Jenkins maintains stance, invites response

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

University President John Jenkins delved into the relationship between academic freedom and Notre Dame's Catholic character with more than 500 students Tuesday in an address almost identical to the one he delivered Monday to faculty, using a frank and explanatory tone he later said was necessary to confront the weighty topic.

"I think it was important I said what I thought," Jenkins told The Observer Tuesday. "I don't want to come out and say, 'Really, I'm undecided,' because that would be dishonest... To say I don't have any views on this, that would be dishonest."

University President John Jenkins speaks to students in Washington Hall Tuesday about the need to uphold Notre Dame's Catholic identity while preserving academic freedom.

Winning ticket ready to deliver on promises

By MEGAN O'NEIL
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Propelled by strong leadership experience and a wealth of specific proposals, junior Susan McIllduff and sophomore Maggie Seifert were elected Saint Mary's student body president and vice president in a close election Monday.

The winning ticket garnered 257 votes, or 54 percent, while their opponents, senior Amanda Shropshire and sophomore Annie Davis, earned 236 votes, or 44 percent. A total of 532 students voted, representing 36 percent of the student body, a statistic comparable to last year's 38 percent voter participation. There were nine abstentions.

The candidates were not allowed to campaign Monday as students cast their votes.

Shropshire, Davis to seek alternative roles

By KELLY MEEHAN
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The promise "to get down and dirty" to sway the Saint Mary's student body to elect Amanda Shropshire and Annie Davis as their student body president and vice president in Monday's election was not enough to win the Saint Mary's Student Center Tuesday.

Their weeklong campaign filled with promises to increase fundraising and revamp Board of Governance meetings came to a disappointing conclusion on Tuesday morning when the two were notified they had lost to Susan McIllduff and Maggie Seifert by a mere 51 votes.

"I hope they can make a significant change in student government," Davis said. "No one really knows what is
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Forever 21

While many students spent the first week back to school surveying their syllabi, buying books and readjusting to college life, I was basked in the glory (or lack thereof) of turning 21.

I have always looked forward to my 21st birthday, knowing that it could potentially enhance my South Bend social life. I would no longer be limited to the "off-campus" party scenario and could finally join my older bar-hopping buddies.

I kicked off the weekend's festivities in style by visiting Corby's, adorned with my "I need a cocktail" pin, rather than the sometimes-in-your-face-it's-my-birth-day-accessory of a crown.

Anticipation grew as my friends and I counted down the time, the guys leading up to midnight while I could proudly present the sometimes staunch bouncer with my legitimate Ohio license.

The next day it was time to further examine the bars of the Bend with a trip to Rum Runners. The crush during piano players proved rather entertaining, especially when I became involved in the stage along with a fellow celebratory 21-year-old to entertain the crowd with a birthday festivity that included a somewhat histrionic version of "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes." I thought I would keep things going on Thursday night with a trip to The Voice, where the crowd with a birthday festivity that included a somewhat histrionic version of "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes."

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Judge stresses legal responsibility

By KATIE PERRY
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Lawyers and judges should be responsible for their work, William Pryor Jr., U.S. Circuit Judge of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, said in an address to the Federalist Society at the Notre Dame Law School Tuesday.

Pryor spoke about specific historical instances of racial and religious bigotry and emphasized the dire need for lawyers to exert moral responsibility in their profession in the first of his two speeches delivered at the University Tuesday.

To illustrate his argument, Pryor employed the 1921 Birmingham, Ala. court case of State vs. Stephenson. The trial followed the alleged murder of Catholic priest Father James Coyle by Methodist preacher and Ku Klux Klan member E.B. Stephenson.

Pryor said Stephenson became so enraged when he discovered his daughter Ruth had converted to Catholicism — thus becoming a member of Coyle’s St. Paul’s Church — and sent a Pareto Rican that he shot the priest. Years later, theyragged the defense didn’t have much trouble “with the case.”

Pryor said Stephenson’s lead defense attorney, Hugo Black — who later served as a Supreme Court justice from 1937 until 1971 — was not a “role model” regarding the practice of morality in the courtroom.

“I do not mean to condemn the career of Hugo Black, but his representation of the case, and trial tactics were despicable,” Pryor said. “A lawyer’s call is not to win at any cost … The true calling of a lawyer is … tempered by moral and ethical responsibilities.”

Pryor said Black’s tactics were “objectively wrong” when he exercised racial bigotry in the trial’s closing arguments and sought to use Coyle’s Catholic indigence against him.

Black said a Methodist child doesn’t become Catholic without someone planting “seeds of influence” and argued Stephenson’s daughter was “wrongly proselytized” by the priest, Pryor said.

Black also “connected” his client’s plea of temporary insanity, Pryor said.

Pryor said 13 years before the Stephenson trial, the American Bar Association outlined the qualities of a virtuous lawyer and said a good lawyer adheres to the strictest principles of moral law — an obligation shared by many Catholic lawyers and judges.

“Catholic lawyers and judges are called to follow our patron saint Sir Thomas More,” Pryor said. “As More explained before this death, he died king’s good servant and God’s first.”

Pryor later presented his second lecture, “The Role of Religion in the Judiciary,” to the greater Notre Dame community in the ballroom of the LaFortune Student Center. The forum was first in the Catholic Think Tank series, a chain of student government-sponsored presentations beginning this week to promote the University’s status as a national center for dialogue concerning Catholic issues.

Before his appointment to the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in June of 2005, Pryor served as Alabama’s attorney general from 1997 to 2005. The graduate of Northeastern Louisiana University and Tulane University — where he earned his law degree — has also taught at Stanford University’s Camberfeld School of Law.

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Meeting addresses King Day, diversity

By PETER NINNEMAN
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Should the name of Martin Luther King Jr. even be included in the title of a diversity meeting? This was a question posed by Chandra Johnson, director of Cross-Cultural Ministry and associate director of Campus Ministry, to her fellow members of the committee that plans events celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

“I wanted to see how the black people would react,” Johnson said.

Johnson worried that non-minority students would shy away from attending the town hall meeting in Coleman Morse Tuesday night partly designed to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Day, celebrated Jan. 16.

But the mix of students present at “A Call for Your Voice: The Responsibility of Every Man and Woman” included about as many white students as minorities, even with King playing a central role in the discussion.

Anthony Burrow, a research associate in the psychology department, and Beaana Urisi, a visiting fellow in the Africana Studies department, facilitated the meeting. For the most part, however, the participants controverted the flow of discussion.

Among the issues discussed were how the concept of the Notre Dame family sacrifices diversified individual development of students, King as a model of Catholic social teaching, how every race has a diversity in and in what ways blank spaces should work towards progress.

Several students said they thought blacks were growing more and more agitated. This was evident in one student’s accusation earlier in the discussion that the reason Notre Dame granted a day off for Martin Luther King Jr. Day might have been “just a coincidence,” noting that the University did nothing to celebrate the holiday in its official day.

The consensus among those who participated was that anger is a useful catalyst for progress, but is not very sustainable.

Johnson said she believes blacks need to gather with a positive attitude and learn to love each other.

“I’ve stopped blaming white people,” Johnson said.

She also said blacks should not wait for another leader like King, because “America will take him out.”

The meeting was sponsored by Campus Ministry and Multicultural Student Programs and Services.

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Times-inefficient Board of Governance meetings and sensor systems are reinvented at Shropshire and Siefert's past student government boards, Davis said "it will be interesting to see how the new president and vice president would work together and run BOG next year."

Davis said she plans to remain highly involved within student government as admissions commission- and looks forward to working with the College's new administration. References of the disappointing loss, she is still considering running for student body president again next year.

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Shropshire will finish her term as student government commissioner and looks to simplify the add and drop process. Meldulf and Siefert also promised to ensure a strong student voice in the vice presidential search committee, which the College seeks to replace Vice President and Dean of Faculty, Patty White and Vice President of Student Activities Linda McIlrath.

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from 8 a.m. until midnight and had to wait until the outcome was announced Tuesday at 8:45 a.m."

"I was extremely excited, I felt as though a week of hard work had paid off," Meldulf said.

Meldulf and Siefert, along with their opponents, spent the last week knocking on doors, distributing fliers and answering students' questions on everything from their definition of a Saint Mary's woman to how they intend to communicate with the student body.

