave Cuba would be allowed out by next June.

Castro, accused of supplying arms to Palestinian terror groups, has long been hostile to Israel. While he never cracked down on Jews, the country officially embraced atheism in 1962, forcing many to shy away from public worship.

In the early 1990s, however, the constitution was changed to make the government secular. For the first time, believers of all faiths were accepted in the Communist Party.

Still, the Cuban government is desperate for new trading partners. The fall of communism cut off $6 billion in annual aid from the Soviet Union. Margalit Bejerano, of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, was quoted as telling The Sunday Telegraph.

"Castro is seeking out new economic ties, including ones with Israel," Bejerano was quoted as saying. "He has no choice but to change policy to survive. The people need dollars, and they believe that letting Jews go would make a good impression on Washington."

Most Cuban Jews are descendants of Polish and Russian Jews who fled pogroms at the turn of the century. While most in the Jewish community initially supported Castro after his 1959 revolution, many left Cuba after he turned toward socialism and their businesses were expropriated or shut down.

In the four decades since Castro's revolution, the Jewish community in Cuba has shrunk from 15,000 to 1,500. There is no rabbi or Jewish school. There are just three synagogues in Havana and one kosher butcher.

The original contact between the Cubans and the quasi-governmental Jewish Agency in Israel, which brings Jews to the country, was made through the World Union of Jewish Students, the Israeli official said.

A spokesman for the Jewish Agency, Michael Jankelowitz, declined to comment on the newspaper report.

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you," he said. "It's an opportu-

nity but it is also a responsibil-

ity to speak out on issues."

King has traveled to Ireland over 20 times and has gained an understanding of the Irish people that one cannot get from behind a desk in con-

gress, he said.

"It's easy to talk about names and numbers," he said. "But unless you've been there, it loses its human dimension."

The human dimension in the conflict would be enhanced if Irish-Americans were more vocal on the issue, he said. If afflicted groups do not speak out, he said, "Others will not get involved."

King expressed disappoint-

ment that Notre Dame and other Catholic universities with strong Irish-American enrollments like Boston College and Georgetown did not invite Adams to speak on campus when he was denied a visa by the United States gov-

ernment.

King said that if the universi-

ties had demanded that Adams be granted a visa, the govern-

ment would have granted him one. When Clinton finally did grant Adams a visa, the peace accords were finally taken seriously because the British government realized that the U.S. was going to take an active role in the peace con-

flict, he said.

Still, many students, includ-

ing legacies themselves, remain unconvinced.

"I figure being a legacy had a huge part in my being admitted," said sophomore Ryan Flanagan. "I mean, I'm a smart guy, I can handle myself here, but sometimes I wonder, how did I get in?"

But this may just be another case of overly high expecta-

tions. In the age of instant fame, legacies come to Notre Dame feeling almost unwar-

thy, like they've been blessed. And maybe they have.

"It's why we sell out pep rallies, it's why we can meet someone anywhere in the country, and when we find out they're from Notre Dame, there is an instant bond," said RATKE. "It's all those things other colleges don't have."

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"It just seems that this high-school spirit comes at the expense of denying qualified students admittance to the University," he said. "Is school spirit that much more important than academic stan-

dards?"

For their part, the admis-

sions office ardently denies that standards are lowered in order to offer admittance to legacy applicants.

While the office openly admits that like athletes and faculty children, legacies are considered special cases, the office said they are not judged any differently than other applicants.

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World News Briefs

Hillary Clinton calls for end to trafficking of women

In northern California, lightning-sparked fires had consumed 108,363 acres by which started Sept. 8. In the Trinity Alps estimated $56 million to fight. Two thousand Camaldoli Hermitage monastery, and cost an people, including the monks of the New burned about 48,815 acres, and fire fighters percent contained Sunday. The other had called to end the international trade in prostitu­

California wildfires almost under control

BIG Sur, Calif. Firefighters were gaining on two wildfires in the Los Padres National Forest that were started by a lightning storm a month ago along the central California coast. One fire had burned nearly 34,810 acres and was 72 percent contained Sunday. The other had burned about 48,810 acres, and Firefighters expected to have it contained by Monday. The fires have forced the evacuations of dozens of people, including the monks of the New Camaldoli Hermige monastery, and cost an estimated $16 million to fight. Two thousand firefighters have been battling the blazes, which started Sept. 8. In the Trinity Alps Wilderness in Northern California, lightning-sparked fires had consumed 108,363 acres by Sunday.

Yugoslavia

EU, Serb opposition meeting doubtful

A planned meeting between European Union ministers and Serbian opposition leaders in Brussels Sunday due to EU demands that the Serbs extradite Yugoslav leaders to face war crimes charges if the deadline. Mlindovan Milosevic is ousted.

Dalai Lama supports Tibet's autonomy, not independence

NABTA, Japan Tibet's exiled spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, drew contrasts between East Timor and Tibet on Sunday to reiterate that he is seeking autonomy for his homeland, not independence from China. "There are similarities between East Timor and Tibet, but there are bigger differences," the Dalai Lama said at a subterranean Tokyo hotel. Dressed in a traditional orange robe, the Dalai Lama also beseeched the "human suffering and violence" in East Timor since the Aug. 30 referendum in which residents voted overwhelmingly for independence from Indonesia. "East Timor has had the opportunity to express its feelings, which is good," he told reporters. "What I want for Tibet is autonomy, not independence, and nonviolence. Always no violence."

Yoshinori Ono and his wife, Yoko, carry a sign that reads "Changes" in support of the Serbian opposition. They were part of an anti-regime protest in Belgrade on Sunday.

MEXICO

Government upsets flooding victims

Angry over sandbagging that has swamped their neighborhoods and fortunes that the government hasn't done more to help, hundreds of people in Tabasco's flooded capital clashed Sunday with police, who beat and arrested several of them. President Ernesto Zedillo, who has called the flooding Mexico's worst disaster in a decade, toured the stricken areas on Friday and Saturday and pledged to send more civilian and military personnel to help the victims throughout states along the Gulf of Mexico.

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TEMPLE HERMOSA, Mexico

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Republicans: Bush's attacks could hurt his chances

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Republican lawmakers said Sunday that continued attacks by George W. Bush could hurt him on Capitol Hill should the GOP front-runner become president.

"I hope that he doesn't get in a mode of attacking those of us in the majority party who are working very hard to do the people's business and then expect to come to Washington as the president and work with us," Rep. Ray LaHood, R-Ill., said on CBS's "Face the Nation." "Jimmy Carter tried that when he was elected president, running against the Congress and couldn't get anything done."

Bush, in what was widely seen as an opportunity to move to the political middle, recently criticized the House Republicans' plan to alter a tax credit for the working poor in order to help balance the budget.

Shortly after that, a second GOP presidential contender, Sen. John McCain, joined in, saying lawmakers were voting on the working poor rather than special interest groups that contribute money to the party.

LaHood, who has endorsed Bush and helped raise campaign funds, said such comments would not lay the groundwork for positive relations between Congress and a Bush White House.

"Those of us who support George Bush want him to do well," LaHood said. "But we also want to be part of that winning team. You don't do it by knocking those of us who are working 12 to 14 hours a day trying to do the people's business in Washington as the president and work with us as the majority party, we ought to sit down in a closed door room and talk about them. We are not trying to balance the budget on the backs of the poor. That simply is not true."

GOP presidential hopeful Gary Bauer said Bush was talking like a liberal Democrat.

"When does the governor start attacking Al Gore or Ted Kennedy or the Democratic Party?" Bauer said on CBS's "Face the Nation."

"It looks to me like he's trying to get the nomination of the Democratic party, devoting his energy to attacking good conservative, he's the front-runner in the party. If he has a problem with something going on in Congress, pick up the phone and say something about it, but don't provide fodder for the Democrats to use in 2000 to defeat our party," Bauer said.

The Bush campaign did not immediately respond Sunday to a request for comment.

Clinton seeks to delay nuclear test treaty

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The White House dispatched Cabinet members Sunday to press the Senate to put off rejection, saying a defeat would endanger nonproliferation efforts.

One Republican opponent, Sen. Jon Kyl of Arizona, voicing widespread GOP concerns about verification, said he welcomed a chance "to go back to the drawing board." He predicted certain defeat of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty if the expected vote Tuesday goes forward.

Three Cabinet members and the president's top military officer, pleading the administration's case on the Sunday talk shows, said rejecting the treaty would prevent the United States from taking the lead in halting the global spread of nuclear weapons.

"We are in a situation right now where we are about to send a signal to the rest of the world that we are not as serious about controlling the spread of nuclear weapons as we should be," Defense Secretary William Cohen said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said on ABC's "This Week" that the United States needs "a tool that will prevent the other countries from testing. We believe that we have a reliable stockpile [of nuclear weapons]. We don't need to test more and we want others not to test."

At Cohen's side was Gen. Henry H. Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who sought to assure the public that the treaty would not handicap the United States militarily.

"If the national security were in any way going to be damaged, the joint chiefs would never recommend that we ratify this treaty," Shelton said.

And Energy Secretary Bill Richardson joined Cohen and Albright in saying the Senate should not act on the treaty without benefit of full hearings.

"What we have now is the need to explain it to the Senate, to the Congress," he said on Fox.

Senate opponents led by Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., have said the vote will proceed unless President Clinton withdraws the treaty and promises not to submit it to the Senate again.

Kyl contended a defeat would strengthen the United States' hand in negotiations with other countries.

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**Kashmir half-widows fight poverty**

Associated Press

SHINAGAR

They're pushed aside by their in-laws, shunned by neighbors, exploited by employers and haunted by security officers. They are Kashmir's "half-widows," some 2,000 women whose husbands never returned home after security forces took them away for questioning as suspected separatists.

Only hope keeps the women going. Hope that their husbands and also sons will come back one day.

Under Islamic law, a woman can remarry four years after her husband disappears if sustained efforts have been made to find him. In practice, the women don't want to remarry.

"They keep hoping that their husbands will come back," says Bashir Ahmad Dabla, a sociology professor who surveyed Kashmir's half-widows earlier this year.

Parveen Angher, a human rights activist, has helped poor women whose husbands were killed by guerrillas or soldiers. "I'm like a servant in their house. But what can I do? I can't go on living with my parents. They have other children to look after," she says.

