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INSIDE COLUMN
It’s about that time

Does anyone have as difficult a time as I do? Finding something to sacrifice for Lent, that is.

To be honest, I completely forgot about it—not Lent, just about having to give something up. It seemed like Christmas was barely yesterday and now here we are at Ash Wednesday already. The only way that I did remember was thanks to a frantic Instant Message Monday from my friend laughing hysterically about what one of my guy friends has, apparently, decided to do. Just think “40 Days, 40 Nights” — that Josh Hartnett flick that came out a couple of years ago to demonstrate how religiously fervent some Catholics can be.

It’s not the idea itself that sent me into hysteria along with my friend — after all, I’m sure more than a few of us have considered it as well at some point. It’s just amusing knowing this person and thinking that I’ll actually try to be serious about this. I give it a week — tops.

Usually, when I find myself one left struggling each year over, what seems to be, a relatively easy decision: pop, or should I say, the practicality in things.)

“I’d say giving that up qualifies as a sacrifice during Lent, but more importantly killed two birds with one stone. I always look for the practicality in things.)

The real problem came when I started making Lenten resolutions, such as to exercise more or to stop biting my nails. My mom finally caught on that I didn’t enjoy biting my nails, it seemed like something tougher: pop, or should I say, the practicality in things.)

Just hide the Coke and I’ll be fine — at least I know I can hold out for more than a week. It wasn’t like there was too much to sacrifice, so it wasn’t like there was too much to miss, right? Then there were those, like me, who didn’t like chocolate much, but followed the crowd and took the easy way out. How I saw it, I could have all the vanilla pudding I wanted — and I did.

As I got older, I somehow fell into the mentality that Lenten sacrifice could be in with a New Year’s resolution. If I decided to give up candy in attempt to maintain a healthier diet, I just figured that it was a year-round sacrifice that included Lent, but more importantly killed two birds with one stone. I always look for the practicality in things.)

The Working Group on the Americas and the Department of English present “Caribbean Inventions, Part 2,” a component of the Ward-Phillips Lectures. “Colonialism in Reverse: Englishness and the Politics of Culture” will be presented tonight at 6 p.m. in rooms 100-104 McKenna Hall.

“States of Limbo: Engaging ‘Creole’ Modernism” will be held tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

The Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra will present their winter concert Thursday in Washington Hall at 8 p.m. The program will feature the winners of the 2003-2004 Concerto Competition, Bicky Leal on oboe and soprano Rebecca Paul and the works of German composers Brahms, Mozart and Wagner. The concert is free and open to the public.

Minneapolis’ acclaimed Guthrie Theatre present Shakespeare’s “Othello” Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m. in Saint Mary’s O’Laughlin Auditorium. For tickets, contact the Saint Mary’s box office at 284-4626.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observenot@gmail.com.

IN BRIEF

Learn about the Student Union Board, talk with current SUB staff and eat free food at the SUB Open House tonight from 6 to 8 p.m. in 201 LaFortune.

The Student Union Board presents the 46th Annual Collegiate Jazz Festival Preview tonight from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Admission is free to students and the public.

The real problem came when I started making Lenten resolutions, such as to exercise more or to stop biting my nails. My mom finally caught on that extending these over Lent didn’t meet the definition — at least her definition — of a sacrificial time. I didn’t want to give up something, it was just habit, so I wasn’t really missing out on anything."

This year, I think I’m going to go with something tougher: pop or soda. I drink a glass of Coke or Pepsi at least twice a day, sometimes in immediate succession and sometimes at 7 a.m. I’d say giving up just qualifies as a sacrifice.

I realize that I’m certainly not a model Catholic, I could do more to become involved in my religion, and I’m sure I will at some point. But, for now, this is one aspect I try to take seriously although I haven’t always in the past. Just hide the Coke and I’ll be fine — at least I know I can hold out for more than a week.

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OFFBEAT
Polar bears at Singapore Zoo turn green

SINGAPORE — Life in the balmy tropics has made polar bears Inuka and Sheba go green with algae.

The usually white coats of Sheba and her 13-year-old son Inuka, Singapore Zoo’s two polar bears, turned green a few weeks ago from algae growing in their hollow hair shafts, said Vincent Tan, a spokesperson for the zoo.

“The harmless algae is the result of Singapore’s warm and humid tropical conditions,” Tan said.

Polar bears have clear hair shafts which appear white because they reflect light.

According to the Drug Enforcement Administration, agents were alerted to the mix-up about 5:30 p.m. Monday when airport police notified the DEA of a marijuana seizure at Buffalo Niagara International Airport.

Investigators determined that a woman showing a fake identification tag at the Delta Airlines ticket counter had mistakenly been given two packages shipped from an Atlanta medical agency.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: What are you giving up for Lent?

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Matt Dowling
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Sarah Ernst
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Lyons

Saya Bell
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Veronica Rivera
Senior
Off-Campus

“Studying” “Being Jewish” “Binge drinking...not” “Believing in God” “Sunday classes” “Non-alcoholic drinks”
Vatican releases report on child abuse policy

Non-Catholic scientists criticize 'zero tolerance' policy for sex abusers

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican issued a report Monday by non-Catholic sex abuse experts who criticized the policy adopted by U.S. bishops of removing abusive priests from the ministry, saying it was overly harsh and would not protect the young.

The report was released days before U.S. bishops issue their own national survey on sex abuse by clergy, which is expected to find more than 4,000 American priests have been accused of molesting minors since 1950 — far more than previously estimated.

Still, the U.S. study may also show the number of cases has declined dramatically since the 1990s, and victims fear it could lead U.S. bishops to ease off on discipline.

The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said last week the American church remains committed to keeping offenders out of ministry.

Monday's report, published by the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life, may fuel victims' concerns because it compiles assessments by independent, non-Catholic psychiatrists and psychologists, who say the U.S. "zero-tolerance" policy is mistaken.

The 220-page report, "Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church: Scientific and Legal Perspectives," is a compendium of scientific papers and discussions presented by the experts during a Vatican conference convened last April to give the church hierarchy advice on how to handle the crisis.

Neither the Vatican nor the experts drew final conclusions, but there were areas of agreement. As the Associated Press reported last week, one was in the widespread criticism by the experts of the 2002 U.S. zero-tolerance policy that says an offending priest can be permanently removed from ministry — and possibly from the priesthood — for a single act of abuse.

Many American dioceses say they are aggressively pursuing zero-tolerance policies after being sting by charges the church hierarchy was trying to protect abusive priests, often by shuffling them from parish to parish.

The experts said a zero-tolerance policy was mistaken and even dangerous. Most agreed that such a policy can actually increase the chances that other would strike again because it removes them from supervision and the only jobs they have known for decades.

Zero-tolerance "does not function to prevent these crimes," Dr. Hans-Ludwig Knebler, head of the Institute of Forensic Psychiatry in Berlin, told the conference. "It is better to domesticate the dragon, if all you do is cut off its head, it will grow another."

Another conference participant, Dr. William Marshall of Canada, a former president of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, said such a policy sends the message the church doesn't care about the offender or believes he can't be rehabilitated — "neither of which are good messages for the church to communicate."

He cautioned such a severe penalty may even discourage victims from coming forward.

The experts all agreed that offenders need treatment, as well as possible criminal penalties.

Monsignor Elio Sgreccia, vice president of the Academy for Life, told the conference he thought that after punishing and treating an offender, it was necessary "not to abandon him or consider him useless to the church, but rather for the common good of society, return him to a meaningful role in the church."

The report will be sent to bishops' conferences and Vatican officials and be used by the Vatican as a "scientific base for information" for developing guidelines, the Rev. Girol G. Bettini, the deputy Vatican spokesman, told reporters Monday.

Some victims fear such a report coming from Rome, coupled with the U.S. bishops' survey due out Friday, may fuel momentum toward easing the U.S. zero-tolerance policy.

David Clohessy, U.S. national director of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, said the bishops' history of sheltering molesters would make it impossible for Catholics to trust them with a weaker discipline plan.

"The Vatican report provides cover for every shrewd perpetrator and backsliding bishop," Clohessy said. "It makes already very depressed victims feel even more hopeless."

The U.S. policy is due to expire in June, and church leaders in the coming weeks will work out a plan to review it, Bishop Wilton Gregory, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said at a press conference.

Gregory said he hadn't read the Academy for Life's report, but said it would be wrong to view it as a criticism of the American policy.

Prelates in the United States remain committed to barring all offenders from church work, he said.

"I don't see the body of bishops lessening in that resolve because I think that was the pastorally prudent action that we all agreed to," Gregory said.
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"Lent is a time to relax and get ready for the end of the school year," said freshman Rudolph Nkinzingabo.

"It's also about my religious life and return to God," he added.

"Personally, I want to concentrate on my religious life because I've fallen away from God." A significant number of Notre Dame students, however, still take advantage of the Lenten season.

"To me, Lent is a time to prepare for Easter, and think about the sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for us and his great love," said freshman Julia Jenkins.

"Instead of giving up anything specific, I want to do things instead, like going to the Grotto more often and going to Mass and the rosary through the week," Jenkins said she plans to go to Stations of the Cross. Freshman Elizabeth Endemann agrees.

"This year, I think I am going to give up ice cream and frozen yogurt, and go to the Grotto, and take more time for prayer," she said. "Lent is a time to think about the sacrifice of Jesus and make sacrifices ourselves, and reflect on their meaning."

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sent all Internet traffic to a lower-capacity backup link, which slowed Internet access.

Optical gear converts electronic pulses into beams of light, allowing for very high-speed Internet connections.

Klimek said network engineers worked with equipment suppliers to trace the defect to a particular piece of faulty hardware.

"Our network vendor has isolated the problem to a specific device," he said.

"However, the vendor is still investigating the exact cause."

Klimek said OIT is working to redesign the installation process, with the aim of improving the network's reliability.

"We will define a different cutover process that mitigates impact on the University's Internet bandwidth," he said.

In addition, Klimek said the University's chief technology officer, Dewitt Latimer, will meet with the vendor's representatives Wednesday morning to address the problem.

Klimek acknowledged that the back-to-back breakdowns have raised eyebrows among weary users.

