By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Editor

A jury acquitted former Notre Dame football player Donald Dykes of rape, consensual sex to commit rape and sexual battery early Tuesday morning.

The jury of seven men and five women deliberated for 12 hours and returned a verdict at 12:15 a.m., following closing arguments that focused on the credibility of the alleged victim's testimony.

Dykes, along with former Notre Dame football players Lorenzo Crawford, Justin Smith and Abram Elm, were accused of sexually assaulting and gang raping a former student. The four former players maintain the woman consented to the sexual acts.

Special prosecutor Maureen Devlin said Dykes participated in the gang rape and sexual assault of the woman and that the other former players knew what they were doing.

"The victim doesn't have a motive to lie," she said. "She made some poor judgment choices and put herself in a position she couldn't get out of." On cross-examination earlier in the week, defense attorney William Stanley asked the victim why she remained at the house and removed her jeans to sleep in the same bed with Justin Smith.

Stanley continued to discredit the woman's story in his closing argument. He emphasized that the woman waited to report the incident and that a Memorial Hospital emergency room doctor, Michael Blakesley, did not find anything consistent with rape when he examined the woman days after the alleged incident.

"This woman is no dummy," Stanley said. "She's extremely responsible. She's exactly what she was doing." Stanley said the woman, who originally consented to the sex acts, decided to tell Notre Dame and law enforcement authorities she was raped because she did not want to be held accountable for her actions under Notre Dame's disciplinary system. Notre Dame's policy states that if an individual makes a rape allegation, the victim will not be held accountable under its disciplinary process. Stanley said, "Students can otherwise be expelled for engaging in sexual intercourse outside of marriage." The four former players were expelled from the college.

University spokesman Matt Storin declined to comment on the verdict.

"Notre Dame fulfilled its responsibilities on this case through its own disciplinary process, which is quite distinct from a criminal case and rendered a judgment based on what we consider to be best for the welfare of our students based on our codes of conduct and its sexual behavior," Storin said.

The two remaining rape trials will begin later this fall. Last month, a jury convicted Elm of sexual battery and see DYKES page 4

Saint Mary's releases new mission statement

By ANGELA SAOU
News Writer

Last week, Saint Mary's students, faculty and staff found the College's newly revised mission statement posted on bulletin boards, Web sites and dorm doors around campus.

The rewriting process began in 1996 after the College's accrediting body, The Higher Learning Commission, mandated that the statements be updated. The last mission statement was written in 1987.

In fall 2002, Saint Mary's President Marilou Elder reformed a mission statement writing committee to finalize the work on drafting a new mission statement. Mathematics professor Joanne Snow, religious studies professor Phyllis Kaminski, financial aid director Mary Nucaloroe, development director Kay Ball and First Year Studies director Susan Vanek made up the committee headed by Elder.

The committee began the process of revision by reviewing drafts that had been written since 1996. Together they discussed the drafts, brought together the philosophy behind them and presented the newly revised statement to the Board of Trustees.

The long process used to arrive at the final version approved by the board was deliberate and inclusive of the entire campus community.

"After the last accreditation, it was suggested that the mission be clearer as a statement of purpose," said Sister Rose Anne Schultz, vice president for the mission. "It needed to be revised, and we felt that everyone should know.

The new mission statement is shorter, yet still manages to encompass all of the facets of the old statement, she said. The four core values of the College—faith/spirituality and justice, community, faith/spirituality and justice, and learning—are included at the bottom.

"The core values have never been outlined before, and that is an important facet to the new statement," Schultz said. "It is important for Saint Mary's community to understand and embrace this as our identity."

The old statement has not been done away with. Instead, it has become the college's philosophy and see MISSION page 4

Saint Mary's College Mission Statement

Saint Mary's College is a Catholic, residential, women's college in the liberal arts tradition. A pioneer in the education of women, the College is an academic community where students develop their talents, prepare to make a difference in the world, founded by the Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1844, Saint Mary's prides itself in academic rigor, aesthetic appreciation, leadership and social responsibility.

Core Values:
Learning
Community
Faith/Spirituality
Junior

Gameday crackdowns follow fans

Turtle Creek bust raises questions

By KEVIN ALLEN
News Writer

The Sept. 6 alcohol bust at the Turtle Creek apartment complex raised concerns about the aggressive manner with which law enforcement officials apprehended student offenders at the scene.

A team of Indiana State Excise Police, South Bend Police Department and Notre Dame Security Police raided several tailgate parties prior to Notre Dame's first home football game of the 2003 season. Student witnesses at Turtle Creek alleged that officers tackled several students and even stunned one with a tazer as they attempted to flee the scene.

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Holding onto Irish pride**

This past weekend, accompanied by nine of my closest friends, I went home. Conveniently, home happens to be in Novi, Mich., a mere 30 miles from Ann Arbor and the "Big House." I have lived in this area my entire life and, before, have had to face the hounding of U of M fans for my devotion to the Irish since as far back as I can remember. While my peers in school decked themselves in blue and maize, I sported blue and gold — a much better combination, if you ask me.

Up until last week, I had no intention of ever entering the Big House. But, when a friend managed to find a set of tickets at a reasonable price, I couldn’t pass up the opportunity to support the Irish as they continued one of the most noted rivalries in college sports history. Hearing of the arrogant nature that exemplifies a majority of Michigan fans (at least those I’ve come across) failed to shock me into believing I would encounter behavior that I hadn’t faced before.

Boy, was I wrong.

From the drive to Ann Arbor to the drive home, there was rarely a moment when I, my friends or anyone in green wasn’t the target of derogatory comments and actions from opposing fans — and derogatory is putting it nicely. In fact, I can count two Michigan fans I met that I felt had not shown any rudeness or class. Two. The university must be so proud.

By the time we entered the stadium, I had had enough of getting flicked off, being told to "F— the Irish," getting pushed and other behavior I can’t even mention in print. Luckily, our seats were in an area primarily occupied by Irish fans, aside from a 40-year-old Michigan man who stood in front of us. Without a doubt, this man displayed the most obnoxious, hautie and immature behavior I have ever seen.

Despite the requests of those in our section, representing both Notre Dame and Michigan, the man failed to compose himself. Instead, he and his wife shouted explicit comments directly into our faces and ignored the fact that a seven-year-old boy was sitting only a seat away.

"I apologize," another Michigan fan said to me. "Some of us are true fans and some are just a—holes."

Perhaps there were a few exceptions Saturday, but overall, Michigan fans treated us (their guests) in an extreme manner that I’ve yet to see occur on Notre Dame’s campus. So congratulations, Wolverines. I suppose you did surprise me, but despite the upset of it all, at least we left with something to be proud of — dignity.

Contact Anneliese Woolford at woolford.15@nd.edu.

**The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.**

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHICH GRAB’N’GO IS BETTER, NORTH OR SOUTH?**

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**CORRECTIONS**

In yesterday’s “Entire band squeezes into Michigan” article, Sandy Barbour was identified as deputy athletic director at the University of Michigan. Barbour is Notre Dame’s Deputy Director of Athletics. The observer regrets the error.

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**OFFBEAT**

**Hangry Blaine endures British humor**

LONDON — When magician David Blaine organized his latest feat — six food-free weeks suspended in a Plexiglass box beside London’s Tower Bridge — he prepared for loneliness, hunger and boredom. He may not have planned for Londoners.

Since he entered the dangling box on Sept. 5, Blaine has been joned, prised with eggs and awakened by drummers. A tabloid newspaper grilled hamburgers under his box. A toy helicopter was sent up to dangle a cheeseburger in front of him.

One newspaper dubbed Blaine-hating “the new national sport.”

That may be changing, as Londoneers come to admire the endurance — or at least the curiosity value — of the New York showman.

On a warm Monday afternoon, dozens of onlookers paused to squint at Blaine as he sat unveiled and shirtless in his transparent case. For a while, he sat resting his head in his hands, occasional- ly waving at the crowd. After a while, he opened his journal and contemplated its pages.

**Hungry Blaine endures**

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VERONICA BRADHAM

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**IN BRIEF**

International Student Services and Activities will present two showings of the Italian film “Bloody Sunday” today in LaFortune Student Center’s Montgomery Theater at both 7:00 and 9:30 p.m. The films are free and open to the public.

A screening of the Italian movie “Johnny Stecchio” will be sponsored by the Italian Club tonight at 8:00 p.m. in the Carey Auditorium at the Hesburgh Library. The film, which stars Roberto Benigni, will be shown free of charge, and is open to the public.

The Nanovic Institute for European Studies will present a forum entitled “Americans are from Mars, Europeans are from Venus Can we still talk?” today from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies auditorium.

The Center for Social Concerns will hold an information session for students interested in post-graduate international service opportunities today from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Siegfried Hall lounge.