They have no source of income. Their children usually don't go to school. The women don't want to remarry because they fear their husbands are dead or missing.

"They are Kashmir's "half-widows," says Parveen Angher, a human rights activist."

"We used to hear from villagers that he is here or there. We could never find him," says Zainam, who looks far older than her 30 years.

She never went to school, like most women in this male-dominated Muslim region. She lives in her husband's extended family. She is weak from anemia and suffers from high blood pressure. Her husband has leucoderma, a skin condition marked by white irregular patches.

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Parveen Angher human rights activist

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They have other children to look after," says Rafiqua, another of the half-widows, says her in-laws sent her back to her parents a few months ago after complaining about the $230 they spent looking for her husband.

"They wouldn't even buy me soap," she says. Now they want her back again.

"I'm like a servant in their house. But what can I do? I can't go on living with my parents. They have other children to look after," she says.

Half-widows and their children suffer from severe depression. In addition, most of the women have heart ailments, says Dabla, the sociologist.

"The condition of the half-widows is worse than that of widows. They don't know if their husbands are dead or alive," Dabla says.

**ITALY**

**Pontiff explains why he forgave gunman**

Associated Press

ROME

Pope John Paul II, speaking to children at a Rome parish on Sunday, said the Christian tradition taught him to forgive the man who tried to kill him 18 years ago.

In a question-and-answer session, the pope took several questions from local children.

As pope, John Paul also is the bishop of Rome. It is this additional responsibility that counted Sunday's trip to the church of St. Katherine of Sienna as his 286th parish visit since becoming pontiff, and he has said he would like to go to all 320 of the city's parishes.

Walking slowly and leaning heavily on his cane, the pope explained that he had wanted to visit the parish because it is located close to the Vatican and its people are "close to us," the pontiff replied. "He teaches us to forgive." He was shot by Mehmet Ali Agca in St. Peter's Square in Rome. Amid public concern and outcry, the pontiff publicly forgave Agca only a few days after the attack. Agca is now serving a life sentence in jail.

As for the other queries, John Paul said his first communion was his happiest childhood memory. "I don't remember my baptism," he quipped. And his best friend, he said, "is Christ."

"I sowed a seed in me at my baptism, then during my education in school and in the family ... and, lastly, in my priestly vocation," John Paul explained, then smiled. "Now you have my autobiography," he said.

The children appeared impressed by the pontiff's answers.

"I forgive him because that is what Jesus teaches us," the pontiff replied. "He teaches us to forgive."
Hit and run kills six students, injures two

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas

Six college students getting out of their cars or walking along a highway on their way to a fraternity party were killed early Sunday by a pickup truck whose driver had fallen asleep, police said.

The accident happened just after midnight about two miles west of the Texas A&M University main campus, said police Maj. Mike Patterson.

The victims — four students from Baylor University, one from Texas A&M and one from Southwest Texas State — were among a group of people who were going to a party at the Tau Kappa Epsilon house.

Patterson said investigators will present evidence to Brazos County prosecutors without recommending charges.

The victims were identified as Emily Hollihott, 18, Tricia Calp, 19, Dolan Wostal, 22, and Miranda Lanham, 18, all Baylor students; William Flores, 22, of Southwest Texas, and Ted Bruton, 21, of Texas A&M.

Two other people were hospitalized, but their injuries are not life-threatening.

Associated Press

Candid cameras catch crafty cars

BALTIMORE

Drivers who BLITZ when the lights turn red may soon be opening the mail to find themselves caught in the act on film.

About 250 cameras are trained on intersections from Baltimore to San Diego and that number is expected to double annually, suppliers say.

Police love the ever-vigilant cameras which they say reduce red-light running and relieve officers from intersection stakeouts. Local governments love them because they bring in millions of dollars in traffic fines. But privacy advocates worry about the introduction of yet another piece of technology to monitor the everyday activities of Americans.

The cameras, long used in Europe and other countries, were slow to catch on in the United States. But in the five years since cameras went up in New York City, they have spread to nearly 50 cities and 10 states. They have generated an estimated $90 million in gross revenues, according to Lockheed Martin IMS, a major supplier.

Few states have embraced the cameras as enthusiastically as Maryland, where experienced drivers know a green light means wait for the red light runners to clear the intersection.

Baltimore has a dozen cameras and has signed up for 48 more, which will make it one of the largest users in the nation.

The number of red light cameras elsewhere in Maryland is expected to grow from 75 to 200 by year's end.

Traffic safety advocates say it's about time. Each year, red-light running accounts for about 260,000 crashes, 121,000 injuries and more than 800 deaths nationwide, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

"Red-light running is an extension of the kind of aggression we're seeing more and more in everyday life," said Richard Retting, a traffic safety engineer at the Insurance Institute.

"People in a hurry tend to not want to stop if they have the time. The truism is somebody saves a few seconds, but inadvertently puts someone else at risk."

An Institute of Medicine study found that red-light violations dropped 40 percent in fairness, Va., and Oxford, Calif., after cameras were introduced in 1996 and 1997, respectively.

Police in Howard County, a wealthy suburb of Baltimore and Washington, D.C., found the number of red lights run at four intersections dropped 37 percent five months after cameras were introduced last year.

As one intersection, collisions dropped from 15 in 1997 to eight last year.

"It's a very effective, sustained program for changing driving behavior to make roads safer," said Lt. Glenn Hansen, who runs the county's program. "It frees up officers to handle other needs."

A camera snapped 75-year-old John Lobel's picture as he drove to a church meeting in Howard County last year. He thought the light was yellow, until he opened the mail two weeks later.

"There's no questioning it," he said. "There's nobody to argue with."

"I think it's a wake-up call to all of us to slow down and pay more attention to traffic," he said.

Cities and counties using cameras allow firms, such as Electronic Data Systems of Plano, Texas, and Lockheed Martin IMS, a subsidiary of the Bethesda-based defense giant, to do a job once done exclusively by police.

When a car speeds through a red light at any of 20 intersections in Howard County, a magnetic relay beneath the pavement sends a signal and the shutter on a $50,000 German-made camera pops open twice.

A computer notes the time, date, vehicle speed and amount of time the light was red.

Each day, a company technician retrieves the film, scans the negatives into a computer, looks up the license plate number and draws up a ticket. The ticket is verified by a civilian police employee and sent to the registered car owner.

What if a lead-footed friend blurts out the car and runs a red light? In Maryland, as in most states, drivers can go to court and testify they weren't behind the wheel.

END OF LIFE CARE-
FROM CALCUTTA TO KOKOMO

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Presented by Jim Towey, author of FIVE WISHES.

As Mother Teresa's legal counsel for 12 years and a volunteer in one of her homes for the dying, Jim Towey had the unique opportunity to learn Mother Teresa's way "to approach death with dignity and fearlessness." In 1996, Towey founded Aging With Dignity, a nonprofit organization based in Tallahassee, FL, and through this agency unveiled Five wishes, a new version of living will aimed at prompting families and health care providers to talk about something most people choose to avoid talking about—their own death.

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Gaza Strip to open for Palestinians

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

A safe passage route for Palestinian travel between Gaza and the West Bank should be opened in a week, Palestinian and Israeli officials said Sunday.

The 27-mile passage, which will allow thousands of Palestinians to visit each other, would be the most substantive result of the peace process.

The spokesman for the Israeli army’s coordinator of activities, Shlomo Dror, agreed that the passage could open as early as Sunday, saying the sides needed to work out “technical details.”

The Palestinian Authority will publicize details on the application process for permits to use the route in coming days, Tarifi said.

The safe passage was outlined in the peace agreement signed last month between Israel and the Palestinians in the Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheikh. That accord marked the completion of the second phase of the “Road Map” peace process.

When asked to comment, the Israeli army spokesman would only say, “the army is preparing for the completion of the second phase of the Sharm agreement.”

The accord’s second phase outlines a full Israeli withdrawal from 2 percent of the West Bank by November 15.

Turkey

Farm plan threatens archaeological town

Associated Press

HASANKEYF

A medieval stone minaret rises beside the dusty, lime-stone hills of Turkey’s southeast.

It is a relic of a kingdom that once ruled the region, but it has become a flashpoint between the government and ethnic Kurds struggling to preserve their heritage.

After surviving for hundreds of years, the minaret and parts of the nearby fortress of Hasankeyf may end up underwater as Turkey builds a series of dams to irrigate parched cotton and tobacco fields.

The irrigation plan is one of the largest development projects in the world. But it has enraged many in the overwhelmingly Kurdish southeast.

They say a state that spends billions to battle Kurdish guerrillas in the barren mountains surrounding Hasankeyf is not willing to revise its plans to save one of the area’s archaeological treasures.

“The battle to save Hasankeyf has become a political battle,” says archaeologist Jale Veilizyoglu.

“Like Jerusalem in Israel, Hasankeyf has become a sacred symbol in the region.”

Turkey has refused to recognize Kurds as a distinct group and does not grant its 12 million Kurds the minority rights it extends to non-Muslims like Jews, Greeks and Armenians. It is illegal for Kurds to broadcast or teach in their language.

Speaking Kurdish is illegal in 1991.

It is that sense of cultural alienation that has fueled Kurdish anger over the impending loss of Hasankeyf.

Much of Hasankeyf’s charm comes from its location, perched on white limestone hills above the Tigris River.

The citadel — a row of collapsed stone houses — overlooks the river and a deep gorge that cuts through the white rock.

The remains of an arched stone bridge span part of the river.

Lining the gorge are dozens of caves where people lived until recently, carving shelves and alcoves into the soft stone.

A reddish-brown stone minaret rises from a mosque below the citadel. The minaret’s side is marked by Koranic engravings in the shape of a teardrop; on its top, a large stork’s nest.

In medieval times, spices from India and silk from China moved through the area.
The Educational Rewards of Cable

Shortly after I moved away to college, my family made several concessions to life in the modern world. They put screens in the windows. They got rid of the washboard and bought a washing machine. They got cable.

That's right. I was 19 years old before I saw my first in-home MTV video. I realized that for many of you this is unconceivable. You were cable babies. You were watching Nickelodeon in uterus.