"This implementation is subject to very close scrutiny," he said. "What we've experienced over the past few days is no doubt aggravating to campus Internet users."

However, Klimek says he expects the connection, when successfully installed, will improve Internet service for the Notre Dame campus.

Once switching mechanisms (are) running smoothly, we expect a high level of reliability along with the significant increase in bandwidth," Klimek said.

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"Our public persona, particularly in the Muslim world, is not positive," Taylor said of the United States. "We are working — trying — to turn that persona around.

He said, for example, that Fulbright scholars are working with Islamic scholars. "It's that discussion of values that's really going to change minds."

When questioned about whether strong-listed actions only provide further anti-Western sentiment, however, Taylor said certain protective or preventative measures are necessary.

"Our actions create a reaction, but we can't be concerned about how they react to it if what we're doing is the right thing," he said.

Taylor also spoke on more tangible logistical changes. He said intelligence must be honed and altered, ensuring that the lines of communication are kept open amongst all intelligence agencies and that officers are operating to their full potential.

"Our intelligence services have to reflect the societies in which we are asking them to operate," Taylor said, using the example of a blood, blue-eyed agent trying to blend into the Middle Eastern crowd.

And Taylor said that foreign governments will — and already are beginning to — realize that support of terrorist networks can only be detrimental.

"Terrorism, as a political tool, helps no government," Taylor said. "Terrorists know no loyalty."

He continued with this theme during his second lecture, at 5:30 p.m. in DeBartolo, during which he mainly answered questions of ROTC cadets.

"We will continue to see pressure put on countries that support terrorism," Taylor said, also reiterating the continual nature of the war.

In addition to informing the cadets of his experience and his perspectives on the current global situation, however, Taylor also offered them advice for their careers in the military. He urged the students to gather as many differing perspectives as possible in order to better understand their role as leaders within the military.

"Every one of you should have 100 people [with whom] you correspond regularly who have nothing to do with the military," Taylor said, parroting the advice of a former superior.

"Some people don't like what you do, and sometimes you have to hear that," Taylor said. "It doesn't mean they're right and you're wrong, but you at least have to know what's put there. How can you expect to be a competent leader if all you know is the military?"

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Honoring Women of Notre Dame

The Women's Resource Center is currently accepting nomination forms for female faculty and staff members in the Notre Dame community who make exceptional contributions to the University. All nominations should include:

Nominees name and department as well as a description of her job.

How she contributes to the University.

How she is active in her field of study.

And a description of the rapport she has with students and/or the Notre Dame community.

Nominations can be sent to the Women's Resource Center at 3000 Lafontaine via campus mail or emailed to nd.wrc.1@nd.edu.

The deadline for nominations has been extended to Friday, March 5.
**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

N. Korea begins nuclear talks

BEIJING — North Korea and five other nations convened delicate talks Wednesday to resolve a long-standing dispute over Pyongyang’s nuclear program, with diplomats from all sides expressing hope for progress in the 15-month-old stalemate.

Delegates put their hands together for a photo before entering the state guest house for the meetings, Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Zhang Conglin said.

“This recent flurry of diplomacy is good preparation for these talks and helps in understanding each other,” he said.

The talks, months in the making, are the second round to include both Korea, the United States, China, Russia and Japan.

Revelers enjoy Carnival events

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad — Trinidad’s famed Carnival heated up to a climax Tuesday, with thousands of bikini-clad revelers bopping to festive music, while parading through the streets of the capital.

The annual festivities officially began Monday, but locals have flocked to raucous parties and concerts for the past week. Besides the tens of thousands of Trinidadians who lined up to see the parade, foreign tourists attended, 6,000 more than last year.

“It’s the best thing in the whole entire world. You have a good time and don’t worry about anything,” said Marsha Simpson, 24, one of thousands of revelers following competing troupes of masqueraders.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

Pentagon charges terror suspects

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon brought war-time conspiracy charges Tuesday against two men alleged to be associates of terror leader Osama bin Laden and they will face military tribunal convened since World War II.

Government officials ruled out seeking the death penalty against the two.

Ibrahim Ahmed Mahmoud al Qosi, of Sudan, was a paymaster for bin Laden’s al-Qaida network, and Ali Hamza Ahmed Sulayman al Bulushi, of Yemen, was a propagandist for bin Laden, according to an official list of charges released by the Pentagon.

High court rules in age case

WASHINGTON — Age has its benefits, the Supreme Court said Monday, ruling that younger workers can’t sue their employers when older colleagues get preferential treatment.

In a 6-3 decision that affects tens of millions of workers, the justices said the law protects older employees from age discrimination.

Groups such as the AARP, the largest advocacy group for people 50 and over, praised the decision as one that will protect the most vulnerable in the work force.

“If the court decided the other way, it would have ignored that older workers face very significant problems in this country and always have,” said Laurie McCann, a lawyer for the AARP.

**STATE NEWS**

Residents sniffing for dognapper

SPOKANE — Some Owen County residents suspect their missing pets may have been dognapped.

As many as four Labrador retrievers and five mixed-breed dogs are reported missing in recent weeks. Distracted pet owners in the county northwest of Bloomington have reported losing their pets.

The disappearances have not been reported to the sheriff’s department, said Sheriff Harley Brown.

The fact that the missing animals haven’t been found has not lessened concerns about their fate.

The Humane Society can’t do anything because there is no evidence that the dogs were stolen, said county Attorney Ken Ure.

**MOOROCCO**

Early quake rocks villages, 560 die

Associated Press

AL HOCEIMA — A powerful earthquake Wednesday crumbled an isolated, picturesque region of northern Morocco on Tuesday, killing more than 560 people as they slept, injuring hundreds more and laying ruin to villages that suffered for decades under government neglect.

Rescuers with pick axes and sniffer dogs are searching for survivors trapped under the rubble of their homes, which collapsed so quickly that people crumbled easily in the 6.5-magnitude temblor. Victims were most likely women and children, officials said, because men in the region tend to go to work outside the village. In Germany in search of work, said Mohammed Ziane, a former human rights defender, "he has locked up," said Patrick Guerrero, executive director of Log Cabin Republicans, a gay GOP group.

Mindful of the high emotions and clear differences on the issue, Bush said, "I would also conduct this difficult debate in a worthy country, without bitterness or anger."

Conservatives were delighted Bush had plunged in. "There is no more important issue for our nation than the preservation of the institution of marriage," said Kelly Shackelford, president of the Texas-based Free Market Foundation, a family advocacy group.

Momentum for a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage was growing as San Francisco officials have performed thousands of same-sex marriages and have challenged their state law barring such unions.

In Massachusetts, the state’s highest court has ruled that a state law falling short of allowing fully fledged marriage for gays would be unconstitutional.

Bush softened his announcement by leaving open the possibility of legalizing civil unions, which gay rights groups say is an insufficient alternative to marriage. "The amendment should fully protect marriage while leaving the state legislatures free to make their own choices in defining legal arrangements other than marriage," said Bush, who had opposed legalizing civil unions when he was governor of Texas.

Republican officials said there was no rush to bring the amendment to the House. Some conservatives want a broader approach than Bush supports, and others oppose federalizing the issue, at least for now.

"The groups that are for a constitutional amendment are split over what it should be," said House Majority Leader Tom Delay, R-Texas. "We are trying to bring them all together and unify them."

California Republican Reps. David Dreier and Jerry Lewis said a constitutional amendment might not be necessary. "I will say that I’m not supportive of amending the Constitution on this issue," said Dreier, a co-chairman of Bush’s campaign in 2000. "I believe that this should go through the courts, and I think that we’re at a point where it’s not necessary," Lewis said.

Changing the Constitution should be a last resort on almost any issue.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, a Democrat from San Francisco, said she would fight any amendment. "Never before has a constitutional amendment been used to discriminate against a group of people, and we must not start now," she said.

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Telemarketing companies employ inmates

**Announced Press**
ONTARIO, Ore. — Chris Harty is a model employee for the industry. The 25-year-old arrives promptly at his cubicle, speaks courteously on the phone and is never late or absent.

He plans to stick with his job for three years, a boon in an industry plagued by high turnover. And he gladly works for money many Americans would scoff at — $130 or so a month.

After all, he could be back selling high-buck floor tiles for a third of that.

"I can't complain about fair," said Harty, a 25-year-old who was sentenced to 10 years and eight months for robbery. "I did a crime and I'm in prison. At least I'm not wearing a ball and chain."

Prison inmates like Harry are the reason Perry Johnson Inc., a Southfield, Mich.-based consulting company, chose to remain in the U.S. rather than join a host of telemarketing companies moving offshore.

Perry Johnson had intended to move to India, but the company chose instead to open inside the Snake River Correctional Institution, a sprawling razor wire and chain-link block state penitentiary a few miles west of the Idaho line.

The center's opening followed a yearlong effort by the Oregon Department of Corrections to recruit business that would otherwise move offshore, and echoes a national trend among state and federal prisons to recruit such companies.

"It's a niche where the prison industry could really help the U.S. economy," said Robert Killgore, director of inside Oregon Enterprises, the quasi-state agency that recruits for-profit business to prisons.

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"People are definitely excited," DeLeon said. "It's cool to see someone like Mel Gibson make such a public profession of his faith," DeLeon estimated that about 50 ISI members will attend the screening.

Alumni rector Father George Rozum said he heard "quite a bit" of discussion surrounding the film in recent days. Several Alumni residents are organizing a group trip to see the film later this week, he said.

However, in most of the dorms, it's a very different story. Rectors in men's and women's residence halls said there has been almost no debate about the film. Dillon rector Father Paul Doyle said there has been more interest among Campus Ministry staff than among the Dillon residents.

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Becca Davidson, the rector of Bron-Phillips Hall, echoed the sentiment, saying her residents have not mentioned the controversial movie.

"I haven't seen any buzz among students about it," Davidson said.

At least one group in South Bend was deeply concerned about the film's release. Marilyn Gardner, the executive vice president of the Jewish Foundation of St. Joseph Valley, said area Jews are skeptical of the film's content.

"I can't say the Jewish community is looking forward to this movie," Gardner said. "We're very concerned that it may undo all the interfaith work that has happened in the community between Jews and Christians."