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Residence Hall Association (RHA) elections all take place this week, and having the presidential-vice presidential election so early can be a big task to get involved with, said Lerner, but ultimately it was a success.

"Since it was the first week back, we hoped that most study rats would not too be busy to participate in election activities and it would also give the candidates a chance to campaign without having dozens of other academic commitments," Lerner said.

"Overall, I think the election went well. We had minimal complaints, and each ticket took extra care to avoid any violations."

Despite the quick timing of the election, Meldulf said she was impressed with her campaign response as she canvassed the campus and said she is looking forward to turnover on April 1.

"We felt as though everyone was engaged," Meldulf said. "It was the first week back, and everyone was a little shocked that it was so soon."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Judges dispute during Hussein trial

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Judges in the trial of Saddam Hussein tried to remove a newly appointed chief judge Tuesday, a dispute that forced an abrupt postponement of the proceedings and deepened the turmoil in what was supposed to be a landmark in Iraq’s political progress.

Saddam’s lawyers were quick to capitalize on the disarray, saying the confusion provided fresh evidence that a former leader could not get a fair trial in Iraq. Former U.S. attorney general Ramsey Clark, a member of the defense team, said the trial should be abandoned.

Since its Oct. 19 start, the trial has been defined by delays and disruptions, the assassination of two defense lawyers and a judge’s decision last month to stop after learning that one of the defendants may have been responsible for his brother’s execution.

Militants pledge peace for elections

AMRILIS, West Bank — Palestinian gunmen linked to the ruling Fatah movement killed one of three party leaders Tuesday, increasing tensions on the eve of parliamentary elections and raising doubts about a new pledge by armed groups in the West Bank and Gaza to hold their fire during the vote.

Opinion polls have shown Fatah and Hamas in a close race ahead of Wednesday’s election and both sides have said they might form a coalition government. Candidates were banned from campaigning Tuesday for a cooling-off period before the election.

Andrew Krepinevich, a retired Army officer who wrote the report under a Pentagon contract, concluded that the Army cannot sustain the pace of troop deployments to Iraq long enough to break the back of the insurgency. He also suggested that the Army move its reserve forces in December, to begin reducing the force in Iraq this year was driven in part by a realization that the Army was overextended.

Supreme Court blocks execution

WASHINGTON — Florida death row inmate Carroll won a last-minute Supreme Court stay Tuesday night about an hour after he was scheduled to be executed for killing a police officer.

It was not clear if the court’s intervention would only briefly delay Hill’s execution, which had been scheduled for 6 p.m. EST, to give justices additional time to review three separate stay requests.

Witnesses had gathered at the Florida State Prison for the execution, which was put off for more than an hour before word came from the court.

The witnesses were sent home after Justice Anthony M. Kennedy filed paperwork that said Hill’s death sentence would “be stayed pending further order” of the justices.

LOCAL NEWS

Toll Road lease plan passes first test

INDIANAPOLIS — Gov. Mitch Daniels’ toll-road privatization plan, which would allow him to leave the Indiana Toll Road to a foreign company for $3.85 billion, passed its first test Tuesday afternoon.

The House Ways and Means Committee approved the plan, 14-10 party-line vote, with Republicans siding with the governor and Democrats voting against the proposal. The legislation now moves to the full House, where Republicans have a 52-48 majority.

IRAQ

Gunmen kidnap two German engineers

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Armed men wearing military-style fatigues kidnapped two German engineers from a car in northern Iraq on Monday, Iraq’s interior minister said Tuesday, in what officials described as a 14-10 party-line vote, with Republicans siding with the governor and Democrats voting against the proposal. The legislation now moves to the full House, where Republicans have a 52-48 majority.

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The German government confirmed that two young German males from Leipzig were kidnapped Tuesday and said a special crisis team was sent to Iraq to deal with the matter. Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said Berlin was doing “everything in our power to secure their release.”

“I think it sends a message to the American people that this guy is not King George, his President George,” said Senator Democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

Bush should have picked a woman, said Reid, who urged the president last year to pick White House counsel Harriet Miers. “They couldn’t go for her because she was an independent woman,” Reid said of Miers, whose nomination was withdrawn under conservative criticism.

Bush then picked Alito, a 15-year federal appeals judge, former federal prosecutor and law professor for the Reagan administration. Republicans say he is a perfect choice for the high court. They praise his carrying of Democratic attacks on his judicial record and personal credibility during this confirmation hearing this month.

“If anybody has demonstrated judicial temperament and poise and patience, it is Judge Alito. And he ought to be confirmed on that basis alone,” said committee chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa.

Democrats worry that Alito, along with new Chief Justice John Roberts, will put the court to the right and could even help overturn major decisions such as Roe v. Wade, the abortion rights case.

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With enough support for confirmation, committee advances nomination

Alito garners substantial support

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito won commitments from a majority of senators Tuesday, assuring his eventual confirmation and ensuring the court to the right.

On the same day Alito won a 10-4 party-line approval from the Senate Judiciary Committee, five Republican senators announced that they would vote for his confirmation in the full Senate, pushing his over 50 votes in the 101-member chamber.

Five Republican Senators, plus one Democrat, Ben Nelson of Nebraska, have publicly committed to vote for Alito through their repre­ sentatives, interviews with The Associated Press or news reports.

No Republicans have opposed Alito. Bush is poised yet to declare how they will vote. Sens. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island, Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe of Maine and Ted Stevens of Alaska.

One of Alito’s supporters, Sen. Craig Thomas of Wyoming, announced after meeting with Alito in his Senate office. “He represents the kind of justice who will interpret the law with respect to the Constitution and not legislate from the bench. His judicial experi­ ence is second to none and I’m confident he will do an excellent job handling his constitutional responsibility,” Thomas said.

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A sign supporting Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito stands in the front yard of a home in Bordentown Township, N.J., Tuesday.
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Disney announces buying of Pixar

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Walt Disney Co. said Tuesday it is buying long-time partner Pixar Animation Studios for $7.4 billion in stock in a deal that could restore Disney's clout in animation while vaulting Pixar CEO Steve Jobs into a key role in the media conglomerate.

Disney's purchase of the maker of the blockbuster film "Toy Story" could help the Burbank, Calif. firm catch up to rivals Pixar and DreamWorks SKG. The acquisition will give Disney a bigger presence in the lucrative toy market, which is dominated by Pixar and DreamWorks.

"With this transaction, we welcome and embrace Pixar's unique culture, which for two decades, has fostered some of the most innovative and successful films in history," Disney Chief Executive Robert Iger said in a statement.

Disney has co-financed and distributed Pixar's animated film for the past 12 years, splitting the profits. That deal expires in June after Pixar delivers "Cars," and it had once appeared that Jobs and former Disney CEO Michael Eisner would not renew it amid friction between Jobs and former Disney Chairman Michael Ovitz.

But the talks revived after Iger, who became Disney CEO last October, took over. The theme park owner that also owns the ABC and ESPN TV networks, and Pixar has discussed a new relationship for months.

"I think there are people that can do a better job at that than me," Jobs told The Associated Press. "My interest is really just being on the board and helping Bob make this combination super successful and helping him in any other way he asks me to." Under the deal, Burbank-based Disney said it will issue 2.3 shares for each share of Pixar stock. At Tuesday's closing price of $25.99 for Disney, Pixar shareholders would get stock worth $59.78, a 4 percent premium over Pixar's closing price of $57.37. The deal was announced after the markets closed for the day.

"It's something Disney had to do," said Harold Vogel, a media analyst with Vogel Capital Management in New York. "It's good for both companies."
Students respond to Father

"If you shut it down now or in the next few years, what you will actually be shutting down is a community of men and women who have been healed by the Vagina Monologues."

Senior Kaitlyn Redfield, Vagina Monologues organizer

"I have concerns about where the line gets drawn. Part of our novelty at Notre Dame is to look at the secular world through a Catholic framework...we could be missing out on a lot of opportunities to comment on the world as it exists."

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"We wanted it to be conversational enough so that they could say what they think."

While he said he has not seen "The Vagina Monologues" or attended the Queer Film Festival, Jenkins told The Observer this would not prevent him from making a fully informed decision on either event.

"I've read the Vagina Monologues a couple times," he said. "There are some really great theatrical works, Greek tragedies, that I have never seen performed, but I've read, and I feel I know those works pretty well. I think [seeing the play] helps a bit, but I don't think it's absolutely necessary."