You remember all the words to the Fraggle Rock theme song while I am still trying to figure out what, exactly, the hell a Fraggle is. People who explain to me that they are "very '80's shows". This from a child who has seen 800 million times the first Radioactive Man comic book and stared at the comic strip of the moment, w hich they have seen 800 million times the first Radioactive Man comic book, with a "very '80's show." This from childhood.

You were watching Lifetime, the channel whose only claim to fame is that they are not Natural Beauty Bust Enhancers.

To his credit, he does enjoy educational channels. He claims not to like The Golden Girls, which they have seen 800 million times, but he is a cable brat. He has seen more episodes of Sesame Street and Mister Rogers that I was — but he is a cable brat. He has seen what, exactly, the hell a Fraggle is.

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I don't think cable is all bad. My household now receives three Spanish channels, compared with the one we used to get. One of my favorite shows on Spanish TV is the Univision news that not only recounts the day's past events but also offers predictions for tomorrow based on your horoscope sign. By far my favorite Spanish show is Los Simpson. I think I like this show because my brothers always fly into the room when they hear the opening music and then erupt into protest when Milhouse comes on saying, "No lo lagas, Bart!" or when we see El Señor Smithers waiting on El Señor Burns. They whine even if it is the episode where Bart, Milhouse and Martin buy the first Radioactive Mao comic book which they have seen 800 million times and already know all the English words.

Thanks to cable, I have also had the chance — this was fun — to get the entire male population of the house deeply invested in a particularly engrossing episode of Chicago Hope. Only to reveal at the end that they were watching Lifetime, the channel whose slogan is "Television for Women." Imagine the horror.

Over the summer, Isubtitle a house with cable. I also worked the evening shift at a hospital, and sometimes I would get home around two in the morning and watch a little TV before going to sleep. One night, 10 of the 40 stations, not even counting OVC, were broadcasting infomercials.

My favorite is Natural Beauty Bust Enhancers. This product is advertised by "showing" pictures of pathetically bustless people who are clearly men in bikini tops and then showing "with" pictures of people who are obviously extremely well-endowed women wearing nothing more than small triangles of fabric that a Natural Beauty Bust Enhancer, even a size small, would not fit in.

Another great moment of late night cable is when ESPN changes over to broadcast We Know These Aren't Real Sports. One night I watched professional pool (men's, women's and mixed doubles), followed by professional bowling out doors, and then counting out with Bass Challenge! A Fishing Show for All Skill Levels. Our cable went out one night in June and stayed that way for the rest of the summer, and I have to say that after that we missed it. We missed professional fishing and we missed the infomercials and we missed Nickelodeon. And just when I was beginning to learn the words to Fraggle Rock.

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On the other end of the eating disorder scale

Mike Marchand  
Questionable Freedoms

"I've seen the letters to the editor over the last couple of weeks. Help with eating disorders, and I was happy to hear that those people are not alone and that there are places on campus to get the help they need." I was silently waiting for a similar call from those on the opposite end of the eating disorder scale. I'm not one to step up, but I will.

Many people are unable to control their impulse to cut. I am one of them. As a result, I am 161 pounds. I am certain Americans who weigh at least 20 percent more than their personal weight desired. Above the 20 percent mark, the risks for coronary artery disease, strokes, and diabetes increase, rising more sharply as the percentage increases more. For example, in men ages 15 to 39 whose weight is 45 percent above desired, there is a 5 percent chance of death from any cause, 70 percent from coronary artery disease, 75 percent from stroke, and 400 percent from diabetes. Contrast this with anorexia and bulimia, which only 8 million people suffer from, and estimates state that only 6 percent of serious cases result in death. As Christine Stambul and Andrew Brown in "Bulimic Bastard" in the new "Annalen der Medizin" moving to a world that last year heard a joke that started with "Your mass is so anomalous..."

I share my own personal struggle with anorexia. On June 29, I went to my doctor's office to get my Notre Dame-managed physical examination. Whenever I get a physical, I dread three things: stepping on a scale, and, well, any guy about the other two. Anyways, the scale said that I weighed...uh, the number was so important, but it was a lot. And even though the rest of the results stated that I was in good shape, being a person of "my stature," I decided that I needed to lose.

I should have decided that much sooner because being overweight sucks...

It sucks that when I buy a meal at South Dining Hall, the only place I allow myself to go are the salad bar, the fruit bar, and the Oriental area, where I get my food specially stir-fried with no oil. It sucks that when I go grocery shopping I can't buy a boneless skinless chicken and a garden's worth of fruits and vegetables. It gets funny looks from some cashiers who apparently don't understand how to weigh all the produce and make money. It sucks that no matter how sophisticated I appear, I'm always compared to Chris Farley, who died at 33. And it sucks that I can pretty much consider the entire dorm- quarters of the available single female population off-limits, since I probably find them much more attractive than they find me.

In a sense, I'm alone in my quest, since I don't have one of the aforementioned support groups. But I don't really want one. After all, I can only blame myself for my weight (albeit based on the multimillion-dollar tobacco settlements). I could probably strike up a class-action lawsuit against Frito-Lay, Heinz and McDonald's. Indirectly, though, Notre Dame is helping me out. I have to walk a lot more than their weight (although I should have decided that much sooner because being overweight sucks...). I refuse to ride the elevator in O'Shaughnessy Hall — I'm afraid I'll break it. Even other people are helping me out. When my truck was towed from Turtle Creek because of a parking violation, the security guy that had it banned me walk about a mile to the nearest parking lot. This makes me have to pay in cash, I would have thanked him for the extra exercise had I not been fuming over a $95 fee. I could have bought another bike for that.

I guess I'm winning. I've lost 34 pounds as of Friday. This brings my weight to...uh, well, I'll get back to you.

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By MIKE VANEGAS
Scene Editor

They did not match. Those purple socks did not match.

But seemingly without a care in the world, 1983 Notre Dame alumnus Ryan Ver Berkmoes pulled off the local university town with a laid-back attitude, seamless and expansive memory. This energy allows him to tell stories with prudish ease, knowing full well that the tales he shares are akin to treasured, weirdly true to be discovered by lonely contemporaries who want only to laugh through long nights.

While speaking with Ver Berkmoes, and subsequently while transcribing his words, the value of his one can’t-regret in the wake of happiness, but because the years he spent in Notre Dame caused people to go berserk, ” he said. "I’ve really never been e
to North America and learned about absolutely gorgeous," he said. "And growing up you don’t really realize it’s beautiful. It’s like you’re your home. I go back now, and it’s sort of jaw-droppingly beautiful, and as much as I was just, “It was neat, and the beach was across the street.” Really, it was where you were a kid. You didn’t go to some suburb in Iowa and say, “Oh, it was just very nice here.” But you weren’t really aware of it." Ver Berkmoes noted, though, that the allure of Santa Cruz ultimately was not his personal connection to the city as home, but that socially and politically, it was the most happening place in America.

"It’s possibly the most liberal city in the U.S., where if you’re a liberal democrat, you’re considered a fascist," he said. "The free weekly paper — the free weekly paper was written over this — in the mid-70s did a big cover story... very graphically illustrating how lesbians could get pregnant using turkey basters. When you’re 15 and you grow up in that kind of environment, it broadens your mind in ways that your mind is always going to be in conflict with gay people and radicals and freaks and hippies and you name it, and I’m very liberal now.

While at Notre Dame, he discovered the opposite of what he had grown up knowing. He recalled a story about several upset teachers that were open sexists... you had open sexists... you had open sexists... you had open sexists... you had open sexists.

“People just went nuts... the incredible fear and anger that was generated... you knew even one gay person at Notre Dame caused people to go berserk," he said. "And I was like, ‘Hey, man, where I grew up, you know...’ sitting there wearing Birkenstocks, and to me it was like, ‘Well, whatever.” People just went berserk, like throwing rocks at Howard, going and putting graffiti on everything: ‘Faggots out...’ I think the gun and the gang.

Clearly a liberal thinker brought up in a liberal town, Ver Berkmoes still chose Notre Dame, a decision he says he made under the Dome. Helpful, he openly admits it was his work at The Observer and WNDN, along with the social environment at the University, that guided his future most effectively.

Leaving 90 percent of what I use today [at Notre Dame],” said Ver Berkmoes. "And 90 percent of what I look back on my college years having prov
er experience was outside of class — it was working at The Observer, it was working at the TV station, it was being involved with the University Student Union, with a lot of different groups of people... Interpersonal skills and broadening your mind and think like... of different things, it all comes from that.”

In learning the wisdom of college life, Ver Berkmoes noted not always from seeing his sto
tions under the Dome would be captivatingly flirty. With his laid-back attitude, yesterday and today, and he proved that Notre Dame could fit any personality.

For three semesters of his five-year stay at Notre Dame, Ver Berkmoes lived in Fisher Hall, a place he never refused to visit — not because it is the base of his existence, but because the years he spent in the dorm weren’t too pleasant. He said that back in the late ’70s, Fisher was made up of only singles, “cells” he called them. And the residents were mainly football and basketball players. The lesson he learned, basically, was that “it’s a lot more fun living off campus.”

But living on campus didn’t mean that Ver Berkmoes was separated from the typical Notre Dame experience. He uncovered an SYR story for bowling, he uncovered an SYR story for the ages.

“My one great bowling experience was on some wretchedly cold Saturday afternoon here with this woman who lived in Breen-Phillips,” he said. “We hadn’t known each other that long... Her roommate called — ‘Oh, you wanna go on a bowling date with Lynne’ — and I was like, ‘OK,’ [a very drawn-out ‘OK,’ as if he were agreement on an unwanted chore]. I went and it turned out my bowling was very inferior. She was just screaming.”

“At this damn screw-your-roommate, this woman is screaming at me because my bowling skills are terrible. I have no sense of bow
ing means had tempers and being harangued by crazed women who value their bowling skills. She was from some cold-warrier place, so I guess they bowled there. There are no bowling alleys in Santa Cruz. That was one of several romances that didn’t blossom.”

Now married, Ver Berkmoes cannot credit his marriage to the any college romances that did blossom. Instead, it was a chance encounter at The Observer’s 25th anniversary reunion in 1991 that gave the Notre Dame family marriage stereotypes some more fuel.