The A.D.L. has also drawn criticism from national Jewish groups, like the Anti-Defamation League, a prominent national Jewish organization, released the results of a survey indicating that one in four Americans think Jews were responsible for Jesus' death. Abraham Foxman, national director of the A.D.L., said the Passion could inflame that view.

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Foxman said Monday in a statement. "We are concerned that Mr. Gibson's film — with its unambiguous blaming of the Jews — will not only reinforce those views, but could exacerbate the problem by convincing even more people that his version of the story of the Crucifixion is Gospel truth."

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But statements made by Gibson's father Hutton intensified the debate by downplaying the significance of the Holocaust last week. Hutton Gibson told New York talk radio host Steve Feuerstein that the Holocaust "is maybe not all fiction — but most of it is." Hutton Gibson also claimed Jewish banking executives, the Vatican and the U.S. Federal Reserve System are part of a conspiracy to create "one world government."

In the ABC interview, Mel Gibson refused to address his father's remarks. "He's my father," Mel Gibson said. "Gotta leave it alone, Diane."

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NEW YORK — Martha Stewart will not take the stand of her own defense, her lawyer said Tuesday, gambling that jurors will not care to hear about a 16th day of testimony at the trial. Stewart and broker Peter Bacanovic are accused of lying about why Stewart sold ImClone Systems stock on Dec. 27, 2001.

"I think it would be a mistake," legal experts say putting Stewart on the stand would have raised a host of concerns for her defense team, including having her explain inconsistencies in her statements and excoriate her for risking cross-examination by the government.

Stewart and Bacanovic have told investigators slightly different versions of what happened after the stock sale, although both maintain the central contention that they had a plan to sell the stock at $60 a share.

Bacanovic's lawyers called just five witnesses, and expect to rest their case Wednesday morning. Lawyers for the broker decided he would not take the stand because "the government hasn't made its case," spokesman Lou Gelormino said. "It's a circumstantial case, with a lot of inference."

She will not take the stand, either, because the government for the week has called no witnesses, which has raised a host of questions as to why the government brought a lawsuit against importers of French Hass avocados.

The day after Stewart sold, ImClone announced the government had declined to review its application for an experimental cancer drug. The stock declined sharply the next trading day.

In front of the jury Tuesday, a business manager for Stewart testified that she arranged to sell her share of a luxury yacht. She took just after selling her ImClone stock in 2001.

Field DeLuca, who has said he will call one or two witnesses in Stewart's defense Monday when she takes the stand, has requested the 1916 law, which armed the Arms Committee with the power to investigate and proceed with a lawsuit after the arm had found a violation.
Windows steps up virus defense

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates, whose company's software is often ridiculed for being buggy and vulnerable to hackers, showed off planned features for Tuesday for shoring up its products and heading off cyber-attacks.

Firewalls are being made against viruses, server attacks and sloppy code that make systems vulnerable, but a lot more work remains, Gates said.

"The people who attack these systems are getting more and more sophisticated," he said. "For every time we take a type of attack and eliminate that as an opportunity, they move up to a whole new level.

Still, Gates said: "That's not an unending process — we can make it dramatically difficult." Speaking to thousands of security experts at the RSA Conference, Gates said Microsoft's Trustworthy Computing Initiative unveiled two years ago after several embarrassing Windows flaws were exploited by viruses and hackers — is paying off.

In the first 300 days after the launch of the Windows 2000 Server operating system, 38 security bulletins were issued. The first major product released after the initiative, Windows Server 2003, has had just nine bulletins in the first 300 days.

Gates showed off an upcoming Windows XP update that focuses on security improvements.

Service Pack 2 includes a centralized control center where users can automatically check their computer's security status, as well as whether all critical updates have been applied or whether antivirus software is running.

Unlike earlier Windows releases, Microsoft's firewall software will be turned on as part of the default installation. A firewall blocks intruders from entering a system.

In the new service pack, the Internet Explorer browser will have a pop-up ad blocker as well.

Gates also showed off "active protection technologies" that will guard Windows computers against attacks by sensing changes in the network that indicate virus activity.

If a problem is detected, the computer's firewall will catch up defenses.

A number of companies at the conference were showing products similarly geared toward detecting unusual activity in networks.

Gates also said e-mail spam — messages containing viruses or is sent from infiltrated computers — is being targeted.

He proposed technology that would confirm the sender of an e-mail is authentic. "Caller ID for E-Mail" could be tested as early as this summer in the company's Hotmail service, he said.

Gates also announced a deal with RSA Security Inc. to make it possible for companies to use a secure system than simple user names and passwords to log into Windows computers.

In addition to providing a password users of the RSA system must enter a random number that appears on a keychain or plastic card they carry with them.

The number changes every minute, generated by an algorithm that also resides on a server inside a company's computing center.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Bush administration plan to let Americans travel to Libya was thrown off track Tuesday when Moammar Gadhafi's prime minister said his government had not accepted responsibility for blowing up Pan Am Flight 103.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the United States had demanded retraction of the minister's remarks, carried in a British Broadcasting Co. radio interview.

Libya last August acknowledged, in a letter to the U.S. Security Council, its responsibility for the 1988 bombing of the jetliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, that killed 270 people, including 181 Americans.

Prime Minister Shokri Ghanem told the BBC that Libya's government agreed in December to pay $2.7 billion in compensation to the victims' families to improve relations with the West and to secure the lifting of U.N. sanctions against Libya.

Asked in the interview if the payment did not mean Libya had accepted guilt for the bombing, Ghanem replied: "I agree with that, and this is why I say we ( Bush ) bought peace."

"After the sanctions and after the problems we have (been) facing because of the sanctions, the loss of money, we thought that it was easier for us to buy peace and this is why we agreed to compensation," the prime minister said in the interview, which was recorded in Libya.

The White House was expected to remove on Tuesday a 23-year-old ban on the use of U.S. passports for travel to Libya in response to Libyan leader Gadhafi's promise to end his country's nuclear weapons program. U.S. officials said the administration also had planned to expand diplomatic contacts with Libya — but not to remove U.S. economic sanctions.

Lifting of Libya travel ban delayed

Assured Press

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WASHINGTON — Al-Qaida is damaged seriously, but it has spread its radiating effects to other groups that now pose the leading threat to the United States, CIA Director George Tenet and other intelligence chiefs said Tuesday.

Tenet described a terrorist organization lacking central leadership and squeezed financially. Al-Qaida remains determined to attack U.S. interests, however, and still is capable of carrying out assaults on the scale of Sept. 11, 2001, he said.

In addition, dozens of smaller Islamic extremist organizations with ties to Al-Qaida have emerged, in places like Libya, Iraq and Uzbekistan, to constitute the next wave of terrorist threats, Tenet told the Senate Intelligence Committee in an annual public session on national security threats.

"The steady growth of Osama bin Laden's anti-American sentiment through the wider Sunni extremist movement and the broad dissemination of Al-Qaida's destructive expertise ensure that a serious threat will remain for the foreseeable future, with or without Al-Qaida in the picture," Tenet said.

At Tuesday's politically charged hearing, given recent debate over the intelligence community's prewar assessments on Iraq's weapons, Tenet and other officials walked gingerly through questions on the intelligence agencies' cooperation and effectiveness. They touched on instability in countries from Haiti to Afghanistan, through Iraq dominated much of the discussion.

On Iraq, Vice Adm. Lowell Jacoby, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, said allies of deposed Iraqi President Saddam Hussein are thought to be responsible for most anti-U.S. attacks. Foreign fighters, including those from al-Qaida, have carried out some of the most significant attacks and may be behind the high-casualty suicide bombings largely against Iraqi targets, he said.

"Left unchecked," Jacoby said, "Iraq has the potential to serve as a training ground for the next generation of terrorists.

"And not only in Iraq, in places like Baghdad or Basra, but in Jordan or Syria, in places like Lebanon or Syria, in places like Libya, in places like Afghanistan. The threat is a threat everywhere."
Panel discusses History, Politics and the Struggle for Peace in Columbia

Colombia has experienced over 50 years of civil war and political conflict. From an outsider's viewpoint, Colombia is best known for cocaine and kidnappings, however, the underlying conflict and its effects on an entire nation bring a different perspective to Colombia's state of war.

A panel of Colombian guests will be speaking on the history, politics and current struggle for peace from their own experiences and perspectives.

Guest speakers include:
- Keynote speakers from the Association of the Family of Members of the Detained and Disappeared and Joanna Franco, member of Redepaz, a Colombian NGO for reconciliation and care of victims of violence. See http://www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/colombia_poster.htm for more information.

When: Wednesday, February 25 at 7:00 pm
Where: 102 DeBartolo

Volunteer Opportunities

Tutors are needed to work with Washington High School students Monday through Thursday from 3-4 p.m. in the school's library.

Daytime tutoring times are also available.

Please contact Ann Power for more information.

Seminars & Programs

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To apply, come to the CSC or download the application at http://centerforsocialconcerns.nd.edu/sub_summer_SSP.html.

For more information on ACCION, read about one intern's experience at http://centerforsocialconcerns.nd.edu/WebNewsletter103/newyork.html

Reflections from Returned Missioners

All are welcome to find out about two overseas volunteer possibilities through the eyes of five returned missionaries (four HCA Chile Associates and one returned Nicaraguan Cap Corps member) who have each spent over two years serving their respective countries. Pizza will be served.

When: Thursday, February 26 at 6:00 pm
Where: Center for Social Concerns, Lounge
Prosecutors allege affair prompted murder

MINNEAPOLIS — Erik Hansen rolls up his left sleeve to reveal a roughly drawn skull-and-crossbones tattoo. A friend did it for him a few weeks ago, using a needle and ink that at Hansen says calls a “poke and stick party” — a growing trend among young people as tattoos and piercings have surged in popularity.

Body art between friends can be a rite of passage, a back-room ritual often done on the sly. Teens talk about school athletes doing tattoos or piercings for one another as an initiation. “It’s more fun to have a friend do it — and it was free,” says Hansen, a 20-year-old from Minneapolis.