"The Queer Film Festival, I think I know enough because [my concern] was about the way -- the way it was set up, that's been addressed. Because [my concern] really was more superficial."

Students raised certain issues repeatedly while questioning Jenkins, one being the fear that "The Vagina Monologues" are not allowed on campus -- as they have been the past four years -- that victims of sexual assault and rape will be silenced.

Jenkins told The Observer that the issue of violence against women was "always on the agenda."

"I honestly don't know what we need at this stage," he said. "I've read against women, there's something we need to continue to look at, and I imagine I'll be responding to, but what particular steps are needed at this stage, I am not prepared to say, I'm open to learning."

The issue of sponsorship was also a recurrent theme in the address and a point of contention for some students, who questioned if Jenkins thought the University sponsors something or a unit of the University sponsors something that appears to be in conflict with Catholic teaching, the University's name is used in such a way that it seems to support that which it doesn't support. It's more about authenticity of character and its representation," he said. "But that in no way should limit a wide and broad environment and presentation of events, events, artistic productions."

Regardless of whether they agreed or disagreed with Jenkins, the students who addressed the president -- especially those dissenters -- conducted themselves admirably, said Glenn Hendler, director of undergraduate studies at Notre Dame. We should engage them, we should think about them, students need to encounter them and make up their minds, and I'm 100 percent behind all that," Jenkins told The Observer. "That is not only something I would allow, but something I insist on, that range of views."

But when those views run the risk of denying the University's fundamental identity, Jenkins said, problems arise. "When, year after year, we sponsor something or a unit of the University sponsors something that appears to be in conflict with Catholic teaching, the University's name is used in such a way that it seems to support that which it doesn't support. It's more about authenticity of character and its representation," he said. "But that in no way should limit a wide and broad environment and presentation of events, events, artistic productions."

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Students who couldn't make it into Washington Hall -- capacity is a little over 500 -- were sent to a spillover room in LaFortune, Baron said, where the speech was broadcast on campus cable. He was not surprised by the high turnout.

"I started to feel this was really on the pulse of what the campus was talking about," Baron said.

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Left, students stream into Washington Hall Tuesday to listen to Father John Jenkins discuss academic freedom and Catholic identity. Right, audience members listen attentively while making visual statements.
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"So you're more concerned with appearance to outsiders?" Hall asked. Jenkins countered immediately.

"It is sort of about perception, but it's about the integrity of my views," he said. Applause erupted.

Tom Miller, a graduate student in creative writing, questioned the scope of Jenkins' statements, adding that in order to graduate, he and his classmates must read their creative works publicly — works that could contain controversial material.

"Do we have your assurance that we serve a very diverse student body," Weidner said. "I'm concerned that when [Jenkins] speaks of a limit on things that encourage a lot of dialogue like 'Vagina Monologues'... that are put on by students, it sends a message that only one kind of interpretation is permitted — that which falls in line with Catholic doctrine."

Redfield left Jenkins' speech concerned and convinced that the majority of the student body feels the same. "Even if students don't agree with ['The Vagina Monologues'], most students are concerned that their freedom of speech is in quite a bit of danger," she said.

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Above left, a student shares her views. Bottom left and above, audience members absorb Jenkins' comments. Right, Jenkins clarifies a point as student body president Dave Baron looks on.

"We are the students who are speaking. Some of us have been raped, Some of us are feminists, some of us have premarital sex, some of us are gay. We too are forming our identities and wrestling with our faith and we make up this university and student body, and we want to be heard." Junior Emily Weisbecker

"Our students should be trusted to make their own choices about whether to participate in them, attend them and protest them. All of those views are important, and I hope you'll recognize that," Jill Weidner, Howard Hall Assistant Rector, 3rd year law student.
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addresses on academic freedom to present an assertive approach and to articulate the precedent he acknowledged would characterize his presidency.

"You can go wrong in two ways, you can go wrong in two ways," Jenkins told The Observer at his 17th presidential address to the Notre Dame's 17th president.

Growing into his role

Though he served as a vice president and associate provost for 22 years before taking over as president of Trustees elected him to succeed then-University President Father Edward Malloy on April 30, 2005, Jenkins then a relatively unfamiliar face to many in the Notre Dame community, announced his election with humility, praising his predecessor and the importance of being a Board's choice.

"No doubt, after I take this job, I'll still be correcting myself, because you know I'll be green," Jenkins told The Observer in October 2004, in midst of the presidential transition. "But you're never completely ready, and you just try as best as you can be to do your absolute best."

During the transition period, Jenkins said repeatedly he was not yet fully ready to be Notre Dame's president. He declined an Observer request to interview him about his presidency before July 1, 2005, instead presenting his steady hand of Malloy as a model of the leadership qualities he would try to emulate.

"People look to you to set a course, to bend the momentum that has been steady," Jenkins told the Observer in April 2005, during the final months of Malloy's presidency. "Things change and controversies come and go, but you just have to be steady.

When Jenkins did take office on July 1, 2005, it was with relatively little fanfare as students were away from campus for the summer.

But the new president received a full house, when he inaugurated in September 2005, when he was inaugurated in a two-day event complete with formalities. He was officially installed, and dually brought to the fore in the formalities of the ceremony. It was very fruitful and very helpful.

"I think it says a lot of very good things — it says he's not going to sit off in a dark corner churning off great decisions that no one had a part in," said Burish, as the newly inaugurated president. "I think it's something that very few university presidents do — explain why they get where they are — and I had to do it at a few times, and I found that it was very fruitful and helpful.

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Google to censor China search site

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Online search engine leader Google Inc. has agreed to censor its results in China, adhering to the country's free-speech restrictions in return for better access in the Internet's fastest growing market.

The Mountain View, Calif.-based company planned to roll out a new version of its search engine bearing China's Web suffix "cn," on Wednesday. A Chinese-language version of Google's search engine has previously been available through the company's dot-com address in the United States.

By creating a unique address for China, Google hopes to make its search engine more widely available and easier to use in the world's most populous country.

Because of government barriers set up to suppress information, Google's China users previously have been blocked from using the search engine or encountered lengthy delays in response time.

The service troubles have frustrated many Chinese users, hobbling Google's efforts to expand its market share in a country that expected to emerge as an Internet gold mine over the next decade.

China already has more than 100 million Web surfers and the audience is expected to swell substantially — an alluring prospect for Google as it tries to boost its already rapidly rising profile.

Baidu.com Inc., a Beijing-based company in which Google owns a 2.6 percent stake, currently runs China's most popular search engine. But a recent Keynote Systems survey of China's Internet preferences concluded that Baidu remains vulnerable to challenges from Google and Yahoo Inc.

To obtain the Chinese license, Google agreed to omit Web content that the country's government finds objectionable.

Although China has loosened some of its controls in recent years, some topics, such as Taiwan's independence and 1989's Tiananmen Square massacre, remain forbidden subjects.

Google officials characterized the censorship concessions in China as an excruciating decision for a company that adopted "don't be evil" as a motto. But management believes it's a worthwhile sacrifice.

"We firmly believe, with our culture of innovation, Google can make meaningful and positive contributions to the already impressive pace of development in China," said Andrew McLaughlin, Google's senior policy counsel.

Google's decision rankled Reporters Without Borders, a media watchdog group that has sharply criticized Internet companies for submitting to China's censorship regime.

"This is a real shame," said Julian Pain, head of Reporters Without Borders' Internet desk. "When a search engine collaborates with the government like this, it makes it much easier for the Chinese government to control what is being said on the Internet."

Google to censor China search site

Killer Arctic blasts incapacitate Europe

Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — Vienna's subway tracks cracked, German authorities held a deadly deep freeze tightened its Arctic grip on much of Europe.

The killer cold wave, which has been blamed for more than 50 deaths in Russia, claimed at least 13 lives in the past five days in the former Soviet Republic of Moldova, where authorities said another 30 people — many of them homeless — were hospitalized with hypothermia.

Romanian authorities reported 15 deaths in the past few days, five of them homeless people, after temperatures dropped as low as minus 22 degrees.

Parts of Austria felt more like Siberia, with the mercury plunging well below zero. The bitter cold hit an all-time low of minus 24 degrees in the Lower Austria town of Gross Gerungs, while in the making town of Zwettl, it was minus 12 — the chilliest Jan. 25 since 1929.