"One sign that in many respects, Notre Dame is changing. So with Ver Berkmoes visiting South Bend and Notre Dame often this [last] life here, he has first-hand knowledge of the changing nature of Notre Dame, something he noted as he read Friday’s issue of The Observer.

"You see the same stories," he said. "The student senate and student politicians are up to some sort of nonsense and having secret meetings. And all that stuff never really amounts to anything, because the administration has always been really smart. They know that in the rare cases, somebody’s here, at most, five years. As long as you can pass off any student that you upset for a couple of years, they’re gone.”

"There is this big thing,” he announced they were gonna build the first dorms in about 20 years. Since they finished Grace and Flanner, no dorms were built in the ’70s. So they were going to build the first of those two low-rise cheap things over by Grace and Flanner — the Pasquerillas — so there was this big movement to have one of them be coed. The administration just humored it all along and announced a 25-month study project, knowing that all the people behind it would be long out in the real world before [construction was completed]. The same thing always goes, no matter how upset the students get about anything in particular, they’re gonna go.”

But Ver Berkmoes also noted that some things have changed drastically as well, for better or worse.

"When I was a student, the ratio was two-and-a-half men to one woman... That was governed in part by the dorms," he said. "Now they have open admissions... which I think is a great thing... It’s so stupid — it was artificial quotas and all that kind of stuff, which was nonsense. And you do notice now, it seems a little more like a normal popu
lization in that sense.”

Because I took classes where even though the ratio was two-and-a-half to one, it was just sort of lack of the draw, there be 100 guys and three women. And there was definitely a whole lot of institutional sexism going on. You had teachers that were openly sexist...
Notre Dame quarterback Jarious Jackson races 48 yards into the end zone as eight Sun Devils chase him in Saturday's 48-17 thrashing of Arizona State. Jackson's touchdown run was the longest run of his career. He finished with 93 yards on nine carries.

**Irish scorch Sun Devils, 48-17**

- Notre Dame capitalizes on Arizona State's six turnovers

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

Before the game with Arizona State, Notre Dame offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers was kidding around with two of the Irish safeties. "I was joking with A.J. [Sanders] and Deke [Cooper] before the game and they said, 'Are you going to put up 40 points today,'" Rogers said. "'Yes. I don't know if it will happen today.'" Rogers didn't know it at the time, but that's exactly what would happen Saturday. The Sun Devils turned the ball over six times and watched a scoreless first quarter turn into a 48-17 Irish victory.

This is the second week in a row without a turnover. I think that upon date really helped us," Arizona State head coach Bob Davie, whose team improved to 3-3 on the season. Davie added, "You make big plays, I said we have to do that. We have to make big plays. If we don't make big plays, the game is over. The game is over."

"I thought we moved the ball well," Arizona State head coach Bruce Snyder said. "We played good football, so when the avalanche started, that's a sense of frustration you deal with." The avalanche started early in the second when quarterback Jarious Jackson (16-of-17 for 223 yards) found Bobby Brown on a 25-yard post pattern. On the next play, Brown beat Arizona State's Kevin Williams once again, resulting a 42-yard score and a 7-0 lead. "Jarious and I were just trying to stress that if they are going to bring everybody, we have to make them pay," said Brown, who had three catches for 84 yards. "And making them pay is not a 10-yarder. We're going to go deep. Jarious did a good job of placing the ball all day."

ASU quarterback Ryan Kealy, on the other hand, had some difficulty. On the Sun Devils first play following the Irish touchdown, Kealy was intercepted by Sanders, who returned it for a 28-yard touchdown. "I made my drop in the cover three zone to the flat," said Sanders, who also returned an interception for a touchdown against ASU last year. "I went out there with the receiver and he [Flowers] turned up field and [Kealy] just threw it out there. I was like thanks, I picked it and took it home.

Trailing 14-0, Kealy and the Sun Devils tried to mount a comeback, but another turnover bailed their efforts. With ASU driving, tight end Todd Heap was stripped by Grant Irons and Cooper came up with his second fumble recovery of the game. "We were just trying to make things happen all day," Irons said. "I think the defense is really playing well together and we just try to make turnovers for the offense." A 25-yard run by Tony Fisher and a 44-yard rush by Jackson put the Irish in scoring position once again. Two plays later, Jackson found tight end Dan O'Leary for a 6-yard touchdown pass. "It was pretty exciting," O'Leary said. "I told Jarious I could smell it before he even called it. I knew it was coming. They were playing man defense and the guy who was covering me slipped and luckily Jarious saw and threw it on a bee-line to me. It was a great play to call from the 6-yard line on second down. I don't think the defense was expecting it.

Cooper intercepted Kealy on the next ASU possession and on the next play Jackson found Joey Getherall for a 25-yard pass pattern to give the Irish a 27-0 halftime lead. At the half, the Irish offense only had one more yard than the Sun Devils, but turnovers proved to be the difference. Arizona State turned it over five times, including three interceptions. "Turnovers aren't the bottom line," Rogers said. "One team turns it over six times. I'm not sure how good we were on defense, but we got the ball on the short side of the field a couple times. Every time we turned it over, except for Kansas, we lost, so it's huge. It's probably the biggest factor in a football game."

Jackson, on the other hand, countered Kealy's three first-half interceptions had three touchdown passes. "Jarious steps up and makes big plays," Davie said. "He's playing the best football of his career and that's a pretty big statement. He's back healthy and he's confident in his teammates, especially those guys up front.

Jackson opened the third-quarter scoring with a 48-yard touchdown run, the longest of his career. Freshman tailback Julius Jones then pushed the lead to 41-0 with a 13-yard touchdown run, the first of his career. ASU finally got on the board late in the third with a 1-yard touchdown run by Gerald Green, but Jackson still wasn't finished. With 11:31 remaining in the game, Jackson evaded a tackle in the backfield and went up top to Jay Johnson for a 31-yard touchdown. Jackson's fourth touchdown pass of the day tied a school record. He also had 93 rush yards on nine carries.

ASU added 10 points in the closing minutes of the game.

**player of the game**

Jarious Jackson
The Irish captain set new career highs for longest run from scrimmage with a 48-yard run and touchdown passes in a game with four.

**quote of the game**

"We are not a .500 team. We just had a couple of games that didn't go our way."

Bobby Brown
Irish receiver

**stat of the game**

+6 Irish turnover margin
Notre Dame held onto the ball and capitalized on Arizona State's turnovers to capture its most convincing win under Bob Davie.

**OBSERVER**
Notre Dame vs. Arizona State

[Image] Notable plays and moments of the game.
IRISH INSIDER

Senior kicker Jim Sanson anguishes over his missed field goal in the first quarter. The miss was his third straight miss and his fifth miss of the season.

Sanson's done — now it's Miller time

Before Jim Sanson even stepped onto the field in the first quarter to try a 33-yard field goal, he had already missed The loons of the Irish fans destroyed his confidence. His five missed field goals in 1999 weighed him down. His two misses against Oklahoma — both from under 25 yards — hung in the back of his mind. By the time he lined up for the field goal attempt that could be the last of his career, Sanson had already missed the last field goal of his career.

"I got bored going out there and I got bored coming back," Sanson said after the game. "I was losing either way, it didn't really matter. I am kind of disgusted right now."

"What I felt in the back of my mind was getting bored going out there," he continued. "But that's the usual here at Notre Dame. I have gotten used to that during my four years here."

Hey Jim, if you're disgusted, how do you think Irish fans have felt for the past four years?

For Sanson's career he has missed 40 percent of his field goals and is just 5-for-8 in 1999. Irish confidence in Sanson has eroded so much that the student section held up crossed fingers when he took the field.

Throughout his career, Irish fans have said a few extra Hail Mary's in the hope that somehow the Lady on the Dome can guide the ball through the uprights.

At just about every school in the country, you will find football fans praying for their kicker to make field goals.

At Notre Dame, however, fans have spent four years praying that Sanson will make an extra point. Saturday was just a little different. Like every other missed field goal, was a good kick, according to Sanson. "I thought I hit the ball well," he said. "It looked like it was going right through the middle but at the last second it just turned to the right."

Maybe Sanson is having a hard time understanding the concept of kicking field goals — if it doesn't go through the uprights, you didn't kick it well. It doesn't matter how good a kick starts or if it looks good on its way toward the goal posts.

In the past, Irish fans could only groan when Sanson missed a kick and then wait for him to come back out onto the field and miss another one. But after he missed two against Oklahoma and then another against Arizona State, head coach Bob Davie finally did the right thing and sent sophomore Mike Miller out to try the extra point following Bobby Brown's 42-yard touchdown catch.

And then an amazing thing happened: A Notre Dame kicker made a kick. Miller hit the ball well — and here's the really incredible part — it actually went through the uprights.

"That wasn't one of Sanson's patented "good kicks gone bad" but instead the ball started off good, was good in the middle and finished off good by giving the Irish a point.

For the day, Miller was 6-for-7 on extra point tries. His only miss was not his fault. Arizona State's Junior Joanes burst through the line cleanly and blocked the kick. Miller had no chance.

Davie seemed satisfied with Miller's efforts after the game. "I thought David got the football up extremely quick," he said. "I think that David Miller will probably be the kicker next week."

Irish fans can now breathe a sigh of relief, except for that one little word — probably. Unless freshman kicker Nick Setta has an absolutely incredible week in practice, who else but Miller is going to be the kicker next week?

"I am disappointed for Jim," Davie continued. "That doesn't mean it's over for Jim. It's a long season but Jim knows going in he had to be productive."

This doesn't mean it's over for Jim? Is Davie trying to tell us that Sanson might attempt another field goal this season?

When Miller assessed his situation, he gave the perfect reason why Sanson should never attempt another field goal for the Irish.

"This is big-time football so if I am not getting the job done then they have to take me out," he said. "If you're not getting the job done at work, then you are going to get fired."

Davie often talks about how great Sanson performs in practice. He talks about charting field goals and comparing practice statistics. He constantly says that Sanson is winning the battle in practice. Sanson may win the battle in practice but he loses the war on the field.