The annual Business Career Fair will be held Wednesday from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the IACC. Students from all colleges and all years of study are encouraged to attend.

A new installation of the Kellogg/ILS film series “Looking Out, Looking In: Latino and Latin American Perspectives” will be shown in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. The film, entitled “My Family,” will be shown at 7:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnewfed@nd.edu.

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SMC kicks off Pride Week with picnic

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's kicked off its annual pride week Monday evening with a picnic and free concert, as students gathered on the lawn outside the Cushwa-Leighton Library and enjoyed the respite from humidity and rain.

The event, featuring "Red Wanting Blue," a rock band from Ohio, was the first in a series of programs slated for the upcoming week. Pride Week is sponsored by the College's Student Activities Board.

"This year, we are trying to put more emphasis on our SMC pride," said Becca Doll, board president. "We especially want to get first-year students excited about Saint Mary's." She said. "The events are open to anyone from the community here at Saint Mary's," she said. "The events are open to anyone from the three campuses."

Activities planned for the remainder of the week include a showing of the movie "Animal House," a rock band tonight at 8 p.m. on the library green. "Table Talk" will take place at Dalloway's Coffee House Wednesday at 8 p.m., allowing students an opportunity to familiarize themselves with faculty, staff and peers.

"Ghost Stories," an event based off of last year's student-written book "Quiet Hours," will be held on the Lake Marion island at 7:30 p.m. "Ghost Stories" verbalizes a number of the legends students have heard about and strange experiences they have had on campus. Doll said it is anticipated to become a traditional event.

To conclude its Pride Week Festivities, Saint Mary's will be a host of the Notre Dame/Michigan State prep rally Friday at 6 p.m. in the JACC. Those interested in attending will meet at the LeMans bus circle at 4:15 p.m. and walk over together. To gain maximum exposure, activities are advertised by e-mail, statl news, the Saint Mary's website and table-top flyers. Although events typically attract students, all members of the campus community are invited to attend.

"We always like to see the faculty and staff turn out at events. It really helps facilitate our community here at Saint Mary's," said John Uhran, SAB president.

"Over 60 companies will be here," said John Uhran, senior associate dean of the College of Engineering. "These companies keep coming back (to the Industry Day)." Uhran said that corporations such as Boeing, DuPont, General Electric, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, IBM and Lockheed Martin are expected to attend.

The fair has been steadily growing its former home in the College of Engineering Industry Day is also sponsored by the Society of Women Engineers and the Joint Engineering Council.

Law & ... An Interdisciplinary Colloquium Series

September 17, 2003
4:00 p.m., Law School Courtroom

"When Republicans Were Feminists: Explaining Party Change"

Presenter
Christina Wolbrecht
Packey J. Dee Associate Professor
Department of Political Science

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campus property. The Ann Arbor Police Department also has jurisdiction over city property where football-related activities such as tailgating occurred. Attempts to reach Ann Arbor police for information regarding citations and arrests were unsuccessful. Sgt. Andrew Zazula said police were called to many incidents involving Michigan and Notre Dame fans Friday and Saturday.

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purpose, which explains how to carry out the mission. Rewriting the mission statement was the first and most critical step in the College’s Strategic Plan. “It was important to outline the purpose of the college before we tried to remodel anything else,” said Schultz. Although the statement was approved by the Board of Trustees this past June, it has only recently been widely spread around campus. The next meeting of The Higher Learning Commission will take place in 2005, when the mission statement will again be reviewed.

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acquired him of conspiracy to commit rape and criminal deviate conduct. In contrast to Dykes’ trial, all of the former players testified at his trial and said the woman told Elam on multiple occasions, “No, you have a girlfriend.” The former players did not state that the woman told anyone else. “No.”

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Creek for the bust, said he saw tailgaters being tackled as they attempted to run away. “I saw at least one person get tackled, and more people who looked like they were about to be tackled,” Tarnowski said. “But it wasn’t like the cops came through and just started tackling people.”

Hassig said four individuals were tackled at the bust, all of them by Excise Police, and no injuries resulted from those tackles.

According to Rex Bakow of the Notre Dame Security Police, a police officer has the right to tackle an individual when or he is fleeing or resisting arrest. Hassig also said that no one at the scene was tazed. He said only the South Bend police officers brought tazers to the scene and none of the officers removed those tazers from their holsters during the operation.

Mike Russell, a Zahm Hall junior, said he saw the officers using tazers at the bust. “I saw a [police officer] with a Bel-long rod; he was chasing a guy and holding out a stick towards him,” Russell said. “I’ve seen a stun-stick before, and that’s what it looked like.”

The crackdown, motivated by the Indiana State Excise Police and organized in conjunction with the South Bend city attorney’s office and the South Bend Police Department, was an attempt to cut down on large parties.

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Edwards marketed as a working man

Associated Press

John Edwards, the Southern moderate dogged by complaints that he’s short on political experience, is pitching himself as a champion of the working man as he formally joins the crowded Democratic presidential race.

The North Carolina senator, who made millions as a trial attorney before entering politics five years ago, highlighted his blue collar roots by staging his announcement at the Robbins, N.C., textile mill where his father worked for 36 years. A young John Edwards once had a job there, mopping beneath looms in the weaving room.

“Here is where I learned that the simple promise of America is the enduring greatness of America—a better life for all who work for it,” Edwards said in the text of a speech prepared for delivery Tuesday. “And so this is where—today—to make an opportunity for every American, I declare myself a candidate for president of the United States.”

The next stop on the official kickoff was Columbia, S.C., a must-win state in Edwards’ strategy to reach the White House. Rather than try to take a win in Iowa and New Hampshire against more seasoned rivals, Edwards was looking for his candidacy to take off with a win in South Carolina. He was banking that voters in the state would be attracted to a fresh-faced moderate with Carolina roots.

In some ways, Edwards is a presidential candidate in the mold of Bill Clinton—A youthful centrist with Southern charm. But having run for office just once before and served only a single term in the Senate, he doesn’t have the resume or the experience of his leading rivals in the nine-way race for the Democratic nomination.

In must state and national polls, he draws single-digit support and ranks behind rivals with less funding and organization, such as Al Sharpton and Carol Moseley Braun, despite working for the nomination for more than a year. He was the leading fund-raiser in the Democratic field early this year, but has lost that advantage to insurgent candidate Howard Dean, a former Vermont governor.

Edwards joked about his second-tier standing in an appearance Monday night on Comedy Central’s "The Daily Show.” "I don’t know if you’ve seen the polls, but I think it will be news to some people that I will be running for president," he said.

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Explosion in Chechnya kills two

A truck bomb exploded Monday outside a government security building near Chechnya, killing at least two police officers and wounding 10 others. The blast came near the nation's tallest peak, which borders the rebellious Chechen republic and shelters tens of thousands of Chechen refugees.

The blast exploded near a government security building near the snowy peak of the National Liberation Army, the FARC and a smaller rebel group, the National Liberation Army, have often carried out kidnappings during their 20-year-old war against the Colombian government.

A draft resolution circulating among Security Council members also calls for the end of violence — including all acts of terror, provocation, incitement and destruction — and increased efforts by both sides to ensure implementation of the peace plan, which envisages a Palestinian state by 2005.

After private talks Friday, the Security Council issued a statement expressing "the view that the removal of Chairman Arafat would be unhelpful and should not be implemented."

On Monday, dozens of nations told the council that harrowing or deporting Arafat would violate international law and be a serious political mistake.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said Sunday that Israel would incite rage not only among Arabs but also among Muslims everywhere by exiting or executing Arafat.

Palestine warns against Arafat attack
Appeals court strikes down “blanket” primary

**IRAQ**

**Iraqi police chief killed in ambush**

**Associated Press**

FALLUJAH — Three assailants in red-and-white Arab headdressed gunned down the police chief of a city west of Baghdad Monday in an ambush that underscored the perils for Iraqis who join U.S.-backed security forces.

The Americans hope those forces will gradually take over security from U.S. troops — part of the effort to transfer sovereignty to Iraqis. The attack came three days after U.S. forces mistakenly killed eight Iraqi policemen in Fallujah in the worst friendly fire incident since major fighting ended.

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“The three attackers opened fire with machine guns, shot one of the tires of the chief’s car and then approached the vehicle and shot him at least 25 times,” said his driver, 47-year-old Hafida Karamah. He spoke to The Associated Press at Fallujah General Hospital, where he was being treated for wounds to his head and shoulder.

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He said theft, especially of cars, was rampant in Khalidia, with as many as four reported daily. “I am sure the killing of the colonel was the work of thieves,” he said outside the police headquarters at Khalidia, about 18 miles west of Fallujah.