Vienna's subway system operation was interrupted in some areas of the capital because the electrified rails, which hit a low of minus 2 — caused the traction current to turn into arc flashes on sections of track.

Austria's largest automobile club, which created a cold line to respond to hundreds of calls from motorists whose cars wouldn't start because of dead batteries — along with dozens more from drivers who could not pry their way into their vehicles because the doors were frozen shut.

In southern Germany, officials of the federal railway Danube canal to shipping for the first time in five years after it froze over.

Thick sheets of ice stretching about 50 miles posed a danger to ship propellers and lock systems, said Leonhard Hummel of the Office of Water and Navigation in Nuremberg. An icebreaker had to help six ships in the canal — which links waterway systems between the North Sea and the Black Sea — reach their destinations.

At the zoo in Dresden, Germany, 21 Humboldt penguins were moved from their minus 6 outdoor environment into a building where the temperature was a more comfortable 32 degrees to ensure their safety didn't freeze, zoo director Karl Ukena said.

In Moscow, which was held in an icy grip for the past nine days, trolley buses and trams returned to service on Tuesday, but record-breaking electricity consumption continued to strain the Soviet-era power system. The Russian capital "warmed" to mobile 7, halmy compared with Thursday's minus 24, but the city's death toll rose to at least 28.

Serbia recorded its first cold casualty of the year when an elderly homeless man died in Belgrade. Authorities urged motorists to bundle up and provided some with hot tea.

A 47-year-old man froze to death early Tuesday in the eastern Czech town of Sumperk, and in Prague, workers erected heated tents for the homeless as temperatures in some parts of the country plunged to minus 23. Tents also went up in Bratislava, the capital of neighboring Slovakia.

At least 35 towns and villages in Bulgaria were without electricity Tuesday after surging power demand led to system cold an all-time low, the civil defense agency said. Schools in 18 of Bulgaria's 28 regions canceled classes, and an elderly man's death was blamed on the cold.

In Croatia, temperatures fell to minus 1 and winds gusting to 100 mph brought a fear some wind chill factor.
Youth takeover

Birthdays are funny things. Before my 21st, I was a lot more aware of my age and thinking forward to the benefits of that benchmark. Today, as I turn 22, I am thinking, as I have heard others say, what remains special about getting older beyond 21? I know the future holds other important milestones with new relationships and accomplishments, but there is something extremely awesome about turning 21. Not only are you entering an adult world, literally, of spaces only for adults, but also everyone knows how special it is and shares your excitement. Yet after turning 18 and then 21, we face a lull of ages, not being particularly special beyond our close contacts. Until you get up to there and every 5 to 10 years after, people are mostly impressed you’ve lasted this long.

What to do about the in-between though? There is little acknowledge of the attributes and power of young people. The only example I can think of is women and men who serve in the military. In the commercials and ads, young faces stare at us as models of courage and honor that all ages should shiver. I have respect for people who make that choice, but there are a multitude of spaces where young people shake things up and act bravely. What about the recent young people of faith entering the vocations to minister to future generations? What about young people today and through the decades that became Conscientious Objectors to war, risking forced labor and tainting? What about the young people who are doing the right thing without the watchful eye of adults? What about students who do the thankless work of most of the interesting programming on college campuses? Are they not of value? Are they not brave? Are they not worth public admiration?

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Observer in one hand and a pen in the other to finally analyze these arguments. I respect the academic decorum Jenkins has 
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Dame, and out of respect for his desire for a 
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Queen Latifah’s charm drives ‘Holiday’

By CASSIE BELEK
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At the time of year when everyone is rushing to see potential Oscar nominees, “Last Holiday” is ready to go to the movies. It may be filled with a predictable plot and far too many coincidences, but the film offers laughs and warmth that only Queen Latifah can deliver. It is not the most original plot — in fact, it is a remake of the 1950 Alec Guinness film. But the movie doesn’t try to break new ground in vacation comedies. It simply tries to give us more of what audiences want — Queen Latifah in a role that fits her like a glove.

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After she gets her head at work, a trip to the doctor reveals that Georgia has a terminal disease and only has three weeks to live. She regrets that she has wasted her life waiting for something to happen instead of doing the things she has always desired, like opening her own restaurant or meeting someone.

After accepting her fate, she cashes in all her investments, flies to the Czech Republic and checks into the Grand Hotel Pupp in Karlovy Vary, a luxurious spa and ski destination. There, she meets one of her cooking heroes, Chef Didier (Gerard Depardieu), and a series of far-fetched coincidences has her meeting the greedy retail giant who owns the department store for which she worked, her mistress, the senator who cancelled his appearance at her church (apparently to go on vacation) and a con- nisseur who serves no purpose except to utter some of the most humorous lines in the movie as several characters are stranded in the lodge of the hotel toward the end of the film.

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‘Dick and Jane’ no fun for movie audiences

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"Fun with Dick and Jane," starring Jim Carrey (Dick), is must assuredly fun but not as creative as its title.

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Theater adaptation fails to produce results

By GRACE MYERS
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Theater adaptation fails to produce results

By GRACE MYERS
Scene Critic

"The Producers" is a movie based on the Broadway musical which, in turn, was based on a movie about a play. But don't worry, no musical is too complicated and "The Producers" is not an exception. Despite its 37-year life, most people recognize "The Producers" from the famous, impossible-to-get-tickets-to, award-winning Broadway musical in which Nathan Lane (as Borodirick, a successful Broadway and film director, did not have any previous experience with film. He fails the task of portraying the energy of the protagonist that Zhang takes and molds, walking the fine line between Sayuri's passivity and assertiveness.

"Memoirs of a Geisha" has a well-known cast, including such names as Ken Watanabe and Michelle Yeoh, but these actors do well to remain true to their characters, so the film does not turn into a simple name-dropping exercise.

With the talents of composer John Williams, cellist Yo-Yo Ma and violinist Itzhak Perlman all working in concert, the score of "Memoirs of a Geisha" is astounding. Suited and beautiful, it complements the rest of the film and dances around two of the main characters — Sayuri and the Chairman — without ever becoming overpowering, thus remaining simply gorgeous.

The story of "Memoirs of a Geisha" may not be the best historical representation. There are some inaccuracies — some things are a bit too modern and never would have happened in the early- to mid-1900s, and World War II seems significantly underplayed. Most importantly, the realities of the time were probably not as beautiful as the film depicts them. Still, if taken with a little-warminess, it remains a great story.

If not the best history lesson. The lost world of the Geisha is perhaps not one that should be mourned so beautifully; it was a life where silk wrapped darker secrets of intrigue, virginity was sold to the highest bidder, and girls faced constant struggle to assert any of their own will over their lives.

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The 40-Year-Old Virgin

Unrated Edition

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Rule #46: The rules of wedding crashing and are sacred. Don’t sully them by “improvising.” Now these sacred rules are available for all to own, in the form of “Wedding Crashers Uncorked” on DVD. Never again will any Crasher have to utter Rule #76: "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" could have easily been the stereotypical movie that “The 40-Year-Old Virgin” proves to be. The extras highlight the best parts of the film and are actually worth watching, which isn’t true of every film out these days. Steve Carell, previously known for playing news anchors on “The Daily Show,” “Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy,” plays Andy Stitzer, an action-figure obsessed guy who also happens to be a virgin. When his co-workers find out that he hasn’t been with a woman, they do all that they can to help him. He ultimately starts a relationship with the “hot grandma,” Trish (Catherine Keener) and learns a lot about sex and what makes relationships work.

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One of the best — and most hastily — featured on the DVD is the “Waxing Doc,” which chronicles the now infamous scene in which star Steve Carell actually had his chest waxed into a “man-o-lantern” for the movie. Other extras included extended takes of such scenes such as “You Know How You’re Gay,” “Andy’s Fantasies” and “Cal and Paula,” all of which include commentary and a few other extended scenes without commentary.

The scenes, especially the clearly ad-libbed “You Know How You Know You’re Gay” scene, are actually worthy of making it into the actual film. The bloopers, as with most films, are predictable but worth watching once.

The “Line-O-Bama” feature is one of the more unique additions to the DVD. It shows alternate jokes that didn’t make it into scenes that are in the film. “My Dinner with Stormy,” another extra, features Seth Rogen, who plays Cal, on a date with porn star Stormy Daniels, who is featured in the film. There is also commentary on the entire movie from Carell and writer/director Judd Apatow.