But officials where he lives — and in other places nationwide — are worried. In Hennepin County, which includes Minneapolis, they’ve started a poster campaign in schools and neighborhood hangouts to encourage young people to have their tattoos and piercings done by licensed professionals.

“Get the good design, not a bad disease!” says one poster about tattoos. Another features a photo of an upper lip piercing with warnings about the risk of infections, bloodborne diseases and nerve damage.

TheOregon Health Licensing Office has a similar Web-based campaign, begun after several young people from the town of Klamath Falls got serious infections in one ear during a drive-thru piercing of their cartilage. Officials later traced the infection to a nearby fast-food chain where the driver was killed at a rental warehouse where Scott Peterson told police she vanished. Valentin said the dog’s behavior suggested Peterson used the pest to remove the fur of his Modesto home where authorities believe she was killed to a rental warehouse where Scott Peterson told police she vanished. The case was abandoned.

The cases — and resulting derailments — were documented in Wednesday’s Journal of the American Medical Association.

Meanwhile, the Texas Department of Health library offers a video for teens and young adults titled “Tattooing and Body Piercing: Thinking Smart About Body Art.” And Connecticut is among states with a brochure that has similar information.

The biggest concerns include the potential spread of tetanus and hepatitis B or C if people share tattooing needles or whatever sharp objects — pins and nails included — they use to do their piercing.

“It’s just not something you can do in your garage,” says Shahn Andersen, a licensed tattooist and president of the Alliance of Professional Tattooists, who helped design the Hennepin County campaign.

Eighteen-year-old Katie Klassen thinks posting the information is a good idea.

“Anything but ears, I would want a professional to do,” she said. She’s a high school senior from Roseville, Minn., says she was afraid to have her nipples pierced — a procedure that’s become trendy since Janet Jackson’s Super Bowl flash.

“It’s an on-the-edge kind of thing,” Barker says, adding that both wanted until they didn’t have to have written parental permission — required in Hennepin County since last summer.

Several states have laws that prohibit minors from getting tattoos or “body art” regardless of who’s holding the needle. And others, such as Wyoming, are considering bans.

Often, licensed piercers and tattooists have even stricter standards than states or cities, requiring an adult to give the permission, or, in some cases, setting their own age limits for certain procedures.

Some youth think that banning things won’t stop them from doing these things, or requiring parental permission, is only causing more minors to do the piercings themselves or seek out unlicensed amateurs, known in the industry as “scratches.”

“You can’t just outlaw things,” says Hansen, who says he could not have afforded a professional tattoo even if he’d wanted one. “It’s like prohibition; it doesn’t work.”

Gail Dorfman — the Hennepin County commissioner whose age-limits ordinance prompted the safety campaign — disagrees.

“We’re not telling kids they shouldn’t get tattoos or piercings,” says Dorfman, who also is the mother of five teenagers.

“We’re just saying, ‘Be smart about it.’”

She says doctors and nurses at the county’s hospital have seen a spike in young people with infections caused by amateurs, sometimes done by friends or unlicensed operators. She also notes the case of Jodi Hightower, a 19-year-old woman who pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor for doing piercings in a vehicle near a Minneapolis high school and another in suburban Wayzata last year.

Jesika Bornsen, a professional piercer at a shop called Saint Sabrina’s in Minneapolis, agrees that the campaign can help educate teens and parents.

“It’s saying, ‘Talk to your parents about it,’” says Bornsen, a member of Association of Professional Piercers, which combines to work in the field for eight years.
It's only life we're talking about...

Will all the media attention focused on the Presidential election, it's easy to forget that Congress is still in session this year. Here's a little reminder. Over the next few weeks, Congress will be voting on two very important bills that will have serious ramifications for a long time to come.

First on the slate is the House's expected vote on the Unborn Victims Violence Act, a bill that would make it a federal crime to injure or kill both a woman and her fetus. If passed as expected, this bill would effectively re-define the term "life" in this country. In turn, this could provide the legal framework for partial-birth abortion fees to win their fight to criminalize such an "abortion" procedure once and for all. The Unborn Victims Violence Act would "hurt" federal law to protect the health of babies and children can't wait to change as new Senate Majority leader and licensed physician Bill Frist (R-Tenn.) has promised to take the bill up in the near future. It would be impossible for any Senator — even for the most vehement of abortion rights supporters — to justify voting against this bill, for a vote in this direction would effectively mean that if a gunman shot a woman, killing her fetus but not the woman herself, the gunman could only be tried for attempted murder. Under this arrangement, the fetus is reduced to nothing, as it never existed in the first place.

According to an Associated Press article published Monday, a recent poll conducted by the National Right to Life Committee class that 80 percent of the American public believes there should be a law recognizing the killing of a fetus as a homicide. Following common sense logic, the following question must be asked: If shooting a fetus becomes a federal crime, then should not killing it through abortion be considered the same thing? The answer is: The human fetus is dead in the womb. "Human" is the operative word, because abortion rights activists and the judges who side with them conveniently leave out that their political and legal arguments. No matter how much they want to define the term, the following is indisputable: Without any unnatural or outside interference, the human fetus would have matured into a human baby the exact same way a human baby grows and develops in the uterus and later into an adult. It's called the cycle of life. Abortion rights supporters like to argue that the fetus is not an entity that can exist independently by itself and therefore cannot be justified as life. Well, has it ever occurred to them that babies and children can't survive without their parents or an adult caretaker? Does this mean they are not life, either? While we're on the subject of life, the Senate also has a chance to do what the House recently failed to do — prevent innocent Americans from gun violence by voting "no" to the controversial NIA-backed Gun Industry Liability and Malpractice Reform Act. The bill was designed to eliminate so-called frivolous lawsuits. Under its terms, licensed gun makers and distributors would be totally immune from any lawsuit filed against them by victims of gun violence. In other words, negligent gun makers and distributors would suffer no consequences for selling or passing large quantities of arms under the table to known black market dealers intending to re-sell them to individuals prohibited by law from purchasing a gun. If passed, this bill would most likely dismiss standing lawsuits against irresponsible gun dealers across the country including the sniper case.

"Conrad Johnson vs. Bull's-Eye Shooter, et al." and the half-dozen others filed against the Washington state dealer. These lawsuits, which guns that inexplicably disappeared from the Tacoma gun dealership, without any record of them being sold, included a Bushmaster XM-10 rifle that ended up in the hands of the sniper John Muhammad and his 17-year-old accomplice Lee Boyd Malvo, neither of whom could have legally purchased a gun (Muhammad because he was a Muslim, Malvo because he was a juvenile). In his testimony, Malvo has claimed that he stepped in the gun. Even if this is the truth, should not Bull's-Eye still be held responsible for not providing proper security measures to prevent shoplifting, especially after this happens 23 times, as the dealership is claiming? Bars are held liable for serving the underage and the heavily intoxicated who later sit behind the wheel, so why do gun dealers receive this immunity?

The immunity bill would not only protect victims from seeking monetary damage but also from seeking shutdowns of corrupt dealers. Without closing the gun industry to be accountable for negligence, what incentive does it have to take stronger safety precautions in its manufacturing and distribution methods? Guns should not be in the hands of madmen like Malvo and Muhammad or people like the alleged murderer of Chicago Police Officer Michael Ceriale, who was killed by a trafficked handgun in yet another case likely to be dismissed by the passage of this bill. No wonder Major Cities Police Chiefs Association, led by current Los Angeles Police Chief William Bratton, has vehemently opposed the passage of this legislation, even taking out a full-page ad in The Washington Post. If that name sounds familiar, it should. Bratton is the former Police Chief of New York City, the man, along with Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, responsible for rolling back crime in the Big Apple. Maybe, just maybe, the Senate should listen to him, instead of the NRA.

As it stands now, the bill has 59 senators on board, only one away from defeating any filibuster. Hopefully, some of these Senators will see the error in their ways and join the minority. It's the only way justice can be delivered to the victims of gun violence. This vote is just the tip of the iceberg. Two more gun-control laws are waiting in the wings: the Omnibus Anti-Violence Bill proposed by representative Todd Tiahrt (Kan.) that would effective-ly eliminate crucial parts of the current Brady Bill by drastically reducing the amount of time to conduct criminal background checks for prospective gun purchasers, and the Assault Weapons Ban, which is up for renewal after 10 years of waiting the sale of certain military-style, semi-automatic assault weapons, including AK-47s and Kalashnikovs.

In the wake of Columbine, the D.C. Sniper, the Oklahoma City bombing, the Columbine highway shooter, I am hope-ful our leaders will practice common sense and support needed gun control laws in this country. I am equally as optimistic that they will vote in favor of The Unborn Victims Violence Act. Life is at stake.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Because you're worth it, too

Feb. 22 & 28 is National Eating Disorders Awareness Week (BEDA), and a time to celebrate every body. It's a time to depart from calorie-counting and dieting and to thank your body for all the wonderful things that it lets you do each and every day. "No one else can be you," as the song goes. So, there's a message you rarely, if ever see on TV. In today's world of media and advertising, we are constantly bombarded by images of ultra-thin women like Calista Flockhart and muscular men like Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"So what?" you may be thinking. "That's life!"
Well, unfortunately, there is a well-documented connection between TV and fitness/fashion magazine consumption and body dissatisfaction/disturbed eating in children and adolescents. We see these images in bronze, muscled Adonis and skinny, busty beauties and naturally feel inadequate by comparison. Nowhere in a disclaimer is all the suffering, starvation, hours of make-up and computer retouching that's involved in creating these seemingly "perfect" images. We are not only gullied into believing that we should want to look like those on TV models, but also that looking like TV models is an obtenable goal if we only work hard enough.

"What else?" you may be thinking, "That's life!"
"Just deal with it!"
"You're just too sensitive!"
"You're just imagining things!"
But aside from the fact that summers, people who are in their teens and twenties are more likely to be affected by eating disorders, fat, weight and exercise.