Arizona State quarterback Ryan Kealy probably doesn't throw three interceptions in practice — but he did on Saturday. "I have hit balls in practice with a snap and a hold and a rush so I figure, 'Why can't I do it out there?'" Miller said about his confidence in kicking field goals against USC and the rest of the Notre Dame schedule.

That's a good question. David Why don't you ask Sanson? He has made kicks in practice throughout his career — only to miss them when they matter.

But it doesn't matter what kicks Sanson missed in the past games or how many kicks he makes in future practices. Because now, it's Miller time.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Senior strong safety A'Jani Sanders returns a second-quarter Ryan Kealy pass for a touchdown to give the Irish a 14-0 lead.

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By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

Behind the leadership of seniors Deke Cooper, A'Jani Sanders and Deveron Harper, the Notre Dame secondary stripped the Arizona State offense of the ball every chance it got Saturday.

The defensive backfield forced five of the six ASU turnovers, with Cooper leading the way. Harper, Sanders and Cooper combined their efforts to pick up three interceptions in the final half of off ASU quarterback Ryan Kealy. Cooper added two fumble recoveries to swing the game's momentum in favor of Notre Dame.

"There's a direct correlation to the defense," offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers said. "They turned the ball over five times for us, giving us opportunities, because very frankly, we were struggling in the first half."

Notre Dame was unable to score in the first quarter. Luckily, neither was Arizona State, thanks in large part to a fumble recovery by Cooper and an interception by Harper.

"Turnovers always give you a lot of momentum," senior corner back Harper said. "You just hope the offense keeps the ball."

The Irish got on the scoreboard with 10 minutes, 56 seconds remaining in the second quarter with a 42-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Jarious Jackson to Bobby Brown.

But it was Sanders that really sparked the Irish offense less than a minute later when he intercepted a Kealy pass intended for Delvon Flowers, returning the ball 28 yards for a touchdown.

"This is the mark of a good defense. When you get the lead, you've got to keep it," strong safety Sanders said. "After Deveron got the interception, our hands were just itching. I guess I was in the right place at the right time."

Sanders' play was nearly identical to one he made in last year's Notre Dame 29-28 victory over Arizona State.

"It's amazing -- A'Jani Sanders, for the second time in two years, intercepted a ball and ran it back for a touchdown, against the same quarterback, against the same team, obviously," head coach Bob Davie said.

Last year's interception also came early in the second quarter with Notre Dame leading Arizona State 7-0. Sanders returned the 96 interception 25 yards for a touchdown, nearly identical to Sanders' return.

Free safety Cooper did more than his share on defense, with his two fumble recoveries and an interception. Notre Dame ended up with 13 turnovers on the drives after his interception.

The interception capped off a 27-point second-quarter scoring run with the play following Cooper's interception.

Kealy's pass had been intended for ASU wide receiver Richard Williams, but Cooper caught the overthrow pass, returning it 33 yards to the ASU 25-yard line before being brought down by Flowers.

On the very next play, Jackson hit Joey Getherall for a 25-yard touchdown.

The secondary has helped lead the Irish all year long. All four starters for the defensive backfield -- Cooper, Sanders, Harper and sophomore Clifford Jefferson are among the top five tacklers for the Irish this season.

"We had three seniors back three this year," Sanders said. "We felt like this is our turn. We're seniors -- me and Deveron and Deke. We're going to hit and we're going to get big plays. As a defense, you've got to want to get the turnovers.

"It helps a lot," Jackson said. "Like when A'Jani ran that ball back for the touchdown, that's easy points to me. I know it's not easy points because he is working hard and covering people, but as long as the scoreboard is lighting up on our side, I am all for it."

Although Notre Dame's defense gave up 263 passing yards on the day, the aggressive play of the secondary helped keep Arizona State's score to 17 points, with only seven before the final quarter.

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Freshman tailback Julius Jones turns the corner on his way to his first career touchdown. Jones finished with 36 yards on eight carries.

Senior wide receiver Bobby Brown shakes a tackle en route to a 42-yard touchdown play. Brown was Notre Dame's leading receiver with 84 yards on three receptions.

Breaking into the .500 club

Notre Dame improved to 3-3 on the season Saturday with a convincing 48-17 victory over Arizona State. The Irish amassed 450 yards on offense and turned six Sun Devil turnovers into seven touchdowns. Quarterback Jarious Jackson was a one-man highlight reel with three touchdown passes and a scoring run. Notre Dame will now have a week to prepare for USC, a team that has won three in a row against the Irish.

Following a blocked punt, Anthony Denman (39) upends Arizona State's Nijrell Eason causing a fumble that was recovered by the Irish. The fumble was one of six Sun Devil turnovers.

Irish tight end Dan O'Leary walks into the end zone following a six-yard touchdown reception from Jarious Jackson that gave the Irish a 21-0 lead.
name — and ‘Baywatch’

unique culture at Notre Dame and how it fits into the grand scheme of the world

anywhere where it's not a brand name, and that bugs me," he added. "When I do travel writing, I travel around the world and write books about where to go, and it's just such a shame to see individual character being lost."

So when he was first introduced to Burger King at the Huddle, Ver Berkmoes could only react with a stunned astonishment.

"When I saw the Burger King, whenever it opened, I came on campus and I called my wife that night: 'That bugs me.'"

Presence of Burger King at Notre Dame

It is an Notre Dame alumnus

"As Ver Berkmoes travels around the world for his travel writing and finds himself in someplace where the Burger King is a brand name, he always has a unique perspective, a unique ability to communicate, to tell a story. And Ver Berkmoes certainly can tell a story. For this reason, what follows are miscellaneous comments and stories about the Burger King experience and how Ver Berkmoes thoughtfully put forward to his colorful interview, each with its own unique spirit, concerning life at Notre Dame and beyond.

On the Eck Center:

"As a parent I just be like, 'Jesus, we're gonna have to sell the house.' It's like, add another zero to the estimated budget for sending your kid here."

On Notre Dame football:

"When I was a senior in high school, we were No. 1, which was great fun because I went to a little school in Santa Cruz, and people were all like, 'Wowwww, very cool man.' And then, the first year was still Divine this fourth year, and he lost like two games. Losing two games, people were painting out his parking place, throwing crap at his house. The next year, he went 8-3, which was just considered an abomination. People were really still so victory-hungry. They'd been No. 3 in '72 and they were No 1 in '77. The fact that he could do something like this with only three games in a season was outrageous.

"When he left after five years, he was run out of town. Everybody couldn't stand him. I used to say little things in a quiet, little voice, 'Well, gee, one national championship in five years, isn't that?...‘Ara was better, Ara was better' in a deep voice, imitating those who disagreed with his sympathetic question.

"So then they brought in Faust, which taught everybody to have reduced expectations. I think his best season might have been 7-4. So I had three years of Faust. He was a very, very nice man, and I was in the student parking places, such a ra, ra, and such a terrible coach. He did teach people that 6-5 could occur.

On watching Notre Dame football today:

"The Faust years were so painful... history keeps repeating itself, 'cause the Faust years, one of the hallmarks was having a bad place kicker. I cannot tell you how many times it would come down to the end... So when we're watching it on TV, it's like, can't they ever get someone who can kick the ball? It's endless. It's like 'Groundhog Day.' It's had-kicker-at 'Notre Dame Day. I can't believe that these other guys they got could be any worse."

On the current ambiance of Notre Dame:

"The place has gone much more upscale. Even when I was here, you used to see the older alums, who were probably my age or something now. We thought they were just some geezers... I met a bunch of guys who'd been alums from the '30s... we were all too broke to go anywhere fall break, so we went out to Michigan, which was still 18 then, and bought a bunch of this horrible Blatz. This crap — had wine and had beer that you buy when you're 18 and dumb... we were backing south quad, and there were these guys, these old alums, who were out walking around. Hey, you guys got something to drink in there? We're like, 'Yeah, and they're like, Hey, we'll give you 20 bucks for that thing of wine.' And we're like, 'Nice, nice, nice.' Then, you know, you could sell the three dollar jug of Carlo Rossi or something, and the impression I really got from them... was that the roots of Notre Dame was a very middle class, even really blue collar, place to send your kid. It was working Catholic. Their dream was for their kid to go here. And I don't know what the stats are now, but just the feel of the place does not have a sort of middle class anymore.

The typical car of the student was the bad Ford Ltd. was from the early '70s that was rusty and had been handed down... What I do think when you kind of go through the student parking lots now... a lot of people... have new cars. And I think the character of the place has gone more upscale. Everything is much nicer and richer looking."

On travel writing:

"You need to talk to people wherever you go. Find out from the people who live there what's neat. Talk to average people, just regular folks, whenever you encounter, and just, 'What is happening?'"

On his wedge into Lonely Planet:

"'Right place, right time.'"

Part two on bowling:

"'The spat of the Midwest.'"

Favorite movie from college years:

"'Animal House' — That was a very seminal movie for me... 'Was it really gonna be like that?'"

On 'Titanic':

"'If I ever hear that song again... Worldwide, you cannot escape that damn song. You can't escape the movie, you can't escape the song.'"

On American culture abroad:

"'American culture has sort of conquered the world. Really, mass popular culture, it's just everywhere. There's no escaping it. Movies, TV, music, the works. And especially with the British, what they comment on a lot is the sort of hypocrisy of it all, 'cause America's seen as this place with fundamentalist Christian arguments, stuff like Notre Dame saying you can't run ads from the gay and lesbian community, yet American pop culture is nothing but juvenile celebrations of sex and violence... If Trent Lott gives a speech, it gets equal play, like he's representing America. So by the way, America moralizing about this, that and the other thing, and then inundating the world with... Baywatch.' Ver Berkmoes: 'Note: he also calls it 'wretched entertainment."

On 'Baywatch' in Germany:

"'It's huge. It really, really is. We went there in (1996), and I'd heard it was [big]. Like, was it an urban legend or something? But, no, there was really those pathetic Germans that like David Hasselhoff shirts. His CDs, you'd see them on the best-selling racks of CD stores. He really was big.'"

On Music:

"'When I'm on the road, I try to listen to wherever I am, what they're talking about on the radio. 'I got a ticket in Canada last year. The new Sheryl Crow album had come out. There was one on there in particular, with the gams at the Wal-Mart store, and I was like, 'Man, what a great line,' and I started speeding and the guy caught me. I was in the middle of nowhere, and I was like, 'Yeah, guns at Wal-Mart: good job.'"