Overall, “The 40-Year-Old Virgin” is a hilarious movie with a surprising dash of heart added to the mix. It doesn’t have an extremely complicated plot or premise, but with a great cast, some fantastic jokes and some actual commentary on relationships, it does a great job with what it has.

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Uncorked ‘crashers’ breaks every rule

By SEAN SWEANY

Scene Editor

Wedding Crashers

Uncorked Edition

New Line Home Video

Vince Vaughn, left, and Owen Wilson, middle, starred in “Wedding Crashers,” one of the summer’s biggest hits. It arrived on DVD in an “Uncorked” version.

Director Judd Apatow’s “The 40-Year-Old Virgin,” which stars Steve Carell (left) and was a surprise hit last summer, hit DVD in an extended uncorked version.

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Jermaine O'Neal thought to have torn groin muscle in game

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Indiana Pacers could have bigger problems than just finding a new running mate for Jermaine O'Neal.

With a proposed trade sending O'Neal to Sacramento apparently dead, coach Rick Carlisle said Thursday that he was worried about the team's future.

"It's just 28 points in the second half," Carlisle said. "I heard it pop.

"I'm really, really concerned. I heard it pop. I don't think it's a sprain, but I said O'Neal, may he torn a groin muscle in the fourth quarter."

O'Neal, who may have torn a groin muscle in the fourth quarter, said he felt that he pulled the injury on a play for which he hurt his right shoulder and was playing on a tender left ankle. He limped to the locker room with 9:30 remaining, but before the Cavs were ahead by 20.

Lebron James met with Oscar Robertson before the game and then flirted with a triple-double in front of the man who patronized him.

Wearing white tees under his shorts, a look likely to be rented, he strode toward the basket for a free throw after taking the ball out of bounds.

The Sixers have won three in a row, improving to 21-30 at the Wells Fargo Center after a five-game losing streak in Philadelphia, which came in second in each of the last three months in the NBA, reverted back to its usual form on defense after consecutive losses.

The Sixers held Memphis and Miami to a combined 20 points each, allowing the Kings to shoot 47.6 percent.

Heat 94, Grizzlies 82

MIAMI — Shaquille O'Neal had 20 points and 15 rebounds in only three periods.

Heat one point he scored in the third quarter, part of his big second-half effort that helped carry the Miami Heat to a 92-81 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Tuesday night.

Wade swept over 18 of his 25 points in the second half, plus helped frustrate former Heat guard Eddie Jones into an 0-for-7 performance in his first game back in Miami since he was traded in the five-team, 13-player deal last summer that brought Jason Williams and James Posey to the Heat.

"I don't think we're supposed to do, we can play with any team," said O'Neal, repeating a familiar refrain. "We just have to play good defense, contain their shooters, not let them have three or four guys in double figures. If we do that, we'll be fine.

Jackson had a season-high 22 points for Memphis, which also got 12 from Shane Battier and Mike Miller. Pau Gasol added 11 for the Grizzlies, who lost both games with Miami this season.

Pistons 107, Timberwolves 83

MINNEAPOLIS — Coach Flip Saunders and his staff were so pleased with native son Thaddeus Young's big performance that they could've donned Detroit's red uniform and played themselves.

Just another game? The Pacers acknowledged it wasn't.

Chauncey Billups beat old team by five points in the third quarter, sparking the streaking Pistons past the Timberwolves on Tuesday night — and garnishing Saunders a satisfying return to Minnesota.

"It was nice," said Saunders, cheered loudly before tipoff. "Coaches do like those kind of games.

Billups finished with 27 points, eight assists and seven rebounds after outscoring the Timberwolves 18-13 by himself in the third.

Antonio McDyess had 16 points, 15 rebounds and six assists after outscoring the Timberwolves three times in his previous game and showed the bravado of a team with the league's best record.

"That's one of the best teams I've seen assembled, from top to bottom," said Minnesota coach Dwane Casey. "You saw the potential NBA champions in that game.

Kevin Garnett had 21 points and 10 rebounds for the Timberwolves (19-20), who didn't make a very good impression on their former coach.

Saunders was fired last February after taking Minnesota to the playoffs eight times in his 9 1/2 seasons, and this was his first time back at Target Center.

Magic 111, Suns 102

ORLANDO, Fla. — All of a sudden, the Orlando Magic are unbeatable at home.

Orlando limited Phoenix, the NBA's highest-scoring team, to just two points in the final 4:48 of the game, allowing the Magic to pull away to a victory.

It was the seventh straight home victory for Orlando, which started the season just 5-9 on its own court. Hedo Turkoglu led the Magic with 30 points in the final 11 of a high-scoring game and seven consecutive points when Orlando broke a 95-all tie.

Dwight Howard added 22 points and 11 rebounds while Steve Francis had 15 points, six assists and six rebounds as Orlando matched its first straight win overall, tying a season high.

Kryon Dooling, playing for the first time after a first-game suspension for fighting, had 10 points in a reserve role.

"Home wins are huge, no doubt about it," Magic coach Brian Hill said. "We got excellent contributions from everybody at some point in the game and I was obviously pleased with our defense at the end."

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NHL

Axelsson, Bruins inch closer to playoffs with win

Third-period goal gives Boston 3-2 victory over Atlanta

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Boston Bruins had plenty of chances to score on the power play. They waited until the Atlanta Thrashers evaded them each time.

P.J. Axelsson scored with 7:02 remaining and the Bruins edged closer to playoff contention, beating the Thrashers Tuesday night.

Boston spent much of the third period with an extra skater — and even a couple of two-man advantages. But the teams were at even strength when Axelsson scored his first goal of the season.

"It was a hardworking goal," Axelsson said. "I didn't see any of it. I just shot it. I was too close to the net. There was a lot of luck in it."

Boston is playing its best hockey of the season, winning for the fourth time in six games and losing the other two in shootouts. The Bruins closed to within four points of the Thrashers, who hold down the eighth spot — the final playoff spot — in the Eastern Conference.

Boston had plenty of chances to win the game after the third goal, but only managed to score once. The Bruins had been held without a goal for 11 straight minutes when Mike Richter stopped a shot from Brad Isbister with 15:31 left.

Thrashers goalie Kari Lehtonen. "It was just the second time in eight games if you play like that."

Richards' goal, which appeared to be scored through a phalanx of bodies, was the last of the scoring.

"We've been playing consistently good for three or four weeks, but not always getting the results," coach Mike Sullivan said. "This group is starting to define itself."

The Thrashers are mired in a three-game losing streak — their worst slump since a five-game skid that ended in early December. Atlanta fell to Boston on Tuesday night.

Thrashers head coach Bob Hartley said. "Two points is what we want tonight, but we're not going to beat ourselves up," Richards said. "Tonight was an illustration of how good he can be," Panthers coach Jacques Martin said.

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Brodeur recovers from injury to make 24 saves in shutout

Associated Press

UNDONALD, N.Y. — Martin Brodeur overcame a first-period injury scare to help the New Jersey Devils rebound from a heartbreaking loss.

The Canadian Olympic goalie made 24 saves for his fourth shutout of the season and Brian Gionta scored his 29th goal in New Jersey's victory over the New York Islanders on Tuesday night, the Devils' 10th victory in 11 games.

Brodeur twisted his left knee midway through the first period when he got tangled up with Islanders forward Oleg Kvasha after making a sprawling save on Arron Asham.

"Kvasha's skate caught my skate and it twisted my knee," said Brodeur, who missed six games earlier this season because of a sprained right knee. "It's not bad. I felt it a little bit in the third period, but I'm not worried about it." The Devils also beat the Islanders 3-2 in a shootout Saturday for their ninth straight victory, but the season-high winning streak ended the following night with a 3-1 loss to the New York Rangers at Madison Square Garden.

"It's a big win, regardless of the shutout," Brodeur said. "We needed to get back on track. We had a great power play and penalty kill, two things that cost us at the Garden. We're paying attention defensively." Brodeur, seventh on the NHL's career shutout list with 79, improved to 24-15-3 and lowered his goals-against average to 2.59. He has all four of his shutouts this season in the last 11 games.