One study that followed 800,000 men and women for six years found no connection between weight loss and mortality rates. In fact, the only weight loss was associated with higher death rates. But, aside from the health risks, think about how much you are actually spending every day eating or talking about calories, weight loss and exercise. That's a lot of time each week wasted. And the inevitable outcome is feeling more inadequate, dieting, and dissatisfaction with your body. If you are not feeling this, you are probably one of those people who have absolutely nothing to do with how you look, what you weigh or what other people see on the outside. You are like a precious gift — the wrapping isn't the important part; it's the inside that is valued. Wouldn't it feel better to focus all that energy on shaping the internal you rather than the external you?

So, what can you do? Well, for starters, believe in your power to make a difference. If you see an ad that negatively portrays men or women, turn it off. Don't buy products that are sponsored by companies that use thin-ideal or sexist advertising.

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Displaying true passion

The Passion of the Christ, Mel Gibson's epic and controversial portrayal of the last 12 hours of the life of Jesus Christ, is the most emotionally powerful cinematic experience since Schindler's List. There are moments when even the strongest-willed will wince or look away and moments when the hardest heart will tremble. This is a movie that cannot help but affect all who see it.

It is not, however, a movie to be seen by all. Some critics have described The Passion as the most violent film ever made. These critics have a point — the film is almost a Dante's Inferno of Roman-style torture. To take one example, the Roman whip — with its sharp tips that imbed in the flesh and tear skin on their way out — is accurately reproduced in sickening detail. Anyone who cannot handle such portrayals of human torture need not purchase a ticket.

That proviso aside, this is a beautiful film — a film made with love and true religious feeling. Gibson draws upon the Gospels, tradition, the Stations of the Cross, Christian mysticism and, drawing it all together, the basic principles of the Spiritual Exercises on St. Ignatius of Loyola. Intercutting scenes of torment with flashbacks to the Last Supper, the Sermon on the Mount and Jesus' childhood, Gibson accentuates and deepens the story. In the most beautiful of these moments, Christ stumbles for the second time while carrying the Cross, and, as He falls, Mary (Maia Morgenstern, who deserves an Academy Award for her role) sees, for a moment, the young Jesus stumbling. When Mary reaches her Son, she murmurs "I am here", and He replies, "See, mother, I make all things new.

There are many, many moments like this. Gibson does his best to underscore the connection between Christ's suffering and our salvation. In the movie Christ is the suffering and redeeming Son of God, first and foremost, not the "nice man who taught good values" Buddy Christ of much modern entertainment. No one who has seen this film will think about their faith in quite the same way.

Critics' other primary target is the film's alleged anti-Semitism. Anti-Semitism is a form of racism and is condemned by the Roman Catholic Church, especially in the context of the death of Christ, which is not a crime that can be attributed to any one historical person or group of people. Nonetheless, there is a scene of the crucifixion and the sympathetic portrayal of the Christ Child as if He were already dead. Gibson is careful to include Christ praying for his enemies and the image that appears in the movie. The conclaves of the Sanhedrin that condemns Jesus is portrayed as a secret council, called without knowledge of more moderate Pharisees, and even so some present speak up for Jesus. Others grow disgusted with the actions of Calaphas and leave his side while Christ is being tortured. Other Jews, including large groups of Jewish women, protest the condemnation, and a Jewish hero, Simon of Cyrene, temporarily steals the spotlight as an Everyman forced to come to terms with the awful fact of the Passion. The worst villains are not the Jewish high priests, but the sadistic Roman soldiers in the scouring sequence.

Despite being cleared of these charges, the film is not perfect. In the scouring scene, Gibson goes far beyond the scriptural 39 lashes (I lost count at 63), and three particular scenes seem like mere excess — a raven pecks out the eyes of the bad thief immediately after he mocks Jesus, a tear falls from Heaven at Christ's death and the earthquake following the death is overplayed. While these missteps are irritating, only the first is troubling. Gibson's other curious decisions tend to work out, especially the creepy, serpentine imaging of Satan, who parallels Mary. Satan carries a strange, undead spawn that appears to be a deliberate mockery of the Renaissance tradition of depicting the Christ Child as if He were already dead.

Though imperfect, The Passion of the Christ is a masterpiece. It is the most important film from a Catholic perspective in ages, and it is a powerful statement of the core of Christian belief. No one who has seen this film will think about their faith in quite the same way. By allowing us to all the more clearly visualize the suffering and death that Christ endured for our sake and our salvation, Gibson has given the world a great gift.

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By MOLLY GRIFFIN

The Passion of Christ is without a doubt a controversial film, and Hollywood usually avoids any box office surrounding a project — both negative and positive. Religion, though, remains a taboo topic, however ripe with juicy controversy thought it may be. Hollywood doesn't like the fact that it arouses more than mere outcry — it causes moral outrage and financial backlash. Nevertheless Mel Gibson, through his vast monetary resources and celebrity clout, has finally pulled off the religious film that Hollywood has been looking for. It is a controversial, moving, artistic and spiritual film that can be appreciated by believers and nonbelievers alike.

The film follows Jesus from his condemnation to his death by crucifixion, and it is interspersed with moments from his life and ministry. The story blends the Passion accounts of the four New Testament gospels, and thus adheres to Biblical and not historical accounts, making the film more concerned with spirituality than accuracy. Controversy has arisen from the film's apparent blaming of the Jews for Jesus' crucifixion and the sympathetic portrayal of Pontius Pilate. But in the film, no one is explicitly blamed for the death of Christ. The film reveals the tension between the Roman government and the Jewish people and the religious that Jesus has begun. Mob mentality and Pilate's wish to avoid rebellion seem more at the heart of the events that lead to Jesus' crucifixion than the fault of an entire race of people.

The strength of the actors in the film emerges as one of the most powerful elements of the movie. Jesus, Mary and Mary Magdalene exude complicated emotions with their facial expressions and intonations, even while speaking other tongues. James Caviezel, who plays Jesus, gives the spiritual leader a aura of serenity and peace amidst chaotic surroundings. Maia Morgenstern's portrayal of Mary evokes the speechless pain of a mother losing her only son in a gruesome way, but she also exudes serenity and strength despite the crippling sense of helplessness that overwhelms her. Another woman reeling from Jesus' death is Mary Magdalene, played by Monica Bellucci, who adds another layer to the sense of absolute helplessness and sorrow that envelops those who followed Jesus.

Gibson takes some artistic license with his direction of the film, but most of his
A Non-Catholic Perspective

When people find out that I’m not a Catholic but have attended a Jesuit high school and that I am now enrolled in the nation’s most notable Catholic university, they often ask me how I feel about the Catholic faith. After answering this question countless times, I’ve settled into the groove of explaining that I try to live by the Golden Rule and I usually leave it at that. And why not? The Golden Rule appears in some form or another in almost every major world religion, if only slightly altered in terms of wording in each of its many versions.

The question I usually have is a more difficult time fielding what I think about Jesus Christ. Having been only versed in the very basics of Catholic doctrine through a few short years of required theology courses, I usually settle on the answer that I think he was a compassionate, good man and that is good enough for me. To put it lightly, Mel Gibson’s new film The Passion of the Christ was an eye-opener.

It’s hard to ignore an extended scene of an innocent man being scourged to within an inch of his life, especially when each whip lash is beaten into your subconscious as the camera cuts to Jesus’ muted grip on each crack of the whip. And just when you think you’ve seen enough, the weapon of punishment is changed to a sinister cat-o-nine-tails with inch-long metal spikes running along its outer edges and the torture continues.

The film was both unsettling and unpleasant to watch for much of its duration and I’m sure a good number of people will use its depiction of graphic violence as one more reason to denounce it as the work of the devil. But how, exactly, can you accurately depict the last 12 hours of Jesus’ life without the version presented in Gibson’s endeavor? You can’t show scourging and a crucifixion in gentle terms akin to a playful slap on the wrist.

The visual power of much of the film rests in its directing style. Although nearly a decade has passed since Gibson’s last directorial effort, Braveheart, Gibson still possesses the same artistic touch that won him an Academy Award. He seamlessly splices in the more pleasant and notable events of Jesus’ life, such as the Last Supper and the Sermon on the Mount, intermittently between the events of Jesus’ torturous ordeal. This effect is quite jarring, and it paints a stark contrast between the way Jesus lived his life and the way he was forced to die.

Although a sizable chunk of the film is devoted to recreating the more well-known scenes of Jesus’ suffering, I found some of the most profound moments to be those hidden among the chaos. There is one scene where Jesus drops his cross in exhaustion on the way to Golgotha amidst a brawl between the peasants and soldiers that envelopes him. Severely alone within the bedlam, the scene shifts into a slow-motion shot of the approaching feet of a kind woman who offers Jesus a cup of water and a clean white towel to wipe his bloody, mangled brow. These fleeting scenes are sprinkled throughout the film and they add a deeper meaning to the film that can be interpreted in immeasurable ways. They paint a portrait of a good man who touched many with his continuing kindness and who, at the very least, continued to live a noble life when most of us could have easily turned to bitterness and a swift retribution.

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Trail Blazers outlast Magic in 94-91 overtime victory

The New Jersey Nets won their 14th straight game Tuesday night — the longest streak in the NBA this season — by holding off the injury-plagued Toronto Raptors 86-74 behind Kenyon Martin’s 25 points and 15 rebounds.

The victory was the 13th straight for head coach Lawrence Frank, and it set up Monday night’s final first since replacing Byron Scott as coach of the two-time defending Eastern Conference champions on Jan. 26.

New Jersey travels to Minnesota for a game Wednesday against Kevin Garnett and the Midwest Division-leading Timberwolves, who have lost only seven times in 28 home games.

Only four of the Nets’ wins in the franchise-record streak have come against teams with winning records. Toronto played without Jalen Rose, Vince Carter and Alvin Williams in losing its season-high sixth straight.

This latest Nets win wasn’t much of a game, even though the Raptors got the 33-year-old Frank a little depressed in the second half, cutting a 19-point lead late in the third quarter to 73-68 with 3:54 to go.

Frank called two timeouts during the 14-0 run and picked up a technical foul for seemingly mocking the officials for making a call for the Nets.

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Pro Bowl linebacker signs with Broncos

Al Wilson agrees to multi-year $42 million contract

Associated Press

DENVER — Three-time Pro Bowl linebacker Al Wilson agreed Tuesday to a seven-year, $42 million contract with the Denver Broncos.