On being a Bulls fan in Chicago:

"'You had to be, and sure, why not?'"

On Notre Dame when Father Hesburgh was president:

"'It was like having an absentee landlord in a lot of respects.'"

On plans for the future:

"'Who knows?'"
Associated Press

The Michigan Hurricanes lost their fifth straight game against Florida State and are one-three-four-five game streak for only the second time in 15 years. And they still have Virginia Tech and Syracuse, two ranked opponents, on their schedule. But Miami coach Butch Davis into Monday... or else.

The Hurricanes (2-3), the only team to beat No. 1 Florida State and No. 2 Penn State this season, have one of the toughest schedules in the nation.

Spartans, Saban stay undefeated

Spartans are at Purdue this Saturday. Winning the conference championship, which happened to Florida State, 3-0 means little to the players.

"This is the best feeling I've ever had, and the happiest I've ever seen our team," Saban said. "It's just too bad that either side had to lose." The Wolverines, which began the season ranked No. 3-6 overall and 3-0 in the conference, entered the game with a Big Ten unbeaten.

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**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

**Lone Star fans wait for next year**

Associated Press

While New Yorkers dream of a Subway Series, fans in the Lone Star State can only lament of what might have been.

Hopes for an I-45 World Series or maybe a fourth Texas vs. New York championship series this year were squashed over the weekend when the Houston Astros and Texas Rangers were eliminated from the first round of the playoffs.

In fact, you're counting, that makes them 0-for-ever in off series.

Good karma was the best reason to think 1999 would be different.

After all, the Dallas Stars won their first Stanley Cup, the San Antonio Spurs won their first NBA title and the Houston Comets ruled the WNBA for the third time in the league's three years. And don't forget the individual achievements of Lance Armstrong and Michael Johnson.

The Rangers roared into the postseason with 95 wins, their most ever, and one of the most potent offenses in baseball.

They limped out by scoring a grand total of one run in three losses to the New York Yankees.

Texas lost 3-0 in the finale Saturday night, extending the club's playoff losing streak to nine straight - all to the Yankees. Home fans have yet to see the Rangers win a postseason game in four tries.

"There's no jinx," Rafael Palmeiro of the Rangers said. "Just a 7-20 in-year playoff.

Just getting to the playoffs was impressive enough considering all the injuries and illness the Astros endured along the way to their third straight NL Central title.

After splitting two games in Atlanta, there was hope Friday that Houston would go up 2-1 in the best-of-5 series.

But the Braves held off a bases-loaded, no-outs jam and won 5-3 in 12 innings, then won 7-5 Saturday in what turned out to be the final baseball game in the Astrodome.

The Astros will play outdoors, on grass at Enron Field next year. Maybe that will change their luck.

"We're a winning team," first baseman Jeff Bagwell said. "We'll come through sooner or later."

Even the biggest optimist in the Lone Star State knew the odds were heavily against an all-Texas World Series.

But it would have been uplifting for one of them to make the League Championship Series against either the New York Mets or Yankees considering the NBL, NBA and WNBA championships were fought between teams from Texas and New York.

Alas, with no chance for Texas to win a fourth pro sports title, there's only one thing left for Texas to root for: a fourth finals loss by a New York team.

**NBA**

**Spurs defeat Sixers in preseason opener**

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

Tim Duncan had 26 points and 10 rebounds and Samaki Walker added 23 points, including the game-winning basket, as the San Antonio Spurs defeated the Philadelphia 76ers 98-97 Sunday night in both team's preseason opener.

In front of a boisterous crowd of 19,333 at the First Union Center, the defending NBA champions cruised by the Sixers for the third time in the league's three years. And don't forget the individual achievements of Lance Armstrong and Michael Johnson.

The Spurs led 74-66 after three periods, but the 76ers, who trailed 81-72 early in the fourth, scored 14 unanswered points to take an 86-81 lead with 7:18 to go.

The teams exchanged baskets, but neither team was going anywhere. The 76ers led 81-74 with 2:56 left, but Duncan followed with a turnaround jumper with 1 minute left to give the Spurs a one-point lead. A final desperation heave by Doug Overton fell short at the buzzer.

Duncan was 7-for-13 from the field and 12-for-15 from the foul line for the Spurs, who played without center David Robinson, listed as day-to-day with a stiff lower back.

Larry Hughes had 19 points to pace the 76ers while Allen Iverson, who missed his first start of the season, had 15 points on 5-for-17 shooting from the field. Aaron McKie added 11 points.

Led by a group of mostly reserves, Philadelphia's 14-0 run came thanks to a full-court press defense and an up-tempo offense. Rookies Jumaine Jones and Todd MacCullough, playing his first minutes of the game, joined second-year player Hughes and veterans McKie and starter George Lynch as they helped the 76ers grab an 81-74 lead, their first advantage since early in the first quarter.

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KUTZTOWN, Pa.

Rookie Mi Hyun Kim fired a 2-under 70 and fought off three challengers Sunday to win the rain-delayed $725,000 LPGA First Union Betsy King Classic by one stroke.

The 22-year-old Kim, who began the day tied with two others one stroke off the lead, finished with a 72-hole total of 8-under 280 and earned $108,750. She won the State Farm Rail Classic over Labor Day Weekend for her first LPGA victory.

The start of the final round at the 6,075-yard Berkleigh Country Club course was delayed for four hours because of heavy rain, and the leaders played the last few holes in virtual darkness.

Hall of Famer Beth Daniel, who began the day with a one-stroke lead at 7 under, shot a 72 and finished tied for with Jenny Lidback, who closed with a 69 and Helen Dobson, who had a 71.

All three missed an opportunity to catch Kim when she put her approach on No. 17 into a creek and took a drop for her only bogey of the back nine.

Dobson hit the pin with her approach on the same hole but missed a 5-foot birdie putt. Lidback then missed a 4-footer for birdie on the same hole and Daniel was inches short on a 6-foot birdie putt on 18. The victory was worth $108,750 to Kim, a native of Seoul, South Korea, who said she knew that she was being seriously challenged on the back nine.

After a bad drive on No. 1 led to a bogey, Kim birdied No. 2 with a 7-putt putt. She took the lead for good with a birdie on No. 5 by putting her approach inches from the hole, and made the turn at 9 under after birdies with short putts on 7 and 9.

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**Kim shoots record score to win Classic**

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NEW YORK

"I don't see any reason that we should have any affection for them," Mets manager Bobby Valentine said Sunday. "We have great respect for them. I think we still have to earn our respect. They've shown us very little."

New York advanced to its first championship series in 11 years by besting Arizona 4-3 in 10 innings Saturday, winning the best-of-5 first-round series in four games.

Just nine days earlier, after going 5-1 against New York over the final two weeks, the Braves declared the Mets finished, two games out of the wild-card lead with three to play.

"This is the next-best thing to winning the World Series," said Braves third baseman Chipper Jones, annoyed by taunts from the Shea Stadium fans. "I told them to go home and put their Yankees stuff on."

That remark has stuck in the minds of the field many Mets players and fans.

"It was a pretty mature statement," Valentine said sarcastically, "and an incorrect one—we aren't dead yet. I don't think it was lack of understanding. I think it was just pure ignorance. They weren't going to have to deal with them again this year. Guess what? He's going to have to deal with them this year."

Atlanta went 9-3 against New York for the second straight year. Valentine in 1-0-5 but Alfonzo is 8-4 against Arizona this year, with two homers.

"We're due for good things to happen against this club, and I think they know it," Valentine said.

He wouldn't reveal his rotation, but it seems certain Masato Yoshii (12-5) will start against Maddux (19-9) Tuesday's series opener at Turner Field.

Valentine hinted he's thinking of moving up Al Leiter to Game 3 and dropping back Kenny Rogers. Rick Reed could wind up pitching Game 2 or Game 3.

"The real decision in Game 3," Valentine said. "Al would be on his regular rest. If we could have Al for 3 and 7 on regular rest, then that's something maybe we want to do. But I want to talk to everyone about that.

There was no big news on the status of Piazza's swollen left thumb, an injury that caused him to miss Games 3 and 4 against Arizona. Piazza's replacement, Todd Pratt, hit the game-winning homer in the 10th Saturday.

He was asked to elaborate on the Mets' 11-1 loss to New York.

"I don't see it to be necessary," he said. "We know it and those who have been watching us if we continue to adhere to what we're doing.

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**NHL**

**Canucks top early season surprise list**

**Associated Press**

The Vancouver Canucks are playing like they're trying to make up for lost time years. Same for the San Jose Sharks and Florida Panthers. Toppled by the Canucks' 3-0 record, those three are among the teams carrying the most momentum from the first week of the NHL season.

"It's time to get a little bit excited," coach Mark Crawford said after Vancouver's 4-1 win over Montreal on Saturday night gave the Canucks their best start since 1992.

"We're not going to get carried away with ourselves. We know we've got a long way to go. But right now, the confidence can keep building for us if we continue to adhere to what we're doing.

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NFL
Rams beat 49ers to stay unbeaten

Associated Press

With nine straight losing seasons, the St. Louis Rams have the longest streak of futility in the NFL. Now they have another distinction: the league's only undefeated team.

Kurt Warner threw five touchdown passes, including four to Isaac Bruce, as the Rams beat San Francisco 42-20 on Sunday to break a 17-game losing streak against the 49ers and improve to 4-0.

New England and Dallas got their first losses Sunday, leaving the Rams alone with a spotless record. It's been an amazing turnaround for a team that hasn't reached the playoffs since 1989 and lost starting quarterback Trent Green with a preseason knee injury.

Warner, a former Arena League quarterback, threw for 273 yards but was intercepted twice. The league's only 4-0 team made its first visit to San Francisco, winning 20-17 on Sunday to break a 17-game losing streak.

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Chiefs 16, Patriots 14
At Kansas City, Adam Vinatieri missed a 32-yard field goal attempt in the closing seconds that would have won the game for New England. The ball hit the right upright and bounced backward.