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OLYMPIA — The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals struck down Washington state’s “blanket” primary system Monday, saying it violates the right of political parties to have their own members choose candidates for office.

The judges cited a 2000 U.S. Supreme Court decision that found a similar system in California unconstitutional. The state Democratic, Republican and Libertarian parties had challenged Washington’s law.

Democratic state Chairman Paul Berendt called it “a decisive victory — unanimous. They have ruled that we are protected under the Bill of Rights just like any individual would be, that we have rights of free association.”

State GOP Chairman Chris Vance added: “We have long contended that the blanket primary violates a political party’s First Amendment right of free speech.”

Washington’s system, adopted in 1935, allows voters to pick nominees from any political party. Judge Andrew Kleinfeld, part of the three-judge appellate panel that issued the ruling Monday, wrote that that system violates the parties’ right to choose their own nominees.

“The Washington scheme denies party adherents the opportunity to nominate their party’s candidate free of the risk of being swamped by voters whose preference is for the other party,” Kleinfeld wrote.

The state Grange, a grass-roots agricultural advocacy group that backed the original initiative creating the primary system, planned to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. The system has been in use since 1935.

“Washington citizens want to vote for their choice, not just the choice of the political party bosses,” Grange President Terry Hunt said.

In defense of the system, the state’s attorneys had argued that maintaining the blanket primary system was a compelling public interest because it encouraged greater participation in the nominating process.

In the California case, the Supreme Court ruled that states cannot force political parties to allow outsiders to help select their nominees.

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Iraq

Powell honors 5,000 slain Kurds

Associated Press

HALARIA — Standing near rows of white grave markers, Secretary of State Colin Powell on Monday honored 5,000 Iraqi Kurds who were killed in a chemical weapons attack and pledged such brutality would be gone along with Saddam Hussein.

With relatives of victims standing before him, Powell said: "I can't tell you that Saddam Hussein was a murderous tyrant — you know that. What I can tell you is that what happened here in 1988 is never going to happen again."

Powell added that Saddam is "running and hiding. He's going to be running until we catch him or he dies."

After Powell dedicated a memorial and museum to commemorate the victims, women wearing black thrust bouquets of flowers toward him. Many of the audience wept, holding pictures of loved ones killed in the Mahaweel digging.

"It's rather shocking, in fact, the investment ... of very very little into this area — not only of the mass graves but everything mass graves represent," said Joe Stork of Human Rights Watch.

Saddam's government killed an estimated 5,000 Kurds, said Sandy Hodgkinson, the top human rights official in the U.S.-led civilian administration. As many as 500 mass graves are spread across Iraq, and coalition authorities have received formal reports of 151 sites, Hodgkinson said.

"Much of the evidence has been destroyed, in part because of the anguished digging of relatives looking for bodies of family members at Mahaweel and other sites, human rights groups and coalition officials agree."

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Critics say it's already far too late, nearly five months after the fall of Baghdad.

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Forensic teams from human rights groups or coalition councils have not been able to visit, either Hodgkinson said, because security remains uncertain.

International tribunals hand prosecutions for atrocities in the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda.

But here, the United States has initiated any trials be conducted by a new Iraqi legal system still being developed. Many human rights groups agree that Iraqis should lead the legal process, but say international participation is crucial for it to be legitimate and impartial.

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Re-election likely for Prime Minister

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TOKYO — Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's rivals have panned his reforms and blamed his fiscal austerity for causing Japan's record-high crime and unemployment.

But with only a week left before the ruling party votes whether to re-elect Koizumi as party president, his opponents appear to have almost no chance of unseating him.

The national Asahi newspaper said Monday its survey of Liberal Democratic Party lawmakers and members indicated Koizumi would likely win a majority of votes in the Sept. 20 party poll. As party president, Koizumi would be virtually guaranteed of becoming the prime minister for another three-year term because the LDP's three-party bloc controls Parliament.

Koizumi says he's the front-runner because he's popular among ordinary Japanese.

"They criticize within the party, but I'll show good, change him. But I've managed to come this far because of your support," Koizumi told a crowd in Osaka while campaigning Monday.

For weeks, Koizumi has been the strong favorite to retain the party's top post. His reforms have been slow in coming, but his approval rating of about 50 percent makes him the country's most popular leader in decades.

With general elections for Parliament's powerful lower house expected later this year — media reports say Nov. 9 — the house is due to be dissolved in October — Liberal Democratic Party officials are counting on Koizumi's stature to attract voters and solidify the party's dominance in the legislature.

Koizumi is the appealing, public face of the party. Who better to have as its head?" said Yoshinobu Yamamoto, a professor of politics at Tokyo University.

He hasn't necessarily lived up to his promises of an economic revival. In fact, many people who back him don't expect him to do it right away. They like him because they lack faith in all other candidates," Yamamoto said.

Inside the party, the politicians aren't so simple. To win the president-elect needs a majority of the 657 ballots — 357 from LDP lawmakers and 300 divided among 1.4 million party members.

Mobilizing the LDP lawmakers is tricky because the party is divided into factions and think many people who back him don't expect him to do it right away. They like him because they lack faith in all other candidates," Yamamoto said.

The Asahi survey said Koizumi looked poised to take 60 percent of the lawmakers' votes and more than half of the party members. It didn't offer a breakdown for his three opponents in the LDP race, Takao Fujii, Shizuka Kamei and Masahiko Komura.

While anti-Koizumi sentiment remains, some members don't trust the party's decision to support the prime minister after party leader RX-9. In the meantime, firestorms, the report said. Others pointed to veteran

knigmaker and Koizumi critic.

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After struggling for more than a decade, Japan's gross domestic product grew 1 percent in the April-June quarter. Corporate profits and stock prices have been on the rise, with Tokyo's Nikkei stock index up 39 percent since sinking to a 20-year low in April. Banks have been able to reduce their loan losses, and stock prices have rebounded.

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In recent debates, Koizumi has said he wants to offer tax cuts to spark investment, and that pushing ahead with reforms like privatizing the postal and public highway corporations over the next few years would do more to help Japan's economy. Inflation concerns are growing, as are worries that Japan's economy could suffer if the Bush administration halt trade talks.

"This is the most difficult thing we ever try to do, to get people to change their habits," said Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson.

During a speech to party officials Monday, Fujii, a former transportation minister, said that only a fair vote would decide whether to re-elect Koizumi's reform-oriented government.

"Privatization, for example, has been a success. The government has the right to do something," Fujii said. "If the people want Koizumi, he will be re-elected. If they don't, we will be."
Critics see drug plan as illegal

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. Rod Blagojevich’s plan to explore buying state employees’ prescription drugs in Canada was met with opposition Monday as critics said such a move would be illegal and harmful to patients and businesses alike.

“It’s not a long-term solution,” said Michael Polzin, a spokesman for Illinois-based discount store chain Walgreen Co. “I think the efforts would be better put toward finding a permanent solution rather than a quick fix that is illegal.”

Americans seeking relief from high prescription drug prices have increasingly turned to Pharmacies in Canada, where prescription drugs are much cheaper because of a favorable exchange rate and government controls.

But federal law bars consumers from bringing foreign drugs into the United States, and the Food and Drug Administration warns that buying Canadian drugs presents “significant, potential health risks.”

Canadian health officials do not regulate drugs sold to Americans, including drugs manufactured elsewhere in the world and brought to Canada specifically to be exported. The FDA hopes to convince Blagojevich his idea is flawed. “Our concern can be summed up in a word—safety,” said spokesman Lawrence Bachik.

Businesses say the practice saps money from American companies, hurting small business and leaving pharmaceutical giants less money for research and development.

Blagojevich spokeswoman Abby Ottenhoff said the first-term Democrat is simply exploring the idea and has not reached any conclusions about its safety or legality. If he concludes that buying from Canada makes sense but is illegal, he probably would lobby Congress to approve pending legislation allowing the practice, she said.

Bob Karr, a vice president for the Illinois Retail Merchants Association, said if Illinois begins buying drugs in Canada, it could trigger an avalanche that sweeps business away from local pharmacies.

“That would clearly be the snowball. If you do it for the state employees, then what about everybody else?” Karr said.

No state has taken the step of using Canadian drugs in its prescription programs, although California officials have discussed the issue. The city of Springfield, Mass., recently began encouraging its employees to buy in Canada.

The Justice Department filed a lawsuit last week to shut down two companies that help senior citizens purchase cheaper prescription medicines in Canada.

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Since our founding, Americans have used historical events to draw inspiration or insight for current concerns. We, like all socialized communities, transform our triumphs and disasters into symbols.

The Revolutionary period exemplifies our traditions of independence and cooperation. When Sept. 11, 2001, a thinking of World War II, American resilience and determination comes to mind.