The deal also includes a signing bonus in excess of $10 million.

By agreeing to terms, Wilson avoided the Broncos’ franchise designation, which would have paid him $5.834 million last season in the final year of his original 1999 rookie contract. A first-round draft choice out of Tennessee, he has led Denver in tackles for the last two seasons. He had 128 tackles (99 solo) in 2003, and a career-high 199 tackles (158 solo) in 2002.

"Al is happy with this deal," Wilson’s agent, Norm Nixon, said. "He has played with these guys for five years, has a great relationship with his coaches and knows the system. There’s something about having a comfort level."

"Everybody wanted to avoid the franchise tag," Wilson played for five years under his original contract and never complained. "This was his time to be rewarded."

Last season Wilson was voted defensive captain by his teammates and played in his third straight Pro Bowl. Broncos general manager Ted Sundquist said the sides were "very, very, very close" to an agreement before the Pro Bowl on Feb. 8. Wilson rejected that offer, however.

When talks reached a stalemate, it appeared likely the Broncos would apply the franchise tag to Wilson.

Nixon called Sundquist on Friday to try to re-open the lines of communication in hopes of resurrecting a long-term deal.

Bucs consider Johnson trade

TAMPA, Fla. — Keyshawn Johnson could be headed for the Dallas Cowboys and a reunion with coach Bill Parcells.

The Tampa Bay receiver said Tuesday that his agent has been granted permission by the Bucs to talk to the Cowboys about a possible trade that more than likely would bring receiver Joey Galloway to Tampa Bay.

Johnson, who played three seasons under Parcells with the New York Jets, declined to elaborate.

"We won’t comment on rumor and speculation," club spokesman Jeff Kamis said.

Johnson, who has four seasons remaining on an eight-year, $56 million contract he signed in 2000, is due a $1 million roster bonus on April 1, meaning any trade involving the wide receiver likely would be completed before then.

Like Johnson, Galloway is a highly paid receiver who cost his team a great deal to obtain in the 2000 draft. He has maintained a close relationship with the coach, and Dallas is one of five teams he has said he would entertain a trade with. The Cowboys, but would give Tampa Bay the speed receiver that he would seek to trade the receiver to the Bucs for a pair of first-rounds picks in the 2000 draft. It has maintained a close relationship with the coach, and Dallas is one of five teams he has said he would—rather than release him—a trade that would send Johnson to the Cowboys.

Tampa Bay's Keyshawn Johnson makes a catch during Super Bowl XXXVII. Tampa Bay and Dallas are talking about a trade that would send Johnson to the Cowboys.
NBA

Critical hearing date set in Bryant's case

Attorneys get chance to present case for using sexual history

DENVER — Kobe Bryant's attorneys will get a chance next week to tell a judge why they should be able to use the accuser's sexual history against her at the basketball star's sexual assault trial.

State Judge Terry Ruckriegle said Tuesday that attorneys should be prepared during the two-day hearing that begins Monday to discuss whether the information is relevant to the case.

The defense has argued the 19-year-old woman had sex with two other men in the days before her June 30 encounter with Bryant at the hotel near Vail where she worked. They say those men may have caused injuries found by a nurse who examined the woman the next day.

Under Colorado's rape-shield law, Bryant's attorneys would be able to present evidence about the alleged victim's sexual past only if the judge determines it is relevant.

Bryant, 25, faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation if convicted of felony sexual assault. The Los Angeles Lakers star has said the woman consented to have sex with him.

The judge said he has reviewed information submitted by Bryant's attorneys and believes it is enough to justify a hearing. To determine whether the information is relevant, he said, he will need to hear specific evidence about the woman's sexual activity.

Sprinter excluded from all future Olympic games

Associated Press

LONDON — British sprinter Dwain Chambers was suspended Tuesday for two years and banned for life from the Olympics, the first athlete punished for testing positive for the designer steroid THG.

THG, which was undetectable until last year, is at the center of the scandal surrounding a San Francisco-area lab accused of supplying dozens of professional athletes with banned substances. Chambers' coach, Barry Bonds' personal trainer and two others were indicted this month.

Chambers, the European 100-meter champion, tested positive in an out-of-competition drug test in August. UK Athletics suspended him, and under British Olympic Association rules, he is barred from ever competing in the Olympics.

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just wouldn't change," Reese said Tuesday. "Let the market decide value. Now, where does that put an arbitrator if you will," general manager Floyd Reese said.

"Bob is a good coach and we wish him all the best in the future," general manager Michael Barnett said. "It's really a combination of the defensive end in Tennessee. "I'll certainly keep them in the loop, and I will work very diligently to make a quick resolution here once Jevon gets into free agency, so the Titans are still very much in the picture," Rosenhaus said.

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Sosa shifts focus to World Series, not steroids

Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — Sammy Sosa brushed aside questions about steroid use in baseball, saying he doesn't know what other players are doing and can't control anyone but himself.

His only concern is getting the Chicago Cubs to the World Series.

"I really don't want to make a comment about that because we've got a beautiful team here," he said when asked about steroids following his first spring training workout Tuesday. "We've got something else in mind, to come here and play baseball. I don't want to make a comment because I don't have anything to talk about."

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Bonds can chase Hank Aaron's career home run record, Sosa said. He wants a ring.

"My goal right now is to win the World Series," he said. "We've got an awesome team. I think what we didn't finish last year, we're going to finish this year."

The Cubs made several improvements to last year's squad, which won the NL Central. They acquired Gold Glove first baseman Derrek Lee and bolstered their bench by signing Todd Walker and Todd Hollandsworth.

They took what was already one of the best rotations in the NL and added Greg Maddux to the foursome of Kerry Wood, Mark Prior, Matt Clement and Carlos Zambrano. And they plugged the holes in their bullpen, signing LaTroy Hawkins and Kent Mercker.

What he thinks is the best team to come to Chicago.

"I feel that we have a better team this year than we had last year, and we played great last year," Sosa said. "We have a chance not only to go to the playoffs but to win the World Series."

Baker and the rest of the Cubs have gone out of their way in recent days to say this is still Sosa's team. This is his 13th season in Chicago, a tenure that dwarfs anyone else's. And with 539 career home runs, he's one of the greatest hitters ever.

But after so many years of being the only show in town when the Cubs were losing, Sosa is happy to share his spotlight. For a second straight year he joined the rest of the position players for the team's first full-squad workout rather than coming in a few days later and causing a scene.

"This is not about my team. No way. This is about winning," Sosa said. "One of the reasons why we won last year was because everybody was together. There wasn't finger-pointing from anybody. Dusty Baker was doing an unbelievable job. We were together like a family and we want to keep it this way."
**BIG EAST MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Panthers overcome first half turnovers to beat Hoyas

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — From double-digit deficits to double-digit wins, Pittsburgh found plenty of ways to turn over the ball in the first half.

In the second half, they found 19 points in a 19-0 run that railedd the third-ranked Panthers to Tuesday night's 68-58 victory over Georgetown.

"I think sometimes with our record, everybody expects the perfect game," said coach Jamie Dixon, whose team overcame 23 turnovers and a 10-point second-half deficit. "The good teams are the ones that respond and adjust to things throughout the game."

Carl Krauser scored 19 of his career-high 26 points in the second half, including the first nine in the decisive run as Pittsburgh (17-7, 9-5) got its Division I-leading 25th win.

The Panthers trailed 39-31 with 12:50 to play and seemed to be on the verge of being blown out. But Krauser scored on a driving layup, and the Panthers cut the lead to 41-35.

"I needed to get some points," Krauser said. "When we got up by 30 we played poorly. We played well."

But Ben Gordon, with two 3s, advanced the lead to 51-37 with 11:39 left. The Red Storm (6-18, 1-12) got its Division Head's 25th win.

The Hoyas were outrebounded 42-32 in the first half and had 17 turnovers.

But the Hoyas (13-15, 3-11) pulled to within 66-61 on a pair of Darius Rice free throws with 1:13 remaining.

"When we got up by 30 we played the scoreboard and that happens," Clark said.

But Rice missed a long 3-pointer about a minute later. Perez then sank two free throws to make it 68-61 with 1:13 remaining.

The Hurricanes had two games remaining and might need to win both to make the Big East Tournament, which begins March 10.
around the dial

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

N.C. State at Georgia Tech, 7 p.m., ESPN

**NBA**

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**NHL**

Blues fire Quinnelle, elevate Kitchen

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — In danger of missing the playoffs for the first time in 25 years, the St. Louis Blues on Tuesday fired coach Joel Quenneville.

The Blues have not missed the postseason since 1979 and are one point behind the Calgary Flames in the race for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference. But they are just two points behind Nashville for sixth place.

Quenneville's current run of postseason appearances is the longest in professional sports: It also is second-longest streak in NHL history behind the Boston Bruins, who made the playoffs in 29 straight seasons from 1968-96.

Quenneville had served as Blues coach since January 1997 and guided them to five seasons of 90-plus points. He seemed on his way to a sixth straight playoff trip when St. Louis stormed to a 20-win sin its first 30 games.

"We need to recharge and redirect our team," St. Louis general manager Larry Pleau said. "Our current roster is the same team that went 20-6-3-1 through our first 30 games. Our expectations for this team remain high."

The Blues are 9-14-4-1 over the last two months, including a 3-2 overtime loss at last-place Chicago on Sunday. They are in third place in the Central Division with a 29-25-7-2 record.

Assistant Mike Kitchen will replace Quinnelle, with the team announce the move for Quinnelle's last game. The Blues will face the Phoenix Coyotes on Tuesday.

"The right person is going to get on the six-episode series for the big pay," Matt Birk said. "Everyone has dreamed of getting the million of his own money this summer as host of a reality TV show called "The Benefactor.""

About 30 contestants will compete on the six-episode series for the billionaire's cash on ABC-TV.

"Everyone has dreamed of getting rich, and I want to help one lucky person get there," Cuban said Tuesday.

He said the show won't be a traditional contest.

"You don't need special talents," he said. "I'm not looking to find out who is the biggest, funniest, prettiest, smartest or able to go without food or water the longest."

"The right person is going to get on my good side at the right time, and whoever that is, is going to walk away with a check from me for $1 million."