"He's the backbone of this team. No question," defenseman Colin White said. "Our whole team has been playing well and he's back there to make the big saves. I think he's the best goalie in the league by far."
Seahawks draw strength from Holmgren’s past

Holmgren to coach in fourth Super Bowl

Associated Press

KIRKLAND, Wash. — To Matt Hasselbeck, the best thing about Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren right now is not his game planning. It’s not how he handles his players or assembles a staff.

For the Seattle quarterback, the most impressive thing about Holmgren is that he’s been to the Super Bowl.

And now he’s going back with a third franchise.

“It was really a comforting feeling today for him to say, ‘When I was in this Super Bowl, we did this, and in that one, we did this,’” Hasselbeck said Monday, his first full day as quarterback of an NFC champion. “I feel we are really prepared.”

Holmgren is going to make certain of that. Oh, sure, he let Hasselbeck and company get a game plan — the only one he offered — in 1999.

He also let him have an all-too-familiar drought to six years with a 2-6, “To get out there and play the Super Bowl.”

The most impressive thing about Holmgren, who is 3 1/2-point underdogs to the Pittsburgh Steelers, is that Holmgren and his players have dealt with it, center Robbie Tobeck went back with Atlanta for the 1999 game.

Defensive tackle Chuck Darby won it with Tampa Bay three years ago. So did wide receiver Joe Jurevicius.

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“Players and coaches who have gone through the game, that helps,” said Holmgren, who was an assistant with the 49ers when they won the 1989 and 1990 Super Bowls, then head coach with Green Bay for a victory in 1997, and a loss in 1998.

“The more you can explain it to them, the better,” he said.

“Some of them will get there and won’t believe what’s going on.

“Only time will tell if that helps.”

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“He was kind of feeling for Lindsay Davenport.

The top-seeded Davenport extended her Grand Slam title drought to six years with a 2-6, 6-2, 6-3 Australian Open quarterfinal loss to Justine Henin-Hardenne on Tuesday, her first full day as Monday, his first full day as quarterback of an NFC champion.

“Talking to them today, they were still in that stage of pinch me, did it really happen?”

Mike Holmgren

Seahawks’ head coach

Associated Press

Holmgren furthers Grand Slam frustration with loss

Davenport said

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — It has become an all-too-familiar feeling for Lindsay Davenport.

The top-seeded Davenport extended her Grand Slam title drought to six years with a 2-6, 6-2, 6-3 Australian Open quarterfinal loss to Justine Henin-Hardenne on Tuesday.

“To get out there and play well, then slowly get worse as the match went on — it’s a bad feeling to have when you leave,” said the 29-year-old American said.

After winning the Australian Open in 2000, Davenport slipped out of the top 10, talked about retiring, then revived her career by regaining the No. 1 ranking and making finals here and at Wimbledon last year.

But the constant throughout the past six years has been a failure to add to her three major championships.

She took on a new coach, Dave Hildaberg, for this season and said Tuesday “there’s obviously still a lot of stuff that I need to get better.”

“I guess I’ve got the opportunity now the next few months to try and make those improvements,” she said, “give it another shot in another few months.”

Davenport joined defending champion Serena Williams on the sideline — they met in the 2005 Australian Open final.

Three women who weren’t here a year ago are among those now chasing the title — Belgians Henin-Hardenne and Kim Clijsters were out with injuries last year, and three-time winner Martina Hingis was retired.

The eighth-seeded Henin-Hardenne’s win over Davenport was not shocking. The reigning French Open champion has beaten Davenport in all three of their meetings at Melbourne Park, including the fourth round in 2003 and the quarterfinals in 2004, when she went on to beat Clijsters for the title.

Henin-Hardenne’s semifinal opponent will be 2004 Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova, who ousted fellow Russian Nadia Petrova 7-6 (7), 6-4 after fighting off two set points in an error-strewn Sieber.

Clijsters plays Hingis, and WTA Championship winner Amelie Mauresmo takes on Patty Schnyder in quarterfinals Wednesday, with the winners facing off in Thursday’s semis.

Clijsters and Mauresmo both have a chance of replacing Davenport atop the rankings.

Clijsters has to reach the final; Mauresmo has to win the title and have Hingis defeat Clijsters in the quarterfinals.

Davenport said losing her top ranking is inevitable, and that winning a fourth major remains her focus.

“Even though tonight maybe I took a step backwards, I still feel like I’m in the right direction,” she said. “I wouldn’t stay out here and I wouldn’t give it my all if I didn’t feel like it was still reachable.”

In men’s play, fourth-seeded David Nalbandian has no chance of taking Roger Federer’s No. 1 ranking at this tournament — but he’s aiming for back-to-back wins over the Swiss star. They are on a path to meet in the final.

The 24-year-old Argentine advanced to the semifinals by winning the last 14 games in a 7-5, 6-0, 6-0 win over 33-year-old Frenchman Fabrice Santoro.
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### IN BRIEF

**Bonds will not play in World Baseball Classic**

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds decided he is unwilling to risk his health in the World Baseball Classic.

If he's going to get hurt, the slugger will do so in a San Francisco uniform.

Bonds, no stranger to changing his mind, withdrew from the 16-nation tournament Monday because he wants to avoid the chance of an injury that might jeopardize what could be his final season with the Giants.

When my name was first announced for the WBC, my gut reaction was that I wanted to play. After much thought and discussion with my family I have decided to remove myself from the upcoming World Baseball Classic roster," Bonds wrote on his Web site http://www.barry-bonds.com.

The seven-time NL MVP had three operations on his troublesome right knee last year and missed most of the 2005 season before returning Sept. 12 and playing in 14 games.

He announced in late November that he planned to play for the United States and was included on the preliminary U.S. roster for the inaugural World Baseball Classic, scheduled for March 3-20.

**Bode Miller disqualified in World Cup Slalom**

SCHLADMING, Austria — Bode Miller was disqualified after straddling a gate during the first run of a World Cup slalom event, won by Finland's Kalle Palander on Tuesday.

American Ted Ligety, who had the leading time in the first run, and Olympic champion Jean-Pierre Vidal also were disqualified for running over a gate.

Palander put together two near-perfect runs to win his first World Cup race of the season, finishing in a combined time of 1 minute, 42.24 seconds.

"Undeniable," Palander said at the finish line. "My last win is two years ago. I can barely remember feeling so great after a win."

The World Cup victory was Palander's 10th and first since a Sestriere slalom in March 2004. He also won a Slidalmann's Planai course three years ago.

**Steelers to wear white jerseys in Super Bowl**

PITTSBURGH — To coach Bill Cowher, the Pittsburgh Steelers simply look right in white.

The Steelers will buck years of tradition and wear their white away uniforms in the Super Bowl against Seattle, even though they are designated by the NFL as the home team and could wear their more imposing black jersey tops.

The black jerseys and gold pants are the Steelers' traditional look, and numerous sports teams have switched to black uniforms in recent years because they believe it creates a more intimidating presence.

Cowher made the choice by himself and without consulting with owner Art Rooney II, saying, "We're not playing at Heinz Field so, in my mind, it's an away game."
The Pacers had reportedly agreed to ship the volatile for­
ward and Beasley with a near­-final offer. It was a

"Anything involving specula­
tion and what's up" has to be saved for another time," Carlisle said. "If there is a trade at some point, you'll hear about it."

"There's no deal," Artest told The Associated Press early Tuesday night that a deal was not going to happen.

"There's nothing to talk about because there's no trade." Artest confirmed to the Star and Bank of America a few minutes ago that something could still happen.

"There's no deal," Artest told the newspaper by telephone. "It's not that I don't want to play there ... I'm letting my agent handle things. He's taken over my agent's job.

Artest's agent, Mark Steinos, had told The Associated Press earlier Tuesday that a deal to move Artest "is imminent, as long as it is possible." After the trade apparently collapsed, he did not return phone calls from the AP.

"Almost as soon as possible. "

"It's not that I don't want to play at the hotel.

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"So why dwell on the situation? It appeared that — as the fifth­year coach's voice shifted from monotone, to excited, to confused, to confident — Brey was merely searching for answers.

"Though he knew before the season started that he needed to set lower expectations for this year, he said Tuesday that a younger, less experienced and less talented than in years past — Brey certainly could not have anticipated the feeling of begin­
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Sacramento officials and coach Rick Adelman would not comment before the team played at Philadelphia on Tuesday night, where Artest was not at the arena with the team. He was listed on the active roster but was not to be seen at tipoff.