In our time, Sept. 11, 2001 has become one such occurrence. Although how it will be remembered is still being constructed by Americans today, the mere mention of this tragedy has the power to incite as much emotion as other events of years past. I vividly remember when I was in the first airplane crash into the first World Trade Center tower — on a bus headed downtown Chicago — and how I felt as the horrific events unfolded. America changed that day, and we all have a story.

Now, two years later, as individuals and a country we are trying to decide how best to remember Sept. 11 and extract some lesson to add our definition of what it means to be American.

Much of how Sept. 11 is and will be remembered depends on the words and deeds of George W. Bush. As President, we looked to him that day for guidance on how to proceed and feel. Looking at his actions since the terrorist attacks, I feel Bush has misused the memory of Sept. 11 in order to create the vessel of constitution and justify an extensive program for war.

In the aftermath of Sept. 11, the outpour of patriotism and nationwide concern showed the best of our citizens. George W. Bush and company dismantled that solidarity and replaced it with an exclusionary form of nationalism while increasing national anxiety. In a population already obsessed with violence, Bush created new fears of not only the terrorist, but also of the American. Anyone can be a terrorist, moreover, and Americans living peace fully became the easiest examples.

Color-coordinated alerts informed us how paranoid we should be each day. In Bush’s America, everyone is either a potential victim or perpetrator of terrorism.

As part of the war on terror, Bush imposed the most restrictive visa laws since Sept. 11 to launch an assault on the Constitution — the root of our freedoms. With the U.S.A. Patriot Act, passed days after the attacks, the Bush administration dismantled the most basic liberties guaranteed to Americans for centuries. The act grants the FBI access to library, student and medical records without a warrant or probable cause, lesson oversight of the judicial branch in terrorist investigations and broadly defines a terrorist.

Group to be any body of people acting to influence government policy.

Patriot II, an extension of Patriot I that currently proposes the creation of a DNA database of deceased terrorists, gives local police the go-ahead to spy on political and religious organizations and threatens loss of citizenship to Americans considered danger to homeland security.

With such malleable definitions of domestic terrorism and invasive practices, concerned citizens are either driving around our streets or organizing privately to question U.S. policy become enemies of the state.

Patriot I and II violate Amendments 1, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 14 and turn undetermined people engaged in one of our nation’s most valuable pastimes.

Throughout history, protesters have brought about the greatest national changes, including female suffrage, civil rights for African Americans and increased environmental awareness. To suppress such individuals is completely against our goal of preserving the United States as a beacon of freedom and opportunity.

Perhaps the greatest license Bush has taken with Sept. 11 is his declaration of an unbounded and unpacifistic war on terror. In order to prevent future attacks, the United States had to dismantle all of our possible enemies, a philosophy that mounting civil and international casualties. Using a need for justice as vindication for violence is nothing new. In inflicted pain on another is the most primitive and illogical form of punishment.

Bush’s combination of secrecy, urgency and repressive has entrenched our soldiers and tax dollars in an ambiguous conflict which has alienated America from other nations and many of its citizens.

George W. Bush’s rhetoric of tragic heroism has obviously proved cancerous to American democracy and international stability. We must reclaim the memory of Sept. 11 immediately with a new program of homeland stewardship.

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An argument about arguing

Welcome back. Last episode we discussed Oxford: its history as a university and as a town. Now, if you remember, I am not leaving for England until Oct 4, which leaves me a little lee-way for the topic of this week. Let us talk about the logical structure of a Viewpoint article. Why am I picking such a boring topic? Who cares about the structure of the "sea of greens"? If you can’t tell, then you’re guilty of arguing with someone for 10 or 20 minutes before we finally realized that we were using the same word to mean two different things.

State your assumptions. If you are arguing about abortion, first state whether you believe in God. If so, do you believe that human life is sacred? If so, do you believe that quickening occurs at the point of conception? When arguing, you must always respect the sensibilities of the reader. If the reader is an atheist, then you cannot begin your argument by quoting the Bible. I am not saying to ignore God in your arguments, but you should be aware that there are two people share the exact same set of beliefs (with the exception of us Notre Dame students). Thus, it is often good to have a few assumptions as a guide for what you are arguing for, capital punishment, and that your claim is that murderers have forfeited their right to life by their heinous actions. This argument presupposes that people are able to forfeit their right to life. But as the Declaration of Independence states, "They are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life." According to Webster, unalienable means "incapable of being alienated, surrendered," thus I might not agree that the right to life is a right that can be forfeited to the government of that country. In Somalia, for example, one of the United Nations, along with the U.N., tried to aid the people of Somalia by delivering food and medical aid. The leadership of Somalia refused to allow the U.S. to do this and captured the shipments.

Is it America’s fault? We try to feed hungry people in many countries throughout the world, including Somalia. Many people would consider this to be the right thing to do, except for the despotic leaders of these countries and BJ Strew. Strew blames the United States for pushing down agricultural prices in these countries where we provide food shipments to them. What are we supposed to do? Should we simply say, "I'm sorry, you can't eat today because it will all end in vain."

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In his columns in Monday's Observer, BJ Strew attempts to place the blame for the problems that Third World countries face on the shoulders of the United States. He says that Third World countries are victims of the world, not the United States. Is it possible that we are not the cause of every problem that the world faces? Could a country's own issues, whether economic or not, be their fault? The United States has tried, in many cases, to provide aid to these countries, almost exclusively has this plan been thwarted by the government of that country. In Somalia, for example, the United States, along with the U.N., tried to aid the people of Somalia by delivering food and medical aid. The leadership of Somalia refused to allow the U.S. to do this and captured the shipments. How is this America's fault? We try to feed hungry people in many countries throughout the world, including Somalia. Many people would consider this to be the right thing to do, except for the despotic leaders of these countries and BJ Strew. Strew blames the United States for pushing down agricultural prices in these countries where we provide food shipments to them. What are we supposed to do? Should we simply say, "I'm sorry, you can't eat today because it will all end in vain."

Support football team unconditionally

In yesterday’s Irish Insider, the sport editors have done the most damage to the outcome of the Michigan game. They seem to have fallen apart by degrading the football team through their reviews, it would make the Irish propel through the season, back to top 10. Think again. A 6-8 overall on the report card, 3 out of 3 strengths are negative and overly depressing statistics. Give me a break. I could have found all of these statistics at ESPN and Sports Illustrated fresh on Sunday morning.

Worse yet, the critiques do not even have a shred of a slam on the freshman quarterback. How will the rest of the freshman players interpret this? They might think of the future of the program. Students at Notre Dame have never talked about the "bubble" — how it affords them the opportunity to grow in a comfortable not with their own pace. What happened to the "bubble"? We, as fans and sports editors, have to play our role well. We, each shed $15 to successfully assemble the "Sea of Greens." We each paid $144 for a season ticket. We got sore throats from shouting at the women, and going to any means necessary to protect our "Sea of Greens." But when we quickly back at failures, it will all end in vain.

Those of you who attended the Gator Bowl earlier this year: we must remember how our team just quietly retreated into the locker room following the loss. They did come back out a minute or two later to salute the student section. "Did they forget the tradition?" Or did they just know our conditional support all too well?"

"Football is a physical sport, but those players are still humans. Let us not so aggressively project our inability onto our team. Let us show our team a steady support, especially at times like this. After all, we are still ND at the end of the day."
'Cabin Fever' proves to be transparent

By JOHN LOWE
Scene Movie Critic

Unfortunately, a slicky drifter, who shows up on the group's front porch, interrupts their planned debauchery. Some rare, mysterious disease, which is never named, has nearly eaten all of this drifter's flesh. The door, of course, is quickly shut in his face but it is too late — one of the teenagers has already been infected and, one by one, they all begin to infect each other.

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The make-up artists create surprising—

real flesh-eating bacteria faades for the actors, especially considering the movie was made with such a low budget. I defy anyone who saw the movie to tell me that he or she didn't get nauseous at least once.

However, the majority of the cast are the only ones who should receive any accolades for this train wreck of a movie. It looks as though the film Giant, starring Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez, might have some competition for worst of the year.

Cabin Fever will leave you feeling the same way you did after seeing The Blair Witch Project: disappointed, violated and annoyed.

The plot is transparent, the dialogue is contrived and a majority of the characters are so unlikeable you don't really care who makes it out in the end. It is insulting for the creators of this move to think that the youth of today would actually enjoy a movie like this.

But more and more, this is the trend for Hollywood — the mass production of mediocre films that give little respect to the audience. Could this mean the end of Hollywood or is this just a slump?

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Spade disappoints as a screenwriter in latest venture

By STEPHANIE CHAMBERS
Scene Movie Critic

The movie E! True Hollywood Story of Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star is a satire which attempts to capture the mer television commercial glory days, forcing Paul to step out of himself and his usual methods of acting.