Drew Bledsoe's 27-yard completion to Shawn Jefferson set up the field goal try by Vinatieri, who had already booted three game-winning field goals this season for the Patriots (4-1). Elvis Grbac engineered three second-half scoring drives for the Chiefs (3-2).

Bears 24, Vikings 22
At Minneapolis, Chicago (3-2) forced five turnovers and earned three of them into touchdowns to beat Minnesota (2-3).

Vikings rookie tight end Jim Kleinsasser fumbled twice, and Bears linebacker Sean Harris recovered one in the end zone for a touchdown. Barry Minter intercepted Randall Cunningham's tipped pass at the Bears 18 with three minutes left to preserve the victory.

Bengals 18, Browns 17
At Cleveland, Akili Smith threw a 2-yard TD pass to Carl Pickens with 5 seconds left to lift Cincinnati (1-4) over the Browns (0-5). In his first NFL start, Smith completed 25 of 41 passes for 221 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions. Cleveland rookie Tim Couch was 15-of-22 for 164 yards with one interception.

Bills 24, Steelers 21
At Orchard Park, N.Y., Doug Flutie threw three TD passes and Eric Moulds had six catches for 122 yards and a score to lead Buffalo (4-1) over Pittsburgh (2-3). Flutie completed 11 of his first 12 passes and finished 21-for-32 for 261 yards.

Chargers 20, Lions 10
At Pontiac, Mich., Darryl Lewis returned a fumble 42 yards in the fourth quarter and San Diego (3-1) shut out Detroit (2-2) in the second half. Lions coach Bobby Ross faced his old team for the first time since being forced out by the Chargers three years ago.

Falcons 20, Saints 17
At Atlanta, Morten Anderson, who had missed four of six field-goal attempts going into the game, connected twice in the fourth quarter as Atlanta rallied to win its first game of the year.

NBA
Sprewell owns up to missing practices

Associated Press

New York Knicks guard Latrell Sprewell has finally offered a feeble explanation Sunday for missing the first week of training camp, and the New York Knicks decided to bench him for their first exhibition game.

"Without any practice time, 'he's just not going to be ready to play," said coach Jeff Van Gundy, who met with Sprewell and general manager Scott Layden for 45 minutes Sunday morning at the team's practice facility.

Sprewell said he had simply ignored the Knicks' phone messages as he drove across the country, doing a 36-hour stretch solo from Oakland to Milwaukee, arriving before dawn Wednesday, and then continuing on to New York on Thursday with his brother and a friend.

Sprewell nonchalantly explained that he drove instead of taking a flight because he wanted to pick up some things in Milwaukee and he wanted to be sure that his car, a Mercedes-Benz sedan, made it to New York.

"That's just me. I like doing things myself," he said. "I wasn't trying to send a message.

As far as ignoring calls from the Knicks, who were wondering what he was doing, he said, "That's what agents are for," yet Sprewell admitted that he did not keep in close contact with his agent, Robert Gat.

Van Gundy and Layden refused to divulge many details of the meeting, but they did disclose that the team had fined Sprewell "an appropriate and significant" amount for failing to join the team for training camp in Charleston, S.C. If they fine him for all the practices he missed, it would total $40,000.

The rest of the Knicks had the day off Sunday. Sprewell will join them for his first practice — it will be the team's 10th — on Monday at Madison Square Garden before the team holds a public scrimmage. Sprewell will not play in the exhibition opener Tuesday night in Uniondale, N.Y., against the Philadelphia 76ers, but he is not officially suspended.

"I don't know how our team is going to react," Van Gundy said. "I think Latrell most likely will need to address the situation to his teammates, and how the team from the inside handles it will be between them.

Sprewell said his lateness had nothing to do with his contract situation. Entering the final year of a four-year deal that will pay him $9 million this season, Sprewell is eligible to sign an extension during the season.
Indian's suffer Boston Massacre

Associated Press

BOSTON

No, they didn't change uniforms.

And no, that wasn't Manny Ramirez driving in all those runs.

That really was the Red Sox setting major league postseason records, with 23 runs and 24 hits against baseball's highest-scoring team since 1950, the Cleveland Indians.

And the seven RBIs? Boston's John Valentin got those, not Ramirez, whose 16 RBIs were the most in the majors since 1938. Valentin hit it with two home runs, a double and a single, all in the first four innings.

He had plenty of company as Boston pounded five Cleveland pitchers in a 23-7 win Sunday. Trot Nixon and Jose Offerman each drove in five runs, Jason Kendall drove in four and Edgar Martinez had three.

The Red Sox hope they have enough strength left to swing about as unlikely as Valentin accomplished something that may be more amazing. He came to bat in each of the first three innings Saturday and each of the first four Sunday. In those seven straight appearances, he homered, doubled, lined out to right, homered again, singled, homered yet again and doubled. That added up to four runs and 10 RBIs in a span of just seven innings.

Pretty good for a player who hit .263 with 12 homners and wasn't assured of a spot on the postseason roster until he returned from the disabled list on Sept. 23. He went on in Aug. 31 with tendinitis in his left knee.

Rockie Wilson Versas played well in his place. But Valentin assured his playoff spot by ending the season with a five-game hitting streak and staying healthy.

He finally was stopped Sunday when he struck out -- ending the season with a five-game hitting streak and staying healthy.

Kerry Wood plans to pitch for the Chicago Cubs next season despite a sizeable hole in his heart.

CHICAGO

Kerry Wood plans to pitch for the Chicago Cubs next season despite a sizeable hole in his heart.

The 22-year-old right-hander has a septal defect, which can cause a gradual weakening of the heart. The condition probably won't affect his career, but doctors said that it should be corrected.

Cubs spokeswoman Sharon Panozzo said the team had no comment and general manager Ed Lynch did not return phone calls left at his home Sunday.

Wood learned he had the condition when he became ill in February, just before spring training. Doctors at a hospital in Mesa, Ariz., discovered the hole in the wall separating the two upper chambers of his heart.

Doctors recommended the hole be closed at some point and Wood's doctors told him it would have to be fixed by the time he was 30 or 40, he told the Chicago Tribune. Left untreated, it can cut life expectancy to 40 years, doctors said.

Wood, the 1998 NL rookie of the year who missed the entire season after blowing out his right elbow in March, decided against having the surgery immediately.

A SD is "a very low-risk thing to fix," surgically, and Wood probably can wait to have surgery, said Dr. Keith Horvath, assistant professor of cardiothoracic surgery at Northwestern University Medical School.

"This is not a Hank Gathers or Reggie Lewis (situation)," Horvath said, referring to two athletes who died unexpectedly of heart ailments at young ages.

Wood, who tied a major league record with 20 strikeouts in a game in 1998 while going 13-6, said he will have an echocardiogram, an ultrasound of the heart, every year. In the meantime, he said he plans on coming back strong.

"What's going to drive me the most is all the people who are saying I'm not going to be the same, I'm not going to come back," he said.

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McGregor defeats Chow in landmark boxing victory

Associated Press

SEATTLE

Margaret McGregor and Loti Chow made pugilistic history and proved that a woman who can box a little can beat a man who can't box at all.

McGregor won all four rounds on all three judges' cards Saturday night, then left it to others to assess whether her walk in the ring with McGregor will be remembered as a landmark in sports, a stride for women or yet another punch in the nose for boxing.

If boxing can survive Mike Tyson biting a chunk off Evander Holyfield's ear, it can probably survive this skirmish; promotion between a 36-year-old female landscaper and a 33-year-old male jockey, who earned $1,500 apiece in boxing's first sanctioned battle of the sexes.

"The weight of the world was on my shoulders," said the 129-pound McGregor. "I hope I've done good for boxing."

Asked what she thinks she proved, she responded: "Just that I'm a winner."

Chow, who weighed 128 and won a well on his forehead, had a cryptic smile and a hollow laugh. "Just that I didn't feel right," Chow said.

"He looked scared out of his wits," said Bob Jarvis, a former fighter who worked with the promoters and also managed the night's main-event winner, lightweight Martin O'Malley (11-0).

Chow (0-3) insisted he wasn't afraid. Anxious, perhaps. Overwhelmed by the occasion, probably. Whatever it was, he said he took some medicine to bring down his blood pressure, relaxed a bit, and passed the doctor's second test. When Chow entered the ring, he held his red gloves high and contorted his face in the fierce expression he could summon — a cross between a grimace and a frown. It was as bad as he would get all night.

The sell-out crowd of 2,768 at Mercer Arena, which paid $75,705 for the second largest boxing gross in Northwest history, cheered Chow, from nearby Vancouver, British Columbia, with a blend of respect and pity. Here, they all knew, was a man who couldn't win even if he won. If he defeated McGregor, he would be taunted as a woman beater. If he lost, he would be ridiculed as a wimp. As Chow, himself, described it, he was in a "lose situation."

Still, he showed courage just by climbing into the ring, and the fans appreciated that — at first. Despite all the hype that went into this bout, he didn't fight so much as cover up. The few looping punches he threw seemed designed for effect rather than damage, as if he had learned his new trade by watching old New York movies.

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Senior Jason Jorski avoids a trip in Notre Dame's 4-0 win over Providence.

M. Soccer

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and half helped us put them away," said Pridmore. "We came out and scored again before they could get back in the game."

Pridmore and Lyskawa teamed up again for the goal. Lyskawa crossed the ball from the left corner of the field to Pridmore, who bootied it past Glynn from five yards out.

The Friars came alive midway through the second half and challenged the Irish lead. Putting more pressure on goal, the Friars peppered the goal with shots and retained control of the ball for several minutes.

Short and the Irish defense put on another strong performance to fend off the Friar attack and secure the lead.

One of the Friars' best chances at scoring came in the contest's 68th minute when Short was taken out of the play by diving to successfully block a shot on goal. The Friars attempted to capitalize on the rebound and looked to boot the ball into the empty net, but the Irish backfield, led by McNeese, stepped up and deflected three shots to preserve the shutout.

Freshman forward Eric Braun added a pair of goals less than one minute apart form each other to boost the Irish lead and thwart any hope for a Providence comeback.

Braun's first goal came when he took the ball down the left sideline, dodging the Friar defense to set up a one-on-one situation with Glynn. Striking from eight yards out, Braun sent his shot sailing into the net to up the Irish lead to 3-0.