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Brey's Irish can inch close, but can only get so far.
Lucchino, Epstein announce Theo's return as general manager

Hoyer, Cherington to take new positions

Associated Press

BOSTON — Theo Epstein’s new job is the same as his old one: general manager of the Boston Red Sox.

The Red Sox announced Tuesday that Epstein would return as general manager — a title more appropriate for him than the one the team released last Tuesday specified what led to the friction, though Lucchino alluded to an improved relationship between the business and baseball sides of the organization.

"Walls have crumbled, perceptions of one another have changed and appreciation of one another has grown," Lucchino said. "As an enhanced sense of team has emerged, we have rediscov ered that, whatever our differences may have been, baseball is at the center of our operations and our lives, and working toward the success of the Red Sox is a commitment which all of us share."

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Hoyer’s new job will be assistant general manager, and Cherington was given the title of vice president of player personnel.

Phil Jango stays as a special adviser for baseball operations and Craig Shipley was named vice president for international scouting and special assistant to the general manager.

Hoyer and Cherington acknowledged that they knew when they took the GM job that Epstein was expected to return.

NFL

NFL criticized for non-minority coach hires

Chiefs become first team to trade for black head coach

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — This month, for the first time an NFL team traded for a black head coach. Otherwise, the annual round of hirings has been a disappointment to those who have worked to bring more diversity to the league’s coaching ranks.

Nine out of 10 openings have been filled by men who haven’t been on the current tally of six black head coaches.

"We have some things to point to that I think are successful," lawyer Larry Mehri said Tuesday at a forum for minority employment practices sponsored by the Amicus, and working group of the Constitution Society.

Since then, the number of black head coaches has increased from two to six in the 32-team league, and more blacks are working in NFL front offices. Still, much more progress was expected this year because of the unusually high number of vacancies.

"The Rooney Rule is doing a good job," said Michael Haynes, the league’s vice president of player and employee development.

"It’s a nice process, but it does not necessarily mean a commitment to diversity. I think there’s a difference. Right now this is working, but there’s still some pitfalls," Mehri said.

Mehri read the names of the nine black coaches hired to date — Oakland is only team to be the only team to hire a black head coach this year, Miami is only team to hire a black head coach this year.

Mehri also pointed to the Rooney Rule, which will enhance sense of cooperation, and appreciation of one another has grown."

Larry Lucchino

Red Sox president

Theo Epstein talks on his cell phone at Fenway Park on Sept. 25, 2003. Epstein was renamed the Red Sox GM on Tuesday.

While Theo was contemplating returning to the organization in an advisory role, Red Sox president Larry Lucchino had said in a statement, "he and I talked and agreed it was best for the organization if he returned as general manager — his new job is the same as his old one: general manager of the Boston Red Sox.

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MLB

Mets don’t wait to establish new team attitude

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Spring training is a month away, and the 2006 Mets already have a theme: patience and fortitude.

Players gathered Tuesday on the steps of the New York Public Library behind the famous marble lions, who have looked down on Fifth Avenue for nearly a century and were given the names "Patience" and "Fortitude" by Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia in 1930.

"You have to have that every year, especially in this town," manager Willie Randolph said.

Seeking their first World Series title since 1986, the Mets announced they would not address critical troubles.

As players posed on the steps of the library and shouted “I love New York!” for the cameras, passers-by took photographs. Above them, on the wall of the library, was the inscription: “But above all things, truth beareth away the victory.”

Back inside, one of the onlookers was former Met Darryl Strawberry, who was an occasional instructor for the Mets last year. He said he enjoyed working with young players.

"That’s what I needed back in my days. We need it even more now," said Strawberry, who has struggled to overcome drugs, alcohol, violent behavior and tax troubles.

Strawberry said young players become stronger if they get advice.

New Mets catcher Paul Lo Duca, left, talks with pitching coach Rick Peterson, center, and manager Willie Randolph Tuesday.

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the Irish their most recent defeat, the Boilermakers may have inadvertently given Notre Dame the key to its recent run of success.

"Against Purdue, we went into the meet pretty confident that we would win, and we were more concerned with them than we were with ourselves," head coach Carrie Nixon said. "That meet, though, made us realize that we need to focus on our strengths rather than the other team’s weaknesses. I think that realization internalized us, and that helped us improve every meet. That was the turning point.”

Fruits of the team’s change in philosophy soon followed as the Irish reeled off consecutive dual meet victories against Pittsburgh and Minnesota.

The Minnesota victory was one to remember, as it was Nixon’s first home victory as head coach. It was also an important victory as it started to build the team’s confidence.

"Taking down a prominent Big Ten team like Minnesota, one that we were evenly matched with, really gave us confidence to know that we can beat a team of our caliber," Nixon said.

After dispatching the Golden Gophers, Notre Dame finished the fall season strong with a first-place victory in two invitational meets.

The first was the 10-team Minnesota Invitational where the Irish rallied from 80 points down on the final day of the three-day meet to triumph over the same Minnesota team of a week ago.

Notre Dame led from start to finish a week later as it won its own Notre Dame Invitational.

The improvement and build up of momentum were blatantly visible by that point as the Irish set three season best times, two career best times, three NCAA ‘B’ cut times and two meet and pool records throughout their three-day invitational.

Nixon credited the team’s continued improvement to the difficult training to which she subjected them.

"We really worked hard on our endurance base," she said. "We were learning how to be better athletes. It takes a while to learn that because it builds up over the course of a season.”

Coming off of an intense two-week training trip during Christmas break, the swimming and diving team continued Notre Dame’s dominance over the state of Michigan.

First, the Irish obtained their fifth consecutive victory with a defeat of No. 15 Michigan, and they brought the streak to six with last weekend’s defeat of Michigan State.

"The Michigan meet was really icing on the cake for us," Nixon said. "It showed us that we can rally at the end, and that we’ve trained hard enough that we can outlast our opponents.”

Three months and six wins later, Notre Dame barely recognizes the team that returned from West Lafayette with a winless dual meet record.

With the Big East Championships less than three weeks away, the timing couldn’t be any better for the surging Irish.

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up not to foul," Thompson said. "It didn't happen that way, but we found a way to win. But I guess (Dowdman) didn't get the memo."  

With the score tied at 76 in the final minute of the first overtime period, Irish forward Rob Kurz inbounded the ball with a second remaining and then missed the 7-foot-1 center Roy Hibbert down the court, and the Hoyas got behind Georgetown's defense.

Irish guard Chris Quinn caught the ball on the inbound, but the Hoyas missed what would have been a game-winning layup. "I think you've got to try to win it with four or five seconds left," Brey said. "A game like that tonight, you've got to try to steal it."  

Quinn said after the game it was a shot he should have made because he was in position to catch Kurz's pass and was behind the Hoyas defense:

Instead, the game went to double overtime, where Georgetown found itself in scoreless quarters, and Notre Dame struggled from the floor. Hoyas guard Darrell Owens, who finished with 18 points on 5-of-10 shooting, made 2-of-2 from the free throw line, but you have to convert everything else for her. She'll get her shots off. ... I love us at the free throw line, but you have to convert everything else for her. She'll get her shots off. ... I love us at the free throw line, but you have to convert everything else for her."  

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Rutgers charged, tallying 14 points and two steals in the first half alone. Ajovan, who entered the game averaging 11 points per game, connected on 2-of-6 shots from the field, including 3-of-6 from behind the arc, in the opening 20 minutes.

The Irish broke Rutgers' stranglehold and scored the next 13 points, starting when Duffy hit a long three at the shot-clock buzzer to register Notre Dame's first field goal of the night. But the Irish trailed 26-18 at halftime. Gray opened the scoring in the second half with a basket from downtown to cut Rutgers' lead to 26-21. She hit another three-pointer two minutes later, and the Rutgers lead was just four.

From there, the Scarlet Knights were unable to get much going.

Notes:  
- Irish freshman Chandrie Smith nearly registered the first double-double of her career, tallying nine points and 10 rebounds in 24 minutes of action. Smith was three-of-five from the field and three-of-five from the line.
- We had some bright spots, Washington said. "Smith stepped up in and had a great game. He had a double-double. She played very aggressively."
- Duffy was the only Irish player to reach double digits in points, scoring 10 on two-of-eight shooting from the floor. Each of her field goal was a three-point-er, and she made all four of her attempts from the free-throw line.
- They were running two or three people at their pace," Washington said. "They put a few defenders on her to make it tough for her to get her shots off. I thought she handled it pretty well. The thing is, we just needed other people to kind of step up and take control, in trying terms of getting us going offensively."
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First and foremost, the team must find a way to make up for the loss of point guard Bridget Live, a player who most likely miss her second straight game for the Orange.  