He auditions for a role that requires the acting ability needed. But to Roberts' dismaly, he fails to meet the acting ability needed.

After this disappointment, Roberts makes this his mission and will go to any length in order to become the character Reiner desires to fill the role.

Dickie Roberts never experienced the emotions of a normal child, particularly in reference to receiving Christmas gifts like that of a beautiful, shiny red bike. He resolves to prove Reiner's suspicions wrong by correcting his unstable acting capability.

The Trace family is Roberts' cure to his acting woes. Roberts pays the Trace family more than $20,000 to move in and glean the interactions of a normal family, in which he never encountered.

The children, Sam and Sally, give Roberts pointers on how to speak and deal with parents. In return, Roberts offers tips to Sam on how to talk to girls and teaches Sally the moves necessary to gain a spot on the pom-pom squad. The children's mother, Grace, is amazed with Roberts' helpfulness to the family and rewards him with the bike he never dreamt he would win.

The question you may pose now is whether Roberts' efforts in learning to be a normal child helped him in obtaining the role for his desired film. My answer is: Who cares? The ill-plotted movie is not worth the time or the money. The main focus of the movie — Roberts trying to be a normal child — is almost lost in him proving he's not a loser.

The one hour and 39-minute, slow-moving film is rated PG-13 for a reason. Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star certainly caught the attention of the cackling 11- and 15-year-olds sitting by my side. As I recall, the theater was primarily filled with young, middle-school-aged youths.

As for the more mature crowd, their faces lacked any form of expression. The scant chuckles, including mine, proved the failure of the plot, written by David Spade.

The only accomplishment in making of the film is David Spade's urge to produce something fun for himself. I would rather watch a rerun of Michael Jackson's abnormal childhood stories than this theatrical failure. Dickie Roberts, former film writer, ought to think twice before again wasting hours in an effort to write scripts.

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Cage shines in fresh, quirky film

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA

There is a scene in Matchstick Men where Roy, the epitome of a neat freak, is explaining to his psychiatrist that he spent last Tuesday watching dust fibers settle on his carpet and worrying that he might vomit because of this. That got Roy to thinking that he should just blow his brains out and end it all. But, thinking more about the matter, he started worrying about what that would do to his "darn carpet." And according to Roy, that was a good day.

Watching Nicolas Cage bring life to Roy in scenes like these is delightful. He carefully balances the neuroses that plague Roy with the other side of the man—the poised, cunning and experienced con man whose obsession with perfection translates to flawlessness of his scams. This balance makes the performance that much more believable and memorable.

Every twitch of an eyelid and spasm of a muscle that Roy exhibits is amusing. Cage has proven himself again to be one of Hollywood's most versatile actors, easily handling this complicated comedic role with the same success that has made him a big-budget action star. If you've seen Desperado, you pretty much know what you're getting for yourself.

What makes this movie equally entertaining, if not more so than the original, is the added humor, driven mostly by Sands and his sly remarks, Dep's in his normal fashion, once again brings an eccentric character to life in a way that only he can. Slightly crude, and not exactly politically correct, he feeds us a bevy of one-liners that are both neurotic, obsessive-compulsive con artist who is a wily veteran at the precise art of confidence scams. Backed by his ambitious protégé, Frank (Sam Rockwell), Roy is on the verge of pulling off a lucrative scam when the unexpected arrival of Roy's estranged teenage daughter, Angela (Alison Lohman), disrupts his carefully ordered life and jeopardizes his high-risk swindle.

There's a lot of violence, the movie is probably not meant for those who tend to cry at the sight of blood. But then again, if you've seen Desperado, you probably knew that enough. So, you're not going to cry for the character's awkward behavior. While Cage's performance overshines those of his fellow actors at times, both Sam Rockwell and Alison Lohman also impress in their respective roles. Rockwell, who is an easy-going but very adept con man, provides a much-needed contrast to Roy's uber-type personality. Lohman, who is almost 25 years old in real life, does a wonderful job in conveying the wide-eyed fascination of a 14-year-old with her father's questionable trade.

If Matchstick Men could be summed up in one word, it would probably be "quirky." Every aspect of the film gels impressively, from the outstanding direction of Ridley Scott and the offbeat score composed by Hays Zimmer, down to the very plot and characters, which break the mold set by previous crime capers. The ending seems forced at first, until you consider that it fits perfectly with the type of film that it resolves—a quirky one. Ultimately, the film concentrates on the characters rather than the scam, which is a pleasant change that, given the obvious talents of the cast, translates impressively to the silver screen.

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Added humor of Depp drives sequel to success

By MELANIE RATCHFORD

He's a myth. He's a legend. He's the guitar-carrying, gun-slinging El Mariachi in Robert Rodriguez's Once Upon a Time in Mexico.

The concluding tale in the trilogy of the legendary folk hero El Mariachi, which stars Antonio Banderas as El Mariachi, Salma Hayek as Carolina and Johnny Depp as Agent Sands, is more stylish than its predecessors and also offers more features than the legendary folk hero El Mariachi, who, in true hero form, brings an eccentric character to life in a way that only he can. Slightly crude, and not exactly politically correct, he feeds us a bevy of one-liners that are both neurotic and much funnier.

If you hated the first movie, don't bother with this one. If you're looking for two hours of good old fight sequence action and entertainment, you might want to check it out. But then again, if you've seen Desperado at all, you're likely to be a fan of Once Upon A Time in Mexico, enjoying it just as much, if not more. It has a similar feel only it is much more consistently violent and much funnier. If you hated the first movie, don't bother with this one. If you've never seen Desperado but like the genre, give it a try. I wouldn't ask for my money back. You may want to see the original, but this sequel makes this sequel a little easier to follow.

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Lopez goes over 100 RBIs, leads Braves past Expos

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Jayso Lopez and the Atlanta Braves want to put a strong finish on another great regular season.

The Braves already reached 100 RBIs for the second time in his career as Atlanta reduced its magic number to clinching a record 10th straight division title to three with a 10-6 victory over the Montreal Expos on Monday night.

Robert Fick hit his first homer in six weeks and Horacio Ramirez won his third straight decision for Atlanta, which gets its major league-leading 94th win and moved 10 games ahead of Florida in the N.L. East.

Ramirez allowed seven hits and two runs in seven innings. Henderson allowed seven runs — six earned — and five hits in 3 2/3 innings.

Montreal's Brian Schneider hit for Atlanta, his first career pinch hit, in the ninth inning.

Chicago 4, New York 0

The thought of the playoffs is enough to make even the worst of the Chicago Cubs' aches and pains go away.

Clement was dazzled despite pitching with a strained groin, as he went the distance with his 13th victory this Monday night as the Cubs gained ground on the NL East leading San Diego with a 4-1 victory over the New York Mets.

The victory backed Chicago starting pitcher Carlos Zambrano, who allowed Chicago 1 1/2 frames of first-place Houston, which was idle.

Clement (13-11) has been bothered by a strained groin since his Sept. 3 start, when he got hit in the calf and then had to run the bases. He had to leave his previous start in the sixth inning despite having a no-hitter and a 4-0 lead.

Though he's been improving with daily treatment, he still isn't 100 percent. But he sure didn't look that way against the Mets.

New York managed just three infield singles against Clement in four frames, including one run in the sixth inning, and the only run he allowed was unearned. He struck out five and walked two.

"He did what they hoped he would do," Mets manager Art Howe said. "He came out and shut us down."

Joe Borowsky pitched a perfect ninth for his 29th save in 33 chances.

St. Louis 11, Milwaukee 2

Brett Tomko walked out of the first three innings, then lasted 2 2/3 innings and drove in three runs as the Cardinals snapped a four-game losing streak with an 11-2 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Monday night.

Tomko went 2-6 for 4, including a two-run single in the second. The Cardinals moved within five games of the Los Angeles Dodgers in the National League Central.

"I've never over till it's over," Tomko said. "We've just seen enough to make even the worst of the Cubs' aches and pains go away."

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Yankees pound Orioles after rain delay

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — When the tarp was spread on the field amid a driving rain, the New York Yankees were locked in a tight duel with the Baltimore Orioles.

When the rain stopped, the rout was on.

Allison Soriano went 4-for-5 with two home runs, and Aaron Boone added a solo shot to help the Yankees to a 13-1 victory Monday night.

Soriano set the tone by driving in the first pitch of the game into the left-field seats, and New York took control by scoring five runs in a span of five pitches against Rodrigo Lopez (10-7) during a six-run fourth.

Jason Giambi led off the fourth with his 39th homer, and an out, rain caused a 49-minute delay.

After play resumed, Ruben Sierra took a pitch and then singled. Boone hit the next offering far over the left-field wall, a three-run shot that made it 5-1. Karim Garcia singled on the next pitch, and Soriano hit the following pitch into the left-field seats.