Cuban has grown accustomed to giving away his money in recent years. He's been fined repeatedly by the NBA since buying the Mavericks in January 2000, mostly for criticizing referees. The penalties totaled more than $1 million.

Nolan Ryan re-joins Astros as an advisor

OAKLAND — Five years after he left, Nolan Ryan returned to the Houston Astros on Tuesday.

The Hall of Famer, who holds the record for no-hitters (seven) and strikeouts (5,714), signed a five-year personal services contract.

He pitched for Houston from 1980-88, then spent his last five seasons with the Texas Rangers. His 10-year personal services contract with the Rangers ended earlier this month.

"In my mind, I hoped to be involved with the organization after my playing days were over," he said. "It's kind of special to be standing here today. I just had kind of a 15-year vacuum there that I hadn't anticipated.

"He's a solid hockey coach. A coach who has the respect of everyone in our locker room, organization, and around the NHL. The Blues are his team."

Quenneville, 45, leaves the Blues as the franchise's all-time leader in wins (367) and games coached (593). He was the second-longest-tenured coach in the NHL behind Jacques Martin of Ottawa.

In 1999-2000, Quenneville captured Coach of the Year honors, guiding the Blues to a franchise-record 134 points. But they were upset in the conference quarterfinals by San Jose.

In Brief

Cuban to host reality show on ABC

DALLAS — Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban will give away $1 million of his own money this summer as host of a reality TV show called "The Benefactor."

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guides, Providence's needle had popped Notre Dame's bubble. In what was arguably their biggest game of the season, Notre Dame suffered their worst home loss in Irish coach Mike Brey's four years at the helm of the Irish.

And now, Notre Dame's road to the NCAA Tournament runs through Madison Square Garden, where the Irish have won exactly two games in the Big East Tournament in the eight years they've been a conference member. "It's pretty much pointless," a disappointed Jordan Cornette mumbled, "to talk about how important this game was now."

What made the Irish fade away in their most important game of the season? A team that remained resilient enough to weather a 2-6 stretch in January and early February and knock off three teams ranked in the RPI top 30 uncharacteristically fell apart in a game where a victory might have punched their dance card.

Of course, credit is due to Providence's ferocious, aggressive zone defense that forced Chris Thomas and Chris Quinn to hoist 3-points from five feet behind the arc. The lack of an inside scoring presence and Notre Dame's inability to drive behind the arc. And the lack of postseason tournaments (something that must be really tough to do, given that they've the Irish have said all along they aren't thinking about the NCAA Tournament). For a team that was the basketball equivalent of dead money in early February, the fact that the Irish managed to claw their way back onto the bubble in the first place is an accomplishment in itself. "Quite frankly," Brey said, "it's amazing we even got to the bubble."

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Applications are available in 114 Coleman-Morse Center or 319 Coleman-Morse at the Reception Desk (there is no cost for this program)

Questions: call John or Sylvia Dillon at 1-7163
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and final bout of the 135-
point division. Michael
Feduska, a junior from Alumni
who lost in last year’s quarter-
finals to Brian Faist, is the No.
2 seed in the weight class and
awaits the winner of the
Hoffman-Villan match-up.
The remaining two boxers of the
135-pound class, Pedro
Alves and Tim Jaeger, both
fought in last year’s Bengal Bouts, losing in the quarter-
finals to Brian Faist, is the No.
2 seed in the weight class and

Alumni freshman Kevin
Martin will have to overcome
the experience of senior Mark
Pfizenmayer in order to
advance to Monday’s quarterfi-

Pfizenmayer fought in last year’s Bengal Bouts, losing in the quarter-
finals to Chris Hoffman.
Senior Matt Walsh fights Ed
Liva, a Dillon sophomore, in
the next 145-pound division
match. While this is Walsh’s first
time fighting under the lights in the Joyce Center, Liva
fought in last year’s Bengal Bouts, losing in the quarter-
finals to 2003 freshman Bill Weiler.
Senior Chip Marks gained
powerful ring experience in
last year’s Bengal Bouts, losing
in the first round to Tony
Hollowell in the quarter-
finals. Marks continued to
build his experience by spar-
ing eight times in the last month. Marks faces Keenan
Freshman Will McCauliffe in
the fourth fight of the 145-
point division. McCauliffe will
have to be aggressive to over-
come Marks tonight.
O’Neill sophomore Tod
Strobel faces Zahm junior Matt
McConnell in the next fight of
the night. Neither boxer has
previous Bengal Bouts experi-
ence and the fight should be
evenly matched.
Senior Joe Schm idlin fights
Paul McNicholas tonight.
McNicholas is a sophomore in
Dillon. Schm idlin fought in last year’s bouts and
advanced to the semifinals
where he lost to last year’s
140-pound champion Tony
Hollowell.
The final match-up of the
145-pound division pits Dillon
freshman Mike Burke against
the No. 2 seed, senior Paul
Robinson. This will be both
boxers’ first fight in the Bengal
Bouts and Robinson is a
healthy Robinson brings the
experience of six sparring ses-
sions with him into his fight
tonight.

The final fight of the night
will be between Alumni senior
Brad Amiri and senior Zach
Fumagali to become the 135-
pound champion. Amiri ran
in the tournament for both
boxers. Fumagali to become the 135-
pound champion and he is
arguably the toughest and
most experienced fighters in
the tournament.
Senior David Harmon meets
sophomore Nick Weiler from
Alumni in the second fight of
the 150-pound division. Weiler
won two impressive battles against Hollowell and Matt
Fumagalli to become the 150-
pound champion and he is
arguably the toughest and
most experienced fighters in
the tournament.
Keough freshman Jordan
Knott draws Alumni junior
Kevin Rycyna in tonight’s
bout. This is the first fight for
both in the tournament and
they have comparable sparring
experience.
St. Edward’s freshman Jon
Brews will meet senior No. 3
seed Jon Prilzab on Monday
after Drew Shula withdrew from the tournament.
The final fight of the 150-
pound division pits Alumni
division pits Dillon sophomore
Will Bezoueka and O’Neill
freshman Brian Tyrell. While
Little fighter has a great deal of
detail about both boxes’
records from coaches during sparring
sessions. The winner of this
fight will face junior captain
Galen Loughrey on Monday.
Loughrey, a Dillon resident
made an impressive run in last
year’s Bengal Bouts, but was
stopped by the winner of the
last year’s 155-pound champi-
on, Colin Korrigan.
155 pounds

Fifth-year architecture stu-
dent Raul Muffly is the No.
1 seed in this year’s newly creat-
ed 153-pound division and he
awaits the winner of the bout
between sophomore Mike
Dolan and senior Matt Jensen.
Dolan is fighting is his first
Bengal Bouts and has experi-
nce of similar tournaments.
Alumni freshman Brad Amiri
and senior Zach Fumagali in
the no. 1 seed in the 153-pound
bout. Schomase is a former
Notre Dame football player
who joined the Boxing Club
after his senior season with the
team. Both are new to the
Bengal Bouts, each has a few
rounds of experience, including
one match against each other. The
winner of this battle will move
on to face St. Edward’s junior
Boxing captain Launder.
Another group of first year
boxers will match up in the
145-pound division. Senior
sophomore Brian Garcia and
d gambled a few rounds of sparring
time for the opportunity to
fight in the tournament.
Morrissey freshman Brian
Grissinger and Dillon sopho-
more Joe Rehm are the
final illustrator in the 153-pound
division.
155 pounds

Kevin Loria and Paul Hagan
comprise the lead fight in the
155-pound division. Loria is
a junior from Alumni and
Hagan is a freshman.
Both are first year boxers.
Senior captain Nathan
Lohmeier of O’Neill awaits the
winner of this bout in the next
class.
Knotsohiohie Mike
Peters draws senior Boast
Tucker. Both are first year
boxers with simi-
lar sparring,
experienced fighters.
Keenan sophomore Mark
Basolasi, the division’s No. 4
seed, will fight the winner of
this bout.
Alumni sophomore
Bret Mortiz and Val
Orlov in the ring tonight.
Both boxers have looked strong in
sparring sessions, despite a bit
of blood occasionally drawn
from his nose. The winner of
this match will fight Mike
Panasica, an experienced junior
on Monday.
The final fight of the night is
between Alumni Burns and
Burns Gigante.
Burns is a sophomore,
and Gigante is a sophomore from
Dillon.
Burns Gigante are first
timers in the Bengal Bouts
with similar sparring records.
The winner of this fight will
move on to face the No. 2
seed in the division.
Senior champion
Brett Mortiz, will face the
winner of this bout for the
155-pound championship.
Gigante faces competitor
Brandon Gasser. Gasser was a
Bengal Bouts finalist last year,
losing a very close match to
Juan Diego Vargas.
The first fight will begin at
6:30 p.m. and 23 fights are
scheduled.

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going to be a mental challenge for us to get back in that mindset that we have to get our intensity back on defense."

The Hurricanes offense exploded in the team's last game — an 81-43 victory over Seton Hall. By comparison Notre Dame lost to Seton Hall 21-45 earlier this season.

"That's kind of scary," McGraw said. "To see our Seton Hall score and their Seton Hall score. I'm sure they were talking about that too."

McGraw plans to use Minogue Hernandez and Breona Gray more in the game to give the Irish a quicker defensive squad.

While the Hurricanes have many weapons, Notre Dame first needs to contain James. The sophomore guard is the reigning conference player of the week. She averaged 24.0 points and 5.5 rebounds in Miami's wins over Syracuse and Seton Hall. Along with James, Chavonnia Boussard, Yaldona McCormick and Shaniqua Wilkins all average at least 11.5 points per game.

This game has significant consequences for the Big East stand-
ings. Notre Dame sits 17-8 and 10-3 in the Big East conference, while Miami is 20-4 and 9-4 in conference play. The Hurricanes lost three straight games, start-
ing with their loss to Notre Dame a month ago, but have recovered to win their last four decisions.

Even though Notre Dame hasn't lost at home this season, and the Irish need the win to stay in sole position of second place in the conference, McGraw said the pressure isn't on her team.