Braun teamed up with Junior midfielder Regg Mc Knight just 53 seconds later for the team's fourth and final score of the night.

Braun's two goals mark his sixth and seventh scores of the season. Braun leads the Irish in goals and has tallied the most total points of all players with 16 on the season.

Pridmore's second goal brings his total number of goals to three on the season. Pridmore trails Braun as the team's second-leading goal scorer and joins a short list of Irish repeat-goal scorers. Braun, Pridmore and senior forward Ryan Cox are the only Irish players to score more than one goal this season.

Irish freshman back-up goalkeeper Greg Tait saw his first action of the season late in the second half. Replacing Short, Tait showed he was not nervous by playing aggressively and defending the net well, coming up with a key save with just minutes left in the game to preserve the shutout.

Notre Dame's 4-0 win over the Providence moves the squad to a 7-4-1 overall and 3-1-1 conference record. The win is the fifth shutout of the season.

The contest with the Friars marked the end of a four-game homestand for the Irish, who made a clean sweep of the series. Notre Dame's four straight wins is the longest consecutive set of wins for the squad in two years.

"We definitely have a lot of confidence in our game," said Pridmore. "We've finally been able to get a lot of goals hopefully that will carry over into our next stretch of games, especially since we have several Big East games coming up."

Notre Dame hits the road on Tuesday when they take on Valparaiso with the aim of increasing its winning streak to five.

W. Soccer

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assured them of hosting the first round of the Big East tournament. Getting a home playoff game is important to the Irish.

"It's definitely important," Waldrum said. "We don't want to travel anymore than we have to. I think we really only have three or four home weekend games so we want to be home as much as possible through the playoffs.

The Irish improved to 11-2-2 on the year with a 5-0 win over the Panthers on Sunday. Bone and Elizabeth Wagner combined for the shutout for Notre Dame.

Streiffer scored the first two goals of the game for the Irish. Both of her goals came off head balls with two minutes and 42 seconds of each other. Her 58th and 59th goals of her career leave her just one goal shy of becoming the fourth player in NCAA history to pick up 60 goals and 60 assists.

Heft added the third and fifth Irish goals of the night to give her 72-career goals, tying her with Monica Gerardo for the most goals in Irish history.

Lancaster headed her third goal of the season into the net in the 79th minute.

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HOCKEY

Inman's goal only bright spot in 5-1 loss to Wolverines

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

Last season, the Notre Dame-Michigan rivalry was as close as it gets.

The season series ended up tied 1-1-1, and the two victories were decided by one goal. This past weekend was another story.

The Irish were outscored 11-1 during the two-game series at the Joyce Center, including a 6-1 defeat Friday night for their second straight loss.

On Friday, Michigan scored in the same manner as it had before, early and often. They got on the board first on a 5-on-3 advantage during the second period.

The winning goal came 25 seconds later. Left wing David Inman took a pass from Irish captain Ben Simon and found the back of the net in the Irish on the board. The assist by Simon was his 100th career point.

The goal ended a 53-minute stretch from Thursday night to Friday, where the Wolverines held the Irish scoreless.

Michigan was not done with its scoring. Comrie skated right through the Irish defense to score his second goal of the game. Then 23 seconds later, he added another goal for the hat trick and a 5-1 Michigan lead. Both goals were unassisted.

“Comrie is a very good player, but we made every player good tonight,” said Poulin. “We had no hits and no challenges. We compete harder in practice than we do on the weekend. We play harder against our own teammates than we do against other teams and I don’t understand that.”

Mink closed out the scoring for Michigan with less than 2 minutes remaining in the game for the eventual 6-1 victory.

The Wolverines out-shot the Irish 37-15 for the game, allowing only eight shots over the final two periods. The win improved Michigan’s record to 2-0-0 on the season and CCHA to 1-0-0 on the season and CCHA.

“The game was very disappointing,” said Poulin. “Everyone involved did not compete, this includes all players and the coaching staff. I have seen our players compete individually and together and that was not happening tonight.”

“We did not pick it up and that is my responsibility. This was the most we’ve been out-shot, in any game I can even remember being involved in. We were not here offensively and if we have to take it back to being simple we will.”

The Irish will resume play this weekend when they travel to Denver for the Ice Breaker Tournament. Notre Dame will take on Providence on Friday and then Denver-Union on Saturday.

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Horoscope

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Luke Perry, Daryl Hall, Jerome Robbins, Joan Cusack. Happy Birthday! You've got it together, and that's all that will be required in order to reach your goals this year. The coldest manner in which you execute your intentions makes you a dynamic competitor! You are disciplined, focused and not likely to let anyone stop you from doing the things you want to do. You have no fear when it comes to trying new things. Your numbers: 15, 18, 22, 25, 38, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will get the support you need if you help others with their problems or difficult projects. Competitive spirits will be your forte. Ambition will carry you to the winner's circle. OOO

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your mate will overreact to your personal situation. You will have to be more accommodating if you wish to keep your mate content. Compliments will help considerably. OOO

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll find yourself in a competitive situation if you don't have what you had in mind. Make sure you don't clash with others. OOO

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll have no fear when it comes to trying new things. Your numbers: 15, 18, 22, 25, 38, 41.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be in a competitive situation if you don't have what you had in mind. Make sure you don't clash with others. OOO

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll be in a competitive situation if you don't have what you had in mind. Make sure you don't clash with others. OOO

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't overreact to your personal situation. You will have to be more accommodating if you wish to keep your partner content. Compliments will help considerably. OOO

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will have to be more accommodating if you wish to keep your mate content. Compliments will help considerably. OOO

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will have to be more accommodating if you wish to keep your mate content. Compliments will help considerably. OOO

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will have to be more accommodating if you wish to keep your mate content. Compliments will help considerably. OOO

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Social activity will be entertaining. Satisfy your passionate mood. The contributions you make to organizations will enhance your reputation and may provide some income. OOO

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may be too hasty to travel and spend money, but you'll be sorry if you do. It is best to put your cash away for an emergency. OOO

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**WOMEN'S SOCCER**

**Heft reaches milestone as Irish claim two wins**

By MIKE CONNOLLY

The Notre Dame women's soccer team captured the Big East Mid-Atlantic Division championship with a 5-1 victory over division rival West Virginia on Friday night.

The Irish followed up the victory over the Mountaineers with a 4-0 win over the Pittsburgh Panthers on Sunday afternoon.

Against the Mountaineers, the Irish opened a 1-0 lead in the 28th minute when Jenny Heft scored her 70th career goal off of assists from Jenny Streiffer and Jen Grubb.

"It was a great ball from Streiffer," Heft said. "I saw her streaking down the field and I thought I was just making a crossing run. She played a perfect through ball and played me past the keeper."

While the Irish went into halftime leading 1-0, they missed out on a few scoring opportunities and allowed the Mountaineers to slip through the defense a few times.

"I really wasn't too pleased with the first half because I didn't think we were very sharp," Walshum said. "I thought defensively we were very lackadaisical. I didn't think we were winning the head battles. But we turned that all around in the second half and I think we won the air battles in the second half and only lost one. So I felt much better in the second half."

In the second half, Notre Dame's offense opened up the scoring just 2:16 into the half. Anne Makkien took a pass from Ashley Dryer and Kara Brown and blasted the ball toward the net from 22 yards away. The shot skidded of Panther defender and past the keeper for Makkien's seventh goal of the year.

The Irish attack struck again in the 60th minute when junior forward Moosie Erikson picked up her eighth goal of the year when she shot the ball into the box. Freshman Katie Barnos collected the ball and fired it past an outstretched Lakeyria Bowe and into the net for her 11th goal of the year.

Irish defender Kelly Lindsey was not overly concerned with the fluke Mountainer goal because it did not result from a defensive breakdown.

"It just slipped through her legs and crossed across the box without anyone noticing," Lindsey said. "They just snuck in on it." Senior Iris Lancaster scored her second goal of the year in the 84th minute and pushed the Irish lead back to three, 4-1. The win clinched the Mid-Atlantic title for the Irish and was not overly concerned with the fluke Mountainer goal because it did not result from a defensive breakdown.

The Irish followed up the victory over the Friars with a 4-0 rout of the West Virginia Mountaineers.

**MEN'S SOCCER**

**Braun, Pridmore lead Notre Dame past Providence**

By KERRY SMITH

The Notre Dame men's soccer team got on the scoreboard and put away Big East rival Providence Saturday on Alumni Field.

Junior midfielder Dustin Pridmore scored the first of two goals on the night just 3:32 into the contest to propel the Irish to a 4-0 rout of the Friars.

"Their defense was a little shaky," said Pridmore. "We were able to exploit them and get some good goals."

Midfielder Alan Lyskawa and Connor LaRose set up Pridmore's goal when Lyskawa passed the ball from the midfield to the left corner to LaRose. LaRose crossed the ball to Pridmore, who headed the ball past Friar goalkeeper Danny Glyn for the score.

"It felt really good to get the first goal early on," said Pridmore. "It helped to get a good start to the game."

The Irish retained offensive control for most of the first half, outshooting the Friars 9-3, but were unable to add to the lead until the second half.

"We wanted to get the ball wide and behind their defense so we could create some scoring chances," said Pridmore. "We were able to do that and were pretty successful in getting the ball in the goal." The Friars had a chance to tie the game on a penalty kick just minutes after Pridmore's goal. Officials awarded Friar midfielder Michael Eisenhut a direct shot on goal after he was fouled by Irish defender Matt McNew in the box. But goalkeeper Gerick Short came up big for the Irish, saving Eisenhut's quick shot to the left corner to preserve the lead.

The Irish were quick to strike as the second half began. Taking the Friar defense by surprise, the Irish raced down the field on their first possession and scored again to give the Irish a 2-0 edge.

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**Golf** at Xavier Invitational, Today, All Day

**Golf** at Calvin College, Today, 1 p.m.

**Volleyball** vs. Albion College, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**Volleyball** at Providence, Friday, 4:35 p.m.

**Cross Country** at Central Collegiates, Friday, 4 p.m.

**Cross Country** vs. USC, Saturday, 1:30 p.m.