"I don't think I ever remember a game with an hour rain delay — or 40-some minutes, whatever it was — and then in five minutes it was almost more runs," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

"He likes to throw strikes," Lopez said of Palmeiro. "We see a strike, we're going to swing at it." Lopez got the first two outs, but did not return for the fifth inning.

"He was loose, he had plenty of time to get ready," Orioles manager Mike Hargrove said. "He just made some bad pitches and we were able to take advantage of it." After the game, Lopez received a lecture from Orioles pitching coach Mark Wiley and catcher Brook Fordyce in the middle of the clubhouse.

Texas 6, Seattle 4

Seattle manager Bob Melvin did not want Texas slugger Rafael Palmeiro to beat him. Instead, Mark Teixeira did the job.

Texas and Seattle home-ruled as the Texas Rangers ended a five-game losing streak and dropped Seattle further back in the AL wild-card race, beating the Mariners 6-4 Monday night.

The Mariners fell 1 1/2 games behind Boston, which beat Tampa Bay 8-2, for the wild card.

The game started the day 3 1/2 games behind Oakland, which played Anaheim, in the AL West.

"I don't know how Seattle is trying to make the playoffs," Teixeira said. "We're trying to win games just like they are, so it's kind of the same thing."

Teixeira, who tied a career-high with four RBIs, capped a four-run sixth inning with a three-run shot that gave the Rangers a 6-4 lead. His 23rd home run of the season came two batters after the Mariners intentionally walked Palmeiro.

Palmeiro has hit nine home runs against Seattle this season. Laynce Nix had an RBI single before Teixeira's shot.

"I didn't want to mess with Palmeiro out there again," Melvin said. "If I had it to do over, I'd do it the same way."
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Women's soccer league decides to call it quits

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The cash-strapped WUSA called it quits Monday just five days before the Women's World Cup, bringing at an abrupt end to a soccer league built on the success of the 1999 tournament.

The decision was made by the league's board of governors at a meeting in New Orleans.

The eight-team WUSA was filled with the world's best female players, including U.S. stars Mia Hamm, Brandi Chastain and Julie Foudy. Chastain provided the signature moment in the '99 tournament when she ripped off her shirt after scoring the championship-winning goal against China.

But the attention the Women's World Cup received faded over the years, leaving the WUSA floundering. TV ratings were almost nonexistent and the league had trouble finding fans who weren't under 18 and play on a soccer team. Average attendance slipped from more than 8,000 the first season to about 6,700 a game last season.

"This is a sad day for women's soccer and women's sports," Foudy said.

The WUSA hoped another title last month would bring in last-minute corporate sponsorships to save the league, but that hasn't happened, said John Hendricks, chairman of the WUSA board of governors.

Hendricks blamed weak corporate support for the league's failure.

"I was intoxicated by what I witnessed in 1999, and I mistakenly believed that level of support would flow over into the league," Hendricks said. "However, our owners have invested more than $100 million into this league and some of the top players took pay cuts this season to help keep it afloat. Even after cutting costs, the league was about $16 million in the red."

Hendricks said the league needed eight sponsors to spend $2.5 million each per year. The WUSA recruited only two sponsors willing to spend that much, Hyundai and Johnson & Johnson.

"If we only had six or seven CEOs in America that had stepped forward in the past year," Hendricks said. "An independent women's professional league can survive — if it has corporate support."

The league conceded the timing of the announcement was awkward but said the WUSA had to consider all its employees and players who aren't in the World Cup.

"We couldn't keep the doors open even another 24 hours without jeopardizing a decent and fair severance package for our employees," Hendricks said.

Foudy said the announcement will be a distraction to players on the U.S. national team. Every member of the 1999 World Cup champions was a WUSA founding player.

"Yeah, I wish we had the opportunity to not have this distraction," she said from Charlottesville, Va., where the U.S. team is training for its opener Sunday in Washington. "That's true for all the WUSA players in the World Cup."

"But we are not just going to give up, even though the odds are stacked against us. We will still hold out the possibility of reviving this."

The league employed 375 people, including players, and had franchises in Boston, Atlanta, San Diego, Washington, New York, San Jose, North Carolina and Philadelphia. The Washington Freedom won the title last month.

The Women's World Cup begins in Philadelphia, and the U.S. team opens the next day against Sweden in Washington, D.C. Fifty-six WUSA players are to compete, representing 11 of 16 countries in the tournament.

"The impact of the WUSA on women's sports and millions of fans has been extraordinary," said Foudy, captain of the San Diego Spirit and U.S. team, and a member of the WUSA board of governors.

"The players remain hopeful that more sponsors will recognize the value of associating their brands and products with the wholesomeness of the WUSA," added Hamm, the sport's biggest star and career scoring leader. "Major sponsors committed to bringing back world class women's soccer could enable a successor league to launch in 2005 or perhaps even earlier."

The WUSA will not dissolve entirely until next spring, Hendricks said.

"There is a glimmer of hope that a few months down the road the phone will ring from a deep-pocket sponsor," Hendricks said.

The folding of the WUSA leaves Major League Soccer as the sport's only top-level professional league in the United States.

"Although we are disappointed by today's action, we believe this decision has no impact on the future viability of the sport of soccer in the United States," MLS commissioner Don Garber said. "Major League Soccer continues to be encouraged and excited about the explosion of youth participation in the sport, as well as the Hispanic and international opportunities which present themselves daily. We continue to bring new stadiums, developing players and expanding our footprint across the United States."

Courage teammates Hege Riise, Danielle Fotopoulou and Birgit Prinz embrace at midfield after defeating the Freedom 3-2 in the WUSA title game last month. The WUSA called it quits Monday after losing over $16 million.
PGA

Singh holds on to win rain-delayed tourney

Associated Press

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Singh collected $630,000 for his four-shot win at the rain-delayed John Deere Classic on Monday, moving him ahead of Davis Love III on this year's tour earnings list.

"My goal is to really be able to win the money list just once before I finish. This will probably be the best opportunity I get," said Singh, who now has collected $5.7 million and a career-high three wins this year.

With three more PGA Tour events on his schedule this year, Singh likes his chances.

"If I can win one more time, I think I've got it sealed," said Singh, who also moved past Phil Mickelson for third place on the career money list with nearly $24 million in 11 years on the tour.

Singh closed with a 6-under-par 65 for a total of 16-under 268. He had six birdies in a bogey-free final round that was held over a day after darkness suspended play Sunday night.

Chris Riley (71), J.L. Lewis (71) and Jonathan Byrd (68) shared second at 12-under 272.

Riley said Singh is tough to catch when he has the lead in the final round.

"He's in the Tiger Woods, Davis Love, Mike Weir, their class. I'm trying to get to there," said Riley, who now has six top-10 finishes this year.

Byrd said consistency is the key to Singh's game, especially with his short irons.

"He's hitting it [within] 15, 20, 10 feet all day. You do that for enough holes, you're going to make something," Byrd said.

Singh also is being mentioned as player of the year.

"I can control the money list. I cannot control the player of the year," he said.

Singh started play Monday at 12 under, tied with Lewis, who posted his lone career win at the Deere Classic in 1999.

The pair resumed their final round Monday on No. 6, and Singh began to pull away after he birdied No. 8 and Lewis followed with a bogey on No. 9.

Lewis, who used only 50 putts when he shot consecutive 6-under 65s in the first two rounds, struggled on the green over the weekend.

"I didn't feel nervous but I played like I was so I must have been," said Lewis, who shot even par the last two rounds.

Paul Stankowski, in his third PGA Tour event since returning from wrist surgery, tied for fifth at 11 under with Hidemichi Tanaka and Kevin Sutherland.

The Deere Classic drew its best field after being moved back from its usual tee off in July. However, the tournament was plagued by a Saturday downpour that postponed the third round and pushed play into Monday.

It was the first PGA Tour event to extend into Monday since the FBR Capital Open in June. However, 22 of 39 tournaments this year have had some kind of weather delay.

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Bulger named starter for Rams game Sunday

Decision is set for at least this week's contest

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Kurt Warner's two MVP awards were of no use to him Monday. Marc Bulger was named starting quarterback of the St. Louis Rams.

Coach Mike Martz made his choice a day after Bulger's strong play in the second half of the Rams' 27-24 overtime victory over the San Francisco 49ers.

Martz emphasized his decision wasn't necessar­ily for the long turn.

"Marc Bulger will be our quarterback this week," Martz said. "Where that goes, who knows? How long that is, let's not worry about it."

Martz's decision apparently had nothing to do with Warner's health.

Warner sustained a concussion in the first half of the opening 24-13 loss to the Giants, but has not missed any practice and ran the scout team last week.