"I think there's a lot less pres-
sure on us," McGraw said. "We had to beat St. John's and Pittsburgh and Providence. We absolutely had to win those games because they're at the bottom of the standings.

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came with the Flyers, for whom Poulin played 467 regu-
lar season games over eight seasons (1982-83 to 1989-90).

Poulin collected 394 points (161 goals, 233 assists) for Philadelphia over that time, which ranks him 17th on the Flyers all-time scoring list. From 1984 to 1990, Poulin served as the team's captain. While he was captain, Philadelphia captured three Patrick Division champi-
oнаships and two Wales Conference titles. Poulin was also named to the NHL All-Star Team twice in that span, once in 1986 and again in 1988.

Following the 1986-87 sea-
son, Poulin became the second Flyers player in history to win the Frank J. Selke Trophy as "the player who best exudes leadership qualities on and off the ice and has made a noteworthy humanitarian contribu-
tion in his community."

Despite coming into the league as an undrafted free agent, Poulin's work ethic and drive allowed him to succeed at the highest level.

"When I received my first rookie card, it came out and I flipped it over," he said. "I had a very good year, and I thought it was over and it said 'hard worker.' I wanted to laugh, because I wanted it to say 'fast skater' or 'great playmaker' or something.""Eventually I came to realize that was the reason I was there in the NHL. I was asked if I could use the ability to work hard and develop the tal-
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Bottoms up!

Happy 22nd, Kathy!

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Irish guard Chris Quinn drives against Providence Tuesday night in a 73-59 Irish loss. With the loss, Notre Dame fell to 7-7 in the Big East.

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Friars quickly rotated around the perimeter and kept pres-
sure on Notre Dame's outside shooters.

Combine that speed with Notre Dame's lack of points from its inside game, and the zone could be extended toward half court forcing the outside shots to come from way behind the 3-point line.

"We have to get a couple of buckets around the basket. Then they're not as aggressive. You have to make a couple of those so they respect the inside guys," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "You have to make a few more 3-point shots. Probably not all of those 29 shots were good shots. But they almost forced us to live out there."

The Irish was able to overcome its anemic offensive pro-
duction in the first half with playing solid defense and cleaning up on the boards. Despite shooting 46.3 percent in the first half, the Friars only led 24-23 thanks to the nine Notre Dame offensive rebounds.

But in the second half, Notre Dame's offensive effort was inconsistent, and the offense stayed unproductive. In both halves, the Irish had a nine-
minute stretch where they didn't make a field goal. And that didn't include a four-minute period without a field goal to end the first half.

On the night, the Irish shot 31.5 percent overall and went 7-for-29 from 3-point range.

"When you play against a zone and you can't get some stuff to go, then you start to wonder a little bit and I think that affected us defensively a little bit at times even though," Brey said. "I give them credit because they are a good offensive team."

Game two was Notre Dame's last chance in the regu-
lar season to get a good "RPI" win. "All that's left for this team is three games to rebuild momentum heading to Madison Square Garden in two weeks," Brey said. "That was a huge opportunity for us," Brey said. "I told our guys we should use the last few games to get ready for the Big East Tournament."

"That's the only tournament we should be talking about."

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NOTRE DAME (9-17, 7-7)
Providence 9-18-3-12, teenagers 0-2-0-0, Jones 3-9-0-7, courtesy 0-2-1-2, Field 4-7-0-0, Carter 0-1-0-0.

PROVIDENCE (19-5, 10-3)
Goss 16-9-0-20, Dougherty 26-6-0-0, Sanders 5-4-5-17, McGraw 6-10-0-0, Kabala 2-5-2-6, Brenn 0-0-0-0, Austin 0-1-0-1, G. B. Browning 2-4-0-4, Kort 0-1-0-1-2.

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Notre Dame 23 36 59
Providence 24 49 73

3-point goals: Notre Dame 7 (Thomas 3-13, Cornette 2-4, Quinn 1-5, Faller 1-4, Dressen 1-3, Gomes 1-3), Austin 0-1, B. Browning 0-1, Field and Cornette.

Notre Dame 28 (Thomas 11), Providence 27 (Carter 13). Providence 17 steals (Carter 5), Notre Dame 12.

Notre Dame offensive rebounds: 24 (Sanders 7), Providence 27 (Dougherty 12). Providence 32 total rebounds (Thomas, Quinn 8). Notre Dame 31 offensive rebounds. Providence 21 turnovers to Notre Dame 12.

Friars 32 (Parrish 10), Providence 23 (Jones 9, McGraw 3, Kort 2). Providence 22 assists (Carter 7), Notre Dame 16.

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**JUMBLE**

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square.

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

1. **ANSWER**
2. **Puzzle by Fred Persip**

**HOROSCOPE**

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY**: George Harrison, Sally Jessy Raphael, Andrei Davis, Christopher George, Tommy Newman, Jane Austen, Cole Porter, Christopher Awdry, Jean Cocteau, Jack Ma.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**: You are seeing a clear picture of the circumstances that surround you this year. You will find it difficult to clarify what other people are thinking, and this could have a great impact on the outcome of your own ambitions. Your added discipline will help you to make the projects that you feel most important. Your friends will come from your diligence and hard work. Your numbers are 2, 15, 23, 29, 37, 41.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Use your energy to start those changes that you've been planning for your home. Focus on pleasing those you love. Be aware of those who have hurt you. Trust others will come to satisfy.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You will be restless. Make plans to get up and go. Leaving friends will bring you a feeling of satisfaction. You will wish for the hearts of those you have through your selfish actions.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): From the big plans, you can't afford to. Lending money to a friend will end in disaster.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Your friends will bring you a feeling of satisfaction. You will win the hearts of those you love through your unselfish actions.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Changing your position may not be as you expected. Accept the changes and continue on with your work. Problems with food orfullname subscriptions should not be ignored.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Help children with projects they don't understand.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put any ideas of realistic ambitions with the house out of your mind. It will only ensure that you won't have a job in the near future. Inflations appear to be preoccupying your mind.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll have a greater interest in travel and foreign cultures. Sign up for a philosophy course that will offer you the mental stimulation and the additional knowledge you desire.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will have problems if you don't stay away from spicy foods. Curb your eating habits and start working at getting yourself in shape.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You need a break. Look for breaks that will allow you to spend more time with your off-duty work.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can expand on your ingenious ideas at work. Make your presentation: don't be afraid to put yourself on the line.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Environment is evident. You need a break. Look for breaks that will allow you to spend more time with your off-duty work.

**BIRTHDAY BABY**: You have an inner ability to sense what others are feeling and thinking. Use your talents properly, and you will find yourself moving in a positive direction.

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Last week we said, "When the doctor said he had..." and our readers asked The Observer about the next line. We hope you enjoyed our mystery song, and we are happy to say, "But I could be wrong."

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Use your energy to start those changes that you've been planning for your home. Focus on pleasing those you love. Be aware of those who have hurt you. Trust others will come to satisfy.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You will be restless. Make plans to get up and go. Leaving friends will bring you a feeling of satisfaction. You will wish for the hearts of those you have through your selfish actions.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): From the big plans, you can't afford to. Lending money to a friend will end in disaster.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Your friends will bring you a feeling of satisfaction. You will win the hearts of those you love through your unselfish actions.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Changing your position may not be as you expected. Accept the changes and continue on with your work. Problems with food or fullname subscriptions should not be ignored.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Help children with projects they don't understand.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put any ideas of realistic ambitions with the house out of your mind. It will only ensure that you won't have a job in the near future. Inflations appear to be preoccupying your mind.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll have a greater interest in travel and foreign cultures. Sign up for a philosophy course that will offer you the mental stimulation and the additional knowledge you desire.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will have problems if you don't stay away from spicy foods. Curb your eating habits and start working at getting yourself in shape.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You need a break. Look for breaks that will allow you to spend more time with your off-duty work.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can expand on your ingenious ideas at work. Make your presentation: don't be afraid to put yourself on the line.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Environment is evident. You need a break. Look for breaks that will allow you to spend more time with your off-duty work.

**BIRTHDAY BABY**: You have an inner ability to sense what others are feeling and thinking. Use your talents properly, and you will find yourself moving in a positive direction.

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Irish coach Mike Brey hangs his head and the rest of the Irish watch in the final seconds of their loss to Providence Tuesday.

No. 13 Providence knocks off Irish at home as postseason hopes darken

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

With NCAA Tournament hopes on the line, five frantic minutes at the end couldn’t make up for the previously 35.

In arguably the biggest game of Notre Dame’s season, the Irish turned in one of their worst efforts on the year and lost 73-59 to Providence Tuesday night at the Joyce Center.

The loss sends the Irish from the bubble to 13-11 overall and at the end couldn’t make up for their transition game, and we didn’t get it,” Notre Dame guard Chris Thomas said. “We’re not even worried about any tournament right now.”

With star player Ryan Gomes being held to two points in the first half, the Friars made a concerted effort to run their offense through Gomes in the second half. Gomes finished with game-highs in points (25) and rebounds (12), showing why many consider him to be one of the top players in the Big East.

“Gomes is the best player in the league right now,” Thomas said. “That’s why they won, because they have him.”

While the production from Gomes wasn’t unexpected, the intensity of Providence’s zone was a surprise to the Irish. The intensity of Providence’s zone was a surprise to the Irish.

“No. 21 Miami when the teams first met Jan. 28 in a 59-50 Irish win in Coral Gables, Fla. The Irish hope for a repeat performance when the Hurricanes visit the Joyce Center, prior to the Flyers’ 7 p.m. game against the Nashville Predators March 3.

“Really caught me off guard,” Poulin said. “When I was first contacted, it came as a big surprise. It’s not something you really think about or prepare for. Certainly it’s a great honor.”

Following his graduation from Notre Dame in 1982, Poulin spent a combined 13 seasons in the NHL with the Philadelphia Flyers, Boston Bruins, and Washington Capitals. The bulk of his playing career will meet Keenan freshman Kenton Villano in the third round, which matches sophomores James Larew and Michael Schmitt. Schmitt is a PLS major from Stanford and Larew from San He was first contacted, it came as a big surprise. It’s not something you really think about or prepare for. Certainly it’s a great honor.”

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