Also, the Belles must avoid losing a complete game. Against Alma, the Belles fell behind 32-9 in the first half and were unable to recover.  

Starting slowly has been a major problem for the team throughout the season and Brender knows that it could prove fatal against tonight's opponent.  

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Brender said he was extremely pleased with his team's performance in the second half against Ada and hopes the strong play carries over into tonight's game.

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minutes," Brender said. "That left me feeling pretty good about the [Alma] game."
CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Tear open
2. Made joke
3. Take on
14. Composer
15. Farming community, e.g.
16. Camel
17. Legal matter
21. "Oh-oh"
22. Averse to
25. Made square
27. Embryonic sac
28. It may be
29. Postage
30. Iona athletes
31. Sold purchase
32. Plain
33. End of another actor's line, maybe
34. Camel
35. W. Hemisphere group
36. A deadly sin
37. Tiller's tool
38. It's inert
39. Soil: Prefix
40. Tiller's tool
41. In accord (with)
42. Lowish voice
43. One of Chaucer's pilgrims
44. Like some seals
45. Eight beds
46. Bit of trinket
47. Percussion instrument
48. They're caught in pots
49. Soil: Prefix
50. Work out
51. Sizeable
54. Hockey's Smythe Trophy
55. Asian cuisine
56. Musician
57. Camel
58. Camel
59. Camel
60. Night fliers
61. Jenny Lind, e.g.

DOWN
1. SALT party
2. Boys
3. They make sense
4. A song on a bank statement
5. Tare letters
6. It's inert
7. Heart, essentially
8. Eight big times
9. "Dapper" one
10. Some, e.g.
11. Monot of Cooperstown
12. One of Chaucer's pilgrims
13. Like some seals
14. Split
15. Eight beds
16. Bit of trinket
17. Percussion instrument
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23. Asian cuisine
24. Lowish voice
25. Uncontrolled
26. "I... me"
27. "Gi..."
28. It may be found in a den
29. Go ballistic
30. Reporter's badge
31. Italy's M.I.
32. 35 Barbiro who played a TV genre
33. It's inert
34. "Gi..."
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47. Go ballistic
48. Reporter's badge
49. Italy's M.I.
50. On (warning)
51. Eye sore
52. Eye sore
53. Eye sore
54. Not be entirely truthful
55. Type widths
56. Scattered

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Happy Birthday: Being on the edge of pesking problems and ready yet you have done what's right when friends, family and colleagues are concerned Money matters can be worked out if you budget and spend wisely. An opportunity to help your future lifetime is taken advantage of. Your numbers today are 94 and 25. CAREER: The stress of big problems and plans that you've been making will work out. This week offers fresh opportunities to develop any area that needs work. Next week, changes made in your career will benefit you. This week is especially promising for the creative arts. Your numbers Thursday are 8, 5, 1.

With 2 weeks to go, the Vagina Monologues, directed by Christine Ebersole, will open Wednesday, January 25, 2006. Best seats go fast-

Jenkins is really going to criticism for his speech. He's a leader in the city of whatever is going on and will enable you to make needed reforms. Don't be afraid to take a different approach. **

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You may find yourself stuck or blocked in something you really don't want to be involved in. Make a frquent stops at the library or wherever lets you to your benefit. Change will be necessary. **

Gemini (May 21-June 20): As long as you keep everything out in the open and don't make rash decisions, you will do OK today. Focus on whatever job you've been given but make sure you are fully aware of the instructions that go along with this project. ****

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You will be able to make professional or personal changes today. Your ability to get along with everyone will make your life easier and advancement more likely. Don't be afraid to take on a challenge today. ***

Leo (July 22-Aug. 22): You'll be in such great demand that you won't know where to begin. You can make some personal changes, get involved in a new area, and help someone. *

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will be working on an agenda at home today. Don't start anything you can't finish. A problem with someone who changes plans on you will develop. Consider what you can do to construct whatever dilemma you face. ***

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Everything you do will be dependent on what you've done in the past. Experience will enable you to take a new approach in an old idea. You will be right on time when it comes to figuring out what everyone else needs and wants. ****

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Focus on what you have to do. Personal matters may leave you feeling a little uncertain about your future. Don't let anger get the better of you. Put your heart to work with your personal problems today. ***

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emotional deception is apparent. Try not to misunderstand that must be dealt with even if it is unaccomplishable for you. Consider this on what really needs to be done and reinstate your future. ***

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Think things through carefully. You won't make a big mistake today. You are in a position to make needed changes. Be aware of any advantage if you don't have to or. Get things done by yourself. ***

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do what you can for others but don't get taken for granted. A problem with someone from your past is likely. Deal with it directly and bring a third party into your dilemma. Keep the peace and make the present segment.****

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Be careful not to make a move you will regret. You will change your mind quickly about your likes and dislikes and should try not to lose yourself in a corner. The more free you learn to work in, the better outcome.

Birthday Baby: You are curious and always looking for a new angle in your world. You are intuitive, relentless and very quick to follow something or someone who interests you. You are loving, passionate and persevering.

EUGENIA LAST
**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Biting back**

Hoyas hang on, down Irish 85-82 in double overtime

By BOBBY GRIFFIN

Notre Dame pulled off the unthinkable, and their almost did it again in a thrilling 85-82 double overtime loss to Georgetown Tuesday at the Joyce Center.

Irish guard Colin Falls converted a 4-point play with 1.9 seconds left in regulation with Notre Dame trailing by four to send the game to overtime. Falls worked off a screen set under the basket and received an inbound pass in the corner before drilling the shot and being fouled by Georgetown guard Brandon Bowman.

"We executed an out of bounds set really well, and we kind of called in on the fly," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "And he does get fouled on threes. That was a big time given his orders on the last game came down to double overtime loss to Georgetown sr.

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**ND SWIMMING**

**Surging**

Irish ride big streak

By GREG ARBOCAST

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One victory can be chalked up to chance. Two wins in a row is a nice performance. Three is a winning streak. Six victories in a row — that's the current Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team. Flash back to Oct. 29, a time filled with pleasant weather, an increasing workload and many still recovering from the emotional scars of the USC football game. On Oct. 29, the women's swimming and diving team was recovering from a 172-128 loss to Purdue, its second consecutive loss to open the season.

Nearly three months later, it's safe to say that the recovery is more than complete. Under the guidance and tutelage of first-year head coach Carrie Nixon, the team has reeled off six consecutive victories since that defeat in West Lafayette. Although Purdue handed

**ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Rutgers routs Irish squad**

By KEN FOWLER

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Matee Ajavon just made a name for herself. The Rutgers sophomore guard led the No. 9 Scarlet Knights Tuesday in a 69-43 romp of the No. 21 Irish in the Rutgers Athletic Center before a dazzling home crowd.

Ajavon had a season-high 28 points on 11-of-18 shooting from the floor, including 5-of-7 from three-point range, to go along with her four assists and three steals.

"She's a tremendous talent," Irish associate head coach Coquese Washington said. "When she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up the instructions are coming she's hitting her outside shot the way she did tonight, it sets up

**SMC BASKETBALL**

**Belles ready to face conference foe Alma**

By FRAN TOLAN

Sports Writer

After a heartbreaking one-point loss at Adrian last Saturday, Saint Mary's looks to rebound tonight in another MIAA showdown against Alma at home.

With just seven games remaining — all against conference opponents — the Belles are looking to regain the momentum that they carried in the two-game winning streak they put together before the Adrian loss.

A strong finish to the season would probably give the Belles one of the top four seeds in the MIAA going into the conference tournament. This would be very significant for the team because it would allow the Belles to play their opening round game at home, a feat they have never accomplished.

"It would definitely be a tremendous boost for us to host a conference playoff game," coach Steve Bender said. "That's definitely one of our big goals.

Currently, Saint Mary's (7-11 overall, 5-4 MIAA) sits in fourth place in the conference, one game ahead of Albion. But before the Belles look toward the postseason, Bender said they have some issues to resolve.