"What I based this decision on was a lot of things, and those are things I'll keep to myself," Martz said. "I think it's better left that way."

Instead, Martz said he made the decision in the "best interests" of the team. The overriding factor: Bulger moved the team.

"That's why he's in the saddle right now," Martz said.

Bulger lost two fumbles in the first half Sunday, but was 12-for-17 for 155 yards the rest of the way.

"I got into a little bit of a rhythm," Bulger said. "Once halftime came, I was able to sit there and say I'm not playing that bad, don't do anything stupid, protect the ball and regroup. It worked this time."

Martz said Bulger improved as the game went on.

"Had he not gotten better every quarter, I'm not sure I'm standing here and saying this is our decision," Martz said. "But he did. The fourth quarter I thought was exceptional, so we're going to pick it up from there and see where it goes."

Bulger, who finished 25-for-36 for 236 yards and two touchdowns, is 7-1 as the starter for the Rams the last two seasons. Warner is 0-7 in that same span and had six fumbles in the opener.

Martz said he hadn't been able to talk to Warner about his decision.

"Players had the day off Monday," Martz said he felt a "tremendous" sense of loyalty to Warner, who led the Rams to two Super Bowls in a three-year span from 1999-2001 and helped them win a championship after the '99 season. He expects Warner to be ready whenever the team called upon him.

"Kurt is not a has-been," Martz said.

On Sunday, Martz said Warner relayed in plays from the sideline without complaint.

"You can't handle it better than the way Kurt handled it," Martz said. "He handled it like a pro, and you know he's dying inside. He has to be."

The Rams paid Warner a $6 million roster bonus in February after the parties were unable to agree on a restructuring of his contract. But Martz said he has full support of the Rams' front office.

"This is a very important decision, and I can't imagine a better situation for a head coach," Martz said. "They're very supportive of the decision."

Rams players also are behind Bulger.

"We have all the confidence in the world in Marc Bulger," offensive tackle Kyle Turley said. "He definitely played an excellent game. I've got a lot of respect for that kid."

Offensive guard Andy McCollum said Bulger acts like a seasoned veteran instead of a sixth-round draft pick who was an unknown backup before getting his shot last year.

"Marc's the man out there," McCollum said. "He's doing a great job out there running the show."

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Tennis stars Venus (left) and Serena Williams (center) with their grandmother Ora Lee Price, mother Oracene and sister Yetunde Price (right) in Florida. Yetunde, the oldest sister of Venus and Serena, was shot dead early on Sept. 14.

Suspect arrested in Williams shooting

IN BRIEF

Jurevicius out after collision

Tampa Bay receiver Joe Jurevicius tore a ligament in his right knee during a loss to the Carolina Panthers and will be sidelined four-to-six weeks.

The injury to the medial collateral ligament will not require surgery.

Jurevicius was hurt in a collision with Bucs fullback Mike Alstott during Tampa Bay's 12-9 overtime loss Sunday.

Jurevicius had four receptions for 31 yards against Carolina and will be sidelined four-to-six weeks. The injury occurred Saturday in Compton.

"There's a bone bruise on the knee, too," he added, before outlining his recovery plans. "Rest, rest and rest." The injury occurred Saturday in Toronto, where Mora awkwardly landed against the right-field wall at Skydome. He had to be taken from the field on a cart.

The fact that he won't need surgery is of little consolation to Mora, whose career year was interrupted by injuries.

With Mora out, the Orioles purchased the contract of outfilder Pedro Swann from Triple-A Ottawa. Designated hitter David Segui, recovering from wrist surgery, was transferred to the 60-day disabled list to open a spot on the 40-man roster.

Swann, selected Ottawa's MVP after hitting .280 with 10 homers and 53 RBIs, missed the Sunday phone call from Darrell "Doc" Rodgers, the Orioles' director of minor league operations.

A resident of Newcastle, Del., an hour northeast of Baltimore, Swann routinely turns off his cell phone during NFL games. When he checked his voice mail after flipping between the first halves of two games, Swann found messages from his agent and Rogers.

"I definitely want to make an impression," Swann said.

Hargrove views Swann, who has brief stints with the Bombers and the Angels, as an extra outfielder and a left-handed bat off the bench.

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Eighteen out of the 30 teams in the NCAAW Women's Soccer Poll are from the Southeastern Conference. The Florida Gators and Florida State Seminoles are both ranked third in the nation and are tied for the top spot in the SEC.

"We have to be ready," said Florida forward Abby VanKuiken. "Florida is the best team in the country. It's going to be a battle, but I think we have the ability to compete with them."
Serves in the three games. Julie Schroeder-Biek said many of the Maroons at 28 points and our players lost the momentum of their team out and only dressed score of 30-19, 32-30, 30-28.

It was very good to good back into the swing of things,” Naasahl said. “We have come a long way since our first practice and everyone is confident on our chances coming in.”

The four-year-starter at quarterback also made credit to the work of the team’s defense. “They were the key to this game,” Naasahl said.

It was a physical ballgame, there were some foul penalties for excessive tackling and blocking. The excessive tackle was especially crucial. It came on a quarterback keeper by Naasahl around right end and resulted in Lewis converting a key third down.

Badin captain Lindsay Wind was not pleased. “I was disappointed today about some of the calls,” Wind said. However, she was also upbeat about her team’s play. “This game was a litmus test for the season. We are a very fast team and our quarterback’s arms are fantastic,” Wind said.

The senior center said that she was looking forward to Badin’s game against Lyons next Thursday. “We will see them in the playoffs,” she added.

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By MIKE GILLOON and DAN TAPETILLO Sport Writers

If Sunday’s game between Badin and Lewis was any indication, the skills of two of women’s interhall football that is going to be played this year, fans are in for a treat. The Chickens defeated the Bullfrogs 8-6 in a defensive battle on a cool, cloudy afternoon.

Lewis was led by senior quarterback Erin Naasahl. The scrambler with a rocket arm connected on a 28-yard touchdown pass and the ensuing two-point conversion midway through the first half to put the Chick up 8-0. Badin took over and promptly went three and out against a stingy Lewis defensive secondary that kept the scoring away from the Badin receivers.

But the Bullfrogs were not about to croak. After a key fourth-down stand by their defense, Naasahl took over on their own 25-yard-line. With time running down in the first half, the Bullfrogs completed a couple of big passes to move the football deep into Chick territory. However, they couldn’t punch the ball across the goal line and the score remained 8-0 at halftime.

The beginning of the second half was marked by mistakes as Badin threw an interception on their second play from scrimmage. Lewis took over and immediately gave the ball right back to the Bullfrogs when Naasahl threw her first interception of the day.

Both teams’ defenses stalled on their ensuing drives as the defenses controlled the game. Lewis was in position to punt with about seven minutes remaining. After a long Bullfrog return, Badin only needed a couple of passes to score their first touchdown of the season. But Lewis’ defense didn’t relent on the two-point conversion attempt.

Saint Mary’s had missed serves in the three games. It was until not players like libero Michelle Gray, who was chatted the stabilized offense that Saint Mary’s was able to hold the Maroons at 28 points and eventually come back to win 32-30.

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goals and added an assist in Notre Dame's 5-0 winning of Western Kentucky. In starting all six games so far for the Irish, Schefter ranks second on the team in assists with four, while scoring three goals.

"It was really hard for me," said Schefter of not being able to play last year. "I had never been hurt before in my life. Moving out in South Bend and watching my team struggle and not being to help out was really hard on me. It was definitely a learning experience. I didn't realize how happy playing soccer made me before I was hurt."

"She really has a composure and experience level above what we've had," said Irish coach Randy Waldrum. "She adds some goal scoring dimension out of the midfield — more than what we've had in the past. She's really part of the core of the team, even though she's a freshman with regard to experience. I didn't realize how happy playing soccer made me before I was hurt."

"I loved the team and it just felt right. I'm really excited to get to go play Stanford and Santa Clara," said Schefter. "We need to go out and have fun and play as good as we can."

Scherter came to Notre Dame very highly regarded after her work with the Under-19 National Team and a strong high school career at West Valley High School in Yakima, Wash. The Gatorade Player of the Year in Washington after scoring 47 goals and 25 assists as a senior, Schefter was also named to the NSCAA and Parade All-American Teams.

"My junior and senior year I traveled a lot with the U-19 National Team, pretty much every month," said Schefter. "I got a lot of experience in a lot of places and am so thankful that I got that opportunity. It made the transition to college soccer easier, but college soccer is a transition even from the national team, regional thing or really any team. College is so fast and physical that you really have to get used to it. You can't describe it until you step out on the field."

"Her preparation and training with the U-19 Team really brought her game to a higher level," Waldrum said. "She should only get better as her experience grows, and once she gets fully back by adding more strength and quickness."

"The team is completely different this year," Schefter said. "The team just has a new attitude, the team chemistry is completely different. Last year, moods were down and people were hurt. No one was really enthused about playing, but this year everyone is really excited and can't wait to go out and help out and having fun.

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Schefter did make the best of her time on the sidelines. Her 3.67 GPA makes her a potential future Academic All-American. She also became better prepared for the demands of playing a full season of college soccer.

"I have a year of college behind me and I know the academic demands of Notre Dame and traveling," said Schefter. "I got to spend a year in the program and training schedule before ever playing a real game. I think this helped me, rather than trying to make a huge transition coming in my freshman year."
McGlinn, Breen-Phillips start off season with victories

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Good things come to those who wait. Such was the case for McGlinn Sunday as they took a thrilling 24-12 victory over Lyons on the strength of a late fourth quarter touchdown drive.

While the Shamrocks were undoubtedly pleased with the game's result, the contest began on a rather ominous note for McGlinn. Lyons defensive back Juliet Hobbs picked off McGlinn quarterback Bridget Meacham on the game's first play, setting up a prime scoring chance for the Lions. However, they were unable to take advantage of the turnover as senior quarterback Roxie Trevino's pass fell incomplete on fourth and goal from the nine.

"We've only been practicing for three days and a lot of the offensive linemen are inexperienced," Trevino said in explanation of McGlinn's relentless pass rush that recorded three sacks and forced several errant throws. The failed first-half opportunites continued to mount for Lyons as they were unable to capitalize on a pair of interceptions by senior defensive back Becky Wynne. Following yet another squandered red zone trip by Lyons to begin the second half, McGlinn used a crucial sack by senior Sarah Blake on a Lyons fourth down at midfield as the momentum — swinging catalyst that sparked the game-winning drive.

After three consecutive completions, a short punt and a dropped pass, the Shamrocks faced third and goal from the 13. Dropping back, Meacham found sophomore receiver Raquel Ferrer down the right sideline for a 14-yard gain with 2:40 left. Following a timeout, Meacham once again hit Ferrer on a curl just inside the goal line to break the scoreless tie.

"We wanted to hit one of the girls running the out route," Ferrer said. "I was just trying to beat the defender and score; when I saw Bridget looking at me, I knew it was coming.

"We have to work on our offense a little, but defense was super strong," Ferrer said. "We got some of the first game jitters out of the way and we're ready to take it to PE.

While the last second score predictably demoralized Lyons, Trevino is confident better results are in store against Badin on Thursday.

"It's just a matter of getting our timing," Trevino said. "We should be 110 percent better by next week.

Breen Phillips 24, Pangborn 12

Even through a torrential rainstorm on Sunday afternoon at the West Quad athletic fields, it was easy to see that McGlinn would be a force to be reckoned with in the coming season as they raced past Pangborn 24-12.

The game got off to a roaring start as Pangborn took the opening possession and ran a double pass as the first play of the season. As the Breen-Phillips defense reacted to the first pass behind the line of scrimmage, the ball sailed over their heads and the Breen-Phillips defense recovered and forced a Pangborn turnover on downs, to get the ball to their offense, led by quarterback Traci Kazmerski. Pangborn's defense came out strong by sacking Kazmerski twice on the opening possession and forcing a 3rd and 23 while shifting the momentum to the Pangborn side.

It was on that play that Breen-Phillips seized control and never looked back. As the Breen-Phillips sideline said, "We never punt!" Kazmerski was forced at the goal line to break the Pangborn defense in a 45-yard touchdown pass to make the score 6-0 in favor of the Bubes after a failed conversion attempt.

"It was just a fly pattern and I got behind the coverage and just ran it," Johnson said after the game.

The Breen-Phillips defense made an interception and we have some great athletes in that class. We have a lot to build on."

Katie Murray Pangborn captain

"We are 75-90 percent freshmen, but we have some great athletes on the team, we have some great athletes in that class. We have a lot to build on for the rest of the season.

"We just need to get in some more practices and gain some experience," Murray said. "We are 75-90 percent freshmen, but we have some great athletes.

Although Pangborn will undoubtedly improve as the season goes on, Sunday Breen-Phillips announced themselves as a contender in the Blue League.

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Optimism runs high as Farley squares off with BP

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Sports Writers

All teams must face the inevitability of rebuilding at some point. This is routine but it's surprising to see two teams so energized by their newcomers.

Tonight at 7 p.m., the women of Farley and Breen-Phillips will put their young teams to the test.

Breen-Phillips looks strong coming off a 24-12 victory last Sunday against Pangborn. Hoping to repeat last year's success that brought them to the semi-finals, Breen-Phillips will look to improve their defense and rely on their quarter-back and wide receivers.

Team captain Katie Sprinz noted that while the team had lost key players from last year, they have been bolstered by the spirit of the incoming freshmen.

After a disappointing season last year, Farley is also optimistic about their chances this season.

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Angeline Zehrbach
Farley captain

likely become apparent as well.

This game between two young teams with defensive strongholds, dedication to time on the practice field and an eye on the prize promises to be an interesting meeting.

Despite being a member of Notre Dame's newest crop of players, this year's team has been strengthened by the return of our starters from last year. Pangborn is also under great leadership, described her squad as being confident in the defense and taking over touch from their quarter-back.

"We definitely are looking to the stadium, and while knowing there is no guarantee, it is definitely doable."

Katie Sprinz
Pangborn's captain

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"They don't quite realize the intensity yet, so it's up to the older players to let them know what it is to ... want to taste victory," said Sprinz.

The Wild Women have yet to test the mettle of their '03 team. Their strength is certainly in the potential of their younger players.

"We have a really strong freshman class this year, but we're still waiting to figure out who the standout players will be."

Walsh looks to a tough defensive line as the backbone of their tight. Contributing to a developing offense is the decision-making of sophomore quarterback Melissa Sands, who takes over because last year's quarter-back is studying abroad.

Gannon also highlighted her team's defense, stating, "Everyone is just looking for a chance at playoff competition."

Walsh hopes that the arrival of a new offensive coach this fall will improve the effectiveness of an offensive line that has suffered a seeming inability to score consistently. Pangborn's young team consists of only six sophomore upperclassmen; the rest are freshmen.

"We have some really athletic freshmen and our coaches are really impressed with them," Murray said.

Last week, Pangborn scored all of its touchdowns in the second half. Murray described her squad as being "definitely a come back type of team."

Today will be Pasquerilla West's season-opener and these women are starving to suit up. They've been scrimmaging for three weeks and "everyone is just looking forward to playing," said sophomore player Heather Van Hoegarden.

Pangborn and Pasquerilla West's less than stellar records last football season.

Both have not only looked better in team practices than last season, but have each gained some valuable freshman players. Pasquerilla West is also under great leadership, thanks to their captain Leslie Schmidt and the return of both of their old coaches.

"We have a lot of experience, most of our starters are back, but we've also gained a lot of new freshmen, that should help out a lot," Van Hoegarden said.

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Horoscope

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Happy Birthday! This year, choose wisely in all aspects of your life. Changes can happen if you take the initiative to direct your future. Set goals and parameters, then follow through. Concernent less on living for others and more on you. Your numbers: 7, 15, 18, 24, 40

Aries (March 21-April 19): You have the ability to take control and make decisions. Your competitive drive will help you gain ground and position yourself strategically. The greater the challenge, the more you’ll thrive. 3 stars

Taurus (April 20-May 20): There are some decisions to be made. A new situation may arise if you are not careful. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your enthusiasm and quick wit will impress new acquaintances. An unusual individual may challenge you to a debate. Remain calm and you will overcome any obstacle you face. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A family situation may arise if you are not careful. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be entertaining at social functions and draw attention with your dramatic style. However, it may not be the kind of attention you had in mind. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Secrets will be revealed as things are put in place. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stick to a set budget today. You don’t need to pay top dollar to have fun. Volunteer work will bring satisfaction instead of empty pockets. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Ambition may cause problems in a usually good relationship. Be sure you have all the facts before deciding to accuse your partner of something that he or she did not do. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You need some excitement in your life, and meeting new people in exotic destinations will certainly satisfy your needs and your desires. Travel in pursuit of pleasure and knowledge. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A serious tone is usually present. Things may be even more intense if you are on holiday. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Expect opposition if you won’t allow someone to have his own way. Your two choices are to strike out on your own or bend to this person’s whim. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You won’t be able to hide the way you feel and will have to discuss personal issues, which could result in personal changes. It’s time to make new friends who won’t remind you of past mistakes. 3 stars

Birthday Baby: You’re a straight shooter with integrity, but will always consider others and approach them diplomatically. Your strong character will be admired and lead to many opportunities throughout life.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY
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Searching for answers

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